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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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Fishers And Hunters Who Seek Israel

By Abram Poljak,

Christian Jewish Refugee from Germany, now in a refugee camp (Canada).

We who bring into connection the Biblical prophecies with the present day and know Hitler's development, his mediumistic gifts, his leanings toward Spiritualism, had from the beginning no doubt that in Hitler no mere politician had appeared. With regard to Christianity Hitler is a forerunner of the Antichrist; with regard to Judaism, one of the great line of destroyers of the people, like Nebuchadnezzar, Titus, etc.

As the Church will release the Antichrist, so the Jews have caused the misfortune of Hitler—a punishment for, a correction in a wrong way. That wrong way was assimilation, the desire of the Jews to be looked upon not as Jews, but as Germans. To-day the Jews in Germany have to suffer because they were bad Germans, as the Nazis maintain, but because they were

TOO GOOD GERMANS

In reality, the assimilationist Jews have sacrificed everything for German patriotism, even truth and their honor.

They denied the existence of the Jewish nation, declared themselves a mere religious society, and adopted German first names. And who was not satisfied with that? They asked for baptism and changed his family name. The assimilationist Jews were determined to forget Jerusalem. But "if I forget Jerusalem, O Jerusalem let my right hand forget her cunning." (Psalm 137:5). And it forgot its cunning.

God has never allowed a misfortune to come over His people Israel without previously warning them through admonishes and prophecies.

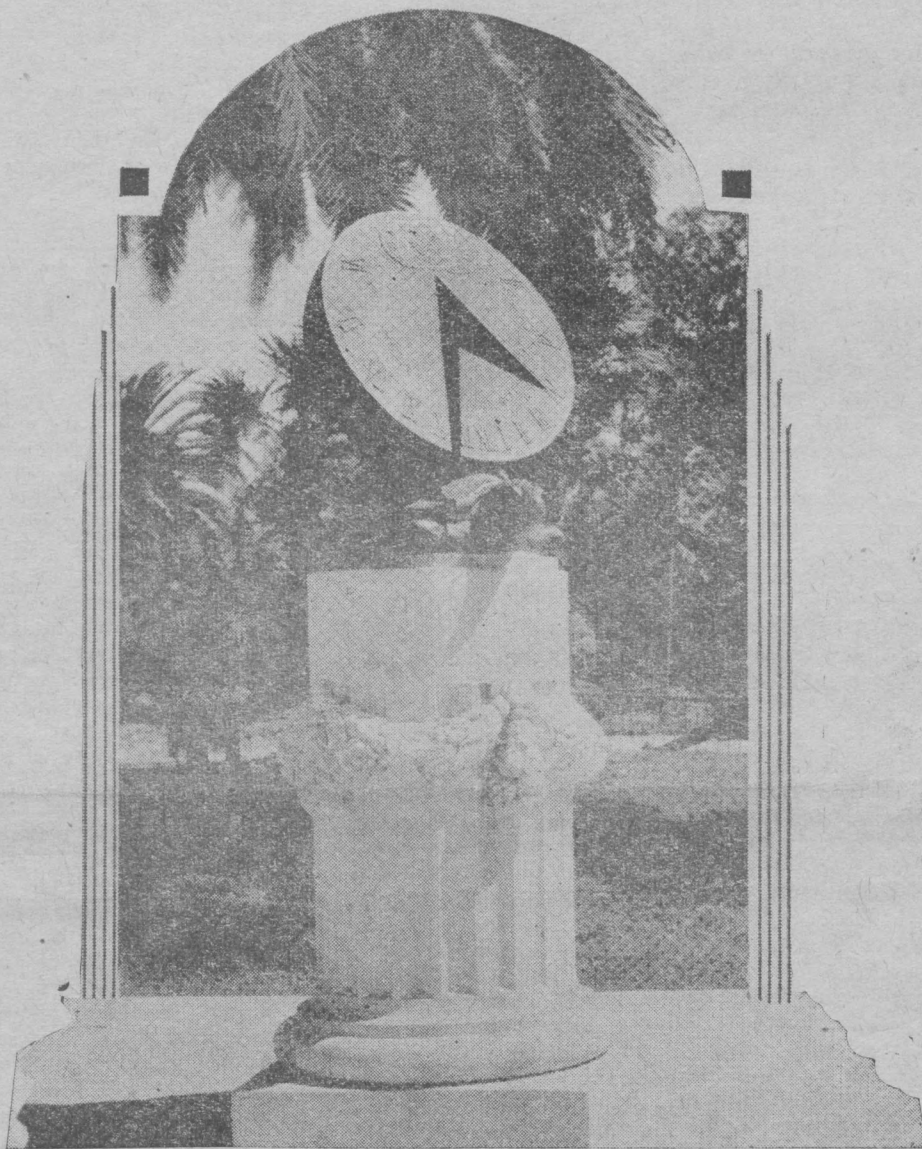
Forty years ago God sent to the Jewish people a leader in the person of the Viennese author, Dr. Theodor Herzl. He wanted to call a first Zionists congress to Munich. But the Munich assimilationists protested: "We do not want to know anything about Zion. Germany is our Palestine and we love our Jerusalem."

