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

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20).

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Will God Bless The Centennial Crusade Of Baptists?

A Long Prayer With Big Results

Several years ago an engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad gave a remarkable testimony in the Eighth Ave. Mission, New York City.

This engineer stated that he had a wife who was a very earnest Christian, and that she had urged him on many occasions to give his heart to the Lord and let Him help keep Satan from destroying his life by further indulgence in sinful habits. Though he loved his wife, he found it hard to change his course, and remained a stubborn and defiant sinner. His wife's pleas continued for years, when suddenly he was taken with a most severe illness, his body shrinking to less than 100 pounds. He eventually was forced to enter one of the Philadelphia hospitals, where he grew rapidly worse, and was finally pronounced dead. His wife had watched him closely and was near at hand when this verdict was reached. She protested to both physician and nurse, saying she had prayed for him for 27 years, and that the Lord had assured her that he would be saved. Since he was not saved, she insisted that he could not be dead. Her unwillingness to accept the statements made to her, caused the physician to bring in another of his profession to verify his report. This did not convince the wife. To humor her, seven doctors viewed the body, one after another, and each one tried to convince the wife that her husband was dead.

Finally she knelt by the cot where the body lay, and prayed for one whole hour. She asked the nurse for a pillow to place under her knees that were now aching. Upon receiving this she prayed on, two, three, four hours, five, seven, nine hours, thirteen hours. Suddenly this "dead" man opened his eyes and spoke. Asked what he wanted, he said he wanted to go home. The bewildered and much astonished physicians were informed of the man's request and immediately vetoed it, declaring that it would mean "sure death." However, the wife, who knew the Lord, was sure He could and would prevent "sure death." (Continued on page four)

ISRAEL'S RATIONS

Dr. Robert G. Lee has pointed out that rationing is nothing new, for it was instituted by the Lord as far back as the time of Israel's wilderness wanderings. For forty years there was a daily ration of manna. They were allowed so much each day, and no more. God's reason was not because of a shortage of supplies, however; it was, "That I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law, or no." He wanted to know whether they would trust Him daily for their daily bread. And (Continued on page four)

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

1. Is it right for a Christian to pray about the war?

Not only right, but obligatory in that God demands it. Read II Chron. 6:34,35; I Sam. 17:45,47; Luke 18:6-8.

2. One Sunday morning, our preacher said, "God created some people on purpose to save them; God created some people on purpose to damn them." Are these statements, in your opinion Scriptural?

It is certain that God created some for the purpose of saving them. Read Eph. 1:4; II Thes. 2:13. It is likewise true that some were ordained to damnation. Jude 1:4; Rom. 9:17,18. However I don't think any preacher ought to make such assertions without amplifying them in the light of Scripture.

3. Explain Isaiah 38:5,8.

This needs more to be believed than to be explained. Hezekiah was ill and expected to die. As a result of prayer, God lengthened his life, and as a sign to him that his life was to be lengthened,

God performed a special miracle, whereby He made the shadow on the sun-dial to go back ten degrees or about forty minutes.

I think this throws much light on the problem of illness today. God's people ought to pray definitely as did Hezekiah. Jesus never changes. Heb. 13:8; He healed when here in the days of His flesh. Then why not depend upon Him to heal today? James 5:13-15 is a very precious promise in this respect.

4. Will you please give me the name of the founder, and the date of founding, of each of the leading denominations.

Mormon, Joseph Smith, 1830.
Campbellite, Alexander Campbell, 1827.
Methodist, John Wesley, 1740.
Congregationalist Robt. Brown, 1540.
Presbyterian, by John Calvin, 1536.
Episcopal, Henry VIII, 1534.
Lutheran, Martin Luther, 1520.
Hardshell Baptists, Daniel Parker, 1832.

Freewill Baptists, Benjamin Randall, 1780.

Nazarenes, S. F. Breece, 1835.
Christian Science, Mary Eddy, 1884.

Russellites, Charles T. Russell, 1884.

5. Is it pleasing to the Lord Jesus to see Xmas boxes exchanged at social gatherings of professing Christians?

It is an abomination to God. In fact anything pertaining to Xmas is a stench in the nostrils of a thrice holy God. It is merely a part of the waste and extravagance which accompanies this diabolical pagan and heathen celebration.

6. Is it an honor or displeasing to Christ to flood the mails with greeting cards at Xmas time, thus making such a tremendous rush for the government?

It is wrong, — wholly wrong. Xmas cards with a Christian sentiment attached are more wrong than any others, in that Christ is being linked with paganism and (Continued on page two)

Mr. Dodd Replies

In the February issue of this paper, we editorially discussed the Centennial Crusade of Southern Baptists to win 1,000,000 souls in 1945, and thereby gave a resume of Crusade leader M. E. Dodd, bringing several accusations against him for his doctrinal looseness and heterodoxy.

Mr. Dodd is a feminist.
Mr. Dodd is a unionist.
Mr. Dodd is an Arminian.

Mr. Dodd is a Mason, and thereby a traitor to the Truth. No Baptist preacher can be loyal to the Word of God and be a Mason too.

Mr. Dodd is a compromiser with Modernists (Kagawa), and heretics. In having a Methodist Bishop pray during his broadcast on the Baptist Hour recently, Mr. Dodd was too nauseating and disgusting for words to adequately describe his unscripturalness.

