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A True Story Concerning "Happy Jack" the Huckster

He was a poor man, a huckster, who used to go round to country villages selling his little goods. He was said to be half-cracked, and perhaps, for he was in the habit of getting drunk which is enough, not only to "half crack" but quite break down anyone. At any rate Jack was not a very sensible man, as one is not likely to be who stupefies his senses with drink.

One day, this poor creature in going round on his journeys heard a woman singing this little ditty:

"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all,
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."

Jack recollected that. "That just suits me," he said to himself; and he began to hum it himself as he went around on his huckstering expeditions.

Through God's grace that little ditty burned its way into poor Jack's heart. He became a converted man, gave up his swearing and drinking and began regularly to attend religious meetings.

At last he determined he would join the church. So he went to the minister who said to him:

"Well, friend, what can you say for yourself?"

"Not much," said poor Jack, "for I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all; but Jesus Christ is my all in all."

"Well," said the minister, "you must tell me more than that."

"No," said Jack, "I can't; that's all I know."

"Well, friend," said the minister, "I cannot refuse you church-fellowship, but you will have to come before the church-meeting, and the

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A Graphic Story

Dr. A. C. Dixon in one of his sermons on the "Glory of the Cross" tells of a village graveyard in Germany in which there is one grave with a costly monument and on which there are fresh flowers placed every day the year around. Inquiring, he found this story behind it: A blacksmith had a shop with open door on the street of the village. One evening after school was dismissed a mad police dog came chasing a large group of children down the street. They ran into the shop for protection. With no time to close the big door the strong smith met the dog in the door and struggled with him in terrific fight while the screaming children huddled in the corner. At last the man choked the dog down and seized a hammer and beat its brains out. In the conflict he had received wounds and bites from the dog which he knew would prove fatal. Going to his home, arranging his business, he returned to the shop and chained himself to the anvil until the sad

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"THE MINISTERS OF SATAN"

By B. F. VANCE

(Formerly of Britol, Tenn., but now with his Lord)



"Deceiving and Being Deceived"

The above cartoon represents a minister of Satan ("Their name is legion!") His audience is alert to catch every word. See the wily, deceptive power that speaks through this man—megaphone of the devil. The man appears to be sincere and stands in reverential awe before his congregation, never dreaming of his own misguided zeal, and that he is being made a mouthpiece of Beelzebub—a real minister of Satan! Also see his congregation taking in his "dope" sugar-coated with God's Word, which radiate smiles and head-faith akin to old time religion!

Paul says: "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers transforming themselves into apostles of Christ; and no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great

thing if his ministers also be transformed as ministers of righteousness." 2 Cor. 11:13, 14, 15.

Here we have ministers of Satan claiming to be ministers of righteousness. Satan long years ago counterfeited every phase of true religion, insomuch that Jesus said it would deceive the very elect if possible!

Listen to Paul again: "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and the table of devils." 1 Cor. 10:21. Here Paul compares the communion service of the Lord, and the communion service of the devil, side by side! The communion service of the devil presupposes a church of the devil to set this service in; churches of the devil presuppose preachers of

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CREED VERSUS DEED!

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."—Romans 12:1.

The past several years of my ministry here in Russell have brought me in contact with a number of churches, and I have had ample opportunity to make rather extensive observations concerning them. I have observed churches which have emphasized doctrine exclusively without placing any emphasis whatsoever upon Christian practice and Christian living. Then in contrast, I have seen other churches who have reversed the order. They have placed the emphasis upon Christian practice and Christian living, and have absolutely ignored the doctrines of the Bible.

Personally, I believe them to be inseparably joined. I think there is a vital connection between doctrine and living, or between creed and deed. Or to state it again, there is a vital connection in what a man believes and what he does.

