

SOME PREACHERS POUND WHILE OTHERS EXPOUND; SOME EXPLODE WHILE OTHERS EXPLAIN.

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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." (Jno. 8:20).

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Devoted to Evangelism,
Missions, and Bible Doc-
trines.

"Go ye into all the
world and preach the
Gospel."

I Should Like to Know . . .

1. — Should a Baptist church call in their own prayer-meeting services in order to attend a Peco protracted meeting service?

No, Jesus made provision for just that kind of a situation in Matt. 18: 19, when He promised a blessing to the two or three, who meet in His name, instead of the heretical unionists, who meet with the crowds and in the name of the compromisers of the truth. Selah!

2. — Do you think a person is saved that plays cards and dances?

No, if he has read his Bible or been taught the Word of God, He may have been brought up in an atmosphere where such things are common and not know any better for a while. But, if he is really born from above, he will read his Bible and won't read that much until he finds out how incompatible cards and dancing and the movies and all such worldly practices are with God's Word and he will quit.

3. — Will you give some passages in the Bible that oppose it?

James 1:27; Rom. 12:1-3; I John

2:15-17; James 4:4-6; Rom. 6:4-13; 8:5-13; Matt. 7:15-23 and many other like passages. That is why a saved man or woman will not stay in a lodge or club. There is nothing compatible or congenial between a man that has been born from above and any kind of worldly institution. The new birth is from above. The lodge is from beneath. Jno. 8:23, 47.

4. — Should Sunday School teachers approve of card playing and dancing?

No. A dancer or card player is not fit to belong to a Baptist church composed of regenerated men and women, much less hold any office in the church or school. They ought to get out or else be put out.

5. — Explain Matt. 10:41-42.

That means that the layman or woman who entertains a prophet of God in their home, because he is God's spokesman, will get just as much reward as the preacher himself, for the good he does while he stays in their home. In Mark's version of that passage, in speaking of

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Rambling With The Editor

We received a much appreciated communication from our friend and dearly beloved brother, Gordon Hurlbut, Point Clear, Alabama, commending our recent article as to Relief and Annuity Board. He says: "I must commend your article on Relief and Annuity Board. One of my dear friends, a dear Baptist layman in Mississippi hold the same view. You make unanswerable points, especially that faithful laymen are as deserving as the 'clergy.' The professional ministry is a paradox."

From East Woodstock, Conn., we recently received a subscription from Brother Einar Hansen. Now he subscribes for two of his friends saying: "I am enjoying your paper immensely and only wish that it were as daily as it helps fill a hungry desire to learn more concerning His Word."

Elder Clifton Blevins of Chilhowie Virginia renews his subscription for two years, so as to not miss a single issue of the next 104. Say, how does your subscription stand TODAY?

Brother Jack Stewart, one of our good colored Baptist laymen in Iron-ton, Ohio is one of our regular supporters and contributors to this paper. He recently sent us three dollars and some new subscriptions. At the same time, he wrote this editor one of the sweetest love letters I have received in a long time.

Brother Everett Barker of Evansville, Indiana pays a most glowing tribute to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in a recent letter whereby he tells of the blessings that are his through the paper. At the same time, he sent us \$7.00 to be used in printing the paper. Blessings on him!

Brother J. E. Reynolds, who many times has sent us financial assistance from Perryville, Tennessee has sent us another five dollar bill, and at the same time says:

"The Baptist Churches in this part of the country are going after the things of the world having Mothers day on the Lords day. I have con-

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NEEDED ENLARGEMENT FOR THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

Sometime ago the Christian Index told how the Catholics were establishing a Bureau of Apologetics at Washington, which has caused the editor to do much thinking. What they said is as follows:

"The Roman Catholic Hierarchy in North America has established a Bureau of Apologetics with headquarters in Washington and branch headquarters in the leading cities of the country. It will be the purpose of this bureau to co-ordinate the publication of all Roman Catholic literature, to issue pamphlets explaining the Catholic faith, to maintain an organization of publicists who can answer, promptly, any attacks that are made on the Roman Catholic Church. This organization is similar to the Catholic Tract Society of Great Britain, which, incidentally, works in close harmony with the extreme wing of Anglo-Catholic members of the Anglican Church. It is said that some such co-operative relationship will be sought with the Anglo Catholic mem-

bers of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States." — Christian Index.

The Master said that the children of this age are wiser in their generation than the children of light. This announcement is proof of that. A Bureau of Apologetics is a publishing house or plant for the publishing and distribution of Catholic books and tracts and papers about the Catholic Church and religion. Anti-unionist, anti-modernist, anti-worldliness anti-secret order Baptists need just such a publishing plant in Kentucky. The Catholics put theirs in Washington because they need to be there in order to keep in touch with national politics. Baptists do not dabble in politics of that kind. They depend on the Word and Holy Spirit to make their propaganda effective. We do not need nor want the political scheming: but we do need to publish millions of tracts and books, setting

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Prof. W. O. Carver Of Seminary, Admits He Does Not Believe In Bible's Inspiration

For years I have believed that Prof. W. O. Carver of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was a most dangerous religious leader. It was he who assumed all responsibility for the most blatant modernistic of Das Kelley Barnett. It was he who presided when the avowed modernist George A. Butterick spoke before he Seminary in March 1943. It is he whose personal letters to this editor have been filled with artful evasions and skillful dodgings.