Well Mr. Dodd replied with a letter to this editor on February 22, stating that a personal friend had sent him a copy of my paper.

In his letter there was not one denial of the charges which I had made. In fact his letter is a tacit and silent admission that my charges are true. If they are not true, why doesn't he deny them? We will gladly give him space to do so in this paper and I am sure that all the denominational organs would be glad to do likewise.

Of course, there can be no denial. It is like the real estate dealer in Chicago who sold town lots in Florida, where the title was not only "fishy" but the lots themselves were twenty fathoms under water. When confronted with proof of his dishonesty, he could neither deny the allegations nor the alligators. Neither can Mr. Dodd deny his heresies. They are too well known. For the past twenty years and better he has championed the causes of unionism, feminism, Arminianism, and Modernism.

In his letter he says:
"I pray and hope that the Lord will bless all that we do and say to the honor of His name and to the salvation of souls."

Frankly, I hope too that many souls may be saved through the ministry of M. E. Dodd and his crusade. I rejoice to see souls saved, regardless of who it may (Continued on page four)

Baptists Depart Further In Evangelistic Crusade

The following clipping from the Dallas News, December 13, 1944, tells its own story:

"Five converts for every one received into the church (?) during 1944 is the objective set for Dallas Baptist churches for the Centennial Evangelistic Crusade during 1945, the Rev. Odell Jameson, chairman of the Dallas campaign, announced." * * * "the Dallas quota of 14,000 converts" is their allotment in The Programme. "A county-wide religious census will be taken * * * to obtain names of the prospective converts."

The Devil never planned anything among Baptists which could be more repugnant and repulsive to true Baptists than this worldly scheme which ignores the Scriptures and substitutes carnal (Continued on page four)

OUR BAPTIST APOSTASY And Our Man Made Remedies

The honored and faithful Editor of the Clarion, Nov. 15, 1944, editorializes as follows upon our apostate drifts:

"The great distance traveled by our people in this modern 'falling' may be seen in an instance recently brought to our attention. A recent graduate of one of our largest and most popular theological seminaries presented a many-pointed program to the church of which he is pastor, demanding that they take it 100 per cent, or leave it altogether. A few of the members refused to accept all of the items in his program, and asked him for scriptural basis for them. In the course of the discussion that followed, this highly educated pastor is said to have declared, in substance: 'This program is Baptist and is in harmony with what our great denomination with what our great denomination' (Continued on page two)

Several Questions Concerning Tithing

1. Was the tithe ever practiced outside the Jewish race?

ANSWER: Yes, tithing was practiced among Babylonians, Phoenicians, Persians, Egyptians, Carthaginians, and others of the ancient peoples.

2. Were the Jews ever required to pay more than ONE tithe?

ANSWER: Yes, THREE tithes are mentioned (1) "Holy" tithe, required of ALL — Lev. 27:30,32 (2) the festival tithe for the family feasts — Deut. 14:23 (3) a charity tithe, every third year for the needy — Deut. 14:28, 29.

3. We understand that the Levites were to be supported by the tithes of the people. But were the Levites themselves to tithe?

ANSWER: Yes, indeed, see Num. 18:26.

4. Is tithing the best plan of (Continued on page two)

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"THE IMMUTABILITY OF CHRIST"

For I am the Lord, I change not." — Mal. 3:6.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." — James 1:17.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." — Heb. 13:8.

Thank God there is One who remains the same. As the old song has said:

"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;

Oh, Thou who changest not, abide with me."

All else changes. In fact everything else is in a constant state of fluctuation and change.

Our houses change. The great houses, places of worship and cathedrals of today will some day

be in ruins. Those who own property realize how rapidly property changes, as there is something in need of repairs constantly.

Our health changes. While one may be enjoying the best of health today, tomorrow that individual may be overcome by sickness. Even a few hours makes a tremendous difference often in one's health.

Our prosperity changes. I have seen individuals reduced practically to poverty within but a (Continued on page three)

Born Twice, Died Once

A gravestone in a cemetery at New Bedford, Mass., carries the following information.

John E. Stanton
Born 1844
Born again 1915
Died 1922

That is sufficient to inform us that the spirit and soul of John E. Stanton are "with the Lord." Have you been born again? If not, remember the Lord Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

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A MASON CONVINCED

"Well, Brother John, I guess
you win about secret orders. I see
differently now..."

This is the personal testimony
of a Baptist preacher in Oklaho-
ma, whose name and address we
purposely withhold to save him
from persecution. How we thank
God for his testimony!

Only six months ago he wrote
the editor attacking our position
against the lodges. My answer
then as now, to those who differ:
just read, pray, study, and see if
we contend for the truth. Didn't
God say, "My sheep hear my
voice" Yes, God's sheep do hear.
This means that there are more
than thirty Masons who have run
up the white flag of surrender
within the past six months—at
least we have heard from this
many. Who will be the next to
come out of this worldly organi-
zation! His sheep must hear His
Word!

A PRESSING NEED

The purchase of newsprint—
the blank paper this sheet was
printed on—is one of the biggest
burdens we have. It costs us ten
dollars each week, by buying it
in ton lots.