As a good example of this, we have scattered all over the mountains of eastern Kentucky and West Virginia, a group of Baptists commonly called "Hardshell" Baptists. Some of my best friends are members of these Hardshell churches. Because I agree with them on so many of the doctrines that they preach, I have an open door of ministry to them constantly. However, there are some things wherein I do not agree with them, and primarily my difference is concerning the preaching of the gospel to the lost. I believe in missions. I believe that we ought to preach

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More About The Heresies Of Roman Catholicism

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2. Episcopal Church. Born A. D. 1530. Father, Henry VIII. She favors her Mother, too, in: (1) Ministry Rule, (2) Baptismal Regeneration, (3) Affusion, (4) Unregenerate Church Membership, (5) Union of Church and State, (6) Persecution, (7) English Infidelity.
3. Third Daughter, Presbyterian Church. She was Born A. D. 1541. Father, Calvin. Dressed up different, but she also favors her mamma. Look! (1) Open Communion, (Continued on Page Four)

Narrow And Bigoted

If Baptists appear narrow and bigoted to you, it is because you do not understand them. We are not narrow and bigoted, but we are a people with deep convictions that have been wrought in our souls by the truth of the Word of God. For these convictions many a Baptist has suffered much and not a few have died at the stake. "Yet they swerve not from their New Testament faith, doctrine and adherence."

These convictions of ours came not by tradition or custom but by the greatest Book this world ever had, the Bible, God's Book. This Book for us is the supreme Judge by which all controversies of religion are determined, and all creeds of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men and private spirits are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be none other but the Holy Scripture.

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This closes our report for the month of February, and our check for this amount has been mailed to Brother Dickerson. We rejoice for the offerings of this month, and if Jesus tarries and it please our Heavenly Father, we hope we will be able to do even better next month.

"THE MINISTERS OF SATAN"

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the devil to pastor these churches, and there you are—Ministers of Satan!

These churches are "the gates of hell"—why not?

In Matt. 7:15, Jesus says: "Beware of false prophets which come unto you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves," etc. 1 Peter 2:2, says: "But there were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies," etc. John 4:1, says: "Try the spirits, whether they be of God."

Now, since the foregoing Scriptures show that Satan has ministers and churches in this world, palming themselves off on the people as ministers and churches of God; and that Jesus and Peter commands us to beware of, and try these spirits, it becomes our bounden duty to locate these false preachers and churches and publish same to the world.

To declare "all the council of God," that I may not be guilty of the blood, I shall have to be very pointed and personating in the discussion of this subject. There are about 650 men-made churches in the world today, all having been started by assumed authority since the fourteenth century, except two or three others prior to that date, and the perpetuated Bible Baptist church set up by Christ Jesus.

One Lord, one Faith and one Baptism cannot make but one kind of church institution, and since the eternal fiat of God has gone forth that man must worship Him according to His commandments, (not dictates of one's conscience), and in spirit and in truth, we should make a strict investigation. That the devil has over 600 different kinds of

churches is evident, because these create confusion, and God is not the author of confusion. (1 Cor. 14:33). Therefore, the devil is! Then he is the daddy of every church in the world except one! When Christ said to this one church institution, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," (Matt. 28:20), and said through Paul, "Unto Him (God) be glory in the church by Jesus Christ, throughout all ages, world without end, amen," (Eph. 3:21), He thereby guaranteed the literal perpetuation of His church institution to give this glory in until He comes again. If we believe He told the truth, then we have positive proof of the regular succession of His churches without a break, in every age! So you see we do not have to trace a succession back by history; we have only to believe Jesus told the truth, that's all.

Please notice, it's "the church by Jesus Christ," not the churches by Cornelius, Luther, King Henry, Calvin, Wesley, Randall, Miller, Parker, Elleck Campbell and others; but the one Christ set up and promised to be with in every age till He comes the second time.

Now, I submit that if I can identify the church by Christ, from among the over six hundred different kinds of churches by men, I shall have at the same time identified the church of Satan!

If you will carefully read the 16th chapter of Numbers, you will find my starting point on authority to worship God, and that He therein forever vetoes the very best of divisions (for they say, "every man is holy"), and that this sin was against their souls, as well as bodies, and both were destroyed!

