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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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We Suffer We Shall Also Reign With Him" "Am Enclosing My Check For \$100"

"WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER,
LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER" MATT. 19:16,



Thus writes a Kentucky layman, who says in part: "Have intended writing you for several days. Thought perhaps you would be needing money for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, so am enclosing my check for \$100."

We have received many fine appreciated letters within the last few days. The following are samples of our correspondence from readers in eight states. We take pleasure in sharing them with our readers.

"We just want to tell you how much we enjoy the good old BAPTIST EXAMINER. Its all we have here to feed our hungry souls on except the Bible. We intend to receive it as long as you may publish it."

— Mr. and Mrs. Glen Sergeant, Leon, W. Va.

"As your paper has always been such a help to me, I am sending this dollar to renew my subscription."

— Mrs. Jennie Bullock, Ludlow, Kentucky.

"I am enclosing \$10.00 for you in the name of our Lord, for His work. I feel that you are being in it. I am enjoying my BAPTIST EXAMINERS as usual, and certain-

ly would miss it, if it ceased coming to my home."

— Carey E. Witt, Franklin, Ky.

"I just received a sample copy of your paper. Thanks for sending it. I like it so much that I am sending my subscription for one year. We don't get the truth very often out here on the west coast like you give it."

— E. J. Nowell, Hanford, California.

"I like your paper. I like it so well that I am subscribing for it. Every Southern and Northern Baptist ought to read it weekly."

— Elder Thomas W. Bray, Thomasville, North Carolina.

"I have been reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for two years. I think it is the best I ever read. I wish it were in every home."

— J. H. Gentry, Yuma, Ky.

"I enjoy your paper very much. May God bless you."

— Mrs. William Lackey, Akron, Ohio

"There is no better paper anywhere than THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I'm glad the Lord still has men who are not afraid to stand for the old faith."

— Elder R. G. Richardson, Ce-
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RUSSIA WILL MAKE PACE WITH GERMANY PHASED IN BIBLE

many months the Midnight has been warning that Russia eventually will tie up with Germany. Now, according to David writing in the Chicago Her-American, even official Washington is shocked by the project of an alliance.

es were opened to the true of Russia on July 21 when Soviet issued a manifesto urging the Nazi army and the work in the Reich to come over to relation with Russia. The message to the German people, cloaked the name of "The National Committee to Free Germany," was from Moscow without advertising to our State Department. Leading signers of the manifesto were recognized as the Communist "party hacks," despite Soviet claim that the committee was largely composed of captured German soldiers.

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Of Fundamentalism

of the worst evils of Fundamentalism is that of Unionism. send their foreign missionaries through Interdenominational agencies. In so doing they endorse substitution of sprinkling and baptism by the authority of the Catholic Church. That wicked and as soul-destroying heresy as Modernism. Catholics set up the authority of

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'Christ And Our Baptist Missionary Responsibility'

By W. Lee Rector, Ardmore, Oklahoma

The Bible surely shows that Christ is heaven's missionary exemplar. John the Baptist, the introducer of the Lord Jesus, declares himself to be "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord, as said by the prophet Esaias," Jno. 1:23, and he is the voice of the Lord. He further declares, "He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose," Jno. 1:27. Thus this man sent from God sets the Lord up in a class all by Himself. He is truly exemplary in every aspect of life. He is heaven's missionary exemplar.

This Missionary Exemplar comes on a world mission, Jno. 3:16, and in order to vitilize this mission. He organizes His church to be His mouthpiece or witness throughout

the ages. Yes, He personally organizes His church to proclaim His blood gospel; He personally sets His house in order; and He personally sends His witnesses out to preach, Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13; and I Cor. 12:28.

Before His crucifixion, He grants His church authority to operate in His name and to witness unto saving grace, Matt. 16:19; Matt. 18:18. This authority is delegated, and by it His church is empowered to bind and to loose.

Between the interim of His resurrection and ascension, He commissions His church to evangelize and to baptize and to teach throughout the ages, Matt. 28:19-20. Receiving this commission, His church finds it to be an age old and a world-wide mission, and during this interim, He gives His church

its Magna Carta, forever freeing it from all ecclesiastical chains which would appear in the life of Christendom. He makes it responsible to Him and to Him only when He says, "Ye shall witness unto me," Acts 1:8.