OPENLY ADMITS IT
But now, he openly admits that he does not believe the Bible is inspired. Here's how he admits it.

Prof. W. T. Rouse of Denton, Texas has written a book entitled, "The Kingdom of God." To this book, Brother Carver has written the Introduction. He says:

"No more difficult conception challenges Christian thinkers than

CHRISTIANS AND THE LODGE

The Christian Cynosure publishes an article by Evangelist M. L. Haney, a minister in the M. E. Church for over fifty years, in which he tells of his experience when entering and why he left the lodge. He joined because two good men urged him to in order to save numbers of young men in the lodge. After he had joined and looked around the circle he says: "To my surprise there were the most profane men in the city, drunken and vile characters mixed up with the few good men. Having made the survey and considered the heart relations I was brought into these characters, the Holy Spirit, as by a pen of fire, wrote these words on my heart. 'Come, out from among

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the Kingdom of Heaven (Kingdom of God). It is so vast, so comprehensive as to baffle definition. It has been made more difficult and by so much more important by literalistic interpreters and builders of "Dispensational" schemes of human history. Further confusion is introduced by "Millennialists" whether "Pre" or "Post," who make superficial distinction between Church and Kingdom, "Kingdom of Heaven," and "Kingdom of God" and who take the books of Daniel and Revelation as prediction of a literalistic, materialistic, and political world empire."

Here then is enough to condemn forever Mr. Carver as a Modernist. If his words mean what they say, then he does not believe in the Bible. He does not believe that it is inspired Word of God. He has played kite-tail with Modernists so long and has

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Tested: And Found Faithful? Or Are You Tested And Discovered Wanting?

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." — James 1:12.

THE WEATHER TEST:

Are you a sailboat Christian — making progress in the Lord if the winds are favorable? Or are you a tugboat Christian—plowing right ahead even though the gales are against you?

THE WORRY TEST:

"If you trust you do not worry; if you worry you do not trust." Have you found that He keeps him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Him, because He trusts in God?

THE WORLDLINESS TEST:

Do you think as the world thinks? Go where the world goes? Act as the world acts? Does your life give evidence of having your affections

et on things above, not on things in the earth?

THE WALLET TEST:

What proportion of your income last year was turned over for the work of the Lord? Was it at least as much as the tithe which the Jew paid before the grace of God was revealed in Christ?

THE WORK TEST:

How much of your energy is being given to the work of the Lord, and is it a reasonable proportion of what you are expending in the day-by-day task of making a living?

THE WITNESSING TEST:

Are you by life and lip commending Christ so that He is attractive to those who do not know Him as a personal Saviour and Lord, and is the

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THE TWO MARTINS

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

At the beginning of the Reformation, Martin of Basle came to a knowledge of the truth, but, afraid to make a public confession, he wrote on a leaf of parchment: "O most merciful Christ, I know that I can be saved only by the merit of Thy blood. Holy Jesus, I acknowledge Thy sufferings for me. I love Thee! I love Thee!" Then he removed a stone from the wall of his chamber and hid the parchment there. It was not discovered for more than a hundred years. About the same time Martin Luther found the truth in Christ. He said: "My Lord has confessed me before men; I will not

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"SOME BAPTISTS WHO FELL FROM GRACE"

"Ye are fallen from grace." — Gal. 5:4.

The Hindus have a remarkable tradition which illustrates a spiritual truth. It is the story of a thief who devised a plan by which he hoped to save his life. He told the jailor that he had a secret to impart to the king whereby the king might gain enormous wealth, but that he would only impart it in a personal interview with the king. When this interview

was arranged and he was brought into the presence of the king, after much bowing and many prostrations, he told the king that he knew a secret whereby he could make gold grow on trees like fruit. He suggested that the king take his chief minister, the commander in chief of the army, and his priest with the thief in order that the experiment might be made. Selecting a spot, the thief took a coin from his pocket, and said, "If this coin be

planted on this spot, it will produce a tree on which will hang coins as thick as clusters of grapes, but there is one condition: — it must be planted by a hand that has never been guilty of a single dishonest act. My hands, as you know, are not clean, so I pass the coin to his majesty the king."

