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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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## Why Preachers Should Never Be Addressed As "Rev.", Nor "Doctor".

The flesh manifests an exceedingly great power in the lives of all Christians. Though Jesus assured us that "the flesh profiteth nothing" (Jn. 6:63), and though Paul warned that we should "make no provision for the flesh" (Rom. 13:14), still it exerts a tremendous influence over us.

In no instance is this more clearly seen than in the ministry and particularly in the matter of ministerial titles. Here the pride of life has an abundant opportunity to display itself in fleshly glory.

While some ministerial titles are foreign to the Word of God, (Pope, Cardinal, Presiding Elder, etc.), others are positively condemned thereby.

The most common title is that of Reverend (or Reverent as most commonly pronounced). Occasionally, one is introduced as "The Reverent Mr. So-and-So." The Catholics go far beyond by speaking of the "Right Reverend," or "The Most Right Reverend," all of which is contrary to God's Word. The word "Reverend" occurs only once in the Bible, and then as a characteristic or attribute of God. "Holy and reverend is his name." (Psa. 111:9). In view of the fact that it is used but once in the Bible, and then as an attribute of God, surely it should never be applied to mortal man.

Then, there is a more high-sounding title which most preachers strive for, namely, "Doctor" or as is usually lightly pronounced "Doctah." I am reminded of J. B. Gambrill's quaint saying: "The D. D. degree is like the curl in a pig's tail—a little more beauty but no more pig." Yes, it sounds more dignified—more pleasing to the flesh, but since one wears it, it doesn't make him any more

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## Excuses

They are age-old, Hell-born, and Devil-inspired. In the Scriptures, one man had married a wife; another had bought some oxen; and another had purchased a farm. Each thought these justifiable for putting material things ahead of spiritual interests.

But here's a new excuse. A Baptist pastor friend drove forty miles to get a woman one Sunday morning for church services. When she came to the door, she immediately said it was impossible for her to go to church for their dog had been sick and the little thing had died that night, and

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## GOD KNOWS BEST!

He took them from me, one by one  
The things I set my heart upon,  
They looked so harmless, fair and blest  
Would they have hurt me? God knows best.  
He loves me so, He would not wrest  
Them from me, if it were not best.

He took them from me, one by one  
The friends I set my heart upon;  
Why did they come, they and their love  
Between me and my God above?  
Were they as idols in my breast  
It may be so, but God knows best.

Author unknown

## A Confession

"Almighty God, as I sit here this lovely Sunday morning surrounded by the paper and half listening to one of the big preachers over the radio, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I was not well enough to go to church. That was not true.

"I would have gone to the office if it had been Monday morning.

"I would have played golf if it had been Wednesday afternoon.

"I would have attended my lunch club if it had met this noon.

"But it was Sunday sickness and Sunday sickness seems to cover a multitude of sins. God, have mercy on me, I have lied to Thee and myself. I am not sick, I am lazy. Amen."

— Selected.

## I Have Orders Not To Go

"I have orders, positive orders, not to go there—orders that I dare not disobey," said a youth who was being tempted to enter a tavern.

"Come, don't be so womanish—be a man!" shouted his companions.

"No, I can't break my orders," said John.

"What special orders have you got? Show them to us, if you can."

John took a neat little book from his pocket and read aloud:

"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not near, turn from it, and pass away."

"Now," said John, "you see, my orders forbid my going with you. They are God's orders, and by His help I mean to keep them."—Selected.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THE GOSPEL NUGGET"

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

—John 3:16

The Bible is a great book. In its two divisions—the law and the gospel—it contains a complete system of laws for both individuals and nations. In both the Old and the New Testament it gives us fully God's plan of salvation both for time and eternity.

In each of its divisions, the Bible's teachings stand out supremely. The Ten Commandments are the greatest of all laws. The Psalms are God's messages of comfort to troubled souls. The Proverbs bring needed warnings on the problems which confront one on life's pathway. The prophets point forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, whereas the gospels fulfill the prophecies relative to Christ. The epistles of the New Testament give to us the history and the work of the early church, whereas the Revelation points forward to heaven, the abode of the soul in "the sweet by and by."