In granting His church authority to act for Him, and in giving it a world wide and ages-old commission, and in decreeing its freedom from all fetters which might subsequently be forged for it, the Lord imposes upon His house a mighty responsibility, with which responsibility we shall primarily concern ourself in this study.

FACTS ABOUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY

The individual church alone qualifies to carry out the Lord's commission. It has the authority to

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HOW THE COMING OF CHRIST WILL AFFECT THIS GODLESS WORLD

"In that night there shall be two in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left." (Luke 17:34),

"In a moment; in the twinkling of an eye . . . the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." (I Cor. 15:52).

"The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." (I Thess. 4:16-17).

We are looking down on a great American city.

Down below the sun and moon and stars, the earth revolves toward another day. The world dozes on, not knowing that during the night thousands of human beings belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ

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Robbers - Tithers - Givers

All Baptists, like all Gaul, may be divided into three parts or classes. Those who do not tithe are robbers. God said so. They hold God up and take from Him, the tithe, which He says is the Lord's. The tithers are those, who conscientiously pay God one-tenth of all they receive, but stop there. Duty and debt are the big motives with them. They pay God

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Parable Of The Tares"

(Read Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43)

This second parable is different to all the balance which Jesus gave in that it is recorded only by Matthew.

Though entirely distinct, and a separate event, this, in reality, is a continuation of the truth which Jesus began to teach in the pre-

ceding parable. The scene is a familiar one to us, namely, the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus' pulpit is a boat. As in the first parable, He speaks again of a plowed field, though in this parable when we see the field it has already been sown with good grain. The sower himself is no where to

be seen. He has done his work; he has earned his rest; night has come, and he has gone to bed. While the sower sleeps, there creeps up a shadowy figure from the pit and sows other seeds over all the field. Both the seeds of the day sower and of the night sower come

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MY PRAYER

Help me, Oh God! when life grows grim

In childlike faith to look to Him
Who knew more sorrow than we could bear

Who stands with hands outstretched to share

Each woeful day, with loving care.

Help me then Lord, when life is gay

And I go singing along my way
To walk in His footsteps and never stray

Yes, help me Lord, when I'm at ease

To give my life, the Lord to please

As my friends well know, during the past eighteen months we have gone through deep waters as far as legal difficulties and the trials of life are concerned. Mrs. L. M. Lester, one of the faithful members of the First Baptist Church of Russell, of which church the editor has been pastor for fifteen years, composed the above poem. She says, "This was written with your troubles on my heart and as it was really for you, I am sending the first copy to you."

KENTUCKY BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

"Lo the children are a heritage of the Lord." — Psa. 127:3.

"Oh! there's nothing on earth half so holy as the innocent heart of a child." — Charles Dickens

"He who helps a child helps humanity with an immediateness which no other help given to human creatures in any other state of human life can possibly give again." — Phillips Brooks

There are more than 400,000 Baptists in Kentucky who gave on an average of sixteen cents each for the support of Baptist orphans this past year. It seems amazing that there should be so little concern and so much indifference on the part of God's people relative to these homeless helpless children who need our support.

Immediately after publishing the issue of July 31st, which was centered around the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale, I began receiving contributions for this home. Thus far, from members of our church at Russell, we have received \$196. From our mission church in Coalgrove, we have received \$40, and from those outside the membership of these two churches, we have received \$43.40.

We thank God and take courage. We are praying and confidently believe that we will be able to mail our check for one thousand

dollars to this home at a very early date. Wouldn't you like to have a part in this matter?

REYNOLDS' DOCTRINAL STUDIES GOING WELL

Elder G. R. Reynolds' little book entitled "Essential Beliefs" is being well received. It has gone into twenty-two of our states and now has a total circulation of nearly fifteen hundred copies.

This book discusses twelve Scriptural reasons why the author left a Pedo-Baptist Church to become an ardent Baptist and a stalwart champion of New Testament church principles.

