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## Why Does A Christian Continue To Pay Taxes If His Citizenship Is Removed To Heaven Upon Conversion? - Phil. 3:20.

### Some Real Differences Between The Baptists And The Campbellites

Dear Brother Gilpin,  
Are there really any essential differences between Baptists and Campbellites? Our pastor, a Seminary man, says there are practically none.

1. Campbellites teach that baptism is a condition of salvation; Baptists teach that salvation is a condition of baptism. A. 10:47.

2. Campbellites teach that baptism washes away sin; Baptists teach that the Blood of Christ washes away sin and that too at faith and before baptism. I Jno. 1:7.

3. Campbellites teach that the new birth is consummated in baptism; Baptists teach that men are born again by receiving Christ by faith. Jno. 1:12-13.

4. Campbellites deny the personal, direct immediate work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth; Baptists teach that men are born again by the Word and the Spirit and that both in Old Testament and New Testament days the Lord saved men the same way, namely, by the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth. Eph. 3:17-18, 2 Thess. 2:13.

5. Campbellites teach church salvation; Baptists teach salvation wholly through Christ, that Christ saves through faith and that none but those already saved have any right to church membership. A. 2:47.

6. Campbellites reverse the order of repentance and faith and put faith before repentance; Baptists follow the universal Bible order and tell men they cannot believe until they have first repented. Matt. 21:32.

7. Campbellites teach that men are saved wholly by works; Baptists teach that men are saved wholly by grace, through faith, apart from works, but wholly as a gift of God. Rom. 4:5-8.

8. Campbellites teach justification by works; Baptists teach justification by faith. Rom. 5:1, 4:5, Gal. 2:16.

9. Campbellites teach the Christ dishonoring doctrine of apostasy; Baptists teach the Christ-magnifying doctrine of a once-for-all salvation (Continued on Page Four)

### SHALL OUR WOMEN OBEY GOD OR MAN?

*I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. I Tim. 2:12-14.*

Rebellion against authority is rampant everywhere today. It is one of the signs of our times. A distressing sign of perilous times it is too. Bolshevism, Socialism, Profiteering, Desecration of the Lord's Day, and other such outbreaks are but marks of the seething unrest in the sinful hearts of wicked men. They are restive under the restraints of God's law. They are self-willed, presumptuous and despise authority of God or man. This spirit is not only manifest in society and business and politics; but is equally manifest in our churches. The authority of God's Word is openly and even defiantly questioned in many quarters. In other places it is ridiculed and sneered and scoffed at as out of date and behind the times. We could not be saying a more needed thing than to say that the Bible is the last word to Baptists on all the questions on which it speaks. The

Word of God is the sheet-anchor to all our liberties. If under the plea of larger liberty we swing away from any portion of God's Word we are Religious Bolsheviks.

opening the flood-gates of liberalism and religious Bolshevism that will sweep us out into the sea of doubt and uncertainty and unbelief. Baptists can't reject any portion of the Bible unless they want to give it all up. It stands or falls together. Its unity and solidarity are such that no part of it can be given up or compromised without the compromiser being logically forced to surrender it all. Baptists surrender their castle and their armor too when they give up any part of God's Word. The Bible, the Bible alone as our only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice should be the watchword of every Baptist today. We are safe when anchored to the Old Book. God's way is as safe a guide for 20th century followers of Christ as it was for first century Disciples. It made Baptists then; it will make Baptists today, if faithfully preached and obeyed. Over and over again does the Lord Jesus make obedience and faithfulness in little

things the test of our loyalty and fealty to Him and His Word. Read Matt. 5:19, Lu. 16:10 etc. There is just now upon the part of some of Leaders Disregard Bible

the leaders a disposition to utterly disregard some of the plainest commands of God to New Testament churches. Wherever and whenever Baptists have wilfully disobeyed God they have paid high for such disobedience.

It is a sin in the sight of God, because a wilful violation of a plain command of the New Testament, to send women around to speak before mixed assemblies. It is worse than that; it is rebellion against Divine authority which prohibits women from speaking in the churches or "usurping authority over men." That is the seriousness of the sin of women coming into God's house without a hat or veil or some other covering on their heads. God says in I Cor. 11:3-16 that they ought to have something on their heads as a sign that they are under authority to man. The margin in the Oxford Bible says: "A covering, a sign that she is under the" (Continued on Page Four)

### The Pilgrim Attitude Toward Taxes, Politics War, And Business

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Every one will admit that there should be some kind of government (even bad government is thought to be better than no government), for every government is primarily established in the interest and for the welfare of its subjects. It is evident to every one that all living persons are subjects of some government or society. It is evident too that conversion to Christ in no way alters the place where a Christian lives (in his physical body) or changes his earthly surroundings or circumstances. Furthermore, his government and the local authorities will hold him responsible for all of his acts, giving credit for what is honorable and good, but showing displeasure and meting out punishment for what is wrong. And so it seems very evident that we should have governments and that Christians also have some unalienable obligations to their governments. Christ and His apostles not only acknowledged this but gave directions for Christian conduct in all of these circumstances.

