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"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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### Deadly, Deceptive, Devilish Delusions.

#### "ONE MUST DO GOOD TO BE SAVED"

Close akin to the philosophy of doing the best you can, is that of doing good in order to be saved.

Certainly one ought to do good. Solomon tells us a man should "do good in his life." (Eccl. 3:12). Paul says we are to do good to all. (Gal. 6:10). And this is not only enjoined upon us, but the example of the Master "Who went about doing good (Acts 10:38) and the fact that "One sinner destroyeth much good" (Eccl. 9:18) ought to cause us to do good.

But, people do not do good. Three times it is recorded, "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." And this included the just as well as the unjust. "For there is not a just man on the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Eccl. 7:20).

Jeremiah tells us that men who are accustomed to do evil, cannot do good. (Jer. 13:23). Jesus says, one must be good to do good. (Read Mt. 7:17, 18; 12: 33-35). Yet in spite of the plain teaching of the Word, there are those who say there is some good in all men. Now, it is true some are better than others, morally speaking. But Jesus says, "Why callest thou me good? None is good, save One, that is God." (Lk. 18:19). Talk about a spark of Divinity in every man, and he's such a good hearted fellow, I tell you, nay, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing." (Rom. 7:18). Plain is it not?

Yet the world is full of people who are trying to be good and do good in order to be saved. Friend, the Bible speaks of evil people as being "good for nothing." (Jer. 13:19), and declares to us that our best is but as filthy rags. (Isa. 64:6). I ask you then, how can you be saved by doing good? Oh, will you not examine the Scriptures for yourself and allow Him in Whom you trust, the blessed Lord Jesus, to so work in your heart and life that He will save you from your deadly doing? (Jn. 6:28, 29; Eph. 2: 8-10; Tit. 3:5). May you do so now, is my prayer. — Roy Hamilton, Greenup, Kentucky.

### Truth's Motto

However the battle is ended,  
Though proudly the victor comes  
With fluttering flags and prancing nags

And echoing roll of drums,  
Still truth proclaims this motto  
In letters of living light—  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

Though the heel of the strong oppressor

May grind the weak in the dust,  
And the voices of fame with one acclaim

May call him great and just,  
Let those who applaud take warning,

And keep this motto in sight—  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

Let those who have failed take courage;

Tho' the enemy seems to have won,

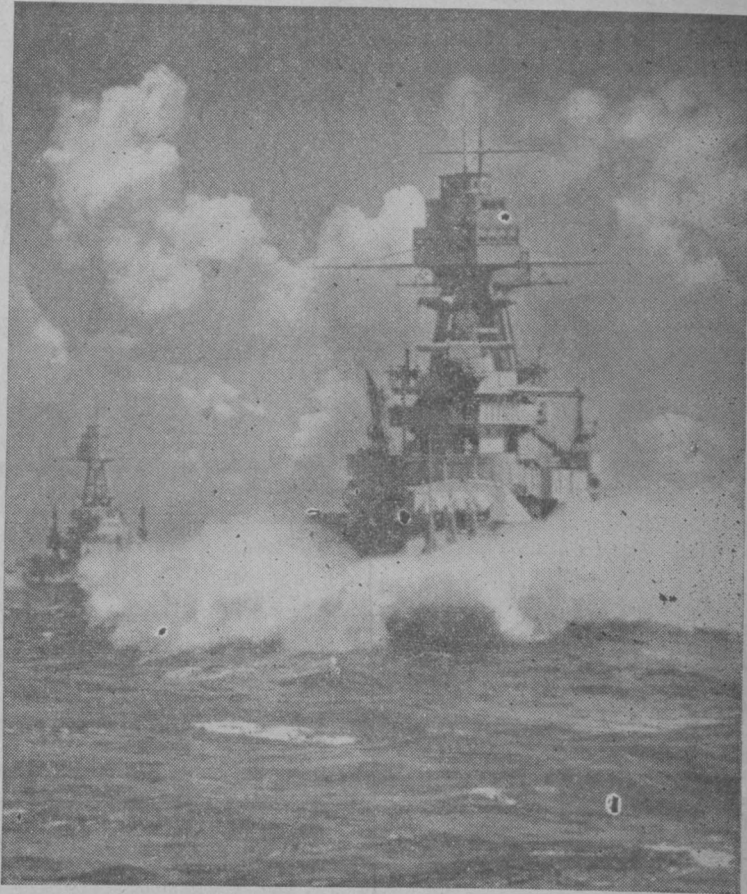
Tho' his ranks are strong, if he be in the wrong

The battle is not yet done;  
For, sure as the morning follows

The darkest hour of the night,  
No question is ever settled  
Until it is settled right.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

### God's Blessed Promise!



"And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." — (Micah 4:3).

### No Athiests In Fox Holes

A dramatic account of how a lack of food, inability to sleep, and finally, dwindling ammunition sapped the strength of the Bataan defenders was given by an officer who fought through most of that history-making campaign.

The officer, Lieut. Col. Warren J. Clear, has just returned to the United States from Corregidor. He told his story of Bataan's final weeks on the "Army Hour" program broadcast over the NBC Network.

Commenting on the behaviour of individual men under fire, Colonel Clear admitted "there are times when a man finds that self-confidence alone will not sustain him."