Herzl went to Basle. There, in 1897, the first Zionist Congress took place. Herzl pointed to the

WORTHWHILE LESSON

Noah Brooks of Wheaton tells a missionary unable to return to Africa on account of the fever, he bought a farm in Kansas with the proceeds of his missions. He dealt in high bred cattle and developed a herd of remarkable cattle. One heifer was particularly his joy and delight. He learned to love it and take as much pleasure in it as the affection between man and beast. The heifer died. It was a blow to his

The Sundial



Days and years are marked off by the sun. As the shadow slowly moves around the sundial, so it brings ever nearer the final scenes predicted in the prophecies of old. "He will come to us, sure as the dawn."—Hosea 6:3. (Moffatt's translation).

"If Jesus Had Not Been Born"

By Elder Wm. M. Kretschmer, Grayson, Kentucky

(Read Is. 53:1-12; Luke 2:1-20)
IF never had so much force as it does in the subject — IF—Jesus Had Not Been Born. What would your life be, and what would the condition of this world (mankind) be? It will be helpful if anyone would figure as to the consequences of things that would be

Now if Jesus Christ, the Messiah had not been born, there would have been no adequate revelation of God, and the revelation that we do have would have no meaning to mankind whatever. (Daniel 2:22, 47). The Old Testament would

despair. (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Eternal Life Insurance"

John 10:27-29, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, 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."

I want to tell you about the greatest insurance policy in the world. I am an agent for the company. I represent the King's Eternal Life Insurance Company. It has headquarters in Heaven. The directorate includes God the Fa-

ther, Son, and Holy Spirit. The President is the King of kings. The General Agent is the Holy Spirit.

I want to offer some reasons why you should take a policy in

this company. First of all, it is the oldest. It has been doing business for thousands of years and it has never changed its policies nor management: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and

The Local Church And Alien Baptism

W. Lee Rector Ardmore, Okla.

A friend of the truth sends a number of questions, requesting us to answer them. Here goes:

1. "What constitutes alien baptism?" Answer: Alien baptism is an act, miscalled baptism, administered by an apostate, or unfaithful church. It is an act that does not conform to the divine requirements controlling the ordinance. Alien baptism always lacks church authority and no church has authority to baptize that is not of, and like, the first church at Jerusalem.

Scriptural baptism is an act of a New Testament church in which the believer in Christ Jesus is buried in water by the authority of the local church in order to show forth a symbol the Lord's death, burial and resurrection. In this divine order, we have: Proper authority, a New Testament Church; proper subject, a believer in Christ Jesus; proper mode, immersion or burial in water, proper motive, a desire to show forth in an act the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Matt. 28:19-20 and Rom. 6:4.

2. "If a Missionary Baptist Church receives a Free-will Baptist on their immersion, is that alien baptism?" Answer: No, since the act of receiving a member is not an act of baptism. The Missionary Baptist church in question was not the baptizer of the Free-will Baptist. The act, however, of receiving such a member constitutes a sanction of alien baptism, and as a consequence, the next act of baptism by such a Missionary Baptist Church would be alien baptism since by its own sanction of unscriptural baptism, it becomes a party to heresy, and thus loses its authority to baptize.