The Apostle Paul says:

*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;*

*For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.*

*For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;*

*Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. I Tim. 2:1-4).*

But all this is in its proper order and is as it should be, for all our circumstances, even the demands and requirements of the government, whether just or unjust, are particularly fitted and formed in the purposes of God to bring out in Christians the very spirit and character of Christ in all its sweetness and beauty. Paul says, "That they may adorn" (Continued on Page Two)

NO ACCOUNTS TO SETTLE

When the Rev. Henry Blunt was dying, the doctor said to him, "Sir, you are drawing near the grave, and I think if you have any accounts to settle, you had better settle them now." Mr. Blunt replied, "I have no accounts to settle; I owe nothing to man, AND MY SAVIOUR HAS PAID ALL MY DEBTS TO GOD!"

What a blessed state to be in. God grant that we may all be able to say that when we stand on the brink of the River. — The Christian Digest

### Spurgeon's Description Of His Faithful Wife

She delights in her husband, in his person, his character, his affection; to her, he is not only the chief and foremost of mankind, but in her eyes, he is all in all. Her heart's love belongs to him and to him only. He is her little world, her Paradise, her choice treasure. She is glad to sink her individuality in his. She seeks no renown for herself; his honor is reflected upon her, and she rejoices in it. She will defend his name with her dying breath; safe enough is he where she can speak for him. His smiling gratitude is all the reward she seeks. Even in her dress she thinks of him, and considers nothing beautiful which is distasteful to him. He has many objects in life, some of which she does not quite understand; but she believes in them all, and any (Continued on Page Four)

### MY TRIP TO MICHIGAN

During the week of June 19, the editor spent three happy days in the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, speaking on Monday and Tuesday evenings for the Woodard Avenue Baptist Church and on Wednesday evening for the Calvary Baptist Church. These were indeed blessed days of rich fellowship with these saints who really love God and His Word.

Elder Frank Goulouze is the pastor of the Woodard Avenue Baptist Church, and is indeed one of the noblest men of God with whom this editor has ever associated. In addition to preaching to his people, it was a joy to be permitted to be in his home and with his family. This was my second visit to this church and in the home of Brother Goulouze, and frankly, the time for departure (Continued on page four)

### How To Make Your Pastor's Wife Happy

1. When the new minister and his wife arrive, before she gets the bed set up or the dishes washed, call her on the telephone and tell her that she will be expected to teach the Mothers Class next Sunday.

2. Tell all the neighbors that she has been in your community two weeks and has never spent the afternoon with you. Probably if she were to visit you it would make you annoyed.

3. Give four cents in the collection plate once each month, and then fuss because the pastor's wife dresses like the wife of a "bum."

4. Expect her to lay aside the care of her family and home, leave her cooking and cleaning and visit with her husband each time you have a pain in your left fore-toe. (Continued on Page Four)

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### "DISARMING THE STRONG MAN"

Text: "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace."

"But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overthrow him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." — Luke 11:21, 22.

I want to tell you of a house, such

as I have seen. It was built as the palace of a king, although it is not used thus today. It consists of three stories. The lower story is the one which is most occupied. In it there is a kitchen, a dining room, an amusement room, sleeping rooms, and a blinded room, because things are done there which the apostle says "it

is a shame to speak of."

The second story contains a thought room. Likewise, in this second story there is an imagination room, where a painter is always embellishing the walls with pictures, yet quickly erasing them and beginning over again his work. There is also in this second (Continued on Page Three)

### STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE

Leon Tucker tells of traveling on a train in the West and of speaking to a Jewish man about the homeland. The Jew went on to say that he was perfectly satisfied here in the United States. His home was here, his business was here, his family had been born here. He wasn't interested in Jerusalem. Tucker said to him: "Stretch out your right hand, will you, please?" The Jew stuck out his (Continued on Page Four)

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the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things" (Titus 2:10); emphasis being made on the yieldness of Christians to all authority (Titus 2:9-3:1).

Also the Apostle Peter addressing the Christians as "strangers and pilgrims" (1 Peter 2:11) sums up in the following language the obligation of the Christian:

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake (1 Pet. 2:13).

### "FOR THE LORD'S SAKE"

How precious are these words, "Submit for the Lord's sake." What a privilege to have these naturally independent and resentful wills of ours surrendered to these rulers in the certain knowledge that it is for the Lord's sake. How easy it becomes when by faith we are enabled to substitute the "Lord" for the "king," "governor," or "master," no matter how unreasonable or how hard the task. He has ordered it and bids us submit, and after all we repeat that it is these very means that He uses to produce in His children an exhibition of His own heart of love and grace. How clear and complete do our instructions become as we ponder the following verses:

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

Having your conversion honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be to the king, as supreme;

Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the froward.

For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

For what glory is it, if, when ye be

buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps" (1 Pet. 2:11-21).

Can we not bring ourselves to know the fellowship of Christ's attitude to His surroundings by subjugating ourselves to Him in the circumstances surrounding us? Or do our circumstances become the occasion by which we exhibit the flesh that is in us? Listen, dear fellow pilgrim, to this next verse:

"Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously:

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:23-24).