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## The Editor's Plans As To Sending Letters And Bibles To Soldiers

On Sunday, December 7, in the regular broadcast of the First Baptist Church of Russell, I announced that it was my expectancy to send a Bible and a personal letter to every soldier boy whose name might be furnished us by those of our listening audience. I made the same announcement at both of our Sunday congregations, and now I get the same pleasure in announcing through this paper that we will send a Bible and a letter to every lad regardless of where he is located, if you will only furnish us the name and address.

Though this is being written just two days after the making of the announcement, we already have nearly a half a hundred names to whom these Bibles will be sent.

We are happy to share the following letter from one of our soldier boys with our readers.

Hawaii

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I received a few copies of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER this morning. The copy of Saturday, July 5, containing, "Does The Bible Teach Eternal Security," by R. E. Simpson, and "What The Bible Says About God's Elect," is worth the subscription price for one year. Truly the Examiner is the best paper published, and it isn't the only paper I've seen.

The soldiers here aren't satisfied. They drink, fight, and gamble. The boys that go to church are taught it doesn't make any difference what you believe just so you are honest. I was talking to a Catholic boy who said, "I have one theology, and you have another; but we are both right." I tried to explain that there was only one way to be saved, but he said he didn't want to hear my side of it, as he called it. Boys who say they are church members live lives of shame. I know the answer to this. Pie faced evangelists who are seeing how many professions they can secure. They are

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## Almost Persuaded

A Jew and a Baptist became close friends and decided to go with each other to each's respective place of worship.

When they went to the synagogue, the Jew pulled several large bills from his wallet and placed them in the offering. When the Baptist asked for an explanation, the Jew merely said it was tithe money—money which belonged to God.

Then the two went to the Baptist Church, and the Jew impertinently demanded an explanation when the Baptist dropped fifteen cents into the

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## AN APPRECIATED LETTER

Prichard, West Va.  
November 14, 1941

Elder John Gilpin  
Russell, Kentucky  
Dear Bro. Gilpin:  
I have listened to you ever since you have been on the air. During the three months you were off, I missed your sermons greatly and wondered why you were off.

Sunday you said the "meal barrel" was low, so I'm enclosing a twenty dollar bill to replenish it.

Your faithful listener,  
Frank Cyrus

## THE EDITOR'S VISIT TO COLUMBUS



Eld. V. P. Powell

From November 24 through December 5, the editor was associated with Pastor V. P. Powell and the South High Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, in a revival meeting.

While the work there is far different to what we are used to south of the Mason-Dixon line, yet it was a joy to preach the Word of God to this people, and especially was it interesting to notice the readiness with which they received it.

The editor was entertained most royally in the homes of many of the members of the church, and the fellowship and friendship growing out of these home visits, will never be forgotten.

Pastor Powell speaks thus of the meeting:

"Brother John R. Gilpin has just finished a two weeks meeting with the South High Baptist Church. He has proved himself a sincere, powerful preacher of the Word of God, leaving no doubt in our minds that he believes the Bible is the Word of God unto salvation. Words cannot express what he has meant to our church, and we will ever praise the Lord for the service he rendered us."

Since coming home, we have a letter from one of those who attended practically every one of the services, in which he said, "I want to tell you what a great blessing I received from your being in Columbus, and also received from your being in our home. You have found a place in both our hearts."

May God's blessings rest upon both pastor and church as they continue their labors for the Lord.

## THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY AND TRACTS

In these days of National emergency, with their rapid changes and uncertainty, the Christian has fertile soil upon which to sow the good seed of the Word of God. In spite of a forced temporary prosperity, men are looking to the future — after the war. Their minds are disturbed; they are groping for something stable upon which to rest. Think of the possibilities of effective tract distribution in days such as these. Men and women need the Saviour — now! Many hearts are prepared. Let us, soldiers of the cross, redouble our efforts with good gospel tracts. Let us be filled with compassion for the souls of men, and be faithful to our Lord in bringing the Word of life to those of the world.