UNCLEAN HANDS

Being most anxious that this experiment should be proven a success,

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Rambling With The Editor

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demed and spoke against it and it has made me unpopular and in reality they would rather not have my presence with them. Last Sunday the 12th, I heard a Baptist Sunday school teacher of the Bible class at 1st Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. They took up fifteen minutes in singing about mother and the teacher took the rest of the time in speaking and praising Mother and he never called the name of Jesus. To make sure he called for the attendance before his time was up in order that it might be known. The attendance was 1,431 and all other times before this it ran around 300. That just shows you how the people are falling off and how they are going after the things of the world. Brother Gilpin I love you for the Word's sake and because you are standing for God's Truths."

The White Plains Baptist Church, White Plains, Kentucky of which Brother Dewey Noffsinger is the faithful pastor, month by month remember us with contributions for our paper. From the depths of my heart I thank God for this church.

What better investment could any church make of its mission money than THE BAPTIST EXAMINER? It is the only Baptist paper published that shoots straight, hits hard, and pulls no punches. If you want your money to preach against Arminianism, feminism, modernism, unionism, lodgism, and universal churchism, — then send it to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I am not surprised that one of the leading pastors in Kentucky said that "the best money that is being spent to make Baptists in Kentucky is the money that is spent by THE BAPTIST EXAMINER."

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, who now live in Huntington, West Virginia, are two of the editors dearest friends. They used to be members here in Russell and were loyal supporters of this pastor. They drove by recently and left a ten dollar bill with a promise of more to follow. God's blessing on them.

Miss Beatrice Thompson of Huntington is a new contributor to this paper. She sent us \$20.00 as her first offering on May 23. She comes from a family who really believe in supporting the Truth. Her mother (Mrs. Virgin Thompson, Kenova, W. Va.), her sisters (Mrs. David Powell and

Elsie Thompson, Sciotoville, Ohio), and her brother (Norman Thompson, Camp Carson, Colorado) have been real friends and supporters of this paper for years. How we do thank God for every remembrance of this family.

Elder Peter Mc I Clasper, Lapeer, Michigan sent us two dollars recently to help forward God's Word. Though he is a student of the Louisville Seminary, he says, "As between the choice of helping to build a chapel at the Seminary, or spreading the Truth, you win, as I do not expect to contribute to the Seminary." How we thank God for the many letters of a similar nature from ex-students of the Seminary who say that they thank God for someone who isn't afraid to talk back to Sampey, Tribble, Carver, and Co.

Our old Brother in Christ, J. N. Tincher, Crag, West Virginia sends us more "subs" and five dollars to keep this paper in the mails. Many times in days gone by he has done the same! How we thank God for this noble servant of the Lord!

And now what are you doing to keep THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in the mails? Your gift, prayers, renewal, and new "subs" you might get from others would be most definitely appreciated.

MR. CARVER ADMITS HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IN BIBLE'S INSPIRATION

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drunk the poison of the destructive critic until he does not believe in a literal interpretation of the Scriptures. This is a plain admission that he does not believe the Bible literally.

SHOULD RESIGN

Mr. Carver does not believe the Bible literally, then why try to teach it? Why doesn't he act at least the part of a gentleman and get out of a Baptist school, which is supposed to teach the Bible?

Years ago if a man didn't believe the Bible, he just called himself plainly an infidel. Now then, if a man doesn't believe the Bible, he gets a position on the faculty of the Seminary. What's the difference? At least, the infidel was honest!

GOD PITY BAPTISTS

May God pity Southern Baptists as long as Carver retains his position. There'll be a big crop of Das Kelly Barnetts go out each year afflicted with "Carveritis," with the result that our churches will become more and more loose and the denomination will get farther and farther away from God.

FREEMAN GUILTY TOO

It might be well to note that Editor John D. Freeman, of the Western Recorder has written a testimonial to his book, saying: "Herein is given a study of THE KINGDOM OF GOD which the world needs." This is just another of his compromises with Mr. Carver. Of course, you know the policy of the hierarchy: "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours — You white-wash me and when the denomination finds out that you need it too, then I'll whitewash you."

The world is round and funny! And it's getting funnier every day. But the funniest thing of all is how long Baptists are going to continue to pour money into the Western Recorder and Seminary just to annually develop a crop of modernists and near-infidels.

TRY THE UPLOOK

"When the outlook is dark, try the uplook,
These words hold a message of cheer;
Be glad while repeating them over,
And smile when the shadows appear.
Above and beyond stands the Master;
He sees what we do for His sake.
He never will fail nor forsake us;
He knoweth the way that we take.

When the outlook is dark, try the uplook—
The outlook of faith and good cheer;
The love of the Father surrounds us,
He knows when the shadows are near.
Be brave, then, and keep the eyes lifted,
And smile on the dreariest day.
His smile will glow in the darkness;
His light will illumine the way."

—Anonymous

I confess to the fact that I am a literalist. I believe in a literal Saviour, and expect some day to escape a literal Hell, by being caught away into a literal Heaven, where I shall eternally enjoy a literal peace and rest for a literal eternity. Praise the Lord for my hope!