We should recognize too that our circumstances are always under God's control and indispensable for our training. Balaam's speaking ass and the resisting angel (Num. 22) may help as an illustration showing God's minute manipulation of all the details of our present circumstances. All the great spiritual leaders of the past have been men, who in the spirit of the example of the unjust steward (Luke 16:8-9) have through the means of mammon (the material things) and even adverse circumstances of life, purchased thereby much of the great eternal wealth of heaven. They recognized in their circumstances, not only the disciplinary, but also the emancipating hand of God for them. A good example of this we find in the statement regarding the faith of Moses.

"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he endured, as seeing Him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:24-27).

It was this spirit that produced such great hymns as the following:

Farewell to this world's fleeting joys,  
Our home is not below;  
There was no home for Jesus here,  
And 'tis to Him we go.

To Him in yonder home of love,  
Where He has gone before:  
The home He changed for Calvary's cross,  
Where all our sins He bore.

He bore our sins, that we might be  
His partners on the throne!  
The throne He'll shortly share with those

For whom He did atone.

Up to our Father's house we go,  
To that sweet home of love;  
Many the mansions that are found  
Where Jesus dwells above!

And He who left that home above,  
To be a sufferer here,  
Has left this world again for us  
A mansion to prepare.

His errand to the earth was love,  
To wretches such as we!  
To pluck us from the jaws of death,

Nailed to th' accursed tree.

The accursed tree was the reward  
Which this sad world did give  
To Him who gave His precious life  
That this lost world might live.

And has this world a charm for us,  
Where Jesus suffered thus?  
No; we have died to all its charms  
Through Jesus' wondrous cross.

The cross on which our Lord expired  
Has won the crown for us!  
In thankful fellowship with Him  
We bear our daily cross.

Set free in grace — He vanquished,  
him

Who held us in his chains—  
But more than this, He shares with us  
The fruit of all His pains.

To all His ransomed ones He'll give  
(To us amongst the rest)

With Him to dwell, with Him to reign,

With Him forever blest.

Farewell, farewell, poor faithless  
world,

With all Thy boasted store;  
We'd not have joy where He had  
woe—

Be rich where He was poor.

— W. Trotter

## THE PILGRIM'S PATH

So many have been drinking at the world's fountain of thought and propaganda that they are unable to discern the pilgrims' path and scarcely know his discriminating voice (Rev. 3:20). Many are even imbued with Satan's disguised world strategy for the "liberation" of mankind in the name of "Christianity" that they little dream of the hidden dagger in the friendly gesture of Christian vesture. They are so far away from God that they are unable to decide whether a Christian should fight or not, and so leave it to the individual (scriptural uninstructed?) conscience to decide. The world and Christendom clamors for victory but does not know that prophecy has clearly indicated the course of events (Dan. 2:44).

What a disappointment it will be in the end to many Christians to discover that they gave their support, and some gave their very lives, for a cause that had no sanction in Scripture. What a pity when a simple path of scriptural definitions were always at their disposal, and, if approached with a mind free from human reasoning, would have been sufficient (1 John 2:27; 1 Cor. 2:12). There is nothing left to doubt. For instance, we may have wondered what to do about taxes (since we

### Why Pay Taxes

are declared citizens of another country) — whether to pay them or not — but God has clearly answered this for us. He has invested this common and naturally undesired, action with a new and precious meaning.

For this cause pay ye tributes also; for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing (Rom. 13:6).

The next verse emphasizes this with a "therefore." "Render therefore to all their dues." The privilege of paying your taxes in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is hereby authorized. So we see again jewels of great value sparkling in this divine arrangement. For has not our Father made even this burden a means (by our obedience in it) for rich reward.

Not only that, He even reveals His loving concern for our conscience, inasmuch as we should have wondered

whether we were responsible for our government's use of our tax money. Now we see that we are no more involved than in the merchants' use of our money which we surrendered to him for the purchase of his goods. How simple this makes our responsibility and how gracious is our God to give detail when needed.

But look further, for He has given us clear instructions as to what we are to render — tribute, custom, fear, honor (Rom. 13:7). However, you will observe that no mention is made of personal service. You may find that while you should pay your taxes, you may not be able to work for the government in some capacity because it may be incompatible with your heavenly calling. (How one marvels at the accuracy of Scripture which is never more apparent than in its omissions).

There is a personal service permitted, however, where it is "compelled," but this is considered by most Christians as impractical and not even applicable in this age. Jesus says:

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil, but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain (Matt. 5:38-41).

Nevertheless, there is no warrant from any of the New Testament Scriptures to assume that this principle was not to be carried out practically in this age, gathering from what the Apostle Paul states in the third chapter of Philippians. It is very evident that he applied it to himself and in the sixth chapter of First Corinthians, he recommends the same principle to the Corinthian Christians. As for all the fine arguments deduced from Paul's reference to his Roman citizenship and his appeal to Caesar for a hearing, they have no sustained support in Scripture and are without weight to the unbiased Christian mind.