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### Christian Evidence

A generation ago Charles Bradlaugh, an atheist, challenged Hugh Price Hughes, a godly minister, to debate with him the truth of the Christian faith. The challenge was immediately accepted in these words: "The courts, as a rule, in rendering their verdicts, do not rely solely upon the arguments of the lawyers on either side. They carefully scrutinize the evidence offered by those who have first-hand knowledge of the facts. I will bring with me to the debate, one hundred men and women who have been saved from lives of sin by the gospel of Christ. They will give their evidence and you will

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### "Why I Am A Baptist and Not A Catholic"

This is the first of a series on the general theme "Why I am A Baptist and Nothing Else." I discuss it first since Baptists and Catholics are father apart than all others.

Only two of the hundreds of churches can claim to go back to the days of Jesus — Baptists and Catholics. All others originated far this side of Jesus' day:

Lutheran	1520
Episcopal	1534
Congregationalist	1540
Presbyterian	1536
Methodist	1740
Christian Science	1879
Campbellite	1827
Mormon	1830

Accordingly, I would be a Catholic, if I were not a Baptist. This abbreviated extract is to tell you why I am a Baptist instead.

#### I

Baptists believe that all stand equal before God while Catholics believe in a graduation of members. Hear Jesus' words: "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren." Mt. 23:8.

Several years ago an Eucharistic Congress was held in New York City. A papal representative was there. Mayor Jimmy Walker and Alfred E. Smith kneeled and kissed the papal ring that he wore. Charles Lindberg shook hands (but did not bow) and said, "How do you do, sir?" This is the difference between Baptists and Catholics.

#### II

Baptist Churches have no head but Christ, whereas Catholics have a human head — the Pope. Cf. Eph. 1:22; Col. 1:18. Catholics say

(falsely) that Peter was the first pope and that his successor is the head of their church.

On page 125 of "Faith of Our Father," Cardinal Gibbon says: "When a dispute arises in the church regarding the sense of Scripture THE SUBJECT IS REFERRED TO THE POPE FOR FINAL ADJUDICATION. The Sovereign Pontiff, before deciding the case, gathers around him his venerable colleagues, the Cardinals of the Church; or he calls a council of his associates of the faith, the Bishops of Christendom; or he has recourse to other lights which the Holy Spirit may suggest to him.

Then, after mature and prayerful deliberation, he pronounces judgment and his sentence is final, irrevocable and infallible."

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### Vain Imagining Of Lodge Crowd

The opening verse of Psalm 2 says, "Why do the heathen (nations) rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" This question is very descriptive of the world in general and people imagine many vain things. One of the vainest of the vain things is that there is any salvation in the lodge. Thousands argue that the lodge is just as good as the church. Their argument is that if one lives up to the teachings of the lodge, he is just as sincere as those who choose to follow the teachings of the church. This is vain reasoning.

In the first place, no one is saved by "living up to" the teachings of any church. Salvation is by grace thru faith and not of works. (Continued on page two)

### After The Criticisms

A preacher announced a men's meeting in his church, proposing to give the men a chance to air their objections to Christianity. Over twelve hundred were present. The first objector said, "Church members are no better than others." "The ministers are no good," said another. And so the objections were mentioned one after another, and the pastor wrote them down on paper: "Hypocrites in the church." "The church is a rich man club." "Christians do not believe the Bible any more" — twenty-seven in all. When they were through the pas-

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### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "The City of Refuge"

"Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares." Numbers 35:11.

Everyone is well aware that the principle of blood revenge is deep seated in the mind of the natural man. In Oriental countries when one is slain his nearest relative takes revenge upon the one who was the means of his kinsman's death. For years, the same principle has been in effect in the Kentucky mountains. Bloody and gruesome feuds have been the result. In the minds of the Jews this principle was very deep seated.

This being true, on the eve of their entrance into the land of Canaan, God in appointing forty-eight cities for the Levites, designated six of these as cities of refuge whither the innocent might flee for safety. These cities of refuge are a distinct type of salvation by grace, and the safety afforded the man slayer the