THE TWO MARTINS

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shrink from confessing Him before kings." The world knows what followed, and today it reveres the memory of Luther. But as for Martin of Basle, who cares for him?

TESTED: AND FOUND FAITHFUL? OR WANTING?

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vote of your life for Him or against Him?

THE WAITING TEST:

The Thessalonian Christians "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, Whom He raised from the dead" (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10). Have you turned, and are you living with His coming in view?

—(Clipped from "Tabernacle Tidings")

UNCONVERTED CHURCH MEMBERS

The marks of these unconverted Baptist church members are plain, very plain.

They don't love the Lord. They don't love His Word. Many of them run from a fight in which the issue is the integrity and the authority of God's Word. Let me tell you something. If a man wants to get in a fight with me let him cast his slurs on the character of the word of my wife. I have very little faith in a Baptist who would fight for his wife before he would for the Lord Jesus Christ.

These unconverted Baptist church members make their church membership a secondary matter.

They care nothing about the observance of the Lord's Day.

They are mighty poor givers.

THEY ALWAYS LINE UP AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL DEFENSE OF THE WORLD. THEY ARE WORLDLY MINDED.

The condition of these unconverted Baptist church members is plain to be seen. They are blinded. They are

means more to me than anything read outside of my Bible." May God bless you, my sister!

THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

This is the title of a little booklet written by Elder L. G. Whitehorn of Dardanelle, Arkansas. It is of 64 pages, well printed, and very attractively bound.

However, the best part about it is its contents. These are the chapter headings:

1. The Meaning of the New Testament Term 'Ecclesia'.
2. When Did Christ Organize His Church?
3. The Doctrinal Test of a New Testament Church.
4. Statements By Historians.
5. The Mission of a New Testament Church.

This book is concise, practical, Scriptural, timely, and important. Brother Whitehorn is to be highly commended on the book which he has produced. I have never read a book wherein so much is said in so small amount of space.

I wish that every reader of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER would order a copy. It is the kind of book that will make you rejoice that you are Baptist, and if you are not one, you had better leave it and the Bible alone, or you will be one.

This book sells for 25 cents and may be ordered directly from the author at his home address of 411 South Second Street, Dardanelle, Ark.

Elder J. E. Bagley has become state evangelist of Texas and has moved to Abilene. When asking for a change of address, he sent us a contribution, and said, "I enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER because of its truth. Be sure to send your paper to my new address."

The Security Of The Saved

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This is the cover page of the editors 24 page booklet which has already been printed and distributed to the number of 70,000. A new edition of 10,000 is now ready for the subscribers and friends of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

As stated on the cover page, it is free. However, please include postage when you order and if the Lord impresses you to do so, send us an offering in behalf of this work.

Some Baptists Who Fell From Grace

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and certainly not wanting the cause of failure to rest with himself, the king immediately remonstrated since he remembered having taken money from his father's treasury and therefore he handed the coin on to his chief minister. Then the chief minister handed it to the commander in chief of the army saying, "I receive taxes and it is possible that my hands are not clean." Then the commander in chief of army said, "No, don't give it to, I handle the army; I buy rations and pay the forces, let's give it to the high priest." Immediately, the latter on receiving it, said, "No, I collect tithes, my hands may not be entirely clean. I cannot take it."

Whereupon the thief said, "Then your majesty, why hang me as a thief when you, your chief minister, the commander in chief of your army, and your high priest all confess that your hands are not clean. If neither you nor the highest men of the kingdom will answer for your own honesty, then why hang me?" Needless to say, the thief was pardoned.

This story carries its own moral. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is not one of us who can plead innocent. None of each are defiled and depraved. Listen:

NONE RIGHTEOUS

"As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*" — Rom. 3:10-12, 23.

"But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." — Gal. 3:22.

The question which confronts each of us today is how to get rid of that sin whereby each of us stand guilty. That is the problem of practice, the entirety of the Bible. Of the 1189 chapters of the Bible, three tell us from whence we came and of our present condition. All the other 1186 deal with the question of how we may overcome our present sinful condition. I repeat that only three of the chapters of the Bible tell us of our origin while all the balance of the Bible deals with the sin question of our lives.

It was thus that Paul was grappling with this problem of sin when he wrote the book of Galatians. At the time our text was written, it was this matter of sin and how to overcome it which was uppermost in the mind and heart of Paul.

