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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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Penalties And Compensations Of An Independent Baptist Church

Independent Baptist churches are penalized

1. By many misrepresentations.
2. By being charged with assuming a better-than-thou attitude.
3. By Baptist preachers counseling their out-going members not to join independent Baptist churches.
4. By conspiracies among Baptist preachers to put independent Baptist churches out of business.
5. By many derogatory suggestions and insinuations.

Independent Baptist churches are blessed

1. By being free to look to the Holy Spirit for enablement and guidance.
2. By being free to map out a church program without outside interference.
3. By being free to preach messages initiated by the Holy Spirit, rejecting all sermon suggestions coming from headquarters.
4. By being free to pray own way without outside interference.
5. By being free to look to the Lord for all things, not to man and his wisdom.
6. By being free to use the Bible as a text book without man-made suggestions.
7. By being free to invest mission funds where they will not have to share the infidelity and evolutionism of many agencies.

(Editor's Note) The above is from the pen of Elder W. Lee Rec- tor pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ardmore, Oklahoma. It was the editor's happy privilege to preach in his church several times recently during a mission fellowship

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An Invariable Barometer

An artist was once asked to paint a picture of a dying church.

Instead of putting on the canvas a small, feeble, poor congregation, in an old building, he painted a stately modern edifice, through the open portals of which could be seen a richly carved pulpit, a magnificent organ, beautiful stained-glass windows, with frescoes and perfect seating.

Just within the entrance, and guarded on either side by a "Pillar"

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Man's Philosophy vs. Christ



On Devil's Island, French penal colony, according to "Life," some of the men tattoo their philosophy of life upon their bodies. One man had, "The past deceived me. The present torments me, The future terrifies me."

Here is a perfect description of the soul out of Christ. And there are millions of people who have these three sentences burned across their minds and branded upon their

souls. BUT CHRIST FREES THOSE WHO COME TO HIM. Paul had three sentences upon him. He who bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus (Gal. 6:17; Cor. 4:10) could say of the past, present and future: "Forgetting those things which are behind . . ." (Phil. 3:13); "For to me, to live is Christ . . . and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21)

—Revelation

Read This And Take Courage

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (2 Cor. 12:9)

Many of God's people throughout the world have known of the remarkable testimony of a godly woman in Australia, Miss M. R. Higgins, who calls her small home, "Thanksgiving Corner," because she learned many years ago of the all-sufficiency of God's grace even in the midst of most terrific sufferings.

Both are gone, Miss Higgins had

a device fitted to her shoulder and made to hold a pen in order that she might write letters of comfort to afflicted people throughout the earth. Every stroke of her pen requires the movement of her body, yet her penmanship is remarkably clear.

We marvel at the far-reaching testimony of this saint of God back in the days of our youth, but we learn through a dear friend, Mrs. Jessie Moser of Glendale, Calif., who has kept in touch with Miss Higgins, we are able to present some recent messages which we trust will come as a real

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THE FIRST BAPTIST PULPIT

"Now We See Through A Glass Darkly"

"And Jacob their father said unto them, Hear ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away! All these things are against me." — Genesis 42:36.

"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man I put away childish things.

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For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

— I Corinthians 13:9-12.

Here are two remarkable texts taken from both the Old and New Testaments. One was the statement of Jacob; the other was the words of Paul. Each is closely associated with the other, although Paul goes far beyond Jacob in the truth which he presents.

Jacob's life was one filled with

Fifteen Reasons Why I Cannot Belong To A Secret Order

1. I am a Christian and it takes all my time, energy and abilities to discharge my Christian duties, obligations and vows. I have no time for lodges. All the good that can be done through a lodge can be done through my church, where it ought to be done and where it is my business to help it to be done. I have never yet lived up to all my church obligations, and until I do I will not obligate myself to any other institution.

2. Lodges are man-made institutions and will perish with the other things of this world, I John 2:16,17; while the church and the kingdom of God, to which I belong and owe all my allegiance, are divinely founded and will endure forever, Matt. 15:33.

3. Lodges are composed of both saved and unsaved, and most of their membership is of the worldly element. For the Christian to unnecessarily link himself with the worldly and unregenerate is an unholly and sinful alliance, 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

4. Lodges almost without exception encourage worldly practices, such as dances, card parties, carnivals, raffles, etc., and a Christian is forbidden by the Bible to indulge in such things, neither should he favor an institution that supports them, I John 2:15-17; Rom. 12:1,2.

5. The money spent for initiations, dues, special assessments, degrees, etc., in the lodge could be put to a more profitable and Godly use by supporting Christ's churches and His great Christian program.

6. The Christian will have no reward in Heaven for his good works done through a lodge or in the name of a lodge. Heavenly rewards are be-

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Pronounced Dead Too Soon

Recently in Birmingham, Ala., Ruth Ellison, age 20, was taken to a hospital, and at 1:45 p. m. she was pronounced dead. At 2 p. m. she was found to be alive. At 2:10 she again was pronounced dead. Five minutes later, an interne heard the girl's heart give a faint beat, and further efforts were made to revive her. Not till 2:30 was she finally pronounced dead. Sometimes we too soon give up people as spiritually dead.

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