The paper this week was pur-
chased by Miss Jo Harris, of Ash-
land, Kentucky. The paper for
the last four issues was paid for
by a Kentucky layman who de-
sires that we withhold his name.
Next week's issue will be paid for
by _____. Your name
can be placed there if you are so
led of the Lord. May He direct
you.

THE CHURCH
THAT JESUS BUILT

Some months ago we published
a review of a book by this title,
written by Elder L. G. Whitehorn,
pastor of the First Baptist
Church, Atkins, Arkansas. Brother
Whitehorn says that he has
had more sales for his book from
this review than from any other.

I am glad to mention this book
again in view of the fact that it
is a most splendid book. There
are only 512 copies left of the
first edition, and I would suggest
that you order now from the
author at his new address of
Atkins, Arkansas. The price is
25 cents per copy or five copies
for \$1.00 postpaid.

OUR TRACTS

We have been printing some ex-
cellent tracts which are ready for
distribution, and which are al-
ready being blessed of God.

"The Bible Doctrine Of Elec-
tion" may be secured by writing

Elder C. D. Cole, Mortons Gap,
Kentucky.

"A Frank Exposure Of Maso-
ry" can be had from The Christ-
ian Cynosure, 850 West Madison
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

"Ten Reasons Why I Am A
Baptist And Not A Seventh Day
Adventist" can be gotten by writ-
ing the author of it, Elder D. B.
Eastep, in care of Calvary Bapt-
tist Church, Covington, Kentucky.

"The Security Of The Saved" written by the editor, may be had
by writing directly to us at Rus-
sell, Kentucky.

Each of these booklets will
prove a blessing to you, but don't
forget to include postage when-
ever you write for free tracts.

RAMBLIN' WITH THE EDITOR

Brother Bruce Hibbitt of Den-
ison, Texas, renews his subscrip-
tion and sends a new one for a
friend. At the same time he says:
"I get many Baptist papers, but
I think THE BAPTIST EXAMI-
NER is the best of them all."

And are we happy, today? A
friend in Virginia sends us his
check for \$20.00 and sixteen new
subscriptions. How we do thank
God for this friend and for his
most helpful assistance in be-
half of this paper in the years
gone by. May God raise up many
more like him.

Even the Nazarenes subscribe
for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.
A Nazarene preacher in Missouri
sends in his subscription and one
for a friend. He says, "May the
Lord continue to bless you as you
hammer away at sin." My guess
is that he'll either be a Baptist
before long, or be fighting mad
at this editor.

The Mt. Pleasant Baptist
Church, North Kenova, Ohio, has
just sent us a check for \$30. Sev-
eral times in days gone by they,
as a body, as well as members in-
dividually have contributed liber-
ally toward the publishing of this
paper. May God bless them. They
are a great people!

The same is true of Brother C.
T. Everman, who is in the service
of Uncle Sam and is stationed at
Corpus Christi, Texas. We just
have another \$20. subsidy from
him, which is the amount he has
sent us many times in the past.
How we thank God for these who
love Him and His Word, and who
are willing to aid us in sending
out the message of Truth.

Sister Clara Reaser of Cedar-
ville, W. Va., says, "I love the
paper more and more. I think it
is the best paper that I have ever
read, and I sure hope to get it as
long as I live." (Ed. Note: Never
worry, sister; you'll get as long
as we are permitted to publish
it).

"Just a few lines to tell you
how much I appreciate the priv-
ilege of reading your paper, and
to know the love you have for
God, who prompts you to be cou-
rageous in dispensing the Truth
this old world needs at this time,
when people are becoming hard-
ened by the false delusions pro-
pagated by Satan. I trust you
will always have the grace of God
to sustain you. Enclosed you will
find five dollars to help with
your paper. Be of good courage
and fight on as long as God gives
you breath to proclaim His
Word," so writes C. H. Brubaker,
South Point, Ohio.

"You will not live long enough
to put out a better issue of THE
BAPTIST EXAMINER than the
issue of 2-24-45", so says E. T.

Smith, teacher of the Bible Only
Class of First Baptist Church,
Amarillo, Tex.

Our thanks for this fine re-
mark not only goes to Brother
Smith, but also to Brother Cas-
per Lake, Hamilton, Ohio, who
says, "THE BAPTIST EXAMI-
NER is the best doctrinal paper I
ever saw... you have my pray-
ers to keep it going in this heret-
ical age in which we live."

Brother A. F. Collins, Mur-
dock, Florida orders 50 copies
of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER
to give out to his friends, hoping
for some new subscriptions. He
also sends us \$5.00 to assist in
getting out the paper and says,
"I thank God for a preacher like
you who stands by the Truth of
God's Word, and isn't afraid to
preach it." Thank you Brother
Collins; your kind remarks en-
courage us.

Elder C. E. Lewis, Houston,
Texas, who has been reading his
pastor's copy of THE BAPTIST
EXAMINER, sends in his sub-
scription, saying, "It has been a
real blessing to me." All of
which leads me to ask: what do
you do with your copy when you
are finished with it? Some one
of your friends, like Brother
Lewis, might subscribe if you
would pass it on.

OUR BAPTIST APOSTASY

(Continued from page one)
ination desires. If it comes to the
place where I have to take a stand
for the Bible or the denomina-
tion, I'll stand by the denomina-
tion. And sadder than such an
utterance for a pastor is the fact
that a large percentage of our
present day Baptists seem to pre-
fer a man of that type to one who
will try to stay by the Word of
God.—The Clarion.