3. "If so, does the baptism administered by the Missionary Baptist Church before or after reception of Free-wills become alien baptism?" Answer: The baptism of this church before its act of infidelity is not made alien by this church's unfaithful act. An unfaithful act of a hitherto church cannot be retroactive, or cannot vitiate the faithful acts of the body up to the time of its first act of infidelity. A church is bound by its own acts and these acts presuppose prayerful and scriptural deliberation. The baptism of this church after its act of infidelity

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WHY?

Our nation spends annually six to seven billions of dollars on gambling (\$46.00 per capita); \$120.00 per capita for crime; \$38.60 for liquor; \$15.33 for education; and only \$6.00 for Christianity. We sing "God Bless America," and God wonders "why?"

General M. B. Montgomery, in charge of British troops in Africa, is a preacher's son. Both his father and grandfather were ardent temperance advocates, and he himself

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PARLOR CARDS

(Mrs. J. S. T.)

I am frank to confess that I have never been able to understand why people, church members, who are otherwise alright, want to contaminate themselves with cards. Cards are now, always have been, and always will be, in bad repute. They are associated with evil, and with evil persons, and you cannot escape it. It is said that a soldier on entering battle will hurl his cards to the wind. He has a horror of his dead body being found with this brand of evil upon it. Fair hands have striven in vain to elevate cards. While on the other hand cards have dragged women down to their damnable level. Their hands are stained, and they, as Lady MacBeth, may strive in vain to out the damned spot.

Recent investigations have brought to light some of the vilest conditions of gambling the world has ever known, owned, controlled and patronized by women. American womanhood is outraged by such conditions as these. And yet daily fine young church women are being led into card playing by the would-be social leaders that infest every community. God deliver us from such women!

These gray-haired, big-lipped, rouge-faced women who pride themselves on their social standing and their power to kill or make alive in their social world. Their efforts to keep themselves young is pitiful. I want to digress here far enough to say that nothing but the grace of God can make a woman past fifty beautiful, and you must fit your garment in youth and middle life. You would be a scarecrow to don it when you are old. In other words, if you have wasted your life in pursuit of selfish pleasure and have led many away from true home and church life, you may well look forward to a witch-like, godless old age. It's coming! You cannot escape it. I am thinking now of a woman of this type who says that the temptation to take her own life is so overpowering that she is afraid to be left alone.

I knew a woman several years ago who made her brag that her husband and sons did not have to leave home to play cards, that they played every evening at home around their own fireside. She said that in this way she would save them from evil companions. It was their custom after the evening meal to clear the old mahogany center table of Bible and books of poetry and all sit down together, father, mother and sons. They usually played till a late hour and often red wine flashed in cut glass tumblers. But alas. The time came when the sons were not satisfied with the home game and the father also excused himself after tea and spent his evenings down town.

Thy Will Be Done

Not in dumb resignation
We lift our hands on high;
Not like the nerveless fatalist,
Content to do and die:
Our faith springs like the eagle
Who soars to meet the sun,
And cries exulting unto Thee
"O Lord, Thy will be done!"

When tyrant feet are trampling
Upon the common weal,
Thou dost not bid us bend and writhe
Beneath the iron heel.
In Thy name we claim our right,
By sword, or tongue, or pen;
And even the headsman's axe may flash
Thy message unto men.

Thy will! It bids the weak be strong,
It bids the strong be just:
No lip to fawn, no hand to beg,
No brow to seek the dust.
Wherever man oppresses man,
Beneath Thy liberal sun,
O Lord, be there, Thine arm made bare,
Thy righteous will be done!

—John Hay

If you will go with me to that called "whited sepulchres." From home today I will show you a white-haired, broken, lonely old woman who sits at home and weeps and there is none to comfort her.

Her sons are away. Their lives are wrecked. Disgrace and crime have followed in their train, and there is none too low for their associates. The old father stalks the floor like a mad man when at home and his sober hours are a bitter refrain of remorse. These people were Baptists and "much set by" in the church.