Some fourteen hundred years after this, Paul, in Gal. 5th chapter, declares division (heresy) to still be a barrier to entering heaven, or "inheriting the Kingdom of God," and this proves, too, that those Korahites were damned!

Heresy is positive proof of division, yet division is not proof of heresy, for there was not any heresy in Korah's division, as they worshipped (or rather tried to worship) precisely like Moses' divine institution, with Moses' priests, (?) censors and incense—not a hair's difference!

Note further that all had to die at the hands of Jehovah, for attempting to worship Him in a man-made institution, not legally authorized, nor meeting the approval of the divine Mosaic worshipping body—surely assumed authority! See? When asked to return by Moses, their reply was, "We will not come up."

Listen, while I prove to you by the Scriptures, which one is the Divine institution, set up by the Second Moses (Jesus) for the Gentile dispensation and, of course, this body of Christ, of which He is founder and head, has the legal and Scriptural right to, and is known by all Bible names applied to this body, as "The Churches of Christ," "The Churches of God," etc. That the mother church that Jesus set up while on earth was a Baptist Church is amply and Scripturally proven by the following undeniable conclusion from true Bible promises.

Jesus, speaking by His pen in the hand of Malachi, 3:1, said: "Behold, I will send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before Me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to His temple." Who was this messenger? St. John 1:6, says his name was John; 33rd verse

says he was sent to baptize. Then, Jesus sent a messenger named John to baptize. When Jesus came and found John baptizing by His authority, He declared him to be a Baptist. This same Jesus who sent John into the world from Heaven to baptize and called him a Baptist because he did baptize, also sent His church into all the world and commanded it to baptize; and if it did baptize (and it did) it was a Baptist Church, for the very same reason that John was a Baptist; if it was not a Baptist Church, then John was not a Baptist and if John was not a Baptist, Jesus lied about it!

Reader, in the face of this undeniable truth, are you willing to put the lie up to Jesus? If not, then absolutely you are forced to admit that Jesus set up a Baptist Church.

In sending this church institution into all the world to propagate His Gospel and ordinances He said, whoever failed to receive their doctrine, that it would be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that people. Again He said to His church, "He that heareth you heareth Me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth Me; and he that rejecteth Me rejected Him that sent Me." (Luke 16:16, R. V.) Surely any so-called church attempting to worship God in this Christian dispensation, apart from His Divinely appointed Baptist church organization, stands in Korah's shoes, with heresy added! This Korah division proves to a Scriptural demonstration, that it is utterly impossible to get authority in the Bible to preach, baptize, found a church, or set a communion service! If one could, it would prove Korah's authority the very best, since he had Moses' worshipping equipment, and the endorsement and assistance of two hundred and fifty Princes, men of renown, and famous men of Moses' congregation. (Numbers 16). Listen, Paul says these things of old were written for our admonition. (1 Cor. 10:11). Will you heed Paul? I further submit that if the Korahites, being eminently Scriptural in their mode of attempted worship of God, had to die and be lost (which was true, for Paul says divisionists shall not inherit the Kingdom of God), then if God should save even one under the preaching of any false church minister, the Korahites could rise up in the judgment and challenge God's statement that "He is no respecter of persons," and had shown partiality to those who worshipped with assumed authority, and with heresy! What's the reason they couldn't? Take no chances!

Then, again, for God to save one in a false church revival, knowing beforehand, as He certainly would, that that one was right then taking the initial step in joining a rejecting church, to reject His church, His son, and Himself, would be an absurdity! Really, He would be aiding and abetting in contradicting His own Word, wherein He teaches that His church, His Son and Himself must be accepted, (or God knowing they will accept His church), before one can be saved. Reader, do you honestly believe one can reject this Quadrinity—Holy Spirit, Bride, Son and Father, and be saved? Surely not! When Jesus said, "if you love Me, you will keep My commandments," (R. V.) surely He meant when born again you love Him; then His first command is to be baptized by His Baptist Church authority, become a member in full fellowship and take the commun-