According to the testimony of
the above named educated pastor,
we find ourselves brought face
to face with infidelity in our Ba-
ptist life. According to the posi-
tion he has taken, we have the
option to choose between what
our Baptist denomination says
and what the Bible says. When
did it happen that we were grant-
ed the privilege of substituting
denominational wisdom for divine
wisdom? Cannot we all under-
stand that such a position human-
izes the program of our Lord's
churches and condemns denomi-
national leadership of infidelity?

1. Since the above educated
brother couldn't give scriptural
sanction for an aspect of his de-
nomination's program, and since
he announced his determination to
to back up his denomination, even
though scriptural sanction could
not be supplied for it, then does he
not confess that the Bible has
ceased to be an authoritative Book
with him? And with him, then is
it not even so by all Baptist lead-
ers who accept denominational
practices which cannot be sustain-
ed by the scriptures?

2. Since he, the above pastor,
affirms his determination to go
with his denomination in a prac-
tice which he apparently can't
sustain by the scriptures, then
does he not thereby declare that
the mind of the brethren is su-
perior to the mind of God?

3. Since he apparently believes
in man's wisdom supplanting
God's wisdom, then must he not
reject the Lordship of Jesus
Christ and the supervision of the
Holy Spirit in our churches?

4. Since he rejects these, then
in said attitude, does he not reject
God, and thus become an infidel?
The fact is, all human traditions
are infidel.

Now, what our Baptist fore-
bears have said and done should

not be determining factors in
making our choices. If the wisdom
of our leaders is to supplant the
Word of God in settling issues,
then we say to Hades with the
wisdom of our Baptist leaders.

Why do Baptists back an un-
scriptural program, a program
that has neither a divine procla-
mation for it nor a scriptural ex-
ample to sanction it? Answer:
It is, on the one hand, the easiest
way out, and it is, on the other
hand, the way of ignorance of the
truth about Lord's mission work.
And back of all this is the flesh.
The flesh has dangerously pro-
truded itself into Baptist work,
indeed.—Orthodox Baptist.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS
CONCERNING TITHING

(Continued from page one)

church finance?

ANSWER: It certainly is, for
it is GOD'S ONLY PLAN!

5. Isn't the New Testament
practically silent on the matter
of tithing?

ANSWER: No, indeed, read
Matt. 23:23; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; Heb.
7:8, 17.

6. I am in debt. Should I tithe?

ANSWER: That probably is
the reason you are in debt—you
have been robbing God—Mal. 3:9.
Start seeking first the kingdom
of God and all these things shall
be added to you. Mt. 6:33.

7. "But I don't know what my
tithe would be."

ANSWER: All we can say is,
"If you don't know any more a-
bout your business than that, you
are headed for the poorhouse!"

8. "I am making too much to
tithe."

ANSWER: Give us your name
and we will pray that God will de-
crease your salary until YOU
COULD AFFORD TO OBEY
HIM!

9. "I object to the system of
tithing because everything the
Bible says about it was to Jews,
not Gentiles."

ANSWER: That may be true
but so was John 3:16, the whole
14th chapter of John, Eph. 2:8;
I Jn. 3:2, and about all of the New
Testament. "ALL SCRIPTURE is
given by inspiration of God" (II
Tim. 3:16) so we ought to LOVE
AND OBEY THE WORD!

10. Have you personally tried
tithing and found it a blessing?

ANSWER: Yes, I have, and it
has brought many blessings, both
material and spiritual.

11. Do you believe I would re-
ceive a blessing from God if I
earnestly started tithing?

ANSWER: Let God answer
that in Mal. 3:10-12.

12. "But I believe that we owe
to God TEN-TENTHS, not just
ONE-TENTH."

ANSWER: We have never yet
known a person who talked like
that who gave ANYTHING NEAR
A TITHE! THAT IS JUST AN
EXCUSE FOR YOUR DISOBED-
IENCE! —Missionary Baptist
News.

I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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heathenism. It would be no more
conspicuous to print an announce-
ment of a vaudeville or burlesque
show and to quote on the same
announcement Isaiah 53:6, than
it is to print on a Xmas card
(which is purely pagan) a verse
of Scripture or some Christian
sentiment. Either would be con-
spicuously out of place.

7. Is it right for ministers to
preach that Christ was born on
December 25?

Of course not. This is some
more paganism. Doubtlessly, it
was the birthday of old Nimrod
(Gen. 10:8,9). No one knows the
exact birthday of our Lord.

My guess is that He was born
in May or June. The angel of Gab-
riel was sent to Mary in the sixth
month. See Luke 1:26. This was
the Hebrew month of 'Elul, cor-
responding to August-September
with us. Figuring the gestation
period to be fully nine months,
then Jesus was born either in
May or June. Away with the
Roman Catholic-Pagan-Heathen
idea of Christ's birth being on
December 25th.

8. Should Christ's birth be cel-
ebrated at all?

There is absolutely no com-
mand, example, precept, nor even
a hint that we are to observe the
day of Christ's birth. We are com-
manded to observe His death by
celebrating the Lord's Supper. We
are to observe His resurrection
by the ordinance of baptism. Yet
no word was ever said as to ob-
serving His birth.

