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SHOULD BAPTISTS RECEIVE FOLK EXCLUDED FROM OTHER LIKE CHURCHES?

BRIEF STUDY S TO KINGDOM

Has the kingdom of Dan. 2:44 been set up yet?

No. The present kingdom of Dan. 2:44 did not destroy the kingdom of the world as it is said in Dan. 2:44 will be destroyed. See verses 34 and 35 and also Dan. 2:44 is in the words: "In the days of these kings." What kings? The kings of the world represented in the image seen by Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon (the head of gold Dan. 2:38); Medo-Persia (in the neck of silver Dan. 2:39; 8:20); Greece (the "kingdom of brass" Dan. 2:39; 8:10:20; 11:2-4 — the Greeks celebrated for their brazen armor); Rome (represented by the feet of iron and feet of iron not refer simply to Rome, for that case the singular would have been used. This is confirmed by subsequent mention of these kingdoms," that is, those represented by the image; all of which are to be broken simultaneously by the stone cut out of the mountain without hands. Dan. 2:34,35. Such is possible when these kingdoms are re-established in antetype in the image of the Beast in the last days. The ten toes of the image, which refers to Rome, point to ten horns of the Beast, which symbolize ten subordinate kings who are to reign under the Beast. Dan. 17:12. The kingdom of Dan. 2:44 is not to be established by gradual extension. The stone is represented as beginning to grow and growing until it abolishes and transforms the kingdoms of the world, but when cut out of the mountain it was large enough to smite the image, the kingdoms of the world, with such crushing force as to "break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms" (Dan. 2:44), making them as "the chaff of the summer threshing floor" (Dan. 2:35) that "the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them."

It is true that this rock "became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." But it was not great enough when it appeared to smite and crush earthly kingdoms. And it is to become a great mountain after it smites the kingdoms; not through a gradual process of transforming them. This pictures how Christ will come with His saints (Rev. 19:14), which time only a comparison.

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APOSTASY

Allen Rogers, son of an American Methodist minister, in an article in "Voice," reveals that so large a part of Methodist witness in America that one of its leaders are linked with the National Religion and promote the "new social orthodoxy" through the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant churches.

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T. P. SIMMONS
Ashland, Kentucky

Elder T. P. Simmons, who is associated with the editor in the printing shop of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and who is pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio, has been giving his lectures on "The Trail Of Blood" in various churches of recent date.

These lectures were most profitably received by the Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio of which Elder Stanton Dowdy is the faithful shepherd.

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FOSDICK TO QUIT

The most influential Modernist of our times, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, has signified his purpose to retire next May 24, on his 68th birthday. This man, who said in his college days: "I am throwing over my old ideas of the universe. I am building another—and leaving God out," had the effrontery to take ordination vows in the Christian church, and from a pulpit of a Christian church, so-called, and by his pen has denied the essential truths of our faith — the Virgin Birth of Christ, His Bodily Resurrection, and His Return to Reign. Said he, in defending his Modernist position: "If people must accept these Christian interpretations (the three just alluded to), or get out (of the church), then out of the Christian church would go some of the best Christian life and consecration of this generation."

Of course, his statement is grave error. In the first place, no one is a Christian who denies the Deity of Christ, who rejects God's Word as to the Saviour's birth, resurrection, and coming again. And in the second place, it has not been the unbelievers who have been forced out of the denominational churches, but

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A. REILLY COPELAND
Waco, Texas

Elder A. Reilly Copeland, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, has ordered 25 copies of our paper sent in a bundle to him for distribution to his church and has paid for them a year in advance.

Brother Copeland has been pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church for a number of years. It is remarkable how God has

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Mr. Dodd Unionizes Again

The Shreveport Times (Louisiana) tells of a recent mass meeting which included among other speakers M. E. Dodd (Baptist), J. V. Plache (Catholic), and Philip Lieber (Jew).

In this mass meeting the name of Jesus Christ was not mentioned obviously in order that the Jews be not offended. The Catholic priest in his address did speak of Christian homes but Mr. Dodd wasn't even quoted as saying that much. The account of this mass meeting wherein the Son of God was denied reminds us of God's Word which says:

"Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: (but) he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." — I

John 2:23.

This is another interesting episode in the life of Mr. Dodd. He has fellowshiped the sock-over-the-head crowd of Ku Kluxers. He has fraternized with the Masons. He has unionized with the Methodists (or any one that was doctrinally loose enough to receive him). He hob-nobbed with Modernist Kagawa, even going so far as introducing him as "the greatest living Chris-

Mused Uncle Mose

Stayin' away frum chu'ch mek a fellah jes' lak 'postle Thomas—he git so he doubt ev'ything.

tian," even though Kagawa denied the virgin birth, the Deity, the blood atonement, and the resurrection of Jesus. He has advocated the cause of feminists in our Southern Baptist Convention and elsewhere but now he rubs noses and brushes shoulders with Catholic dignitaries and Christ-hating Jews. It seems bad enough that in the past he has fellowshiped with all shades of Modernists, social gospelites, unionists, feminists, Ku Kluxers, and Masons, yet now his latest compromise puts him on the same plane with Catholic dignitaries who reject the atonement of Christ and unbelieving Jews who despise the Name and hate

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, AND RE-MARRIAGE"

"A man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh."—Gen. 2:24.