Secure a copy and study it with great profit. The price is fifteen cents per copy postpaid. Order from the author who is Pastor of the Baptist Church at Parksville, Kentucky.

HOW THE COMING OF CHRIST WILL AFFECT THIS GODLESS WORLD

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have been translated to heaven.

Morning begins to dawn and many begin to stir about. A man rushes into the street with a perplexed look — then another and another, until on every street there are excited groups of men and women.

They hasten from house to house. Where are all the little children? Husbands are seeking for absent wives; wives for Christian husbands. Worldly young women are looking for faithful mothers who had failed to answer when called. Housekeepers scold because of the disappearance of servants.

The milk truck stands in the middle of the street, its driver having deserted it. A street car blocks the tracks; and angry motormen of cars stalled behind, complain that there must have been a walk-out.

Then a churchman comes down the middle of the street waving an open Bible in his hand. His face is as white as a sheet. It has flashed upon him that the truth he had often heard mentioned by the pastor of his church, has been vindicated. He has always ridiculed this doctrine that the Saviour of the world was to return and translate living believers, but now he utters a cry of despair as he is sure his wife and children have been snatched out of the world.

The news spreads rapidly as day goes on. Radio announcers in excited tones are broadcasting the news as it pours over the telephones and telegraph wires. Special editions of the papers come out with banner headlines. Strange things have happened in all parts of the world. In some places these events transpired in broad daylight; elsewhere under cover of darkness.

People are too excited to remain in their homes and many gather at centers where radios are in operation or before great bulletin boards near the newspaper offices.

Things of earth seem at the moment of little worth to lonely ones. There are few homes without vacant chairs. Even the homes of atheists have had little ones taken away, for "of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Few want to touch their morning meals. All lines of business are at a standstill. The call for men for strategic places in public service is constantly on the radio. Few seem to respond. All are too

FROM CALIFORNIA FOR THE ORPHANS

Pasadena, California
August 19, 1943

John R. Gilpin
Russell, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

In the last issue of "The Baptist Examiner," July 31st, the Baptist Children's Home number, there were several things that were of considerable interest to me. Just to think what a noble thing it is to provide a place for little innocent, helpless children, and especially of Baptist families. We would naturally think that every one of the Baptist fraternity with the love of God in their hearts, would want to have a part in this noble cause, but alas, many don't.

Well, I'm a long way from Kentucky, and I don't have much of this world's goods, but am sending you five dollars by postal money order.

Yours in the Lord's service,

Milton H. Stone
Pasadena, California

benumbed to take interest in work and many are paralyzed with fear as to what may now be coming on the earth.

Churches are thrown open. Modernist preachers and cult leaders are feverishly turning the pages of Bibles to find some thing to say to the gathering people. Their cult books and literature are cast aside. No man can deny that the mighty and long-predicted miracle of the Lord's return for His church has taken place. And what next?

People crowd sobbing into the churches, many recalling that prophetic teachers had told of a period of great tribulation unprecedented in all human history. They recalled something about the rise of the Antichrist. Some of them are showing books and pamphlets on prophecy, the property of loved ones missing.

Many were gathered about church doors who had not been seen near a church in years. Strong men were praying aloud. Some were berating their preachers that they had failed to declare the whole counsel of God; even worse, had led them to believe that prophecy was a subject to be avoided or even ridiculed.

"We must be the foolish virgins," was a statement everywhere heard. "The door is shut. Will not the Lord hear our prayers and open the door for us now? Must we be left here?"

Yes, it is too late. God help! The tribulation comes on!

Will these preachers who remain on earth now inform themselves concerning the prophecies and instruct the people what to do? What of the remaining religious press? Will they now begin to publish in their columns the prophetic expositions from premillennial literature? To whom shall the people turn in such an hour of darkness?

One thing soon becomes evident. What had occurred was not going to convert the great majority of people. Men were saying that the unemployment situation had been cured over night. There were jobs for everybody at good pay. "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good."

The majority returned unrepentant to the old life, following the general advice: "We must buck up and adjust ourselves to the situation providence has brought about!"

Yes, one of these days just such scenes as described above will be enacted. "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

"Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." "They that are Christ's at His coming."