When a marriage engagement is announced in this advanced age the social leaders in the community get together and plan a series of bridge parties. The fair young bride is ushered into one of the holiest institutions of God with spots before her eyes. Is it any wonder that the domestic ship is often wrecked on the sea of matrimony when she enters over this "bridge of sighs" that women feign to be so fond of? The bridge that leads from true home and church life over into recognized society. Society! It is said that all milk-maids are ambitious to be society women, while the society women to the manner born frets that fate placed her in such an unnatural element and longs for freedom from it that she may live a natural life. Funny, isn't it? Young woman reader, if you are being tempted with this life with its false ideals, I beg of you "stop, look, and listen." It may save you a wreck. There are still people in the world who have true ideals and the courage of their convictions. The time has never been when the world would not pause to regard the man or woman who stands for the right, though they stand alone.

"They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three." I have seen a church with a goodly number of "high flyers," who played cards, danced, drank, attended races and gambled. In fact, they lived just as that class of church members usually lived. The class that destroys the influence of the church and intimidates their pastor. The class that Christ

called "whited sepulchres." From a church like this I have seen a seventeen year old boy, the son of a poor widow, sent to prison for gambling. The poor mother sat at home in humiliation and sorrow. She said she should have raised him better. Others shook their heads and said, "Blood will show." But a woman of another membership said that the woman made the mistake when she sent her boy to that Baptist church. And I believe she was right, not that the church she represents is any better in its practice than the Baptist church. But that I know by sad experience that it is impossible to lead young people into consecrated Christian living unless the example is found in the lives of the elder members of the church. We have gotten too broad for an institution founded and built on the "straight and narrow way." We have gotten so broad that "Infidel France" had to ask Christian America to stop sending cards to the soldiers during World War I; that they were too demoralizing to be tolerated. — Religious Herald.

WHY I MUST REJECT COMMUNISM OF EVERY BRAND

Bolshevism - Nazism - Fascism
or Parlor Pinks - Red Shirts,
Brown Shirts, Black Shirts or
Night Shirts

By Keith L. Brooks

The most significant movement of our day is the trend toward some form of Communism in every land. The iron of dictatorship, mixed with the miry clay of totalitarianism, is producing the weak and brittle feet on which the Prophet Daniel said the nations would stand just prior to their final crash. (Dan. 2: 31-45).

1. I REJECT COMMUNISM because it is essentially irreligious. Because Communists find Christian teaching opposed to the theory that individualism must end, they reject it as "the opiate of the people." No one who reads after the Socialist writers can be deceived as to the relation it bears to Bible teaching.

2. I REJECT COMMUNISM because it is based on the evolution-

ary hypothesis and gross materialism. The world of existence is viewed as an altogether materialistic one and Communism is said to be the inevitable outcome of social evolution which eventually must swallow up individuals in the social strata. It means self-annihilation. It destroys all incentive to develop personal gifts and ambitions. It reduces God-given genius to the common level. It makes every individual a mere cog in a great wheel operated by those appointed to decide what is for the common good. It means loss of freedom of speech, press, and assembly.

3. I REJECT COMMUNISM because it is opposed to morality. All ethics and social morality are regarded as wholly animal in their origin and have neither authority from God, bearing on future life or need of supernatural sanction to maintain them. Morality can take care of itself. The sex impulse is permitted to rule or may be used for the benefit of the state.

4. I REJECT COMMUNISM because it means the abolition of private capital and property and the forcing of collective ownership in carrying on the industrial work of the world. It means regimentation under the authority of unregenerate men and produces tyranny and slavery more degrading than any other type of government known in history.

5. I REJECT COMMUNISM because it rests on a false assumption at the base: that it has plenty of honest, capable, energetic men to put its ideals into operation. Under such a system, rejecting religion and morality at the outset, there is even greater temptation to racketeering and self-interest than under other systems of government.

Society will never be elevated except in proportion as the individuals who compose it are elevated in the knowledge of the true God, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Only in countries where genuine Christianity prevails is there any tendency to abolish hurtful laws and institutions and to correct the evils of society. Not until the Prince of Peace Himself comes will there be a social order where in righteousness and justice prevail.