AN UNUSUAL TEXT

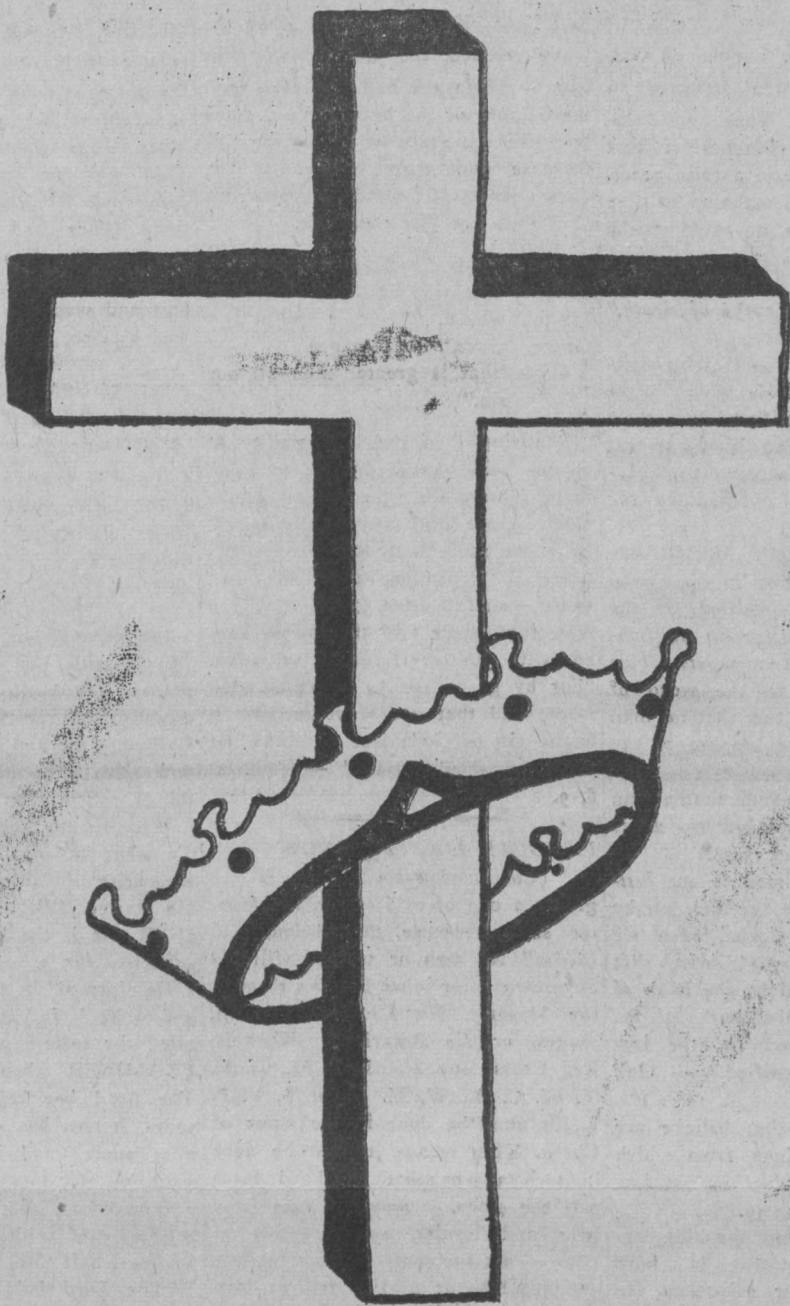
Certainly this is an unusual text. "Ye are fallen from grace." Particularly is it unusual for a Baptist preacher to attempt to preach from a text which has, by implication, words which might indicate to some that one can be lost after having been saved.

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Lest I might die before finishing this sermon, and lest you might die before I bring it to a conclusion—and even thinking that I believed that one can be saved today and lost tomorrow — THEN LET ME SAY AT THE VERY OUTSET THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A CHRISTIAN TO LOSE HIS SALVATION.

I've found a Friend; O such a Friend!

Inseparably Joined



"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." — II Tim. 2:12

So kind and true and tender;
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender!
From Him who loves me now so well,
What pow'r my soul shall sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell?
No; I am His forever."

There are a number of Scriptures which teach us the impossibility of any Christian being lost after having been saved. May we notice one which is outstanding:

"His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." — Ps. 89:29-37.

GOD'S COVENANT

This Scripture is taken from the covenant made by the Godhead prior to creation. In their covenant whereby God the Father was to elect and choose men unto salvation, the Holy Spirit was to regenerate, and Christ's agreement was that He might die to pay the sin debt. In connection with this covenant, the Father guaranteed that all those who should be saved through

Christ would be saved forever. He Himself declares in verse 29 that He will make Christ's seed to "endure for ever." Even though believers violate the commandments of God and may be chastened thereby, nevertheless God assures Christ that not one of them will ever be lost, even going so far as to promise that He would never break His covenant nor alter the agreement into which they had entered. As a seal of that covenant He calls upon the sun and the moon as witnesses. If one might remove the sun from the sky by day or the moon by night, then and then only could He take a saved person out of God's hand. Whenever the Devil has power enough to blot out the sun and the moon, only then will he have power to destroy a child of God. Then after calling attention to this marvelous promise, He throws in the word "Selah" (V. 30), which literally means "think of that." Certainly the wonderful security which is ours, attested to by the continuous shining of the sun and the moon — certainly this wonderful security is something for us to think about.