ion and remember Him till He comes again. This is all that I can see that He meant, and any saved one can do this, in deed, or will. The Baptist churches are commanded to baptize their converts, which is equivalent to a command to the convert to be baptized. The Spirit and the Bride (working together) say "come; and let him that heareth say come." Here are two classes of saved people mentioned ("he that heareth us is of God." 1 John 4:6). One class belongs to the church—Bride—the other has not joined. This knocks into smithereens, and annihilates, the doctrine that one is born again to the church! I do not believe that any of God's saved people were ever really in Babylon endorsing her doctrines; for that would run counter to the aforestated doctrine of "accepting" and "rejecting." See? They were only His prospective people—"lost sheep." The same is said of Paul's 18 months protracted meeting at Antioch. Acts 18:10. If you believe there are some saved in any, or all false churches—Roman Catholic and Protestantism—(Baptists are absolutely not Protestants)—then, if you will go with me (in mind) up to heaven I will show you what will happen. Here we go. "Hello, is this heaven?" "Yes, come in." "Thanks. Is old Brother Paul here?" "Yes, right over there he sits." "Is this you, Paul?" "Yes." "Why are you looking so sad? I thought this was a place of joy and happiness." "Well, I am still in a strait betwixt two." "Why, what's the matter, Paul?" "When I was in the former world, I told the Christians not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, and to mark divisionists, and avoid them (because they were not saved, of course); and in Gal. 5:21 I came square down on the doctrine and said (for short), 'I tell you before, as I also have told you in time past, that they that are in a division ('heresy') and practice same (continue in till death and not repent) (R. V.) 'shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, and here are some from all denominations, and this makes me out a liar! And also my brother John (the Revelator) is made to lie, too, for he said, 'all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone,' and here I am, a liar in heaven!" No wonder Paul would be sad, and I cannot see for the life of me why this would not be true if any are saved who die in the faith of these false churches. Learned men have a power that is fraught with much danger, and the Bible warns us to beware of them who by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple (Rom. 16:8). And Jesus thanked His Father that He had hidden these things from the wise, and revealed them unto babes. The very fewest really educated men respect God's commandments and wishes above the opinions of other educated men!

The elect are the saved, and Jesus said it was not possible to deceive them, therefore the saved cannot fall from grace and be lost the "Ellecked" (Campbellites) are already lost. Again Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." John 10:27, 28.

"Believe on Him to everlasting life." 1 Tim. 1:16.

Now, any one who believes in a possibility of a saved person falling

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the gospel to every unsaved person, but my Hardshell friends do not think so. Accordingly, I have heard various Hardshell ministers say, "If there are any unsaved folk here today, I haven't anything for you. The Lord Jesus sent me to feed the sheep." Now because they do not believe in preaching the gospel to the lost, this has had a tremendous influence upon them. Accordingly, they do not practice missions, nor conduct Sunday Schools, nor carry on meetings which might be for the purpose of reaching those that are lost in sin. You see their creed has affected their deeds. What they have believed, has affected what they do.

To give you another illustration as to how inseparable Christian doctrine and Christian living is joined together, I remind you of our Puritan forefathers. They worshipped a sovereign God. All the old Puritans believed in a God of election, and a God of absolute sovereignty. Accordingly, they were strict in their attitude toward morals. However, today we have preached all over America an Arminian God—a God of weakness and not of strength. The difference between the God which the Puritans preached and the God which is proclaimed from the average pulpit today is as vastly different as day and night. Whereas in the days of our Puritan forefathers there was a strict adherence to moral living, today there is a constant break-down in morals. I say then that there is a tremendous relationship which exists between one's creed and his deed, and there is a vital connection between what one believes and what one does.

The Apostle Paul realized this connection which exists. Accordingly, he emphasized doctrine as a basis of Christian living. We have a good illustration of this in the book of Ephesians wherein the Apostle Paul delivered the first three chapters to a discussion of doctrines—some of the deeper doctrines of the Bible, and then in the last three chapters he turned to the practical side of Christian living. In other words, he caused the doctrinal to become foundational for the practical.