To our mind, the Apostle Paul appears never to have at any time sought governmental protection. We, therefore, deduce from New Testament Scripture and the apostle's example that Christians in this dispensation are now under the direct governmental protection of God, and God has now undertaken (to all that will trust Him) to be not only the Christian's provider of his daily food and clothing, but His guardian (Heb. 1:14). For a Christian to appeal to a human government for protection or redress for wrongs sustained is virtually denying his pilgrim character, and his heavenly Father's protection (Ezra 8:22).

But some one will say: Then why should God require Christians as pilgrims to pay taxes? We answer: For the same reason that Christ paid taxes although he was King (Matt. 17:24-27). We pay taxes in acknowledgment that Christ's earthly Kingdom has not come. When it comes, we will reign with Him (1 Cor. 4:8), so that after all the very payment of our taxes is a declaration on our part that our Kingdom has not arrived.

## THE CHRISTIAN AND POLITICS

We cannot vote. To vote now is to make ourselves a part of the present kingdom. For, to reign with Christ then, demands an outside place now

— outside of all its religious, political, and worldly associations.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he who believeth with an infidel?

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you,

And I will be a Father unto you, ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

There is one thing Christians should be very, very careful about and is how their actions may appear before others, especially the world. The world will not always be able properly understand the motives behind their actions, and hence, the need of great care in the way they do some things. There should never be the slightest cause for suspicion that their motives are not right.

## THE CHRISTIAN AND WAR

A Christian who will not vote will not take part in social reform, will not even lend his support for good cause, will not cooperate with others to suppress evil, and will not take up arms to defend his country from wicked, oppressive enemy countries, cannot expect that everybody will easily understand the reason for this position. The idea is altogether foreign to even the public mind, because the large Roman Catholic convents and monasteries erected in many parts of the world convey somewhat of a similar thought and are not only conceded but expected for their apparent faith.

However, the path is admittedly more complicated and difficult when maintained in the ordinary walks of life, especially in our modern cities and in the business life of today, it is here and in the open where God would have a clear-cut testimony. Unless we ourselves have yielded our lives to this degree, only then can we walk such a path. It will actually require the relinquishing of our every claim on earth.

"For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:11).

But this is a priceless attainment and is not included in the work of Calvary (except potentially).

I am inclined to believe that heaven's rewards for us are confined to the proportion of our divesting earthly possessions (both spiritual and material) and the enthronement of Christ in our hearts, and not to the proportion or arduousness of service for Christ (Phil. 3).

## "DIDN'T OWN A RED BRICK"

Donald Ross is reputed to have said that he was happy to be able to say that he did not possess a "red brick." I have no confidence in "conscientious objectors," who are zealous to possess and enjoy all the goods they can of a good and lenient government (that others have sacrificed and died for to make good, and now for "conscientious reason" refuse to even

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## DISARMING THE STRONG MAN

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a room of archives, where a constantly records the past.

third story contains a throne which, in most houses, is covered with dust and stains. In it there is an hall of judgment where decisions are made. Likewise, there is all of conscience and also a chapel which is but seldom used.

his house was built by a king for his residence; however, one of his servants threw off his authority and appropriated the house to self.

do you know the meaning of this tale? This house is yourself. The stories represent body, soul, and spirit. This house was built by God for his residence; yet it is occupied by Satan.

With this thought in mind, I read you of our text which says: "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overthrow him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his goods." — Luke 11:21-22.

I THE STRONG MAN REPRESENTS THE DEVIL. Many joke and laugh at him as though he were fictitious. He is spoken of by many as though he were an allegorical phantom. Even though he is the Devil, it is wrong to speak lightly concerning him. Even the Arch Angel of God dared not do so. Listen:

"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." — Jude 9.

If Indians had burned your home, and killed your wife, dashed out the brains of your child, and tied you to a tree to burn, would you joke about it? Would you speak lightly of the individuals who did so? Well, such individuals are a saint in comparison with the Devil.

Too many have forgotten that the Devil actually exists. I myself believe that there is a Devil. I believe in him just as strongly as in God. He is just as real to me as is God. The only difference is that God is good to me for good; whereas the Devil is real to me for evil. Yet, he exists.

"And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." — II Corinthians 11:14.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." — I Peter 5:8.

You get an idea as to his character from the names whereby he is called in the Scripture. He is called the "Devil," which literally means "slanderer." He is called "Satan" which means "an adversary." He is called "Apollyon" which means "a destroyer." He is called "Beelzebub" which means "the prince of demons." He is called "a snake" — "the old serpent" — "a dragon" — "a roaring lion." All of these names are but descriptive of his very character.

Our text speaks of the same individual when it speaks of him under the title "the strong man." The "strong man" is the same old Devil with whom the human family has contended from the days of the Garden of Eden to the present.

II THE "STRONG MAN" KEEPS HIS GOODS IN PEACE. Of course, his goods represent all of the unsaved of the world. They are at peace, contented, happy.

A man said to me sometime ago, as I pressed home the question of his soul's salvation, "Why speak of God and eternity? I am as happy as a bird. Leave me alone. I am at peace." Yet that peace which the sinner knows, is the peace of death.

"There is a way which seemeth right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — Proverbs 14:12.