9. Explain Rev. 21:10,16.

This is a picture of the city of
God—the eternal home of the re-
deemed. Someday, all the redeem-
ed of all ages, from the day of
righteous Abel forward, including
Jew and Gentile, will be assembled
within this wonderful city. For a
complete description of it, read
the editor's sermon entitled "The
City Of The Living God" in the
issue of August 3, 1944.

10. Can the exact location of
this city be determined?

Not that I know of. I have a
feeling that it will be located
right here on earth, but I have
no Scripture to prove this.

11. Will there be more than one
street? I noticed it is used in the
singular.

It is true that the singular num-
ber is always used, yet this is not
to indicate merely one street, but
rather the whole collective mat-
erial of which the streets are com-
posed.

12. Why the wall around the
city?

Walls are always for the pur-
pose of exclusion. The great wall
of China was to shut out the
Tartars. The wall about Jerusa-
lem in Nehemiah's day was to ex-
clude the Ammonites and other
heathen peoples from the city.
The reality of this wall indicates
that all that is impure is exclud-
ed from the city of the living God.

HONEY B'S WITHOUT STINGS

Interesting swarm of B's. Peter fills lives
with sweet honey of grace and goodness.

1. BE sober in mind. 1 Peter 1:13.
2. BE holy in character. 1 Peter 1:15, 16.
3. BE pitiful in spirit. 1 Peter 3:8.
4. BE courteous in manner. 1 Peter 3:8.
5. BE imitators in life. 1 Peter 3:11.
6. BE ready in testimony. 1 Peter 3:15.
7. BE watchful in prayer. 1 Peter 4:7.
8. BE humble in soul. 1 Peter 5:8.
9. BE vigilant in watchfulness. 1 Peter 5:8.
10. BE diligent in service. 2 Peter 3:14.

MARCH 24, 1945

THE IMMUTABILITY OF CHRIST

short time, and a few times, — very few in life, I have seen individuals suddenly elevated to a position of financial prosperity.

Even our families change. Children mature and marry and thus the families are changed. Families are often changed by divorce on the part of parents. Of course, death brings the greatest change of all, for it removes children, wives, and fathers alike from the family circle. Years ago, H. P. Danks wrote "Silver Threads Among The Gold." His wife was his inspiration and guiding star in the writing of this song. The coming of wealth from this song meant the disruption of his home and brought a complete change as to his family life.

Of course, the styles change. A hundred years ago hoop skirts were in style. Then came the hobble, resulting in shorter lengths, and a complete change in women's clothing. The styles of men's clothes have like wise undergone similar changes, so that the clothes of yesterday do not in any wise at all resemble those of today.

Our friends change. Some of them whom we knew yesterday are working elsewhere and we are thereby separated from them. Others have changed because of service in the armed forces of our country; and, of course, death brings about the greatest change of all as to our friends. When each of us think back over the years gone by to remember our former associates, I'm sure that without an exception we could all heartily sing,

"I'd give the world to see
That old gang of mine."

Actually we change too. It is here that we can notice it most of all. The arms grow tottery; the hair grows thin and gray; the legs grow weak; and the back begins to bend. Yes, we change too in our physical appearance.

All about us there is a change. The seasons change; kingdoms change; the world changes. Jesus acknowledged this when He said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."—Matt. 24:35.

However, Jesus Christ remains the same. In the midst of "change and decay" He remains the same. Alas for our changes, but thank God for Him who never changes.

JESUS DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS PERSON. What a contrast this offers to us. We change in our strength, beginning with weakness in childhood, coming on to strength at maturity, and then going back to weakness again. While we change thus as to our strength, Jesus does not change. His strength remains unabated. Listen:

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."—Psa. 110:3.

Furthermore we change in our knowledge. In childhood, teen age and early maturity, we learn rapidly and are able to adapt the knowledge that we thus learn for efficiency in our lives. Yet as we grow older our knowledge changes. I have observed very definitely in older folk that though they may remember the things that happened forty and fifty years ago with accuracy, yet they cannot recall the things that happened even of yesterday. In knowledge we constantly are changing. Yet this is not true with Jesus. He knows all things from the beginning unto the end. With Him

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN

I cannot give it up,
The little world I know!
The innocent delights of youth,
The things I cherish so;
'Tis true I love my Lord,
And want to do his will;
And oh, I may enjoy the world,
And be a Christian still!

I love the hour of prayer,
I love the hymns of praise;
I love the blessed word that tells
Of God's redeeming grace.
But I am human still;
And while I dwell on earth
God surely will not grudge the hours
I spend in harmless mirth!

These things belong to youth,
And are its natural right—
My pleasures, pastimes, and my friends,
The merry and the bright.
My father's heart is kind
He will not count it ill,
That my small corner of the world
Should please and hold me still!

And yet — "outside the camp,"
'Twas there my Saviour died!
It was the world that cast Him forth,
And saw Him crucified.
Can I take part with those
Who nailed Him to the tree?
And where His name is never praised,
Is that the place for me?

Nay, world! I turn away,
Though thou seem fair and good;
That friendly outstretched hand of thine
Is stained with Jesus' blood.
If in thy least device
I stoop to take a part,
All unaware, thine influence steals
God's presence from my heart.