The same is true in connection with the text which I have read to you today. The first eleven chapters of Romans are devoted entirely to doctrine. Perhaps the deepest doctrines of the Bible are discussed at length in these eleven chapters, and then in the last five chapters, Paul speaks of Christian living. There is very little of Christian living in the first eleven chapters, and there is very little doctrine in the last five. However, connecting the doctrine of the first portion of the book of Romans to the Christian living of the last part, we have our text: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Note the text again: "I beseech you therefore." The little word "therefore" joins and hinges together the doctrinal foundation to the practical application as it appears in this book of Romans.

I say then, beloved, that our text joins doctrine and living together, and thinking of this, I would remind you of the words of Jesus: "What therefore God hath joined together,

let not man put asunder." (Mark 10:9).

I

First of all, we want to notice the creed which Paul expressed in these first eleven chapters of Romans. Though other doctrines appear in these eleven chapters in a brief manner, yet in the main, only four doctrines are outstanding. While other doctrines are briefly mentioned, Paul spends most of his time in these eleven chapters of Romans discussing four great truths or doctrines concerning our salvation.

The first of these great doctrines of Paul's creed was the sovereignty of God. Paul believed in a God of absolute sovereignty, and certainly we believe in a God like that today.

Sometime ago, a popular preacher announced for his subject one Sunday morning, "God's Duty To Man." Ah, dear me, as if God owed man anything! And who is man? Who are you? Who am I? Just one of 1,500,000,000 like you that inhabit the globe today. Not very big are you? Just one out of 1,500,000,000. And what is this globe? Just a small part of the universe and so small at that that if the sun were hollowed out, you could pour 1,200,000 earths like ours into it and there would still be room to rattle around. And what is the sun? Just one of 350,000,000 known suns and stars. And God made them all.

Do you wish your size stated with mathematical accuracy? Divide one by 1,500,000,000; and that by 1,200,000; and that by 350,000,000; and that by infinity; and that's you! And how great is God? Multiply one by 1,500,000,000; and that by 1,200,000; and that by 350,000,000; and that by infinity; and that's God!

Paul declared that this sovereign God of his creed elected men to salvation. Listen: "Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory." (Rom. 9:21-23.)

This is truly in accord with all the balance of God's Word. Listen: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." (Eph. 1:4.) Here we have a definite statement that God chose us before the foundation of the world.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (2 Thess. 2:13.) Here is another statement that God's people were chosen "from the beginning."

This then is the first part of Paul's creed as seen in these first eleven chapters of Romans. It was a God of sovereignty who elected men unto salvation which Paul thus presented.

The second part of Paul's creed as we observe it in these first eleven chapters of Romans, had to do with the depravity of man. In these chapters, Paul presents man as an absolutely depraved Godless creature. Listen: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable: there is none that doeth good,

no, not one." (Rom. 3:10-12.) To be sure, man can easily understand how to advance in worldly proceedings; he can understand how to take care of temporal affairs; but as far as understanding the things of God, he is absolutely devoid of spiritual understanding.

Furthermore, this Scripture declares that no man seeks after God, but rather, every man is unprofitable. Of course, this is true, especially in view of the fact that the Bible declares that man is lost. As long as he is lost, he is, of course, unprofitable and of no value to God.

Let us read again here in this book of Romans to see what Paul says about man. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23.) There is an underlying picture of Oriental imagery in this text. Paul was thinking of a target practice, and he saw the man take his stand with his bow and arrow to shoot at the target. Not an arrow hit the target, not an arrow over-shot it. Some came close to it, and others fell between the target and the bowman. Paul declares that the target each of us are aiming at is the glory of God, but, says he, "We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God."

Thus in his creed Paul presented man as a depraved and helpless creature.

This is as man is presented elsewhere, for all through the Bible man is described as being spiritually helpless, impotent, and unable to assist himself spiritually to God. Listen: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2:1.) "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Gal. 3:22.)

This then is the second part of Paul's creed as given us in these first eleven chapters of Romans. Man is spiritually depraved and spiritually helpless and in need of the elective grace of a sovereign God.