It reminds me very much of Jonah asleep in the hull of the vessel and a storm raging all about him. It looked each moment as though the ship might go to the bottom of the ocean. Though the mariners pulled hard at the oars, the ship barely managed to rise from one wave to the next. In spite of this terrible storm that was raging, old Jonah was sound asleep. He didn't know how near he was to death. He didn't realize the fearfulness of his condition. This is the sinner's peace. He is at peace, because he doesn't begin to realize the awfulness of his condition. It is the peace of death.

Again, I might say that a sinner under such conditions, reminds me of King Saul, asleep with all his mighty men about him. Abishai, the servant of David, stands over him with drawn spear asking for the privilege and David's permission to smite King Saul but once. Well, that is the peace of the sinner. It is one of despair, ruin, and death. He is at peace, to be sure. The Devil succeeds in keeping him thus, for the sinner little realizes the terribleness of his present state.

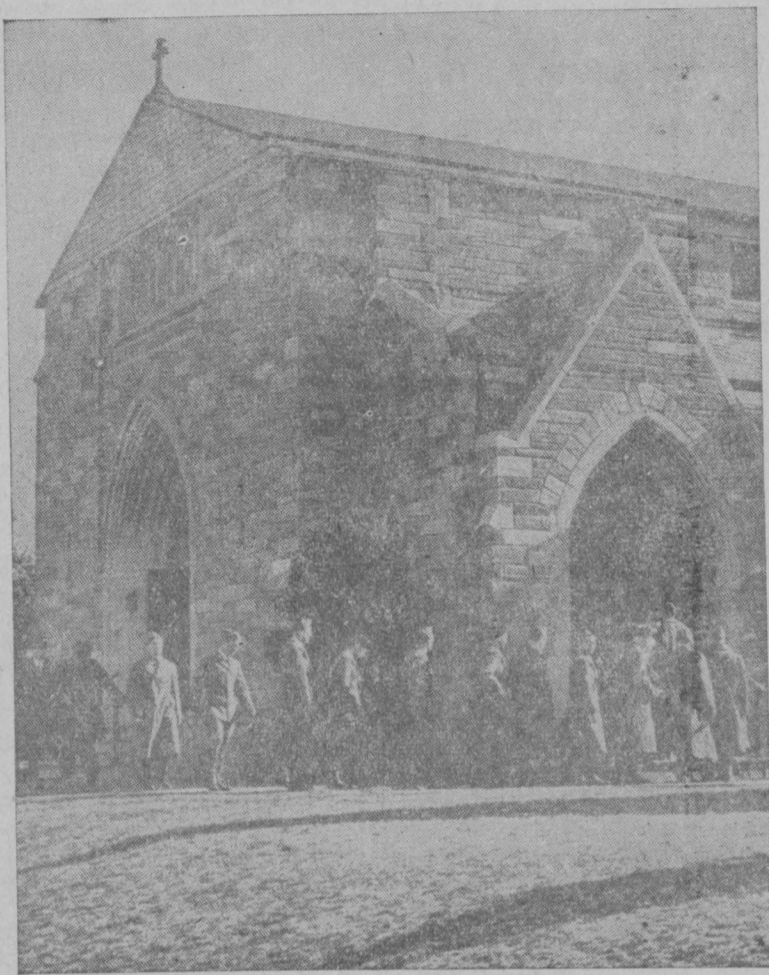
The saddest thing with all sinners is that they are at peace. When a child is sick, as long as it suffers, there is hope, but when that child ceases to suffer, that is the worst symptom. If sinners are convicted to the extent of suffering, there is some hope of salvation. Yet, when sinners cease to be conscious of spiritual suffering and when they are perfectly at peace in their sins, this, undoubtedly, is the worst symptom as to their spiritual condition.

I was in a home sometime ago; and, as I talked to the mother, her little babe in the cradle nearby stirred from time to time. Each time the child stirred, the mother rocked the cradle in order that the child might go back to sleep. So it is that the Devil keeps one at peace. If a soul stirs and becomes restless and would be saved, the Devil says, "Hush!" That man is an alarmist. There is no Heaven; there is no Hell. Go to the theater, go to the races, go to the movies, get away from those thoughts that trouble you." Thus it is that the "strong man" keeps his goods and peace.

III IT IS RATHER INTERESTING TO NOTICE HOW IT IS THAT THE "STRONG MAN" SUCCEEDS IN KEEPING HIS CAPTIVES AT PEACE. Possibly there are four ways whereby this is true. FIRST OF ALL, HE KEEPS THEM AT PEACE BECAUSE HE HAS THEM MESMERIZED. The have been hypnotized by Satan and are completely under his influence and do his will cheerfully and gladly.

In my first pastorate, I had been preceded by an elderly, Godly man who had two sons as much unlike as day and night. One was a good and Godly man, while the other claimed to be an infidel. One day, when I talked with him in his home, he put his hand over his heart and said, "You needn't talk to me. I have perfect peace." Doubtlessly, he

## Worship



"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." — Ps. 122:1.

told the truth. In all probability, he was so completely mesmerized and hypnotized by Satan that he was perfectly satisfied in his present condition.