WHICH ONE?

One of these seven men will rule the world after the war is over:

C-hurchill
H-itler
R-oosevelt
I-l Duce
S-talin
T-ojo

The seventh name is found by using the initial letters of the six. Thank God He will eventually rule. May that time be soon!

— Adapted from Faith and Works.

EIGHTEEN REASONS

Why The First Church Was Organized Before Pentecost

By J. H. Thurman

There is every reason to believe the first church was in existence before Pentecost. It had every essential of a church before Pentecost. The proof is positive.

1. They had the gospel before Pentecost. "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ." (Mk. 1: 1).

2. They had a commission to preach. "And as ye go, preach, saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt. 10:5-7).

3. They had the keys of the kingdom of heaven. "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 16:19).

4. They had authority to baptize. "Go ye therefore, and teach

all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Mt. 28:19).

5. They had baptized believers. "Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region around about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins." (Mt. 3:5-6).

6. They had an ordained ministry. "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach." (Mk. 3:14).

7. The Apostles, prophets and teachers were in it before Pentecost. "God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers." (1 Cor. 12:28).

8. They had a church roll with 120 names. "And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about 120) (Ac. 1:15).

9. About 3,000 were added to this church on the day of Pentecost. "And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." (Ac. 2:41).

10. They had the great commission before Pentecost. "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Ac. 1:8; Mt. 28:19-20).

11. They had a prayer meeting in an upper room before Pentecost. "They went up into an upper room . . . These all continued with one accord in prayer." (Ac. 1:14).

12. They had a business meeting before Pentecost. "And they appointed two, Joseph called Barnabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Mathias. And they prayed, and showed whether of these two should be chosen . . . And they gave forth their lots, and the lot fell upon Mathias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles." (Ac. 1:15-26).

13. They had a church treasury (Judas) before Pentecost. "For some of them thought because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor." (Jn. 13:29).

14. Prophecy had said Jesus would sing in His church, the record says He did. "In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto Thee." (Ps. 22:22; Heb. 2:12). "And when They had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives." (Mk. 14:26).

15. They had the Lord's Supper before Pentecost. "Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take eat, this is my body. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; and this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Ac. 1:11).

16. If organized on Pentecost the great commission was given to individuals, and not to the church, for Jesus had been in heaven ten days, and the great commission was given by Him before He ascended. (Ac. 1:11).

18. They had instructions for church discipline before Pentecost. "If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou shalt have gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." (Mt. 18:15-17).

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On his way through Vienna, Theodor Herzl perhaps met that boy whose star was to rise in Munich

The hunt was carried on: The Jews in Austria saw and heard everything that happened to the Jews on the other side of the frontier. But they could not believe that the same thing was awaiting them. So much did they believe in Austria, so much did they love the singing and sound of Vienna, so much were they connected with the joyous and courteous Austrians. Therefore their eyes did not see and their ears did not hear; they did not

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On his way through Vienna, Theodor Herzl perhaps met that boy whose star was to rise in Munich

leave Austria betimes but waited, for five years, until Hitler marched, in March, 1938.

And the hunt was carried on. The Jews in Czechoslovakia, who had trusted in Masaryk and Benes, were caught by Hitler. Masaryk died, Benes was driven away, and Czechoslovakia became the extended arm of Hitler.

And the hunt was carried on: The Jews in Italy, who had trusted in Mussolini, were caught by Hitler. For years Mussolini had protected the Jews, made Jews generals of the Italian army and dignitaries of the Fascist Party and the State, recommended mixed marriages between Jews and Italians, and declared Judaism to be a matter of cult. Overnight he changed his mind and became the extended arm of Hitler.

And so the hunt will go on until the Jews of every country will be in the hands of the hunters (they may be called Hitler or Smith or Miller).

Is there a way out? In the middle ages the Jews need only ask for church baptism in order to escape all persecution. For the first time in the history of Israel there is no way out. A change of religion does not count. The way out is barred.

There is only one way left: inward! The way of repentance and purification, the way of faith, faith and miracles. The Jews in Germany as well as on emigration can now only be saved thru miracles of God. The Jews have now to tread either the way of faith or

THE WAY OF DEATH.