Then again, Paul's creed included not only the sovereignty of God and the depravity of man, but he preached also the great doctrine of justification by faith. By this Paul meant that every man is saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen to His words: "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Rom. 3:28) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1.) As we have already seen, man is helpless and spiritually depraved. Through the elective grace of a sovereign God man is chosen unto salvation, and then by his God-given faith in the crucified Christ, he experiences justification.

Justification means that the sinner is just the same as though he had never sinned. In other words, when God justifies a man, he stands in God's sight as though he had never committed a single sin. We must stand in this relationship to God to be saved, and this comes only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I remember today the way in which He died at Calvary. Though I wasn't there, I can see Him as described in the Bible, with the nails piercing His hands and His side riven through by a spear, and with His forehead mangled and bruised from the crown of thorns which he wore, and from these wounds in His body, His blood flowed out. He was dying for man's sins, and the day that I looked up by faith to trust in

Him as my Saviour—that day I became a justified sinner in God's sight.

No man is saved by church membership, nor by baptism, nor by a good life, nor by reformation. God implicitly states over and over again that we are justified by faith, and that nothing else will ever bring about our salvation. Listen: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal. 2:16.)

We have thus seen that Paul's creed which he expressed in these first eleven chapters of Romans, included the sovereignty of God, the depravity of man, and the sinner's justification by faith.

However, that wasn't all of Paul's creed. He preached also the doctrine of the glorious security of God's dear child. Listen: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39.)

In these verses Paul mentions nine agents and agencies,—infernal, internal, and external,—which he declares are unable to take a believer out of the hand of God; and then he says none of these nine, nor any other creature "shall be able to separate us from the love of God." This is his great message of security.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,

I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

We agree in toto with Paul concerning this great doctrine of the security of the believer. We feel confident from the study of God's Word, that when God saves a man He does it forever. Jesus Himself said, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." (John 10:28, 29.)

Then again, Jesus, in His great discourse on the "Bread of Life," said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47.) Here is a simple statement—very brief and very much to the point that the believer possesses everlasting life. There is no if, nor maybe, nor but, nor perhaps, and no conditions expressed. Jesus simply promises that the man who believes in Him actually now possesses everlasting life.

What a glorious doctrine is this that when God saves a man, He saves him forever!

This then was Paul's creed: He saw God as a sovereign being electing men to salvation; he saw man depraved, and spiritually unable to help himself; he saw man brought to God through the sacrificial work of Christ at Calvary, and thus justified by faith; and finally, he saw man after saved, secure in the Lord Jesus Christ. With the fear of hell passed, and with the hope before him, he thus saw man reposing in

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the Lord Jesus, fully conscious of God's promise that he would not forsake him. This then was the creed which Paul expressed in these first eleven chapters of Romans.

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Growing out of this creed, Paul calls for some deeds. In view of the doctrine which he preached, he demanded Christian practice and living. We have not time to notice everything that he demands by way of Christian living in these last five chapters, but we do want to notice some of the outstanding deeds which Paul demands in the lives of those who accept his creed.

First of all, he asks that each believer present his body a living sacrifice. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice." Paul had been such, and he asked the same of those who accepted his creed. He knew the sacrificial system of the Old Testament, how that the Jew in his worship would bring the bloody animal and lay it upon the altar as a sacrifice. Now Paul asks that each of us present our bodies as a living sacrifice. In other words, this creed demands that instead of thinking of self, we are to live for Jesus, and thus be a bond servant to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, growing out of Paul's creed, he demands by inspiration that we refuse to be conformed to this world. Listen: "And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12:2.) Did you ever see pig iron manufactured? Well, it takes its shape from the "pig"—the hole in the sand in which it is molded. God doesn't want His people to be like that—He doesn't want us to conform to this world. He wants us to be transformed according to His will and purpose.

Furthermore, Paul's creed demands that we make no provision for our fleshly natures. "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." (Rom. 13:14.) If I make no provision for my family, humanly speaking, they will starve, and if I make no provision for my flesh, logically I should be able to starve it out. This is what Paul's creed demands, namely, that we starve out our old nature by making no provision for it.