— Condensed from the Brethren Missionary Herald.

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what they owe Him. Love prompts them to do no more. Givers are scarce. They tithe and then some. They are not only honest with the one-tenth, but with the nine-tenths. They recognize God's ownership of them and all their possessions and out of love and gratitude to the Master, they give to Christ their best for Him. They give much, because they love much. And God loves them and manifests His love in them and to them. He floods their hearts with love; for He "loves the cheerful giver."

HEAVENLY FRAGRANCE

In the days when Mosque of Omar was first built over that spot of Moriah where the worshiper could touch a piece of the unhewn original rock of the hill, it was customary to bring loads of incense and all aromatic shrubs into the shrine, which was called Sakhrab. As a consequence, if any one from the city had been worshiping there he carried away with him so much of the fragrance of the place, that when people passed him in the market place of Jerusalem or in the streets, they used to say to each other, "He has been in the Sakhrab today."

Would to God we thus lived, coming forth daily with our garments smelling of the myrrh, and aloes, and cassia from the ivory palaces! With fresh holiness every day drawn out of Christ, what witnesses for Him we should be! How joyfully we should listen to the loving voice that is ever calling, "Be ye holy, for I am holy," and He Who speaks thus would hasten to give us more and more when we repair to Him.

— Bonar

WHEN SKELETONS COME OUT OF THE CLOSET

This is the last book by Bro. Rice. It is cloth bound and contains eleven of his evangelistic sermons, which have been most successful of God's blessing the saved and saving the lost. Every preacher and Christian generally should read this book. It will not only stir your soul, but its gripping appeal. Price \$1.00. Order from the Baptist Examiner, Russell, Ky.

TO KEEP YOUR POINTS

Grape juice is rationed. Grape wine is not. It's hard to reconcile — or explain. Anyway, if you want to serve grape juice to a group of friends who may chance to be spending an evening with you, it would be necessary to surrender fifteen ration points for each of this wholesome beverage. It's true, it would require two or three quarts. That would be a serious matter, for you would soon run into your ration book to such an extent that you would have to buy without meat or canned fruit — other standard food for an uncomfortable length of time. But you can get around that by securing a supply of grape juice that is fermented and become an intoxicating poison. Your liquor store will sell it to you and no points will be required. You can take as much as you want — even enough to make the whole party maudlin drunk — so gracious is our government when it comes to stuff that destroys soul, mind and body. Buy pure grape juice and surrender your points! Buy grape juice fermented and keep your points! It doesn't make sense, but few state governments — of which that of Ohio is one — are showing a higher type of intelligence than is the Federal Government by applying the rationing system to certain items in the booze category but they are out of harmony with the administration on that point. The government wants efficient prosecuting the war. It wants even more — the greatest efficiency with which our country has to contend. Make it out of that if you can. — Religious Telescope.

WHAT CAN ALWAYS BE DONE

A Christian girl, who was fertile in her methods of reaching to advance an interest in the of missions, on an occasion, she had made a suggestion for overcoming some seemingly superable difficulty was answered by her friend with the remark, "Bessie, I believe that if you put on an island, alone, and a solitary cell, debarred from communication with a solitary person you would contrive to do something for missions." "Certain," said Bessie, "I would do the greatest thing possible for missions. I would pray. — Ex.

A prize essay, by a Georgian, had this telling statement: "One regular, natural born fool, two or three drinks of bootleg liquor (any other may be substituted) and mix the two in a car. After the fool is thoroughly soaked, place his foot on the brake, and release the brakes. The fool from the wreckage, in a black, satin-lined box, garnish with flowers."

THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

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together and outwardly they are very much alike. Though one is nutritious food and the other is deadly poison, the wheat and the tares are bound in bundles to be burned, whereas the wheat, being preserved, is gathered to the barn.

do not have to guess as to the meaning of this story which was given to His disciples in view of the fact that we have an authentic interpretation of this parable from the lips of Jesus. His disciples did not understand it until Jesus explained it unto them alone with the Master, they knew the meaning of it. Then Jesus explained it unto them as follows: —

Sons of God — The Son of God — The World — The Devil — The sons of the wicked — The end of the age — The Angels of God — Eternal blessedness with the Lord in the matter of churches and preachers, he also imitates the Lord in the matter of Christians. Thus, the tare is the Devil's imitation of God's genuine article, or in other words, the tare is merely the religious professor whereas the wheat is the genuine possessor of the Lord Jesus.