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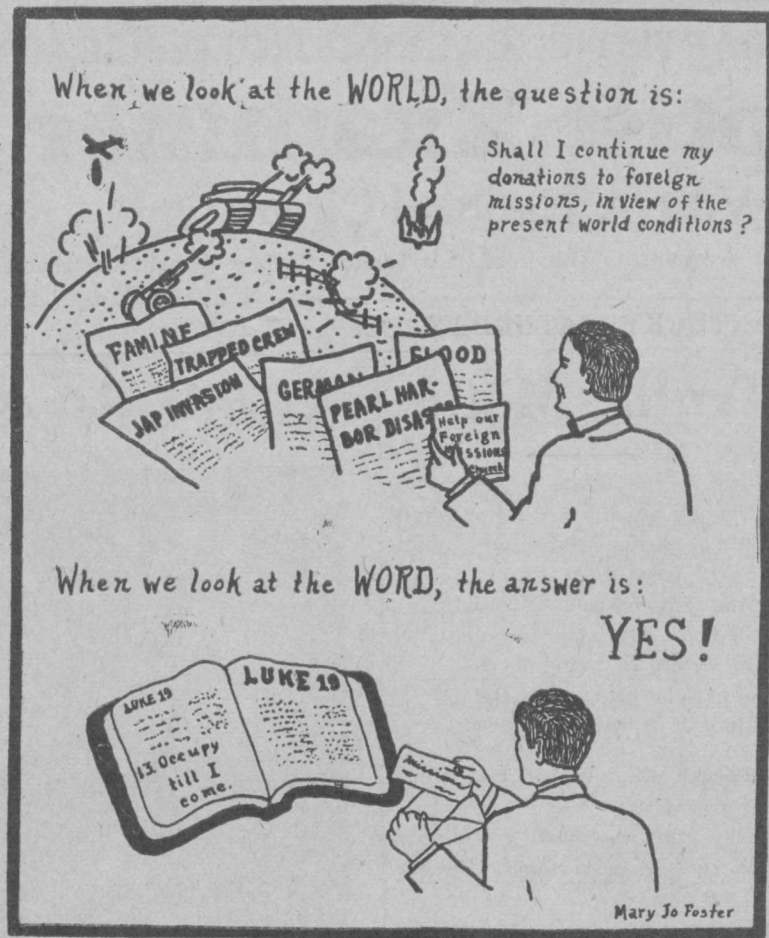
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In exactly nine days from the day we sent out an appeal for money to aid in bringing home Elder C. W. Dickerson and family from Brazil, we mailed him a check for \$1,000.00. To our Heavenly Father be all the praise and the glory.

This check is sufficient to bring Brother Dickerson and family to New York. Another \$200 will be needed to bring them on to Russell. Will you not have a part in this offering?

We expect that Brother Dickerson and family will be home October 1. We ask that you remember the family in prayer, for the return voyage is fraught with many dangers in view of Brazil's recent entrance into the war.

Appreciated Comments

"I trust that you keep this work going because it is of necessity that we continue faithful to His Word until He comes. Many times I have thought that Baptists ought to drop this name 'Baptist' if we are to judge Baptists by their action, conduct, thought and deed. We have now reached the point that we as Baptists, speaking from the denominational standpoint, are copying after Rome and the many other church denominations who have a Lordship established in the church. Our leaders are fast losing the Scriptural teaching that the Baptist church is an independent body in a given locality. It is these principles among many others including the lodge teaching, that your paper stands for and teaches, — earnestly contending for the faith once delivered."

W. C. Dabney  
Monticello, Kentucky

"We still enjoy reading the paper. Keep up the good fight for faith."

Elder Hollis Spurlock  
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"Your papers that I have read have been a great inspiration to

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B. A. Heard  
Orange, Texas

Why I Am A Baptist And Nothing Else

One of our readers recently wrote, "I don't see much difference between Baptists and other denominations; why talk so much about Baptists?"

Well, to answer that reader and others, we print, beginning with this issue a series on "Why I Am A Baptist And Nothing Else." The first is, "Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Roman Catholic." Others to follow are:

"Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Campbellite."

"Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Methodist."

"Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Holy Roller."

"Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Seventh Day Adventist."

We might add another or two if there is sufficient response from our readers to justify the same.

Vain Imagining Of Lodge Crowd

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It is not in "living up to" anything. Salvation comes by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and trusting what He did on Calvary. It is by believing that "He loved

I Should Like to Know...

1. Was the church organized on the day of Pentecost?

No, and neither was there anything else organized that day. We challenge all of the invisible church heretics to offer one Scripture to show that any kind of church or anything else came into being that day. There are a number of reasons why the church was in existence before that day.

1. The apostles were in it before Pentecost. 1 Cor. 12:28.

2. The church had a rule of discipline before Pentecost. Mt. 18:1, 10.

3. There was a church roll before Pentecost with 120 names on that roll. Acts 1:15.

4. They had the Lord's Supper before Pentecost. Mt. 26:30. Read 1 Cor. 11:18 and you will see that this is a church ordinance.

5. They had a commission to preach before Pentecost, and did it. Mt. 10:7; Mt. 28:18-20.

6. Christ sang in the church before Pentecost. Heb. 2:12. He did this at the Lord's Supper. Mt. 26:30.

7. Three thousand were added to the church on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:42.

2. Do the elect and sheep mean the same folk, and do the elect include all that ever will believe?

Yes, they are identical. Before being saved, they are called lost sheep. See Mt. 10:6; Mt. 15:24; John 10:16.

3. On what day did Christ die and arise from the grave?

He was crucified on Wednesday, and died near the close of that day. He lay in the tomb Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. He arose from the grave near six o'clock on Saturday night. He was in the tomb three days and three nights, as the Scripture said. Cf. Mt. 12:40.

4. Do you believe in "Good Friday" and Easter?

No more than I believe in Rip Van Winkle's sleep of twenty years, nor Aesop's fables. All of God's children ought to put away such childish things and become grounded in the faith.

5. What is Scriptural bread for the Lord's Supper?

Unleavened bread, one loaf until after the bread is blessed. No crackers nor light-bread.

6. What do you think of a pastor who condemns the mourner's bench, but does what he calls "personal work" while the invitation song is being sung?