But God wants the Jews to return to Him and learn to have faith. To learn faith in the Almighty God of Israel, who saved His people "with a mighty hand and outstretched arm" from the bondage of Egypt.

We thank Him for all the strokes with which we are driven from darkness to light. It is better that we arrive beaten and bleeding at the glorious goal than that we decay happily and contented in darkness. As long as things were all right with us in Germany and all over the world, we did not know anything of God, of the salvation of our souls and the world beyond.

Hitler's arrows, our misery, have led us to the innermost heart. We have lost our earthly home, but found the heavenly one. We have lost our economic support, but won the friendship of the ravens of Elijah. On the bitter ways of emigration we have found Jesus, the riches of all worlds.

He has made a covenant with us, the covenant of redemption, love and peace. He is our King, and we are His people. Through Him we have found Zion, the Holy Land, our Home. And though its gates are closed to us, and we have to walk from land to land, we know not why. For His sake! He has opened our eyes and given us the whole world to be a home that infinite world that is in Him.

And from that world, the world of Christ, we look down on the orbit of time and see embedded in Christ's mercy the tide of all fate.

— Prophecy.

THE LOCAL CHURCH AND ALIEN BAPTISM

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A decision involving anything so far reaching as receiving alien baptism should be settled by the church in a specially called conference for that purpose and such deliberation should be had only after all members have officially been notified about the same. If after such steps are taken, and the

church approves alien baptism, then by its own decision, it becomes apostate and its subsequent acts of baptism would be reckoned alien by the Scriptures.

4. "A Baptist Church organized under Pendleton's Baptist Manual and for ten years did not receive alien baptism, but called a pastor that in his meetings got the church to receive some alien baptism, and many of the members did not believe in, and did not vote for or against it. While pastor, he baptized some by the authority of the church. Is that alien baptism?" Answer: Yes, if there was a quorum present. The members present who failed to register a vote against receiving the brethren offering themselves on alien baptism should have remembered two things: First, according to parliamentary practice, an unregistered vote is reckoned an affirmative vote, and second, it takes but one vote to keep an applicant out of the church. Even though the protestors had been in the minority among those present, just one negative vote would have saved the church from such sin. To secure church membership requires unanimous vote, else the fellowship of the church is broken by the act of receiving a member. In every other vote in a Baptist church a majority rules.

The above named church is under obligation to acknowledge its error and ask God's forgiveness, and then demand that the parties receive on their alien baptism be rebaptized by the authority of the local church body. Until the church acknowledges its error and makes right its wrong, we can but conclude that it has openly accepted heresy, and having done so, has become apostate. The baptism of an apostate Baptist church is alien. See the Holy Spirit's instruction by Paul, Eph. 4:4-6. We cannot escape the import of "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

5. "This church gets rid of that pastor and calls another who opposes receipt of alien immersion, he baptizes members by the authority of that church. Is that baptism alien because of the act of the church under the loose pastor receiving some alien baptism?" Answer: Yes, it is alien. A church which compromises the faith can't administer Scriptural baptism until it has squared itself with the one Faith. The faithful pastor ought to ask his church to clean its skirts before proceeding with acts of baptism.

6. "It takes the vote of the church to receive members on alien immersion, but as five or seven generally constitute a quorum to receive members, and just a quorum on alien baptism, and there are twenty-five or thirty not present, does this make it so that the church's baptism is alien?" Answer: Yes, if the local church officially acknowledges a certain number as constituting a quorum, then that number can officially by vote bind the church. The absent ones, the twenty-five or thirty, from the conference were guilty of sin of omission — they should have been there, and the quorum group was guilty of sin of commission — they should not have so voted. A church so guilty has but one recourse, if it would be faithful. The absentee group should acknowledge its remissness, and the second group should apologize for its sin. If members of the quorum won't acknowledge their sin, then let them be excluded for heresy.

7. "If a church does not habitually practice open communion and the practice of alien baptism, and a large number, a majority, have scriptural baptism, can they

administer scriptural baptism?" Answer: No. Such a church, being officially partakers of heresy cannot administer scriptural baptism. It must make clean its own skirts. We have already discussed the order for so doing.