If there were no other Scriptures in all the Bible which indicated that one's salvation is eternal, then this is sufficient to guarantee to me the eternal security of the believer. Yet, this is not the only Scripture. Listen:

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." — I Jn. 5:1.

CAN'T BE UNBORN

There is an axiomatic law of life

that that which has been born cannot be unborn. Whenever a woman goes down into the valley of the shadow of death to produce a new life, it is impossible for that new life to be unborn after having been born. There is no way known to science whereby one may be unborn. If this be true in the natural and physical realm, how much more is it true in the spiritual realm. Since that which is born cannot be unborn, and since each believer is born of God, then beyond any question there is no possibility of a Christian being lost after being saved.

Three children have come into our home as a gift of God. Neither my boy nor my two girls have ever done everything which pleases me. In all probability they will do many things in the future which will displease me. They may go to the jungles of Africa, put rings in their noses, plates in their lips, and live like savages (sometimes by the way they act at home I think they possibly could qualify). Even then they would still be my children. They have been born such and I thank God that there is no way whereby they might be unborn. Yet as much as I rejoice because of this, I rejoice even more when I stand in the presence of God to know that when one has been born of Him, that one can never be unborn.

If these were the only Scriptures which indicate that a child of God is eternally secure, there would be no doubt in my mind about this great doctrine. Yet these are not all. Listen:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises that by these ye might be partakers of

the divine nature." — 2 Pet. 1:4.

What wonderful truth is presented in this text. By the new birth each child of God actually partakes of divine nature. You will notice that it isn't by sob stories nor by pathetic incidents, it isn't by the speaker nor by his magnetic personality, nor through mob psychology that converts are made. Rather, it is through the promises of God, by the hearing and the acceptance of these which tell of Jesus that the new birth becomes a reality and the child of God thereby partakes of divine nature.

SOMETHING OF GOD WITHIN

Isn't it marvelous to realize that each one who has believed in Him has actually partaken of the nature of God. That is, in each believer there is something of God, there is something of divine nature within us. The nature of God Himself has been placed within each of us. Then, beloved, if a child of God after having partaken of the Divine nature could be lost, then something of Divine nature would be lost too. If after being saved one were to go to Hell, then something of God would go to Hell too. Perish the thought. In view of the fact that each of us through the promises of God's Word, partake of His nature, then each of us are eternally secure in Him.

Again I say that if these were the only Scriptures which indicate that one's salvation is eternal, that this would be sufficient to cause each of us to know beyond any shadow of a doubt that we are saved eternally. Yet these few do not begin to exhaust the Word of God relative to our security. Listen:

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." — I Pet. 1:23.

LIKE PRODUCES LIKE

Here then is a text which tells us that we are born of incorruptible seed. It is a law of life that like produces like. In the first chapter of Genesis, ten times you read the expression "after his kind." This indicates that everything reproduces after its own kind. That being true, then since we are born of incorruptible seed, then we ourselves are incorruptible too. There surely could be no greater proof as to our eternal security than this.

The Word of God speaks so often as to teach that our salvation is eternal. Listen to the words of the apostle Paul:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword, As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, 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. 8:35-39.

NOTHING CAN REMOVE US

In fact, there is nothing that can take a believer out of God's hand. Temptation can't. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." — I Cor. 10:13.

Sin can't take one away from God. "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law,

but under grace." — Rom. 6:14.

Even the Devil can't so much as touch the new nature which God gives us. Though he may harass and vex, He can't touch the nature of God. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." — I Jn. 5:18.

Even the law can't take us out of God's hand. "For sin shall not have dominion over you; for ye are not under the law, but under grace." — Rom. 6:14.

And more marvelous than all else, the believer cannot take himself out of God's hand. He may wreck his life and waste his influence, but he cannot remove himself from God. When once the individual is saved, there is nothing that he can do whereby he might be unsaved. Listen: "And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me." — Jer. 32:40.

It is wonderful to thus see that it is impossible for a Christian to lose his salvation. This is true since Christ's blood cleanses from all sin. Listen to these Scriptures:

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." — Titus 2:14.

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — I Jn. 1:7.

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses." — Col. 2:13.

In these verses, Paul refers to all iniquity, all sin, and all trespasses. Since all of our iniquities, sins, and trespasses are forgiven, which means the sins, iniquities, and trespasses of yesterday, today, and tomorrow — all of the past, the present, and the future — then in view of all this, it is surely impossible for a child of God to ever lose his God given salvation.

II

HAVING THUS ESTABLISHED THE FACT THAT ONE CAN NEVER BE LOST AFTER HAVING BEEN SAVED, THEN WE KNOW THAT MY TEXT DOES NOT TEACH IN ANY WISE THE POSSIBILITY OF APOSTACY. YET IT DOES TEACH THAT ONE CAN FALL FROM GRACE.