I think he is a bigger heretic than those whom he condemns. Of the two evils, I would rather have the mourner's bench. All the converts gotten by either method amount to nothing. Each method is the Devil's plan for filling up

churches with worldly, unsaved, ungodly church members, who are strangers to the grace of God. Every church in this section who is using either method is filled with worldlings. What a fearful reckoning day awaits some preachers who have lived for the applause of this world.

7. What do you think of a man going to Presbyterian Church or a union Sunday School service?

The Scriptures say in Jude 3, 4 that we are to earnestly contend for the faith, which can only be done in any kind of union service. This Scripture also says that such men were ordained to condemnation and that they took the grace of God into lasciviousness. God puts all unionists with a mighty bad crowd.

8. What do you think of a Baptist pastor who will appear on union S. S. program?

It isn't a question as to what to think; it is, what saith the Word of God? II Cor. 6:14-18 forbids any type of unionism by individuals, Baptists or Baptist Churches. There are humanitarian organizations such as the Anti-Saloon League and the Kentucky Children's Home Society where individuals can cooperate in supporting as citizens. However, the Scriptures forbid all unionism in church work of any kind. The Lord Jesus commands absolute separation between Baptists and all others, who have aped and imitated Baptists. Baptists everywhere will come into their own when they obey this Scripture to the letter. Read also Rom. 16:17; II Thes. 3: 6, 14.

9. Is it Scriptural for Baptists Churches to have deaconesses?

No, this is an un-scriptural innovation of modern days.

10. Explain John 10:16.

The "other sheep" were Gentiles. They too will never come to the Lord unless they are brought by Divine power through the preaching of His Word.

11. Explain John 6:44.

The will and affections and mind of a sinner are so depraved that he not only can not, but will not, come to Christ unless supernatural power is brought to bear upon him to make him come.

12. Where did Baptists get their hand-shaking in worship?

In Gal. 2:9 you have an account of Peter, James, and John giving Paul and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship. Baptists, beloved, get their principles entirely from the Bible. Remember our slogan: "If it's in the Bible, it's Baptist doctrine. If it's Baptist doctrine, it's in the Bible." We believe if you give every man a clean heart and an open Bible that the result will be a Baptist civilization.

to Christ, against such trifling things as secret signs and words. Those same men would cringe with fear if they had to meet persecution and danger for the cause of Christ.

Vain indeed is the idea that if one is marched around a lodge-room blindfolded and kneels at an altar and repeats an oath that he has no time to think over and decide whether it contains anything that he can subscribe to or not, and then is told how to take certain steps and wear an apron in a certain way and is told certain grips and signs, that that in any way can bring salvation to his soul or give him a passport to Heaven.

More vain is the willingness to be traitor to his country and to society by keeping secret any knowledge of murder or treason that may have been committed by another member of the lodge, and

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# The City Of Refuge

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illustrates the salvation and security which is afforded each sinner who comes to the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved.

I. These cities of refuge present a picture as to our spiritual condition. As a means of enabling us to visualize our spiritual condition, may we journey in our minds to Palestine to the day when cities of refuge were instituted. In the field you see a Jew standing. In his hand he has an ox or some other implement of agriculture. Instead of using it as he desires, he has unfortunately and accidentally struck his companion who falls down dead. You see at the look of horror as it comes over his face when he realizes what he has done. A man shoots through his breast. In his misery in his soul, he cries, "What have I done?" Then realizing his danger, he flees out of the field where he is at labor and along the road with all his possessions toward the city of refuge. These cities were so located that they were within six hours distance of any location of the country. With these six hours of hard labor before him, as he flees from the field, he notices the brother of the slain man come into the field. Now his heart leaps with joy. His brother picks up the ox and runs furiously after the man-slayer. The man-slayer passes his own village. He has no time to bid his wife good-bye nor his children. The pursuer's friends and likewise his friends are in the pursuit, and while one pursues, the others pursue to the man-slayer prays for mercy and for time, and for mercy. Finally, in desperation, he casts his cloak off his back. The beauty of the country means nothing to him. He has not time to see it. The sun is scorching, and he is faint with thirst. As time passes by, in the distance he can see the towers of the city before him. Although faint, with the veins all out on his brow, he enters the city and fall senseless upon the ground. Yet, there is a joy in his heart as he realizes that he has reached the city of refuge he is

a picture of every lost sinner listening to this broadcast. He has broken God's law and is guilty of sin. Listen: "For ye have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) The avenger of blood—God's law demands you. Listen: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4) In God's word you read of "where their worm is not," "the bottomless pit," "the lake of fire." Surely if you know the meaning of these things, you would be on the edge of fleeing for the eternal life. The avenger of blood—God's law is tracking you to spirit. It pursues the poor stag to the city of refuge whither he flees for safety, so each of us needs a refuge whither we flee for salvation and security.

II. The city of refuge itself offers unusual illustrations of the method of bringing salvation. You will notice that the city was for those who had sinned through ignorance—in other words, for the innocent. It was not for the man who had slain by malice, nor for the individual who had slain with malice aforethought. It was for the innocent, Jesus Christ is a

far greater refuge than this in that He is a refuge for all who are guilty. Not one of us have sinned innocently; not one of us are guiltless before God. All are guilty of vile sin in God's sight. Listen: "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Gal. 3:22). And for those who are guilty, Christ came and died as a refuge. "For Christ also hath once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (I Pet. 3:18). "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa. 1:18).