I miss my Saviour's smile
Whene'er I walk thy ways;
Thy laughter drowns the Spirit's voice,
And chokes the springs of praise.
If e'er I turn aside
To join thee for an hour,
The face of Christ grows blurred and dim
And prayer has lost its power!

Farewell! Henceforth my place
Is with the Lamb who died;
My Sovereign, while I have Thy love
What can I want beside?
Thyself, dear Lord, art now
My free and loving choice,
"In whom, though now I see Thee not,
Believing, I rejoice."

Shame on me that I sought
Another joy than this,
Or dreamt that a heart at rest with Thee
Could crave for earthly bliss!
These vain and worthless things,
I put them all aside;
His goodness fills my longing soul,
And I am satisfied.

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there is no change as to knowledge. All events are fore-known by Him. Listen:

"Known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world."—Acts 15:18.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."—Rom. 8:29,30.

Even we change in our affection for one another. This is apparent by the divorces that are granted day by day in our country. That which appeared to be love, often turns to hate, and friendship often wanes. Our affections for each other are constantly in a state of change. How we rejoice that this is not true with Jesus. Listen:

"Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world, unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."—John 13:1.

What a blessed Scripture! How wonderful to know that He loved His disciples unto the end. He loved Simon Peter even though He knew he was going to deny Him. He loved Judas even though He knew he was going to betray Him. He loved all the disciples even though He knew they were going to be false to Him. Though we change in our affection for one another, His love and affection remains the same.

It is true that we change in our holiness. No one of us ever becomes absolutely holy. Yet there are seasons within the lives of each of us when we attain unto more holiness and more spiritual perfection than at any other time. Still again the Lord seems

very far from us and our holiness is dwarfed by sins within our lives. While such a change takes place in our holiness, there is never a change like this in the experience of Jesus. His holiness remains the same. How could it be otherwise since He is purity itself, and since His life is one of absolutely spotless integrity before God. Listen:

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."—Heb. 7:26.

Frankly, we change even in our outlook on life. No individual continues long with the same viewpoint as to life. The changes that come to us in our experiences cause us thus to vary, as we have sunshine today and distress tomorrow. Therefore, of necessity we change in our outlook.

With the Lord Jesus Christ, this is an impossibility. His outlook is always the same. Knowing the end from the beginning, how could it be otherwise? While we may change, it is always with the same viewpoint that Christ looks upon this world.

"Immutable His will
Though dark may be my frame,
His loving heart is still
Unchangeably the same.
My soul through many changes goes,
His love no variation knows."

Yes it is true that Jesus does not change in His person. We change in our strength, knowledge, affection for one another, holiness, and outlook on life; yet in each of these particulars, Jesus does not change. Hence, we remind you that in His person Jesus knows no change.

JESUS DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SINNERS. When He was here in the days of His flesh, His ene-

mies referred to Him as a "friend of sinners." Well thank God, He is still the same.

He came to save sinners. Listen:

"For I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."—Matt. 9:13.

"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." I Tim. 1:15
When He was here, they brought to Him a woman taken in adultery—as her accusers, said, "in the very act." Yet, Jesus manifested His love to her in that He said, Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more." (John 8:11).

When the prodigal son went away from home, he wasted his substance in a far country in riotous living. When he came back home, the old father was waiting for him, looking for him, and ready to welcome him home. When he came within seeing distance, the old father ran to meet him. Of course, the father is a picture of God the Father, and therefore the only time we have a picture of God the Father being in a hurry is when this repentant sinner turns again home. Well as the father received this prodigal son into his arms, so it is that the Lord Jesus Christ receives us. As the prodigal was received, Jesus still receives sinners today. What a blessing that He has never changed in His attitude toward sinners. How wonderful it is to know that He still receives sinners today. As the old song has said:

"Christ receiveth sinful men,
Even me with all my sin;
Purged from every spot and stain
Heaven with Him I'll enter in."

III
While Jesus does not change

in His person nor in His attitude toward sinners, IT IS ALSO MARVELOUS THAT HE DOES NOT CHANGE IN HIS MESSAGE. His message remains the same. Listen:

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."—Psa. 119:89.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."—Matt. 24:35.

"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.

The message of Jesus is unlike all sciences, education, and the philosophies of life. Sciences are constantly in a state of change. There is hardly a thing taught in books of science twenty years ago that is accepted now as being true. In the field of education it is the same. Once upon a time it was considered a child ought to know his ABC's ere going to school, and now oft times children in the second, third, and fourth grade are not able to recognize individual letters. Once upon a time in the field of education it was thought that a thorough study of the three r's — reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic — was all that was necessary. Yet, now the three r's have come to stand for "Rah, Rah, Rah" at an athletic meet.

The philosophies of the world have changed. I have read many of the books of philosophy by Socrates, Plato, Crido, and other philosophers in the days before Jesus, as well as the philosophies of life that have been promulgated since His day. Yet, all of these have changed. Yes, even the the philosophy of this present age is vastly different to the philosophies of life even twenty years ago, and the generation just growing up to maturity today is developing an entirely different philosophy toward life than that which has ever been known before.