IV

In this instance, the Devil could not take away the seed that had been sown. In the preceding parable, he aborted the efforts of the sower to the extent that 75 percent of the seed was wasted. Yet, in this parable the seed had gone down into good and honest hearts and he could not get at it. Hence, he sowed his own seed along side.

This then should bring rejoicing to the child of God to know that whenever the Word of God, the seed, enters into the heart of man, that the Devil cannot take it away and the next best that he can do is to place a good moral man — a religious professor — a tare — along side of that which God has already produced.

V

This parable also reveals that the wicked far outnumber the righteous. The tares were so numerous that they even threatened to destroy the wheat. It appeared for a while that they might completely crowd out the wheat.

In like measure, the wicked are so numerous that they even threaten to destroy the righteous from the earth. In Abraham's day, he was the only person who was redeemed in all of the Ur of the Chaldees. Listen:

"Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him." — Isaiah 51:2.

That you might see that the wicked are more numerous and far outnumber the righteous, notice the words of the Psalmist:

"Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men." — Psalms 12:1.

In His sermon on the Mount, Jesus likewise presented this same truth showing that the wicked are far more numerous than the righteous. Listen:

the Devil, is a living personality.

III

The Devil is God's ape. You know an ape is an imitator. He does nothing original. Everything he does is by imitation. I have been told that if one were attacked by an ape in the jungles, that if he would hit himself on the chin that the ape in turn would hit himself, and many a man has thus saved his life by lightly tapping himself on the chin whereas the ape in imitation knocks himself down or even knocks himself completely out trying to imitate that which man has done.

Well, the Devil is God's ape. He tries to imitate everything God does. In the matter of churches, he has imitated the Lord. In the city of Philadelphia, though Jesus had His church, it is said that there was also there a "synagogue of Satan" (Rev. 3:9). He has imitated the Lord in the matter of preachers, for Paul declares:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." — 2 Cor. 11: 14, 15.

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"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." — Matthew 7: 13, 14

VI

The genuine and the counterfeit look very much alike as to outward appearances. In reality, there is a tremendous difference as one is a nutritious food and the other a deadly poison. Yet, to outward appearances, one cannot discern the difference.

Frankly, there is as much difference between a good moral man and a genuine Christian as there is between the wheat and the tares. Yet, outwardly as far as man is concerned, they look very much alike. Even the genuine Christian is often deceived by the religious appearances and the pleasing external appearance of a moral, yet unredeemed person. While there is much difference inwardly, yet outwardly, both the genuine and the counterfeit appear to be very much the same.

VII

This parable also reveals the wonderful longsuffering and forbearance of God in permitting the tares to grow with the wheat. Worldly wisdom would say to root them up just as fast as they appear. That would be true even on the part of the wheat farmer, and certainly it would be true in the matter of spiritual husbandry.

However, God suffers long with the wicked. Many Scriptures reveal His marvelous longsuffering. Listen:

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." — 2 Peter 3:9.

"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." — 1 Tim. 2:4.

"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" — Ezekiel 33:11.

These and many others portray the wonderful forbearance of God in behalf of the wicked.

VIII

God denies to the children of the kingdom the right to use force and persecution in the matters of religion. Many who have professed religion in days gone by have sought, and yet sought in vain, for a Scripture which would justify force or persecution in religious realms. It is true that many have sought to make converts at the point of the sword and actually many spurious professions have thus been made through the ages.

Yet, this parable reveals that force is not to be permitted to the children of the kingdom. In the parable, they were not even to be allowed to destroy the tares in order that the wheat might grow. Both were to grow together. Likewise, in the kingdom of Christ both the righteous and the unrighteous are to grow together. We are not to be allowed nor permitted the use of force.