Only recently I read of a magistrate in New York City who fined his own daughter one dollar for parking overtime in a shopping zone. Having assessed the penalty, he then reached into his pocket and paid the fine. When the magistrate had thus paid the penalty, no charge was filed against his daughter. How true of our spiritual condition, for all the world has been found guilty before God. God demands that sin be punished. Either we must pay the penalty of spiritual death in hell, or someone else must pay it for us. It is thus that when Jesus died for our sins He satisfied the demands of God's law, He paid the penalty, and though each of us are guilty, the moment we receive Him and accept His payment, we are freed from the guilt of sin.

In the second place, the city of refuge was within reach of all. It was only a half day's journey from the farthest point to one of these cities. And truly beloved, it is no great distance to Christ. Do you remember the woman who came in the crowd and touched the hem of Christ's garment so that immediately the flow of blood within her body was stilled and she herself was completely healed? Well, she found that it was no great distance to Christ. Do you remember Zachaeus, the tax collector, scheming, covetous politician who, prompted by curiosity, climbed a tree to see Jesus as He passed? Do you remember how He stopped from the tree to the ground at Jesus' feet? Well, it was no great distance to Jesus for Zachaeus.

I rejoice today that I have broken God's law and am guilty of sin. Listen: "For ye have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) The avenger of blood—God's law demands you. Listen: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4) In God's word you read of "where their worm is not," "the bottomless pit," "the lake of fire." Surely if you know the meaning of these things, you would be on the edge of fleeing for the eternal life. The avenger of blood—God's law is tracking you to spirit. It pursues the poor stag to the city of refuge whither he flees for safety, so each of us needs a refuge whither we flee for salvation and security.

III. In the third place, there was nothing to pay in order to enter the city. The man-slayer did not have to mortgage his property, nor did he have to have money in his

pockets. He simply entered the city without making any payment whatsoever. It is most interesting to me to notice that Christ's invitation is likewise without price. Listen: "And, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." (Isa. 55:1). "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8). "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

As the song writer has said: "In my hand no price I bring, Simply to Thy Cross I cling." Yes, it is interesting and true that God doesn't ask the sinner to give anything. He is merely commanded to receive God's Christ.

A poor child with a sick mother slipped into the queen's palace at Balmoral, England, to ask the caretaker for some flowers for her mother. The caretaker looked at the few pennies which the child had and said, "The queen has no flowers for sale." The queen, working in the garden, overheard what was said, and she spoke to the child saying, "The caretaker is quite right, but the queen does have flowers to give away." Certainly this is the way God deals with us. He had no salvation to sell, but He does have grace to give, and it is without price that we are invited to come to Him.

In the fourth place, whenever the man-slayer entered the city, there was no work to do in order to stay there. The most popular teaching of preachers today relative to salvation is that Christ saves us to begin with, and then by our works we must keep ourselves saved. There never was a bigger lie spawned in the pit of Hell. God's word declares that salvation is not a matter of the combination of grace and works. Listen: "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work." (Rom. 11:6).

God assures us that it is a matter of grace only. "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." (Rom. 11:5).

It is useless for a man to talk about working to save himself. Listen: "And all our righteousness are as filthy rags." (Isa. 64:6). If all our good ideas and righteous acts look only like filthy rags in God's sight, then what must our sins and unrighteousnesses look like in His sight.

Listen again: "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Rom. 4:5). You will notice that salvation is not to the man who works but rather, it is for the one who believes. The same truth is presented to us in Titus 3:5: "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."

I can imagine some boy vigorously working at the task which has been assigned him by his father. When asked why he is thus working, he says, "I am trying to be my father's child." This is a rank nonsense. He ought to say, "I am trying to please my father who has been to so much expense with me." It is thus with the Christian. We are not saved by what we do, nor are we kept saved thereby. Our salvation is a matter of grace and not works.

In the fifth place, the slayer had encouragement to enter the city. At every turn of the road there

was a sign with the word "Miklat" meaning "refuge" pointing in the direction of the city of refuge. Two men stood at every road to urge the slayer on and to persuade the avenger of blood to wait and not break vengeance upon him, if he were successful in overtaking the fleeing one.

Lately beloved, every unsaved sinner is thus encouraged to flee to Jesus. This sermon and every sermon you have ever heard in your life was to encourage you in this manner. The influence, prayers, and efforts on the part of your bosom mate, your children, and your friends are likewise to encourage you. Every Scripture within the Word of God is an encouragement. Certainly the example of Godly consecrated Christians should be an encouragement to you to flee to Jesus for refuge. Above all else, the work of the Holy Spirit in his prompting, convicting, convincing, and wooing should encourage you to turn to Jesus. Listen to this Scripture: And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17).

Having noticed some general conditions as to the man-slayer's entrance into the city of refuge, let us now notice the man-slayer within the city.

It is most interesting to me to know that he was safe the very moment he entered the suburbs. "Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits; and the city shall be in the midst: this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities." (Num. 35:2-5). This indicates that the suburbs reach for three thousand cubits about the city. Or, in other words, nearly a mile about the walls of the city. The record would indicate that the man-slayer was safe just as soon as he entered even the suburbs.