A SECOND REASON AS TO HOW THE "STRONG MAN" KEEPS HIS CAPTIVES AT PEACE IS FOUND IN THEIR DEPRAVITY. Man has not always been as he is today. Once he was pure, but since the day sin entered the Garden of Eden, all of Adam's descendants have been sinners. None of us has ever known anything but to sin. Due to this depravity, the sinner has never known any better. If he had ever known anything other than sin, and if he had ever shared any master other than Satan, he would not be happy.

I saw a man who had never had any hands; yet he could put his stubs of arms together and with a pencil between them write a most beautiful and exact handwriting. People paid him to write calling cards for them; and as he put the pencil between the stubs of his arms, they stood about with their eyes and mouths wide open in astonishment. I asked him if he missed his hands. He said, "How could I? I never had any." Since he had never had any hands, he did not know what it was to be without them. Thus, it is with the sinner. He has never known anything but sin. He has never known anything but depravity. No sinner would be happy, and neither would any sinner be at peace, if he had ever known anything except depravity.

A SINNER'S HABITS OFFER A THIRD REASON AS TO HOW THE "STRONG MAN" KEEPS HIS CAPTIVES AT PEACE. A drunkard, sensualist, glutton, miser, or liar can forget about God through his habits of sin. Sin causes the individual to become calloused.

I saw a young girl some time ago weep bitterly because, in a fit of provocation, she had sworn a black,

vile oath. Yet, there are dozens of men who use that same oath daily and think nothing of it. It is a matter of habit with them, and thus through their habits, they become hardened so that their sin does not worry them. It is thus that the "strong man" keeps his goods at peace.

FURTHERMORE, SINCE THE SINNER'S CONSCIENCE BECOMES MORE AND MORE HARDENED THROUGH HIS SIN, THE "STRONG MAN" THUS SUCCEEDS IN KEEPING HIS CAPTIVES AT PEACE.

When concrete is first poured, one might write his initials upon it or walk on it or make an imprint upon it in many ways when it is soft. Yet when that concrete hardens, it would take many blows of a heavy hammer to break it. Thus it is with the sinner. His conscience becomes hardened, and thereby he is at peace.

It is thus that the "strong man" keeps his captives at peace. He mesmerizes and hypnotizes them. Because of their depravity, their habits of sin, and the hardening of their conscience, they come more and more into a state of absolute peace.

IV SOMETIMES THE "STRONG MAN" RELEASES HIS HOLD ON THE SINNER FOR THE TIME BEING.

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out." — Luke 11:24.

It is not that the Devil is cast out — he just goes out. The "strong man" is afraid of losing the sinner, so he lets up on him for a while. You know how it is when you go fishing and hook a big game fish. If you want to land him, you had better not play him too fast, but rather let him wear himself out, and then pull him in when he is helpless. So the "strong man" works. Sometimes, when it looks as though he might lose the sinner, he leaves him for a season.

## THE SINNER REFORMS

This is when the sinner reforms.

Outwardly, he looks alright. He goes to church: he buys a large family Bible — which, incidentally, is too big ever to be used —; he begins to give to religious causes; and, outwardly, he has become quite religious. When you talk with him, he says, "I once was a swearer, a drunkard, an adulterer, a liar, and a gambler; but I have quit all these things. Am I not now a Christian?" Listen, beloved, you have to do more than put the Devil out of your life; you have to put Christ in. Listen to the words of Jesus, as he conversed with Nicodemus:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." — John 3:3, 5, 7.

You will notice that my text indicates that the "strong man" is not at rest when he is outside the sinner.

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out." — Luke 11:24.

## REFORMATION, A FAILURE

That is why reform is a failure from beginning to end. Whenever a man reforms, he is sure to fall again in sin. Man doesn't need reformation, but regeneration.

When the unclean spirit comes back into a man, he always comes with reinforcements. Our Scripture tells us that he brings with him "seven other spirits more wicked than himself." Hence it is that every time a man reforms, he gets worse the next time he falls in sin. I have seen this happen many, many times. Men will reform, quit their meanness, and accordingly become quite religious; and yet they become worse and worse as the days pass by.

I remember one Sunday morning at the close of services, a lady said to me, "Have you noticed my good husband?" Realizing that Jesus said that there is none good but God, I asked her what was good about him. She told me that he hadn't drunk a drop of liquor for three weeks, which really was quite a drought for him. She said he had come to church for three Sundays in succession and that she herself was unusually happy because of his sudden change. I asked her if he had been saved, to which she replied negatively. Faithfully warning her, I told her that he was just getting ready for the biggest drunken escapade that he had ever been on; and, beloved, in less than three weeks time this was his experience. I took him home in less than three weeks so drunk that he didn't know when he got in the house. I have seen him reform a dozen times since then, and he is a worse drunkard today than he has ever been. It is thus that the "strong man" works with his subjects. When he has difficulty in keeping one at peace and thinks he might lose him, he himself goes out and thus gives the sinner an opportunity to reform; yet he always comes back, so that the sinner, in his last estate, is worse than in the beginning.

## V

FINALLY, MY TEXT TELLS US HOW THE "STRONG MAN" CAN BE CAST OUT.

"But when a stronger than he

shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." — Luke 11:22.

There is one who is stronger than the "strong man"; that is Jesus. Whereas the "strong man" represents Satan, the "stronger than the strong man" represents Jesus.