"IF JESUS HAD NOT BEEN BORN"

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have no meaning because Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is the key to its interpretation, John 8:58. The world of nature would be a puzzle, for while it seems to speak of a God of goodness, power and wisdom, God would still remain inexplicable because no one had come to reveal His personal nature. (Gen. 3:15; Is. 61:1-2; Luke 1:26). There would be no revelation of God as a living personality. (Is. 7:14). We would know that God is loving, sympathetic, and forgiving. (Num. 21:8). We would know that God loved sinners and was willing to give His life by going to the cross to pay for the crime of sinners. (John 3:14, 15; I Cor. 6:20). We would know that He loved all mankind in this world alike. (John 3:16). We would have no faith in a Saviour. (Ps. 23:1-6; Is. 53:1-12). But worse than all we would not even know to call God our "Heavenly Father," (Matt. 9:6), who pities those who fear Him and who has mercy upon those who disobey Him. (Ps. 103:13; Luke 23:34). Mankind would still be crying out, "Show us the Father" (John 14:8); because no one had said, "He that hath seen me (Jesus) hath seen the Father." (John 14:9). God would still be in the dark and the whole world would still be in fear of His perfect righteousness and awful judgment. (John 1:3-5, 9; I Cor. 15:14).

If Jesus, the Messiah, had not been born, there would be no salvation from sin, and we would face the terrible fact and personal guilt of sin without any hope of mercy, prospected deliverance, and assurance of forgiveness. (Rom. 1:16). The fact would remain that "the soul that sinneth it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4). Each of us would face the certain execution of the penalty because no one had come to take away sin (Rom. 3:23); and our conscience would forever sting with the piercing guilt of our own disobedience and selfishness. (I Cor. 15:55, 56). The peace of divine forgiveness and reconciliation with God, the souls deepest yearning would be a desire never to be satisfied. (John 5:24). The glorious word "Saviour" would never have been known. (Luke 2:11). The precious name of Jesus would have conveyed the good tidings of God's salvation. (Luke 1:10, 11). There would be no gospel of redemption to proclaim to the whole creation (Rom. 1:16); and if there had not been in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord, (Luke 2:4, 11) all of mankind would be forever lost (Luke 19:10); without a mediator, (I Tim. 2:5); without a substitute (2 Cor. 5:21); without any atonement (Rom. 5:11); without grace from God (Eph. 2:8); and without a Saviour, which is Christ, (Luke 1:31).

If Christ Jesus, the Messiah, had not been born, there would be no help with life's struggles, and we would face life without any Light or Power for living. (Matt. 9:6). Man would have no power for moral achievement, for we would be without the help of the one person ever to conquer evil completely; without the one who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15); without the help of the one who is able to give victory over

Satan (Rev. 15:2); and we would have very little light on life's problems (John 1:9); and just how we can have access to God. (Eph. 2:6). We would not know what should be our attitude toward others (John 13:34); and what should come first in life, (Eph. 1:12). Now we know Jesus Christ is first (Col. 1:15); and our light is hid with Christ in God. (Col. 3:3; Romans 11:15). The world would be without an acceptable revelation and source of authority (Matt. 7:29); and without ambition for worthy living. (Gal. 2:20). The world would be without its greatest figures (Acts 8:32); without the outstanding personality (Mark 9:27), who in devotion to Christ, have tried to serve and follow Him. (Gal. 5:13). The world would be without its greatest music (Luke 15:25); its greatest poetry (Acts 17:29); its greatest art (Acts 17:29); its greatest literature (2 Peter 1:21); its greatest hymns (Eph. 5:19); and without salvation. (John 10:1).