Certainly it is true today that a sinner is safe and saved the very moment he comes to Jesus. He may only touch the hem of His garment, or he may have faith as small as a grain of mustard seed, but he is saved. Too many preach today that salvation is a process extending over a long period of time. The average message makes it appear that salvation is the result of the combined work of Christ on the cross along with the preacher, the church, and the sinner himself, and that the sinner can never know of assuredly that he is saved until he reaches Heaven. What a travesty on the teachings of God's Word. The Bible declares that salvation is not a process, but the act of the moment. Listen: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47).

You will notice also that the man-slayer was safe just as long as the high priest lived. "And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; and he shall abide in it unto

the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil." (Num. 35:25). Whenever the high priest died, he could then leave the city and return to his home. In other words, he was safe as long as the high priest lived, and free when the high priest died.

I rejoice today that we have a blessed high priest, namely, the Lord Jesus Himself. The Bible refers to him as "Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec." (Heb. 5:10). Then since Christ is our high priest, in the light of this analogy concerning the man-slayer within the city, then as long as Christ shall live, the sinner is saved. We know men that we have eternal salvation, for Christ abides forever. Listen: "Thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail." (Heb. 13:8). "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever." (Heb. 13:8).

What a blessed truth is this. As long as the high priest lived the man-slayer was safe, and since Jesus, our high priest, continues forever, then we have an everlasting salvation in Him.

The man-slayer was safe just as long as he stayed in the city. "But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; and the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty of blood: Because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession." (Num. 35:26-28). It was true that the man-slayer could come out of the city if he desired, yet at his own risk. While this is true, it is likewise true that the sinner cannot come out of Jesus, for when God saves one, he saves him forever.

I remember a few years ago that a man asked me, after I had made such a statement, if the sinner could not crawl off the Rock of Ages if he wanted to. My reply to him was that I had never known a man yet who wanted to, but if he did, it would be impossible. I say that in the light of Jer. 32:40. You will notice in this verse that God declares that the sinner "shall not depart from me."

While it is true that the man-slayer could come out of the city, the sinner cannot apostatize from Jesus. The fact of the matter is the sinner has been born again and he cannot be unborn. He is a new creation and he cannot be uncreated. He has been made a partaker of Divine nature, and if he could perish, something of divinity would perish with him. He has been sealed, and that seal guarantees and assures his security.

I rejoice that every sinner who is saved, is saved eternally. Listen: "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). "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor princes, 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).

May we note in closing that the man-slayer obtained a refuge by fleeing to the city. In like measure, the sinner finds his perfect refuge by fleeing to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Over in Germany there is a place called the "deer-leap." A deep chasm separates the crags which are several feet apart. When the deer, pursued, attempts to leap



from one craig to another, he falls to his death. Many a man today refuses to walk in the path marked out by Jesus, which means that in the end he is encountered by that chasm which divides the soul from Heaven. Like the foolish deer, he takes a leap into the dark and falls into the bottomless pit where "their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched." This, beloved, is the sinner's death leap.

I make a definite appeal to you now: Which shall it be — a death leap in the dark, or the security and salvation which is found in Jesus, the perfect refuge? May God grant that you shall turn to Him today.

#### NO ATHEISTS IN FOX HOLES

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Colonel, Sergeant Pray...

He told of a time when he was forced, during an enemy attack, to dive into one of the fox holes made immortal in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's birthday greeting to President Roosevelt.

"There was a sergeant in the fox hole, too," he recalled, "and he squeezed to one side to make room for me. Then all hell broke loose and I wasn't surprised to find myself praying. The sergeant was praying, too, almost as loud as I was."

"When the attack was over, I turned to him and said, 'Sergeant I noticed you were praying.'"

"Yes, sir, I was. There are no atheists in fox holes," he replied.

The colonel and sergeant are right—"there are no atheists in fox holes."

When a person is in desperate need of help and has a realization of the futility of self-help and the help of his fellow mortals, he cries: "Oh God save me!" And in spite of his glib denials of God's existence in the hours of prosperity.

The Psalmist informs us that it is the "fool" that hath said in his heart: "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1).

But it is James who says: "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils (or demons) also believe, and tremble." (James 2:19).

#### Belief That Saves

It is well to believe in God and to call upon Him in the hour of dire need, but that is not saving faith. It is something different to believe that God loves you with such a perfect love as to give His beloved Son to die for your sins, to be buried, and to rise again! Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

The Lord Himself said: "This is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

Do not rest content in merely believing in God's existence — nor yet in experiencing His deliverance from some threatening danger — but know and believe the love He has toward you, which He has manifested in the unspeakable gift of His Son.

Go on to know Him intimately through His Word and be able to say with the Apostle Paul: "We also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (or reconciliation)." (Romans 5:11).

Why stop short of the Psalmist's knowledge who called Him: "God my exceeding joy!" (Psalm 43:4).

#### Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Catholic

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##### III

Baptist churches were established by Christ, while Catholic churches are human attempts apart from Christ. Baptists came from Jerusalem while Catholics came

from Rome. The church which Jesus established was a Baptist Church. Mt. 16:18. The church which was established at Rome and to which Paul wrote in 60 A. D. became the Roman Catholic Church.