It is most interesting to notice the background of this text. After Paul had gone from the regions of Galatia, false teachers came in who preached that faith in Christ was the means of obtaining salvation but that obedience to the law was the means of retaining salvation. This sounds so modern that one would think that it was taught only yesterday. This is the outstanding heresy of the Campbellites today.

It is the outstanding heresy of the Methodists today.

It is the outstanding heresy of the Holy Rollers today.

It is the outstanding heresy of all Arminians today. All of these teach that you obtain salvation through Christ but that you retain it through obedience to the law.

In teaching thus, they go absolutely contrary to the Word of God, for God has shown us that salvation is either by grace or works, and unmistakably Paul reveals it to be of grace alone. Listen: "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then it is 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. 11:5, 6.

However, in these regions of Galatia, many had been attracted to these false teachers. They had doubtlessly joined the churches of that section and possibly had a false peace. You know the Devil manages to give this false peace to unsaved church members. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — Prov. 14:12.

Paul in our text was thereby writing to these individuals who thought that they were justified by their works. In the very words of our text he says that he is writing to "whosoever of you are justified by the law."

UNSAVED CHURCH MEMBERS

Since he was writing to those who thought they were justified by the law, then he was therefore addressing unsaved church members. This is brought out in all the word of God in view of the fact that no man can be saved by the keeping of the law. Listen:

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." — Rom. 3:28.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." — Gal. 2:16.

"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." — Acts 13:39.

Paul was therefore speaking to those who were trusting in both grace and works for salvation. He said that they had fallen away from grace. Every Arminian in the world today who is trusting in the very slightest way to his own works, has fallen from grace.

FALLING FROM GRACE

Falling from grace then is a sin which only the unsaved can commit. It is a sin ordinarily committed by unsaved church members. That individual who depends upon his works rather than upon the finished work of Jesus Christ and who trusts anything except the shed blood of the Son of God to wash away his sins — that individual has fallen from grace.

I rejoice today that I can preach to you concerning the grace of God. I love the thought of God's grace. In December of 1942, I was in Miami, Florida, just before the holiday season. Having heard of the famed Miami Beach, and having some time at my disposal, I decided to visit it. It happened that the afternoon I was at the beach that a cool wind was blowing, and I had it all to myself — not a person was in bathing. I walked about a mile up the beach on the sand and sat down to watch the waves. Seated thus, I began with my hands to pile up sand in a little dune in front of me. Thus I sat there unconsciously or sub-consciously watching the waves and playing with the sand that I piled up. The waves kept coming in closer and closer and I moved back about twenty feet and sat on a piece of driftwood. As I did this, it placed the little pile of sand out in front of me — between me and the waves. Like a flash it came to me how that as I had piled up that sand in an unconscious manner, so my sins from the hour of birth had grown and accumulated until they

were a monstrous mountain in God's sight. Then as I sat there, suddenly a large wave came over the top of that little pile of sand and when the wave receded, the pile of sand was gone — the wave had leveled it with the balance of the beach. Well, that's just like the grace of God. Our sins increase and grow greater as the days pass by. It is only the grace of God that can blot them out.

"Grace, grace, God's grace;

Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,

Grace, grace, God's grace,

Grace that is greater than all our sin."

Realizing then the impossibility of anyone being saved by his own efforts, I therefore urge you to receive God's grace and thereby be saved. Only the individual who rejects His grace in depending upon his own works, can fall from grace. May you trust that grace and thereby be saved with an everlasting salvation. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works lest any man should boast." — Eph. 2:8, 9.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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giving a cup of cold water, the Master said, "because they belong to Christ." No man or woman will get any reward for what he does through the Masonic, Ku Klux, Woodmen, Lodges, or the Rotarians, Kiwanis, Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., W. M. U., or B. Y. P. U. It must be done in the name of Christ. That means it must be done in such a way that the Lord Jesus gets the glory. It must be done from love and loyalty and devotion to Him — not for show and not to honor or please or glorify self or men or some worldly institution. That does not include things done for pay either so far as this passage says. That is the greatest motive for hospitality. That is why lots of Baptists used to have in their homes a prophet's chamber, always open to their pastors and other Baptist preachers. Lots of folks think Baptist preachers are a nuisance to have around, but they are missing a great blessing for themselves and their children here, as well as great rewards in heaven.

6. — What do you think of this statement, taken from "Adult Bible Class Quarterly": "Deborah appears to have been the first woman preacher?"

I think it is false in toto. Deborah was a judge and a prophetess. She was not a preacher in any sense of the word. The Scriptures make it plain that the only place where Deborah either judged or prophesied was under the palm tree in her own home: wholly private, never public. Judges 4:5. The only thing that even looked like any kind of public speaking was a duet sung by Deborah and Barak in Judges 5.

7. — We want you to explain what is meant by Jesus washing the disciples feet.

In I Tim. 5:10 Paul tells Timothy that no widow was to be taken in the list of those supported by charity without these qualifications. Note them:

(1) "Well-reported of for good works." That was private work and service.