This has been a Baptist principle for twenty centuries. Throughout all ages, though Baptists have been persecuted and slain by the thousands and millions, they themselves have never used persecu-

tion. It seems strange that the Presbyterians, the Lutherans, and the Episcopalians have been persecuted and yet when they in turn got into power they likewise used force and heaped persecution upon their enemies. In contrast, for the past two thousand years since the day that Jesus said, "I will build my church," Baptists have never persecuted others.

IX

It is only for a season that the wicked are to dominate the earth. The tares were not to be permitted to flourish forever although they were to be permitted to flourish for a season.

The unrighteous are not to dominate this world forever, though they greatly outnumber and overshadow the righteous today, yet it is only for a season. The Psalmist has already declared this truth:

"I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree, yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found." — Psalms 37:35, 36.

X

This is a parable relative to the kingdom of God and does not refer to the church. You will notice that Jesus said in the very beginning: "The Kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field." It is apparent from this one statement that Jesus was not talking about His church, but about the kingdom.

Furthermore, Jesus tells us that the field represents the world and does not represent the church. He said, "The field is the world." (Matt. 13:38).

While the wicked are to be permitted to live in the world, they are not to be permitted to exist in our churches. Much harm has been done in the confusion of kingdom truth and church truth. Much harm has especially been done to our churches by good men who have considered that the teaching of this parable forbids the excluding of the wicked, the profane, the irreligious and the heretics. Yet, this is not true, for the Word of God makes it clear from beginning to end that church discipline is to be practiced.

"But now I have written unto you not to keep company if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one do not to eat. But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." — 1 Cor. 5: 11, 13.

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." — 2 Thess. 3:6, 14.

While the wicked are to be permitted to live in the world, they certainly are not to be permitted to continue in prominent places in our churches.

XI

The world is not to be converted by the children of the kingdom before the coming of Jesus. It is true that we are to preach the Word as a witness. This Jesus declared was our task.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and

then shall the end come." — Matt. 24:14.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." — Acts 1:8.

Though it is our task, we need not expect the world to ever be fully converted before Jesus comes. Evil will not wane and disappear before good, as each will continue and will eventually "head" in the person of Christ and the Antichrist.

This parable absolutely kills post-millennialism. In view of the fact that the tares continued to exist until the harvest, then the post-millennialists are wrong in toto in contending for the entire conversion of the world before Jesus comes, for this parable even reveals that the world won't be entirely converted until the end of the millennium when the tares are completely removed and burned.

XII

At the close of the harvest age, Christ will thoroughly cleanse His floor. How we thank God that the day is coming when the earth will be completely cleansed from the presence of evil. This Peter foresaw:

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." — 2 Peter 3:10-13.

John even tells us of the day when that shall take place:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." — Revelation 21:1.

Some day this old earth will be just like the Garden of Eden once was. Listen:

"The wilderness, and the solitary place, shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." — Isa. 35:1.

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." — Isaiah 55:13.

How we do rejoice that Christ will some day thoroughly cleanse this world and make it again like and even superior to the Garden of Eden.

XIII

This parable reveals that the tares are to be gathered into bundles. This will take place at the close of the millennium. The saints will reign over them during the millennium. Listen:

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither

his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." — Revelation 20:4.

Yet the tares will continue right on through the millennium. At the close though they will be judged and then will receive their doom. They will not be "burned up" but they will be burned. Many Scriptures reveal this truth:

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." — Rev. 14:9, 10.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." — Revelation 20:15.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." — 2 Thess. 1:7-9.

XIV

Some day there will be a separation of the wicked from the righteous. This is bound to take place. Just as the tares and the wheat were ultimately separated, so eventually there will be a separation of the wicked from among the righteous. How careful then we ought to be as to the friendships, partnerships, marriages, and business relationships which we form. Surely many that are begun today will some day be rudely severed. I insist that this parable would teach us that we ought to be most careful as to the relationships into which we enter in view of this terrible separation which will take place between the righteous and the wicked.

XV

Eventually the righteous shall shine out in their glory. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "Gather the wheat into my barn." What a glorious day it will be when the tares are finally removed. What a glorious golden age it will be for the child of God when the wheat is finally gathered into God's barn. Then without the presence of the wicked, the righteous will truly shine forth in the kingdom of the Father just as the sun shines today in all its brightness. This is what Paul had in mind when he said:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." — Romans 8: 18.