In the days of the apostles, the church at Rome was doubtlessly the greatest of all N. T. Churches. Cf. Rom. 1:8. After the death of the apostles, great changes took place. Under worldly preachers it attempted to assume control over all other churches. The heresies of baptismal regeneration and infant baptism came in. Baptists declared non-fellowship against the church at Rome in 251 A. D. This was the beginning of Catholicism, which has existed since that day. Read again Jesus' story of the Parable of the Leaven. Mt. 13:33. Catholicism is the Devil's attempt to leaven the religious world.

It is all because of Baptists' refusal to bow to Catholicism, that Baptists by the millions were slain as martyrs. On St. Bartholomew's Day, August 24, 1572, 70,000 were slain by the Catholics at Paris. The Catholic king of France said that the smell of rotting Protestants was pleasant to the nostrils. The Pope ordered a service of Thanksgiving sung at St. Peter's Cathedral and ordered "Te Deums" sung in all Catholic Churches.

##### IV

Baptists condemn image worship while the Catholics hold to it. Cf. Ex. 20:5,5. Every Catholic image is thus a violation of the second commandment. Don't forget the experience of Aaron and the Israelites when they made the image of the golden calf. Cf. Ex. 32:23, 24.

##### V

Baptists have kept the gospel pure, while Catholics have perverted it. There are many doctrines — in fact, the majority of them which the Catholics have perverted. There is the doctrine as to how we are cleansed from our sins. Catholics say: On page 6 of a tract on "The Sacramental System," written by W. M. Collins, and distributed by the International Catholic Society, we read: "The first Sacrament is Baptism, which as the Church teaches, cleanses us from our original sin and makes us children of God."

In contrast Baptists contend for cleansing through the blood of Jesus only. Cf. I John 1:7; Gal. 3:26.

Then there is the doctrine of the duration of justification. Baptists following the Bible, believe that it is eternal. Cf. John 5:24; John 10:28, 29. How different are the teachings of Catholicism.

Catholics say: "The state of justification may be forfeited at any time by the commission of a grave sin." "The final destiny of each man is directly determined by the good or evil state in which he dies."

—Page 17—What the Catholic Church Is and What She Teaches" by E. R. Hull.

Then the doctrine of the reception of grace. Baptists believe it comes through faith. Cf. Rom. 3:25; Rom. 4:4,5. Read these Scriptures and then note how far the Catholics are from the truth.

Catholics say: Cardinal Gibbons, a sacrament is a visible sign instituted by Christ by which grace is conveyed to our souls." The Catechism says: "A sacrament is a visible sign or action instituted by Christ to give grace."

##### VI

Baptists believe in two ordinances while the Catholics teach seven. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are all the ordinances which Baptists hold. In addition to these Catholics add Confirmation, Penance, Orders, Marriage, and Extreme Unction. God says much about those who add to his book. Rev. 22:18, 19.

##### VII

Baptists believe that God's Word is sufficient, whereas Catholics deny this. Catholics say that tradition, the action of the councils and the decree of papal infallibility is equal and even superior to the Word of God.

In fact, they prefer to omit the Bible entirely.

At Bologna on October 20, 1553, three Romish bishops gave the following written answer to Pope Julius III, when desired to furnish him with their counsel as to the best means of strengthening their Church:—"Lastly, of all the advice we can give to your Beatitude, we have reserved to the end the most important, viz., that as little as possible of the gospel (especially in the mother tongue) be read in all the countries subject to your jurisdiction. That little which is usually read at Mass is sufficient. Beyond that no one whatever must be permitted to read. While men were contented with that little, your interests prospered; but when more was read, they began to decay. To sum up all, that book (the Bible) is the one, more than any other, that has raised against us these whirlwinds and tempests whereby we were almost swept away; and in fact if anyone examines it diligently, and then contrasts therewith the practices of our Church, he will perceive the great discordance, and that our doctrine is utterly different from, and often even contrary to it; which if the people understand, they will not cease their clamour against us till all be divulged, and then we shall become an object of universal scorn and hatred. Wherefore even these few pages must be put away, but with considerable caution lest so doing should raise up greater uproars and tumults."

Such is Rome's attitude still. If there is ever raised in the Romish denomination the cry "Back to the Bible" — the end of Rome would be the result.

Baptists in contrast accept the Bible as sufficient. Acts 5:29. We believe it to be final in every respect. Cf. Num. 22:18; Deut. 12:32; Prov. 30:5,6; Isaiah 8:20; Rev. 22:18, 19.

##### VIII

Baptists baptize only believers, while the Catholic Church is largely made up of those baptized in infancy. The Word of God makes it clear that none but believers are to be baptized. Cf. Acts 2:41; John 4:1; Mt. 28:19; Acts 16:30-34; Acts 18:8.

##### IX

There is Scripture to support every doctrine held by Baptists, while there is no Scripture at all for many Catholic doctrines. Our Baptist slogan is: "If it's in the Bible, it's Baptist doctrine; if it's Baptist doctrine, it's in the Bible."

In contrast, many Catholic doctrines are unheard of in the Bible.