He is stronger than Satan because he overthrew Satan in the wilderness. Three times, Satan came with his temptation, and each time Jesus successfully met those temptations, so that ultimately it was said that "then the Devil leaveth Him." (Matthew 4:11).

Jesus is stronger than Satan because throughout all His ministry He cast out demons. He is stronger in that He took a thief out of the very jaws of Hell when on the cross. He thus took one of Satan's subjects who was practically in Hell out of Satan's hands and took him into Heaven. He is stronger than Satan because He ascended triumphantly over the powers of Hell.

How we thank God, beloved, that there is a way of victory over the "strong man!" I couldn't overcome him in my strength, because he is stronger than I am. Yet I have this assurance that when the "stronger than the strong man" is on my side, there is victory in Him.

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." — I John 4:4.

You may wonder how this can be possible. I insist that it is only by a personal acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Listen.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." — Isaiah 45:22.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." — John 14:6.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." — John 6:37.

May God grant that you shall yield yourself to the "stronger than the strong man", and may you completely trust in Him Who died for you, and thereby may you find that peace which knows no end and that satisfaction which alone is to be found in Him.

### Why Does A Christian Continue to Pay Taxes If Citizenship Is In Heaven?

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defend. Ordinarily "strangers and pilgrims" have the bulk of their goods in their homeland. It is more to their hindrance and also a loss when Christians retain their holdings in a foreign land. However, it may be in the providence of God to entrust some Christians (as in the case of George Mueller), with considerable earthly wealth. In such cases it is handled only in trust; it does not belong to the Christian; it is a heavy and a responsible position. The stranger and pilgrim in that instance may execute a vast estate without himself owning a single "red brick."

The reason we have so few conscientious objectors is because we have so few strangers and pilgrims. Most of our young men would have a bad conscience if they did not fight because they have ambitions for this world and so need to defend the world. The spiritually poor are those who desiring the good of this world possess neither earth nor heaven. The really pitiful poor are those who fail

to kill the best of the Amalekites' flock and so will eventually lose both kingdoms. This results from the same reasoning as Saul's. He reasoned that it would no doubt be acceptable to God if the best of the flock were saved and some were used for sacrifices (I Sam. 15:20-23).

Guide us, O Thou gracious Saviour, Pilgrims through this barren land; We are weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold us with Thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, Feed us now and evermore.

While we tread this vale of sorrow, May we in Thy love abide: Keep us ever, gracious Saviour, Cleaving closely to Thy side, Still relying On the Father's changeless love.

Saviour, come, we long to see Thee, Long to dwell with Thee above, And to know in full communion All the sweetness of Thy love. Come, Lord Jesus, Take Thy waiting people home.

### Some Real Differences Between The Baptists And The Campbellites

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through the finished work of Jesus Christ. John 3:36, 5:24, 10:25-27, Rom. 8:28-39.

10. Campbellites teach open communion, ruling elders, the government of the church a monarchy, infant purity, Arminianism and a host of other soul destroying heresies, which the Bible and the Baptists deny.

Campbellites teach the grievously false doctrines of Pelagius. They deny original sin. They deny the necessity of grace for the salvation of the infant. They assert complete free will. They assert Adam's fall injured himself only and not his posterity. Among all so-called evangelical believers, none are farther from the Baptists than the Campbellites.

### Shall Our Women Obey God or Man?

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power of her husband." The woman who goes to God's house without a covering on her head is in rebellion

against the authority of both God and man. That is Bolshevism in religion. The reaping day of women for that revolt against Divine authority will be everywhere men-less churches and church-less men and all the evils that grow out of those two evils. It is the same old sin of Mother Eve — "Woman being deceived was in the transgression." Satan, transformed as an angel of light, is the author and instigator of feminism in our churches. He knows that it is rebellion, wilful or ignorant, upon the part of woman against God's authority in making man the head of the woman, both because of his priority in creation and the woman's priority in sin. No man is a friend to the Baptists or to the truth or to our women who urges them forward in rebellion against the plain commands and authority of God and His Word.

### BIBLE PROHIBITIONS ON WOMEN

1. She is forbidden to speak in God's House if men are present. I Cor. 14:34.
2. She is forbidden to ask questions publicly. I Cor. 14:35.
3. She is forbidden to pray in the presence of men in public worship. I Tim. 2:8.
4. She is forbidden to teach men publicly. I Tim. 2:12.
5. She is forbidden to usurp authority over the men. I Tim. 2:12.
6. She is forbidden to become a preacher. I Tim. 3:2. She might be the wife of one husband, but she never could be "the husband of one wife."

### Spurgeon's Description Of His Faithful Wife

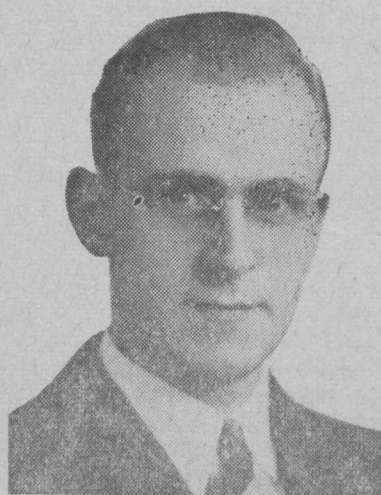
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thing she can do to promote them, she delights to perform . . . Such a wife, as a true spouse, realizes the model marriage relation, and sets forth what our oneness with the LORD ought to be! — The Baptist Fellowship Courier.