Also, in the Apocalypse John was thinking of the same:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful." — Rev. 21: 4, 5.

This truth also comes out in Paul's letter to the church at Colosse. Listen:

"When Christ, who is our life,

shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." — Col. 3:4.

You will doubtless recall that the song writer had this truth in mind when he wrote:

"When we've been there ten thousand years

Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we first begun."

"Christ And Our Baptist Missionary Responsibility"

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witness for the Lord, and it has the love-motive to actuate its deeds. The individual church, having been made the "pillar and the ground" of the truth, cannot default its responsibility of witnessing without bringing great guilt upon itself. God makes His house the bearer and preserver of the truth, which makes men free. These facts justify the following declarations:

1. The Lord has but one witness on earth to speak for Him, and that is His church. Every individual church planted and nurtured by the Holy Spirit is just such a witness and each one is an off-spring of the parent church at Jerusalem. Because Holy Spirit plants and nurtures them, churches alone have authority to speak for the Lord. Boards, or committees, or messenger assemblies, or ecclesiasticisms, or hierarchies, or episcopacies, or bishops, or synods, or boards of deacons have no authority to project a missionary program for the Lord. Program making and gospel witnessing are responsibilities which must be assumed by local churches, under the supervision of the Holy Spirit.

2. The Holy Spirit, the Vicegerent of Christ in His individual churches, alone has the authority to lead the local body in projecting evangelistic and missionary endeavors for the Lord. He speaks and leads only as the Lord Jesus Christ, the founder and the head of the church, wills, Jno. 16:13. In His role of Vicegerency, the Holy Spirit comforts, Jno. 14:16-17; teaches, Jno. 14:26; testifies, Jno. 15: 26; preaches, Jno. 16:7-11; and guides, Jno. 16:13. So the evangelistic and missionary labors of a local church are superintended by the Holy Spirit, the Lord's spokesman and guide of His house.

3. The individual church cannot dodge this responsibility and be guiltless. It must assume the responsibility of witnessing unto the ends of the earth throughout the ages. To default here is all but criminal. Note the Master's commands:

The Lord said "Go." Matt. 28:19.

The Lord said "Baptize." Matt. 28:19.

The Lord said "Teach." Matt. 28:20.

The Lord said "Witness unto me." Acts 1:8.

All of these verbs are present tense and active voice. They require action now and action every day throughout the ages until the Lord returns.

Now to go forward faithfully in carrying out the commission of our Lord, the individual church must turn to the Holy Spirit for light and power and guidance. When such a body puts itself in the hands of the Holy Spirit, He leads it to love the lost after the pattern of the Lord's love, to go after lost sinners after the pattern of the Lord's quests, and to preach

the gospel according to the truth of the Word.

A WARNING FOR INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES

The local church must ever be mindful of the "Magna Carta" the Master delivers. He says, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," Acts 1:8. This shuts out Boards and Committees and reports thereto. Under the endowment and guidance of the Holy Spirit, churches, and not human agencies, look upon the fields and see that they are white already unto harvest, Jno. 4:35. They vitilize the importunity of the Holy Spirit by David when he says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," and in doing these things, they find that they are not to be empty handed, and fearlessly face the judgment of the saints. These churches spurn all man-made expediencies in the Lord's work, and go forth under the leadership and endowment of the Holy Spirit in carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth and of the ages.

THE INDIVIDUAL CHURCH MEETING ITS RESPONSIBILITY

This it does by prayer, Acts 1:12-14; and Acts 4:24-31.

This it does by work, Jno. 9:4.

This it does by laying by as the Lord prospers, I Cor. 16:2.

This it does by yielding to and honoring the Holy Spirit, Acts 13: 1-4.

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HOW RUSSIA WILL MAKE PEACE WITH GERMANY

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In effect, according to the interpretation put upon the manifesto, Stalin has walked out on the Roosevelt-Churchill "unconditional surrender" program and opened an independent campaign for peace with a communist Germany. In Washington the manifesto was clearly identified as the beginning of a campaign by Stalin himself, according to Frank C. Waldrop in the Washington Times Herald.