In most libraries there are thousands of books which are valueless. Ten years ago they were valuable as books pertaining to science, education and philosophy, but today they are worthless. This is not true with the Bible and its message, for it remains the same. There is not one new thought in the field of theology today that is true. In fact, anything new about theology in the past two thousand years is absolutely false. Jesus' message does not change, — it remains the same. As the prophet has said:

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."—Isa. 40:8.

IV
NEITHER DOES JESUS CHANGE IN HIS PROMISES. It has been computed that there are better than thirty thousand promises in the Bible. Many of these are promises primarily in behalf of the Jews. Some of them are promises concerning the Gentiles. Some are promises for only the redeemed. Well, regardless of what the promise may be, one fact remains, namely, that Jesus does not change in His promises. The old song has said:

"He will keep His promise to me
All the way with me He will go;
He has never broken any promise spoken,
And will keep His promise I know."

There is first of all His promise as to salvation. What a blessed promise it is that He gives of salvation by grace through faith in Himself.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and
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PRAYED UP

Over one hundred bombs recently fell around the home of a godly old minister in Bucks, England. He and his wife said they just stood quietly together in their home holding hands. Someone remarked, "I suppose you were praying hard." He replied, "Oh, no, I thatched my barn in the summer time." It is well to be prayed up before trouble comes! —High-School Christian.

"THE IMMUTABILITY OF CHRIST

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believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

Then there is His promise as to the Bible. I don't worry concerning modernism, infidelity, and higher criticism. These can never defeat God's Word. The old Bible will remain when all else has failed and faded from this world. We have His promise that even after this earth has perished, the Word of God will still endure. Listen: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."—Matt. 24:35.

Then there is His promise as to comfort. What a blessing it is that He does not leave us in this world without comfort. There are so many heartaches and so many trials which come to each of us. Oft times our lives are weighted down with sorrows and difficulties from which it appears there can be no escape. What a blessing it is that He has given us a promise of comfort for hours such as these. Listen:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."—John 14:27.

Then there is His promise as to protection. No child of God need fear anything, for we have His promise of everlasting protection. It is not necessary that we depend upon ourselves or upon anyone else to take care of us. We have His promise that He will go with us. Truly we do need protection. Many times the Devil arrays the greatest of enemies against us in tremendous forces. Many times the enemies of God's people would seemingly triumph for the time, yet in it all God is ruling and protecting us. We have nothing to fear, for He has said:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—Matt 28:19,20.

We have also a marvelous promise as to His church. It is more than wonderful that we do not have any doubt as to the outcome of the church which Jesus built. Though others may perish and come to naught, His church will remain the same. It can never fail. We have His promise in that He has said:

"And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Matt. 16:18.

Here then are a few of the promises which He has given—promises as to salvation, the continuity of the Bible, comfort and protection for His child, and the

perpetuity of His church. How wonderful it is to know that He does not change as to these promises, and that through all eternity it shall ever be thus that His promises shall remain unchanged.

JESUS DOES NOT CHANGE

IN HIS THREATENINGS. For the redeemed there is the threat of chastisement, for God has repeatedly declared that His believing child would be chastened as a result of sin. Listen:

"If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgements: If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgressions with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail."—Psa. 89:30-33.

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."—Heb.12:6.

"For the time is come that judgement must begin at the house of God."—1 Pet. 4:17.

Not one time has God ever abrogated a single word in His threatenings as to chastisement of His children. Through the days gone by from the days of righteous Abel down to the present, God has chastened His own, and His threatenings in our behalf still stand unimpeached.

He likewise has threatened the lost. Not a lost man in this world who has ever read the Bible will doubt the fact that God has held up before him a threat as to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. Jesus Himself declared that it would be better for any individual to enter heaven with only one eye, one hand, or one foot than to be cast into hell with a whole body. Listen:

"And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire."—Mark 9:47.

He has even gone farther in that He has threatened that unsaved religious leaders shall spend their eternity in Hell. Listen:

"Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Matt. 7:22,23.

Then there are His threats concerning the false churches. While we have a promise that the church He built will never fail, He also has made it clear that the false churches of this world are doomed and shall be destroyed. Listen:

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."—Matt. 15:13.

These are just a few of the threats which the Lord has made. Yet we need to remember that He has threatened eternal destruction for the lost, chastisement for the redeemed, and that

all false churches shall come to naught. Hence, we see that Jesus is immutable—He never changes. In His person, He knows no change.

He does not change toward sinners.

He does not change in His message.

He does not change in His promise.

He does not change in His threatenings.

IN CONCLUSION

Therefore, since He does not change, then each of us ought to be sure that we have our affection set upon Him rather than upon the changing things of time. In other words, we should set our affection upon One who never changes and seek to remove it from the temporal changing things of time.

Likewise, since He does not change, and since you are a Christian, then you ought to try to imitate Him. So many Christians change with every wind of doctrine that blows. Paul refers to those who thus change when he wrote:

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive."—Eph. 4:14.

Too many Christians are like the weather vane changing as the wind may blow. Well, remembering that Jesus does not change, let each Christian seek to imitate Him.

Also, since Jesus is the same, then each Christian should rejoice, for this is a guarantee that we stand secure in Him. What a blessed promise this gives to us as to our security.

"For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance."—Rom. 11:29.