In like measure, growing out of his creed, Paul insists that each of us be careful as to our Christian influence. Listen: "We then that are strong enough to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." (Rom. 15:1.)

And finally, Paul demands that we be interested in world-wide missions. Listen to his own experience: "So that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation." (Rom. 15:19, 20.) I go back to the creed which Paul expressed relative to election, depravity, justification by faith, and the security of the saved. I ask you, "Do you believe in this creed?" If you do, you ought to be the greatest missionary in the world. It is my contention that every one who accepts it and believes it, would be more interested in the missionary

A TRUE STORY CONCERNING "HAPPY JACK," THE HUCKSTER

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members will have to see you and judge of you."

Accordingly Jack went to the church meeting and there sat some good old deacons—some of whom began to see whether they could find any fault with him. On being requested to state his experience, Jack stood up and simply said:

"I'm a poor sinner and nothing at all; but Jesus Christ is my all in all."

One of the deacons said: "Is that all you have to say?"

"Yes," said Jack; "that's all."

The minister then said: "You may ask my friend here some questions if you like."

So one asked: "Brother John, have you not many doubts and fears?"

"No," said he, "I never can doubt that I'm a poor sinner, for I know I am; and I can't doubt that Jesus Christ is my all in all, for He says He is."

"Well," said another, "sometimes I lose my evidence and then I feel very bad."

"I'm only a poor sinner," said Jack; "I've nothing else to lose; but Jesus Christ is my all in all—and nobody can rob Him, for He's in heaven."

Another then said: "But, friend John, don't you sometimes doubt whether you are a child of God?"

"Well," Jack answered, "I can tell you I never doubt that I'm a poor sinner, and that Jesus Christ is my all in all."

"Yes, yes," said another, "but sometimes we make great advances on the road to heaven, and then we go back again, and that causes trouble."

"But I can't go back on Jesus Christ," said Jack; "He's my all in all. And He won't go back on me; so I am safe."

After that, in the villages they used to call him "Happy Jack." You could not drive him from that simple standpoint: "I am just a poor sinner; but I trust in Jesus Christ who came into the world to save sinners; and I know He'll not let me perish."

NARROW AND BIGOTED

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ity's sake nor because they are prejudiced but because there lies at the bottom of their souls the belief that such doctrines are taught in the Word of God, and with the same earnestness we refuse to practice anything that we do not find in the Word of God. We make God's Book our Book of instructions."—Baptist Bugle.

cause of Christ than any one else.

In closing, let me ask you, "Do you accept Paul's creed?" Then if so, you are saved, and if you do accept his creed, then be sure that the deeds which he demands be found within your life. Perhaps some one will say, "I can say 'amen' to every phase of Paul's creed." Well, can you say "amen" to every deed that he asks? It is all right to be an "amen" Christian, but you shouldn't shout it louder than you live it.

And if this morning you do not know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, may you receive Him as your Saviour, and then go out to live in the light of the deeds which Paul calls for as a result of his creed.

The Christian is one who can truly say: "Thy Word have I hid in my heart."

"THE MINISTERS OF SATAN"

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from grace, and being lost in hell, gives the square-out lie, and 1 John 4:10, 11, says such do not believe God, and make Him a liar! There are about six hundred and forty-odd different kinds of so-called churches, that teach a possibility of apostasy (falling from grace) and every mother's son of their preachers are truly represented by the cartoon that heads this folder! You make Christ out a liar, you make God out a liar, and you do not believe God! How can such preachers be anything else than "Ministers of Satan." Read it for yourselves! This proves you are lost! Being in a "division" proves you are lost! Not being baptized by, belonging to and taking the communion in Christ's perpetuated Baptist Church institution, and thereby "rejecting" the same, the Son and the Father, proves you are lost! He says you will keep these commandments if you love Him—are born again! You have not done so, you do not love Him—not born again—and how can you be in a saved state? When you "let God be true, but every man a liar," what will your answer be? All this proves you are lost. Being functionaries of churches (so-called) with purely assumed authority, as was Korah and his allies, proves you are lost, and Ministers of Satan? Why not? You have a "zeal for God, but not according to knowledge; for they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness (believing in falling from grace and trying to hold out faithful to the end, thus depending on "their own righteousness" to be saved) have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:2, 3), also proves you are lost! And real sincerity does not help you out, since Paul says these people he describes above needed to be saved, and Jesus said, "Whosoever killeth you will think he doeth God service." This challenges the most pious sincerity!