Long before the manifesto bombshell was dropped into the lap of long-range American diplomacy, the thought of a post-war communist Germany working beside communist Russia sent shivers through the State Department. As to the full import of the Soviet manifesto, the majority opinion is that Stalin is anticipating the early folding of the Nazi regime and intends "cashing in" on it, David Senter says in his article in the Chicago Herald American.

The actual condition of Russia at home and in the field still remains a complete mystery despite the latest mission to Moscow by the former Ambassador Joseph E. Davies. Nor has Stalin relaxed his ban on military observers from the allied armies during his current offensive.

Stalin has shown no great enthusiasm for the successful Tunisian campaign by the Allies nor for the dynamic invasion of Sicily. He has pounded away at his demand for a second front being established across the English Channel into the low countries, and not through the Balkans as the Anglo-American high command is reported to prefer. He has made it plain that he considers the Balkans a Russian sphere of influence, which may account for his lack of enthusiasm concerning allied military successes in the Mediterranean.

Stalin has shown no desire to furnish us Siberian bases for bombing raids on Japan. He has never given the slightest nod of approval to the allied demand for unconditional surrender. In fact, he has pulled the other way. On November 7, 1942, he announced that he did not want to see Germany destroyed. This flat opposition to the Anglo-American line in favor of steam rolling Germany is repeated in the July 21 manifesto, which says:

"Anglo-American troops are at the gates of Europe. The day is approaching when Germany will collapse under the impact of simultaneous blows from all sides. The war is already lost. But Germany must not die."

Issuance of the manifesto was further seen as making an official mockery of the so-called dissolution of the Comintern or Third Internationale, the organization dedicated to world-wide revolution and the spreading of Communist

propaganda abroad.

Likewise this so-called "divided" organization is busy in trying to "cash in" on the situation there. July 29 dispatches told that strikes in the Milan industrial region has assumed important proportions with Communists attacking the monarchy.

In these things and in his manifesto to the German masses, Stalin may no longer be considered sphinx. In the words of David Senter, "He has spoken — for Russia and Communism, first and — for Communism uber alles."

Stalin, like Pharaoh, appears to be a man of destiny, whose heart becoming harder and harder until eventually he will attempt to fight against God Himself — and it will be the Battle of God against Gog.

— The Midnight

Ed. Note: Read Ezek. 38 and you have God's Word — last word — as to the union of Germany and Russia.

Evils Of Fundamentalism

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the church in lieu of the authority of the infallible and inerrant Word of God. Protestantism lowers the Catholic church in rejecting the authority of the Bible on church ordinances and church polity. That is why true Baptists are not and can not be Protestants get their infamy from the Catholics. In accepting them they subscribe to the Catholic dogma that the final authority is in the church, not in the Bible and that the church had a right to change the ordinances and the expediency of the church for convenience or expediency. Modernism is as good as Protestantism. Protestantism following Rome makes the church the final authority instead of the Bible. Modernism makes the Bible the final authority instead of the Bible. True Baptists make the Bible the final and all subjects on which it speaks. Our W. M. U's are no longer true Baptists. Their leaders admit the Bible enjoins sabbath observance upon women in mixed public assemblies; but their program is for their speaking in public. Catholics, Protestants and Modernists they no longer regard the Bible as the final authority. Baptists ought to come out of such W. M. U's. After hearing pastor of the Wealthy Street Church, Grand Rapids, come so strongly for the Bible as final authority on the ordinance at a meeting in Chicago years ago, we were surprised later in issue of "The Baptist Temple News" to see him endorsing International Mission Agencies in China, India, Bolivia and other countries. We don't understand how a man with so clear a knowledge of the Bible as the final authority could possibly do it.

INTERESTING, EH?

We read in the Gideon: burglary insurance rate is \$120 thousand in Boston; \$22.00 in New York; and \$27.50 in Chicago. There are any connection between the figures and the fact that the population has been read daily in the schools of Boston for sixty years, for twenty-two years in New York, and excluded for years from the schools of Chicago.

— Free Method