Fox News

Within a very short time (DV), we expect to have thousands of tracts printed for distribution. Write us and we shall be only too happy to send you some of these for prayerful and careful distribution during these distressing times.

## WHAT MY ABSENCE DID

It made some question the reality of religion.

It made some think I was only a pretender.

It weakened the effect of the church service.

It discouraged the brethren, robbed them of a blessing.

It made it more difficult for the preacher to preach effectively.

It caused others to stay away from church.

It made it harder to meet the temptations of the devil.

It gave the Devil more power over lost souls.

It encouraged the habit of non-church going.

Author unknown — From Contender

## ALMOST PERSUADED

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collection. When told that he gave as the spirit (?) moved him, the Jew said, "And you can do this every Sunday? And you don't have to tithe?" On being thus assured, the Jew said, "Almost thou persuadest me!"



## "THE GOSPEL NUGGET"

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You can take away all the New Testament and leave only the Old, and there is still enough gospel left to save the world. In contrast, you can take away all of the Old Testament leaving only the New, and the result will be the same. You can destroy all the New Testament but the four gospels, and there is still enough of the plan of salvation remaining for this world's salvation. You can take away three of these, and the result will be the same. You can take away all four of these gospels except one verse of one chapter, and there is still enough gospel to save the world and that verse is the words of my text: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

## I

This text presents to us first of all an immeasurable love. John doesn't tell us how much God loved, for this would be impossible. He simply says, "God so loved." There is no measure that might be found whereby the love of God might be determined in its fullest extent.

The Old Testament prophet declared that God's love was unfailing. "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me." (Isa. 49:15, 16) Since His love is unfailing, then it is immeasurable. Niagara Falls failed once so we are told. Its waters failed; its rainbow melted; its music hushed; yet never did the love of God fail. Sometimes fathers repudiate their sons, and mothers repudiate their daughters because of the depths of sin into which these have fallen. Yet, not so with God. Despite the evil of the sinner's ways, God loves him. His love never fails, and since it is unfailing, therefore it is immeasurable.

Furthermore, the love of God is immeasurable because it is unchangeable. It isn't like a weather vane which changes with the wind, but it remains the same. Listen: "Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." (Jn. 13:1) Here is a verse that declares that the disciples were loved unto the end. He loved Peter although He knew he would deny Him, He loved the disciples although He knew that they would flee from Him.

What a contrast there is between the love of individuals for one another, and the love of God for His own. Many times love between individuals fades and perishes; yet, the love of God remains unchangeable. Co many times we have seen young men and women plight their allegiance to one another, and vow to love one another unto the end; and

yet, when trying circumstances arose, their vows were forgotten, and another home had gone on the rocks. We are told today that every time five couples are married, one couple gets a divorce. This simply means if love were there in the beginning, love has died, yet, not so with the love of God, for His love is unchangeable. He goes on loving you day by day, and since His love is unchangeable, it is therefore immeasurable.

This love of God is also an immeasurable love in view of the fact that it is a love that we cannot understand. Who is there that could understand God's love? Paul prays for such a knowledge on our part when he says, "And to know that love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." (Eph. 3:19) I believe that truly we can say that the greatest mystery of the Bible is the love of God. There isn't one of us who are redeemed today who understands "Why should He love me so." Every time I come to consider it,

"I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene,  
And wonder how He could love me,  
A sinner, condemned, unclean.

He took my sins and my sorrows,  
He made them His very own;  
He bore the burden to Calvary,  
And suffered, and died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see,  
'Twill be my joy thro' the ages  
To sing of His love for me.

How marvelous! how wonderful!  
And my song shall ever be:  
How marvelous! how wonderful  
Is my Saviour's love for me!"