(2) "Brought up children." That certainly has reference to what was done in the home, not in the church.

(3) "Lodged strangers." That too has reference to private entertain-

ment in the home, not in the church.

(4) "Washed the saints' feet." The whole passage shows conclusively that this washing of the saints' feet was done privately, individually, in the home as part of the hospitality in entertaining her guests. So with the other things spoken of in the passage. That was the kind of foot-washing Jesus did. They met in a borrowed room. They had no host. As the meeting was arranged by Jesus, He felt it incumbent to take the place of host and wash the feet of His guests. Jno. 13:1-20.

NEEDED ENLARGEMENT FOR THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

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forth the Baptist message. Baptists are printing millions of pages of all kinds of reading; but precious little of it has any distinctive Baptist message. That is what we need.

II

In Jeremiah 33:2, 3, God says, "Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it: the Lord is his name, Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Why did the Lord say "formed it?" To what "it" did He refer? To any enterprise of faith which He started. He started THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. He is the Maker of it. He is sufficient for it.

He formed it to establish it, — not to let it fail. Lots of folk prophesied the failure of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER when it was launched. The Lord has kept it going these years. It now has subscribers all over this country and in several foreign countries. It does not owe anybody a cent. Mark you, God formed this enterprise of faith to establish it and not to let it fail.

"The Lord is His name." To let it fail would be to give every modernist in this country a chance to boast that God had started something that He could not finish. Read Numbers 11, if you think anything that God begins is too hard for Him, or can fail. His own name and honor are at stake.

"I will show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." When this promise was given to the editor concerning this paper, it was just too great it its scope for our comprehension. It is amazing how God has led and blessed. God's beginnings are always small. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

III

He has shown His power in what He has done thus far. But He said that He would show great and mighty things. Here are some of the things which He has shown us recently: a publishing house, not only big enough to publish THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, but big enough to print and bind all kinds of books and Baptist tracts. To do that we will need an up-to-date printing plant, store room, office, etc. Only a dream, you say? Yes, but Joseph's two dreams became actualities after long years of trial and testing. "But," says some one, "Are you going to put on a campaign for all these things? No, we never did put on a campaign for money for anything and we are too old to learn now. Well how are we going to get them? Ask." That is all God told me to do. Just "ask." That is all. That gives Him an opportunity to do two things for His own glory. First, to work His own will and pleasure without any meddling

or hindrance from me or any other man. Second, that gives Him a chance to show all these infidel schools and preachers that He can do the impossible in answer to prayer. This world needs in the "hub" of this country a demonstration to unbelief and disbelief everywhere — an actual demonstration of the power of a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God.

IV

Finally this publishing house needed to publish books that meet the heresies of our two seminaries and Sunday School Board. We called attention to those heresies in a recent issue. The B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. are both full of the deadliest of heresies and of the worst forms of worldliness in our ranks. Here is a partial list of the books that need to be published to meet the heresies abroad today: "The Parables of Jesus," "Old Testament Revivals," Doctrinal Sermon Outlines; Evangelistic Sermon Outlines; Exposition of Romans; Bible Quiz on Old Testament; Bible Quiz on New Testament; The New Testament Ekklesia; An Exposition of the Book of Revelation; The Bride of Christ; New Testament Mission Methods; Prayer, et al. As an example of how much Baptists need books for Baptist propaganda, every book that we know of on Revelation except Carroll's was written by an Arminian and Carroll was a post-Arminian. All of them start from wrong premises and how could they reach the truth?

There may not be any vital connection between this bureau of Apologetics started by the Catholics in Washington and this Baptist publishing plant in Kentucky and again there might. Baptists, Baptists of the Boyce Taylor type, are the only folk in this world, who can effectively answer Catholics. Might not God have had something to do with this Baptist publishing house just at the time Catholics are beginning theirs? Who knows? No one but God. "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world."

As a last word let it be remembered that faith enterprises do not go in debt: do not borrow money: float no bond issues: take no pledges and no collections: ask no man for a penny. They "ask" God. Our slogan: "Trust the Lord and tell the people." What will be your answer?

CHRISTIANS AND THE LODGE

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them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord. I tarried not to confer with flesh and blood, but obeyed the heavenly vision, and at the opening of those dead souls know that I could not stay with them and go with God. I took of my little apron and have not seen it since. . . I have known many good men who have gone with them, but not one spiritual man who has not sustained serious loss by remaining with them. . . I have known many ministers to fall disgracefully, and on inquiry think that nineteen out of twenty were first in the lodge. . . I have demonstrated, in thirty years of evangelism, that it is well nigh impossible to have a wide, deep, thorough revival in any community, town or city which has been honeycombed with the influences of the lodge. . . In my seventy-ninth year, I have seen that I must leave the above testimony. . . In the white light of judgment day it may be seen that one agency has hindered the salvation of so many souls as the lodge system of America." — Covenant Witness.