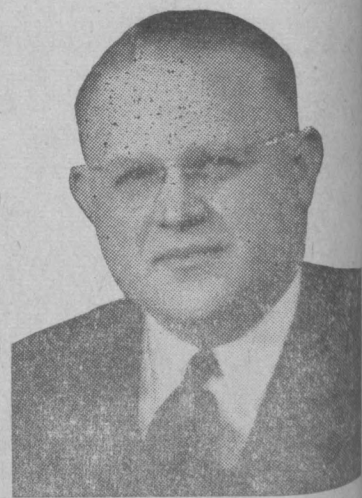
### How To Make Your Pastor's Wife Happy

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5. If she is friendly, tell every one how frivolous and fast she is. If she is shy and reserved, say she is proud and "stuck up," feels better than the common people.

## Two Genuine Christian Gentlemen



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"HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE"

By A. M. Overton

"My Father's way may twist and turn,

My heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad to know  
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go  
My hopes may fade away,  
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead,  
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem  
That day will never break;  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,  
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,  
My eyesight's far too dim;  
But come what may, I'll simply trust  
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift  
And plain it all He'll make,  
Through all the way, tho dark to me,  
He made not one mistake."

day and Tuesday nights. It was with a trip to Michigan just to meet these fine folk. God's blessing on them!

And God's blessings on all the dear ones who were so kind and receptive to the Truth and this servant of the Lord Jesus.

Brother Leo Stogner, Riggs, has a brother named Sunshine who lives in Evansville, Ind. Sunshine \$10 to Leo recently to deliver to the editor and said at the same time "Personally, I don't think the paper can be improved. I read most every word of my copy and then pass it on to someone else. To show appreciation for the work Bro. Sunshine is doing, I am enclosing \$10 for you to pass on to him." I added that when Leo "passed it on," added a "five" of his own. How thank God for the noble friends through the years have blessed soul of this pastor!

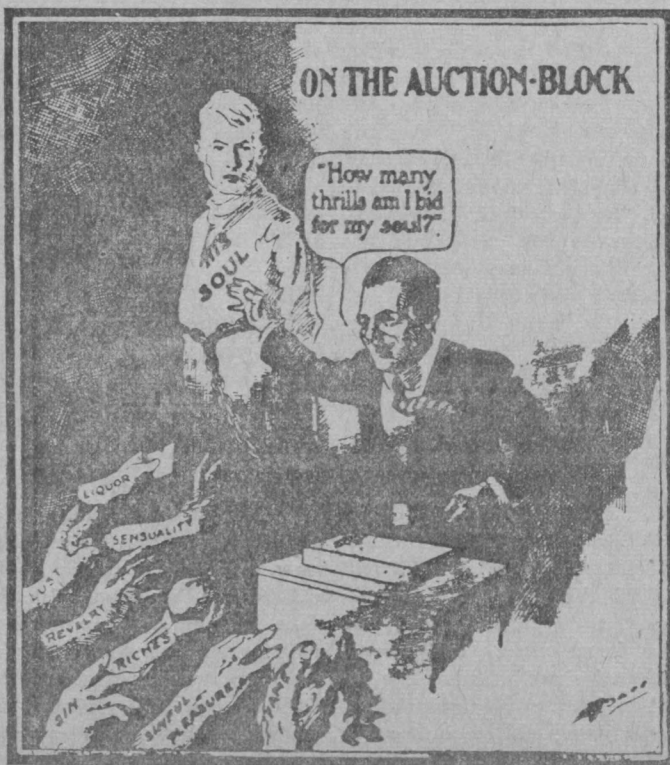
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## Does This Represent You?



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### STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE

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right hand and Tucker looked at it and then said: "Stick out your tongue, please."

The Jew said, "Are you trying to make a fool out of me?"

Tucker said: "No, but I would like to see your tongue." The Jew stuck out his tongue. Tucker looked at it, and quoted from Psalm 137:5, 6: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

That Jew bowed his head and, with tears on his cheek, said, "My God, I was never so rebuked in my life."

— The Prophetic News

### MY TRIP TO MICHIGAN

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from these dear ones always comes too soon. What a benediction to be associated with these people!

The Calvary Baptist Church is at present pastorless, but our old friend and brother, John Bajema, a layman and a member of the church most kindly and graciously introduced me. Brother Bajema is one of the most versatile laymen I've ever met — being preacher, teacher, song leader, and soloist par excellence. Though I could only be with this church one evening God gave us an hour of rich spiritual blessings together.

This trip of course brought new subscribers into THE BAPTIST EXAMINER family. In the name of the Lord Jesus, we welcome them.

Another fine feature of this trip came in meeting and having fellowship with some preachers living in Grand Rapids. Elder and Mrs. Ralph Alyca attended the services on Mon-