Truly none of us can understand that love of which we have been the recipient. If I had wings and could fly to heaven, I would like to ask those who have been there thousands of years to tell me about the love of God. Suppose this were possible, and I might say, "Lovable John, you leaned on Jesus' bosom, you know so much about the love of God, what can you tell me about that love?" And I am satisfied that I would hear John say, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I Jn. 4: 10)

If I might ask Paul, I am sure that he would say, "There are heights, and depths, and lengths, and breadths but the love of God passeth knowledge."

I remember on the night that I first came to Christ that I tried to comprehend His love. I found then that its circumference was too great to comprehend; it was too deep to fathom; it was too high to fly to. I can only wait until God wipes away the filmy mist of doubt and fear that clouds my eyes and then I will be able to understand His love. Since it is a love that cannot be understood by our finite minds, then logically it is an immeasurable love.

Again, it is an immeasurable love in view of the fact that God loves us

while we are yet in sin. He does not wait until we are saved to begin to love us, but He loves us before salvation becomes ours. He loves us while we are yet in our sins. Listen: "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." (Rev. 1:5) Before we are ever washed from our sins, He loved us. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8) What a mighty text is this, for it declares that Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. I tell you, beloved, God loved every one of His elect even while they were yet in sin. It is true that God does not love his sinful ways, nor does God love him for his sinful habits; but in spite of these, all the elect are loved of God. What a message then is this for the vilest man and the most impure woman. If I could find that individual who would say, "I am the meanest man in all the world," or that woman who would say, "I am the vilest woman in all the world." I would say that there is hope for those individuals, for God loves His own even while they are yet in sin. Yes, since He loved us while we were yet in our sins, we are convinced that His is an immeasurable love.

Furthermore, we are assured that it is immeasurable because God's love is the greatest love of all. Jesus Himself said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (Jn. 15:13) That love was great enough that Christ left the glory of His Father. It was great enough that He unloosed the golden sandals and took off His golden crown. That love was great enough that He bid good-bye to the angels—the archangels, the cherubim, and the seraphim, and came to this earth to be born of a virgin, to suffer and die and then pray for His persecutors as He was hanging upon the cross. Truly no love could be greater than this, and since it was the greatest of all, it is therefore immeasurable.

Finally, Paul hints at the fact that the love of God is immeasurable when he prays, "That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." (Eph. 3:17-19) You will notice that he doesn't tell us of its breadth, nor length, nor depth, nor height, for this would be impossible. Yet, in his inspired prayer, he admits that the love of God does possess these dimensions. Surely we can say today that the love of God is long enough that it reaches backward to eternity past, and reaches out to eternity to come. It is broad enough that it comprehends the elect of God from the days of righteous Abel until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. In its breadthology it encompasses every creed, every color, every race, and every nationality. In its depth it is deep enough that it will go down beneath the deepest sin, and in its height it will raise up that sinner and plant his feet firmly on the solid rock of

ages. Though the love of God thus reaches these dimensions, it is still immeasurable to man.

I say then beloved, that since the love of God is unfailing and unchangeable, and in view of the fact that it cannot be understood, and since God loves us while we were yet in sin, and since it is the greatest love of all, and finally since it has length and breadth and height and depth which are beyond our comprehension; we therefore conclude that the love of God is immeasurable. Surely we must say with the poet, "There's a wideness in God's mercy, Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in His justice, Which is more than liberty. For the love of God is broader Than the measure of man's mind; And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind."

## II

Our text not only presents an immeasurable love, but it also speaks about a priceless gift. Listen: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son."

This gift was priceless since no other could be found like Jesus. He Himself said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9) "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6) Listen also to the words of Peter: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) Ordinarily counterfeits, and duplicates, and imitations can be found; but not so which the Lord Jesus—there is none like Him. He is the only door and the only way to heaven. Surely then it is a priceless gift which God gave in the person of His Son.