If Christ Jesus, the Messiah, had not been born, there would be no relief from sorrow. (Rev. 21:4). Without Christ Jesus there would be no explanation of suffering because there would be no revelation that God suffered. (Acts 3:18). Now we know God sympathizes (Is. 63:9); God understands (Acts 26:18); God cares (I Peter 5:7); and God has a purpose of grace in the suffering of His children (Matt. 19:14). As a result, there would be no joy, peace and consolation. (Matt. 9:22). Without Christ we would face death without assurance of immortality. (2 Tim. 1:10). Without Christ we would have no solace for our stricken hearts when dearest loved ones are taken from us. (Prov. 7:18). The life beyond the grave would be one blank blackness of despair, anguish and uncertainty. (Hosea 13:14; I Cor. 15:55). We would all be throughout our life subject to bondage through the fear of death. (Heb. 2:15; Heb. 10:31). We would stand at the gaping grave, swallowed up by death (Ps. 22:1-31); conquered by our worst enemy, having spent our lives and our labor would be in vain, and our faith dead. (I Cor. 15:17-19).

If Christ Jesus the Messiah had not been born, we would face a Godless (Romans 5:12); joyless (James 4:9); lifeless, (I John 2:16) hopeless (Eph. 2:12) world. What could make it better? If we know not God (John 1:11); if He does not care (I Peter 5:7); if sin can never be forgiven (Mark 2:5); if there is no light for the way to live here, and no light for the world beyond. (John 8:12). If there is no one to redeem, (Rev. 5:9); to regenerate (John 4:14); to guide, (Luke 1:79); and finally to conquer (I Cor. 15:3-4); then there can be absolutely no hope. (I John 2:17). A better world and a better womanhood, (John 11:26), would remain under a curse (Gal. 4:2); the unworthy cast out (Luke 19:45); the poor forever discounted (Matt. 5:3); the weak helpless, (Romans 14:1), and without the one who came to preach the gospel to them.

Thank God, and let us rejoice that the IF of this subject is not so. (2 Tim. 2:16). Thanks to the fulfillment of the promise of God the Father to all the lost world (Gen. 3:15); and to every one believing through faith in this Lord, the Messiah, Christ Jesus. (John 5:24). God has granted to them His grace (John 3:16-18); but mankind is being misled in that many teach salvation by the works of men. But praise be to the Lord God, in the fulness of time, there was born in the City of David, a

Saviour, which is Christ our Lord (Luke 2:11). Thus the black picture became a picture of Him (John 1:5). God reveals Himself in the person of His Son, (John 1:14); and Jesus came to save people from their sins. (Matt. 21). Thus life is lighted by the majestic personality of Jesus Nazareth (John 14:6); the light the world keeps on shining (John 4:6); life's meaning becomes (Eph. 2:8); power is available (Romans 1:16); victory is assured (I Cor. 15:57); death has been conquered (Rev. 20:14); we live beyond the grave (I Cor. 15:55); and eternal crown is ours (James 1:12); and while here in this life we have sufficient to endure life's sufferings. (1:16). The whole world is plunging head-long into the of eternal night, eternal Hell, cause the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Lord God, and Christ His only gotten Son, who bought us with price. (I Cor. 6:20).

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hopes. The first day he ordered the heifer to remain where he died. He told his wife that the death of the calf. He couldn't think of putting it in his sight. The second day he pulled out into the lot, but were given not to bury it. He came back and looked at it, grieved over it.

The third day he went to the and upon returning went to see the heifer, and lo the Flies had come and the was rising.

He ordered a farm hand to it out of his sight and go and it.

After supper he said to his "I've learned a lesson today I forget. I know why God some things put away from lives." Then he told her he came back and found the state of corruption and degradation. "I can now see," "that if some things in are not put away and buried will breed corruption." —

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self never drinks. — The Baptist.

Dr. Albert Schweitzer "Drink is commercially our est wastrel; socially it is our est criminal; morally and religiously it is our greatest enemy."

Since we are spending \$1,500 capita on this war and \$1,000 capita on Christianity we well wonder why God should us in this war. We are spending more than six times as much liquor than we are spending Christianity; more than two half times as much for liquor for education and we wonder God does not stop the war.

The Editor's Tent

The editor has a tent, since 60 which he would like to busy during the entire summer gospel meetings. He will be able to use it all the time of self, therefore, takes this opportunity of informing our readers that this tent can be procured at a small weekly rental fee, in practically a new tent and in excellent condition. If any readers are interested in a tent meeting this summer would be a mighty good opportunity to procure a good water tent for the services.