Since He remains the same, therefore He will never repent, He will never change His mind, and accordingly He will never take from us the gifts of faith and repentance and the call which He has extended to us. Our security therefore depends entirely upon the fact that Jesus remains the same.

Finally, since He remains the same, then what a message this is for the lost. Since Jesus is the same, then He still sends solemn warnings to the unsaved.

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."—Psa. 9:17.

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."—Rev. 21:8.

Therefore, lost sinner, realizing that Jesus Christ does remain the same with this warning to you, I would urge you now in the words spoken long ago, "Flee from the wrath to come." May you flee to Him who knows no change, but who has been the sinner's friend through the ages gone by, and who may now become your friend, Saviour and Lord.

May God bless you!

CAN GOD BLESS THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS?

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be that leads them to Christ.

BUT CAN GOD CONSISTENTLY BLESS THE EFFORTS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS?

Our God demands obedience on our part before blessings can come from Him! Listen:

"If I regard iniquity in my

heart, the Lord will not hear me"—Ps. 66:18.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it can not hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear"—Isaiah 59:1,2.

"Your sins have withholden good things from you"—Jer. 5:25.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him"—II Chron. 16:9.

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil"—I Pet. 3:12.

Then the face of the Lord must be against Southern Baptists. His face must be against M. E. Dodd. If God keeps His Word as stated in these Scriptures, then He cannot bless this evangelistic monstrosity.

From far and wide much correspondence has come as a result of our comments. One loved Florida layman wrote: "Your article in the issue of February 10th on M. E. Dodd was very timely and instructive."

One Southern Baptist editor wrote: "Of course the machine boys must move with the wheels. Southern Baptists as a distinct people have seen their best days. Modernism in the form of a refinement of paganism has swallowed nearly all of the churches. This year, 1945, the grand funeral begins—in the cramming of most of a million new corpses into the ecclesiastical clubs."

Finally Mr. Dodd closes his letter by saying, "With prayers and best wishes." Actually I love to have God's people pray for me, but I don't care for the prayers of M. E. Dodd, nor the prayers of any other heretic of his type.

Compromisers, Unionists, Arminians, feminists, Masons, and heretics like Dodd are just wasting their time praying, for "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil." Neither do I care for his "best wishes." I've gotten along without the "best wishes" of all of the seminary boys, the machine crowd, the hierarchy, and the piston rods and nuts of the machine a long time. I've gotten along so well without them, that I'd rather just go on getting along without them. I'd rather have the "prayers and best wishes" of the back-woods preachers, the old country grand-mas, the Baptists who live in some country cross-roads, and those everywhere who love the Lord and His Word and are not afraid to stand up for it. May God bless these,—His true servants, and may God humble Dodd and his anti-scriptural hierarchial monstrosity.

BAPTIST DEPART FURTHER IN EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE
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wisdom instead of Holy Spirit direction in carrying out the Great Commission. The seventy-five million campaign just at the close of World

War Number One was a colossal mistake on the part of Baptist leadership.

The adoption of the unified budget and the cooperative program has been another tremendous blunder, in that there is no room left for the Holy Spirit.

Still the greatest blunder of Southern Baptists comes through this so-called Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. It is the outgrowth of a denomination which is ignoring God, forgetting the Bible, and heeding not the Holy Spirit. Such a programme is truly a perverted conception of real Bible evangelism.

Worldly churches, headed up by carnally-minded, worldly-wise seminary-trained pastors, who ignore the Word and the Spirit, if they succeed, will only add 1,000,000 spiritual corpses to a dead ecclesiastical hierarchy. Time will tell that when you add "narthin" to narthin you still have narthin. May God deliver us!

Sister Beulah Blalock, Lake Charles, Louisiana, who has sent us many gifts in the past, sends another ten dollars saying, "I am over-joyed to think that I am counted as a partner." Well, that's what we call each one who assists us financially or who prays for us. Wouldn't YOU like to become a prayer partner or a finance partner with us?

Cris Williams, a fine Christian soldier lad, who is stationed at Kessler Field, Mississippi, sends us some more subscriptions, telling us how much he enjoys our paper and says, "I especially enjoyed the message on 'Election' by Brother Cole. Well, there are many soldier boys, just like Brother Williams, who get a weekly blessing from this paper. Thank God for the opportunity to minister to them."

A LONG PRAYER — BIG RESULTS

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death," and took her husband home, where he soon found the Saviour she had so long wished him to know.

The engineer continued, saying that he was still running the same train out of Philadelphia Station, that he was entirely well, and weighed over 200 pounds and that both the wife and he were about the happiest people he knew, and were rejoicing in the Lord. —The King's Herald

ISRAEL'S RATIONS

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though it took the equivalent of 180 freight car loads of manna each day to feed these three million Israelites—and the equivalent of 94 tank cars of water per day.—God did not let them lack at any time.

However, not one gallon of wine, not one pint of strong drink, was included in the forty-year provision. They were "a total abstinent people—and not a feeble form among them for forty years!" Is it not significant? —The Kingdom Digest

DO YOU PREACH, OR PRACTICE, OR BOTH?

There is a story of a man who was a doctor of divinity who lived with his son, who was a doctor of medicine. The telephone bell rang one day, and the D. D. answered it. "Is that Dr. speaking?" "Yes." "Are you the one who preaches, or the one who practices?"