This gift of God's Son is also priceless since this gift cannot be bought. There is no amount of money whereby this gift could be had. Listen: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (I Pet. 1:18, 19). Hear also the apostle Paul: "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

I heard of a man over in India several months ago, who made a tremendous fortune before he was apprehended, by simply working upon the imagination of the heathen people. He had a map of heaven so the papers said, and showed on it the seats of heaven; and he went around over a certain territory and sold those seats. Of course, the seats nearest the angels and nearest the great men of the Old Testament, were higher than ordinary ones. Then the ones right up next to the Lord Jesus were the highest of all. Even the cheapest one which he had for sale was ten dollars. Of course, he was soon arrested as a faker. Yet there were hundreds of people who bought a



seat in heaven before his arrest.

Yet beloved, the love of God declares the impossibility of this in that we are told that eternal life must be received as a gift. Surely then this gift of God's Son is priceless since no amount of money can procure it.

This gift is also priceless since it cannot be secured through any amount of good works nor righteous deeds on our part. No work, no human merit, nor righteous deeds, nor anything that we might do would ever cause God to give us this priceless gift. Listen to these Scriptures: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Rom. 3:28).

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5).

Thus, since our works could not procure this gift, it is therefore priceless.

Furthermore, this gift of God's Son is priceless because of its giver. A gift usually has value because of the one who gives it. The gift of God's Son does not come through man, nor through an angel; but from God Himself. Surely with such a giver, the gift of the Son of God is priceless.

Finally, the gift of God's Son is priceless since it is undeserved on our part. Not one of us could say that we deserve to be saved, for all of us are sinners before God. Listen to these Scriptures: "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Psa. 14:2, 3).

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." (Gal. 3:22).

Each of us before we were saved were sinners, we were children of wrath, we were children of the Devil, we were condemned, we were unclean, we were subjects of Satan, we deserved damnation, we should have gone to hell. Surely since none of us deserved eternal life, then God's Son becomes more than ever a priceless gift to us.

### III

Not only does our text present an immeasurable love and a priceless gift, but it also speaks of a simple faith. Listen: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him." God requires nothing great of man. He only asks that he believe. This is the teaching of the entirety of God's Word — namely, that simple faith on the part of man procures salvation from God. Listen:

"And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace."

(Lu. 7:50).

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18).

"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).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47).

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (John 20:30, 31).

Herein we learn the simplicity of the gospel. It is so simple that men stumble often because of its simplicity. A man said to me just a few days ago, "It just seems too easy that God would save a man by simple faith." May I remind you that while it costs nothing on our part, it cost God His Son. I grant you that it is simple, and yet beloved, it is true just the same.

In the Old Testament, we read the experience of Naaman, who was a captain in the Syrian army. It was said that he was a leper. God's prophet told him to dip seven times in the Jordan and his leprosy would be removed. He could not believe it because it was so simple, and had it not been for the urging of one of his servants, he would have turned away. Yet, that which seemed so simple to him, proved to be his cleansing. While it may seem simple to you to think that God would save merely through faith in Jesus Christ — that He died for your sins — it is true nevertheless that this is the only way that you can be saved. Listen: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5).

### IV

Our Scripture not only presents an immeasurable love, a priceless gift, a simple faith; but it also speaks about an eternal salvation, for the text says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). This is stated both positively and negatively. Positively it says that the believer shall "have everlasting life." Negatively it declares that the believer "should not perish."

What a glorious promise then is this, for it tells us that the one who has trusted Jesus need have no fear, for Jesus will remain true to him to the end. What a wonderful doctrine is this — this doctrine of the eternal security. Every one who has believed on the Lord Jesus Christ then can have this assurance that he is saved for time and eternity, for all of his sins have been laid on the Lord Jesus who has become his Saviour.

Of course, this is the teaching of all the balance of God's Word —

namely, that if one accepts Jesus as a Saviour, that he is saved forever. Listen:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any 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).