1. Prayers for dead. Began 300 A. D.
2. Making sign of cross. Began 300 A. D.
3. Worship in Latin. Began 600 A. D. Cf. I Cor. 14:19.
4. Prayers to Mary. Began between 600 and 700 A. D.
5. Images. Began 800 A. D.
6. Lent and Friday feast. Began 1,000 A. D.
7. Holy Water. Began 1,000 A. D.
8. Marriage of Priest prohibited. Began about 1,100 A. D. Cf. Mark 1:30.
9. Beads. Began 1,100 A. D.
10. Confession. Began 1,200 A. D. Began by Pope Innocent III.
11. Wine refused to Laity since 1,400 A. D.
12. Purgatory. Began 1,450 A. D.
13. Apocryphal books placed in Bible about 1,550 A. D.
14. Mary born without sin. Began 1,850 A. D.
15. Infallibility of Pope. Began 1,870 A. D.
16. Bible forbidden in 1,229 A. D.

17. Pledge for non-Catholics to sign, if they marry Catholics.

The following is to be signed by the non-Catholic party:

"I the undersigned do hereby solemnly promise and engage that I will not interfere with the religious belief of \_\_\_\_\_ my future (wife or husband) nor with (her or his) full and perfect liberty to fulfill all (her or his) duties as a Catholic; that I will allow all the children of both sexes who may be born of our marriage to be baptized into the Catholic church and to be carefully brought up in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic religion."

##### X

As a Baptist I am at liberty to approach God for myself, whereas in the Catholic Church I must approach Him through the Priest, Church, or some ordinance. I Tim. 2:5.

When Christ died the priest-hood of the O. T. died too. Every Catholic priest is nearly 2,000 years behind time. When Christ died the veil of the Temple was rent in twain, signifying that henceforth man needed no longer a priest, for every man is now his own priest, with Jesus Christ only as his high priest.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, in a revival meeting one night I made a statement relative to Catholics, which a Catholic girl challenged. I talked with her until two o'clock in the morning about the Bible. Finally, I showed her I Tim. 2:5. She said, "If that's in the Catholic Bible, then the whole system of Catholicism is a failure." She was right, and the whole system is a failure!

THEREFORE, "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE" — Rev. 18:4.

#### Christian Evidence

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be allowed to cross-examine them. I will ask that you bring with you one hundred men and women who have been similarly helped by the gospel of infidelity which you preach." The debate was abandoned. The agnostic had no evidence. The Christian had evidence. — The Elim Evangel.

#### AFTER THE CRITICISMS

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For read off the whole list, then tossed it aside, saying, "Boys, you have objected to us pastors, to church members, to the Bible, and other things, but you have not said a word against my Master!" And in a few simple words he preached Christ to them as the faultless One, and invited them to come to Him. Forty-nine responded. — Record of Christian Work.

#### VAIN IMAGINING OF LODGE CROWD

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how cowardly as well as unpatriotic is one who will commit these crimes because he knows that he can get by with them by signaling other lodge members who are as deep in conspiracy as he is in crime because they have promised to extricate him from difficulty whether he deserves to be hanged or not.

Extremely vain is the imagination of anyone who calls himself a Christian and thinks he is pleasing God by being a party to such ungodly associations. The Word says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." Previously He said, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, or what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" Just because

one must acknowledge that is a supreme being does him from being an infidel lodge members will with more than that they believe there is a God and I often if they mean God or just that can be called a god.

them blaspheme the name of mighty God while professing to believe in Him. They use of Christ freely in profane anteroom, but bar its use in the degree work. He is believed to exist, but ignored otherwise and Christ named from mention for fending the rankest of unbelief the Jews and Mohammed.

It is vanity of vanities that there can be any salvation anything that man can do another or that one can do himself. The only means of salvation is to depend on and appropriate the work that Christ done in our behalf on the cross. Being dead in trespasses and we were helpless to do so, but because of Christ's sacrifice He and the Father together with the Holy Spirit has quickened and brought to life those who looked to Calvary and trusted in the shed blood of Christ for pardon from sin and for salvation.

The people imagine a vain when they think they can give any man-made plan for definite directions for salvation. There is nothing that anyone can do as much as salvation and it is only one way to obtain that way is plain and simple. A few will do the one thing right, but instead they "join" ungodly organizations and "follow the teachings of" these organizations. They imagine they are doing something.

Dear Reader, if you have trusting in anything except the blood of Christ for remission of your sins, trusting in any other way you can do, trusting in membership, even that of a lodge for salvation, will you now turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone can save you and call on Him and commit your life to Him and separate yourself from Him who gave His life for you. His precious blood for your salvation?

It seems too simple to be true, but it is the only way to works. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Do not think that you have waited until the end of this world to find out if you are going to be saved or lost. Do not wait until the Great White Throne judgment to learn about the fate of sin, for every sin of the Christian has been judged, he has been found guilty, condemned to death but Christ has become the substitute and has satisfied the penalty of sin and paid the penalty of death. As a result, sin has been cancelled for each one who receives Him and Salvation is present and permanent possession of every believer. Col. 2:13 puts the forgiveness of sin in the past and I John 1:7 says that the "blood of Jesus His Son, cleanseth us all from ALL sin past, present and future." To be sure, the believer who is chastened for present unbelief, but it cannot effect his salvation. His works will be praised, but His soul is safe in the hands of Christ and he may confront him. The life with Christ in God and the world is no longer a strange foreigner to God, but a fellow-laborer with the saints and angels of the household of God. 19, 20.

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