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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 I AM A BAPTIST

How The Churches Are In Captivity To The World

The churches are in captivity to the spirit of the World. Worldliness has come in upon the churches like a flood, i. e., world-likeness. As Israel cried out for a King, a King of flesh and blood, to rule over them, like all the other nations about them, so the churches are demanding that plans, methods and schemes, that are essentially of the world, be introduced into the churches, God sent leanness in the lives of His ancient people and then sent them into captivity. The degree to which the leanness has entered into the life of the churches all spiritually minded preachers know too well, and the captivity spoken of above is all too grievously apparent.

Commercialism is much in evidence in the churches today. We must have our local church budgets; the pastor stipulates a certain salary, the success of the Sunday's efforts is largely determined by the monetary receipts; weekly promises are secured from saved and unsaved alike in order that the budget may be underwritten; agitation is persistent both in private and public for increase in ministerial salary; because of the multitudinous and ramified organizations, offices are being created and office seekers are coming to light to such an extent that the bondage of Israel in Egypt will appear a very little thing in comparison. The machinery of the churches is becoming so extensive and ponderous, requiring so many men, and so much time and strength to keep it going, that little time is found for prosecuting the one aim of the churches, i. e., Winning lost

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Classes of Members

A church attendant handed a pastor the following item taken from an English parish magazine:

Church members are a mixed lot. They can be divided into these classes: "Futurists—who are always going to go to church soon, and wish they were not booked up every Sunday.

"Specialists—who come to church only on very special occasions.

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SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business,
Your bonds and stocks and gold;
And in all worldly matters
You are so brave and bold.
But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,
And the crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street;
You call yourself a Christian,
And like the Gospel plan —
Then why not speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus
And the story of the cross,
That you lower His pure banner
And let it suffer loss?
Have you forgot His suffering?
Did He die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

DOING WITHOUT THINGS

No new automobiles. No new golf balls. Restrictions on many luxuries. No new tires. The war is affecting our way of life. Americans are all out for victory. Americans are willing to do without things so that they may continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Mothers give up their sons to fight on land, sea, or in the air. Hundreds are separated from wives to fill the ever increasing ranks of Uncle Sam's armed forces. In every walk of life Americans are doing without things. We are at war to preserve the ideals which we dearly

cherish and for which our fathers fought.

There are many things in this life which we can do without. We would be much healthier if we did more walking, and less driving. We could cut down on entertainment and spend the time thinking of more serious things. We could give up certain habits and pleasures, and thereby preserve our bodies and our money for lasting joys.

But there is one thing—and it is not money, for it is said that money will buy everything but happiness,

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THE FIRST BAPTIST PULPIT

"THE WORKS OF OUR HANDS"

In the years that I have been pastor in Russell I have had pretty nearly every nasty, mean thing said about me that could be said. I have had men curse me to my face, but I received recently, in a man's place of business, the worst cursing and the vilest word, said to my face of any I have received in the past ten years time. The interesting thing about it is that I stood there and laughed at him, and then came back and prayed for him just like I have every day for four years' time. Nobody could do that apart from the grace of God. Here's the reason why I mention it; when he had finished his cursing, and I had said everything that I could say and had offered every explanation in the world trying to show him that all he had said was

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Preached Long Ago By H. Boyce Taylor, Now With His Lord

I am going to talk to you this morning, on "Why I am a Baptist." In the last chapter of Matthew, verses 18-20, you will find these words: "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen." My text is found in Matthew 28th chapter, and 20th verse, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Peter told us "to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." That is a good reason why every Baptist here today ought to be able to tell you why he is a Baptist. Every Baptist ought to be able at any time to give his reasons for being a Baptist: and contrariwise, since the Master never established but one church, every man, who isn't a Baptist ought to be able to give reasons, good and sufficient to satisfy the Lord Jesus at the judgment, why he is not a Baptist. For if the church that Jesus built was a Baptist church, then no churches but Baptist churches are churches of Christ and every man will have to face the Lord Jesus at the judgment and tell Him why he joined some church founded by an uninspired man, instead of the one founded by the Lord Jesus Himself. There is much

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Courageous & Faithful

It is human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and to follow the social and religious fashions for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

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