"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).

This then beloved is my message. Possibly this text is the greatest verse of all the Bible. In it we find God's immeasurable love, the priceless gift of God's son, a simple faith, required on the part of man, which produces an eternal salvation.

Therefore, let me urge you to repent of your sins, to believe the gospel — that Christ has died for your sins — and to become today a child of God.

I once heard of a son who desired to enter the salon business. His father remonstrated with him, but to no avail. Finally, the day came for the son to open his business. For some reason no customers came. Finally, wondering why that no one had come into his place, he went to the door and found his father standing there urging every one who came by to pass on, warning them of the evils of drink. This so enraged the young man that he struck his father in the face and knocked him to the sidewalk. When the father arose, he struck him again and again. Finally, the father said, "You may kill my body, but if any one enters this place of business today, he must go there over the blood of my body."

Certainly this is true concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, and if any man goes to hell, he must do so, going there over the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God grant that it shall not be thus with you, but may you receive Him now as your Saviour.

### WHY PREACHERS SHOULD NEVER BE ADDRESSED AS "REV," NOR "DOCTOR."

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preacher. This title is actually condemned by Jesus. "But be ye not called Rabbi (literally Doctor); for one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." (Matt. 23:8). All Christians are just brethren in Christ. We are not to address one as "Doctor" and another as "Brother," for Jesus said, "all ye are brethren"

That which actually cheapens this title is the fact that it can be bought for fifty dollars (\$50) from most any of these modern corrupt ecclesiastical cemeteries (Seminaries). A negro church wanted to get a D. D. for their pastor, but could only raise twenty-five dollars (\$25). Whereupon, they wrote saying, "Please grant one of the D's now and

when we can get the other twenty-five dollars (\$25) you can give him the other "D."

Pastor Lee Rector (Ardmore, Oklahoma), wrote me the other day, and addressed me as "Dr. Gilpin." I replied thanking him for saving a brother pastor fifty dollars (\$50).

Someone is liable to think that I write thus because I do not have the doctorate. Let me disabuse your mind in this regard, for I could have it if I thought it Scriptural, since twelve years ago it was proffered me by a Southern University. It isn't a case of "sour grapes" with me; it is a matter of Scriptural conviction.

How then should a preacher be addressed? What titles should be used? If you speak to him, why not call him "Brother?" If you are unsaved, (he's not your brother), just call him "Mister." If you address some correspondence to him, refer to him as "Elder" (Titus 1:5; I Pet. 5:1), or "Bishop" (I Tim. 3:1; I Pet. 2:25), or "Pastor" (Eph. 4:11). If you must introduce him with formality, do so as the "Eld. Mr. So-and-So." On less formal occasions, just refer to him as "Brother."

Some one will object saying, "That's such a little thing; why bother about it?" Read Matt. 5:19. Our philosophy: God said it; I believe it; and that settles it.

### THE EDITOR'S PLANS AS TO SENDING LETTERS AND BIBLES TO SOLDIERS

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writing the names of lost boys and girls on their lists and leaving churches with a large group of just church members, and he gets a large sum of money.

Brother Gilpin, some of the boys here have begun to think of God. They realize that we may go to war at any day. The sad part is that they are reading Russellite, Mary Eddy, and Catholic junk. Why don't Baptists love the truth as these false teachers love their heresies and traditions.

Brother Gilpin, ask the readers of the Examiner to pray for the boys in camp, and if they have a boy friend in the service, to send him a tract on the plan of salvation, and let the boys know they are interested in them. Some great preachers will come out of the soldiers now in service, if the Lord tarries.

I can see from the paper that you are holding out faithful, and using the Bible in preaching. Aren't you ever going to learn to preach without that Bible?

The war isn't worrying me in the least. Christ has promised to keep me even until the end of the age.

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We ask that you remember this phase of our ministry with much prayer.

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they were all so upset.

Somehow, I hear the Master say, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).