I believe a lost sheep (prospective Baptist) must be found and saved before he is a proper subject to join a Baptist church and be baptized, etc.; so you see I do not believe in church salvation—Christ is the all sufficient Savior. But I do claim that it is just as essential to belong to a Baptist church (or will to, if the deed is not possible, or God knows you will join when properly taught) as if the church were a real savior. Why not, since Jesus says, if you love Him you will keep His commandments? I am satisfied these commandments are baptism, church membership and communion—it cannot possibly mean the moral law, for none were ever able to keep that but Christ; nor does it mean "hear," "repent," etc., for that comes before one loves Him! Look here, false church people—Listen! "He that saith I know Him and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4.

If I am right (and how can I be wrong?) then when you joined and received false church ordinances, you certainly violated this Scripture, and if you do not repent and comply with it, how do you expect to stand when the books are opened at the judgment? Really, do you mean to take chances on your soul?

Jesus sent his Baptist Church institution to all nations to preach His gospel that some of all nations might be saved. The Revelator, after seeing the official returns of the final wind-up, said he saw people

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(2) Infant Baptism, (3) Union of Church and State, (4) Persecution.

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III. Rome's Granddaughters and Their Inheritance.

1. Campbellite Church. Born in 19th Century. Father, Alexander Campbell; mother, Presbyterian. Her dress is spotted with: (a) Baptism before Regeneration, (b) Baptism Essential to Salvation, (c) Apostasy, (d) Salvation Depends on Works, (e) Open Communion.

2. Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Born, 19th Century. Mother, Presbyterian Church. Her dress is almost the same as her Mother's.

3. Methodist Church. Granddaughter of Romish Church. Daughter of Episcopal Church. Father, Mr. Wesley. Born, A. D. 1729. Her dress favors her mother's and grandmother's: (a) Baptismal Regeneration, (b) Infant Baptism, (c) Ministry Rule, (d) Persecution, (e) Union of Church and State.—L. P. Guthrey in Baptist Advance.

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story was ended by his death with rabies. At his funeral every citizen of the village was present, every store closed, banks of flowers displayed. A weeping town went out to bury this man. With public subscription, easily raised, a beautiful monument was erected to this humble man with this inscription: "In honor and loving memory of one who died to save our children." Every day women from that village put flowers on his grave. They honor him because he saved their children.

Jesus Christ on Calvary met our sin demon and by His own blood delivered us from hell, therefore we should erect a monument with our bodies to glorify Him and bring the flowers of our heart's deepest devotion fresh every day to Him as our Redeemer, Priest and King. Amen.

in heaven of all nations (not of all denominations). See? Going through the "strait" and "narrow" gate makes them all Baptists.

All who had authority from heaven to preach, had authority to baptize. Both are by perpetuated authority now—through the churches. Since God will not stand for nor recognize divisions, therefore He cannot be consistent and send preachers in division, and Paul says, "How can they preach except they be sent. And then he says, 'It pleased God, by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe.' (1 Cor. 1:21). Can one read the Bible and be saved? Can we stay with the Bible and say that God sends any of these ministers of the over 600 false different kinds of churches to preach? I cannot. Then are they not Ministers of Satan? Do you remind me that I am too exacting—unreasonably so? Then I answer, no more so than was Jesus when He said to His congregation on the mount, 'Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.' (Matt. 5:20). Of course, their preachers were the proselyters, and Jesus said they were children of hell (Matt. 23:15). Talk about "sweeping statements!" This was Jesus talking! Read Matt. 23d chapter.

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