This is one of God's four laws that began with the Beginning and are not an institution of any other age, or creed, or system in man's history. The other three are: God's time law,—one day out of seven; God's money law,—one-tenth; and God's law of REDEMPTION. These laws have never changed and are essential for the purposes for which God gave them, in all ages, and all

have their respective places in the Christian's life today. (The offering is a Mosaic institution; meaning, it had its beginning with the Law of Moses: but not so with the tithe.)

God's marriage law is as age long as His revelation to mankind and our carnal ignorance of it will not exempt any from its purpose and exactions. Let us look well to what He has revealed in His WORD concerning it; for any teaching at variance with God's WORD is false, and can but bring disaster.

It will be remembered that the first Baptist preacher in the world, John The Baptist, got his head cut off over this question, yet he was faithful. He was not, nor will he be the last one that suffers on account of the same question. Matt. 14:1-12.

Marriage:

"The twain (two) shall be one flesh"—Matt. 19:5; Gen. 2:18,21-25: Thus was marriage instituted in divine grace and for divine purposes. An earthly institution,

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"I should like to know if one Baptist church should receive an excluded member from another Baptist church without any letter or reconciliation from the church from which excluded?" — H. S. Measel, Eubank, Kentucky.

This is a pertinent question and one which affects the church of which the editor is pastor in a particular way and which affects in a general sense all Baptists. In view of this fact I am not depending upon my own understanding of the Scripture alone but rather I am sharing with our readers the opinions of a number of good men in the Baptist ministry.

During the past years our church has tried to maintain Scriptural discipline. We have excluded from our fellowship and for various reasons a number of persons. Many of these individuals went at once to other churches and were received into full fellowship.

Within the past three years the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, of which Garris T. Long was pastor until recently, the Pollard Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, pastored until recently by W. K. Wood, and the Raceland Baptist Church pastored until recently by L. A. Music, — these three have received our excluded members as fast as we severed fellowship with them. Seemingly, it made no difference to either of these three churches as to the charge on which these individuals were excluded. Irrespective of the charge, they were received into full fellowship.

Wanting to be sure as to our acting properly toward these sister churches in the same association, I have taken the matter up with a number of our leading brethren. I quote that which is pertinent to the matter in their reply.

George Ragland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lexington, says: "If the excluding church has acted scripturally, a sister church ought not receive the excluded member."

Elder Virtus L. Busbee, pastor of the Gorham Street Baptist Church, Jackson, Michigan, says: "It is an evident fact that churches where the spirit of Christian love and fellowship prevails will respect the rights and actions of sister churches. To say the least, a church receiving such an excluded member shows very little fairness and respect."

Elder Lee Rector, pastor of the First Orthodox Baptist Church of Ardmore, Oklahoma, says relative to this question of receiving

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SIN AGAINST SPIRIT

Please explain Matt. 12:31, 32.

This passage refers to blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which is said to be the sin which "shall not be forgiven." It is what we commonly call "the unpardonable sin." Christ describes this blasphemy as speaking against the Holy Spirit. It was the charge of the Pharisees that

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THE SERMON THIS WEEK

Instead of a sermon by the editor, we are printing this week a Bible study from the pen of C. W. Sawyer, Dallas, Texas.

This is a splendid study of a much neglected and badly needed truth. Men of this apostate age disregard God's Word as to divorce. Yet the Word of God still speaks most potently as this splendid Bible study reveals.

"I enjoy reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I think it is a great paper." — Mrs. E. F. Blacklock, Alexandria, La.

SIN AGAINST HOLY SPIRIT

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He was casting out devils "by Beelzebub the prince of devils" that moved Christ to utter these words against blasphemy. This would seem to indicate clearly that the Pharisees in their charge against Him had committed blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Thus one form of such blasphemy is seen to be a deliberate and malicious attributing to the devil that which is plainly the work of the Holy Spirit. There may be other words that may be spoken against the Holy Spirit that would constitute unpardonable blasphemy. But I think it should be clear to every Bible student that this sin can be committed only in the presence of overwhelming evidence, such as was present on the occasion that Jesus spoke these words. This sin is unpardonable because it can proceed from no other heart than one so completely steeped and hardened in sin as to denote a state from which none ever turn.

APOSTASY

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"Economic Justice," the periodical sponsored by this organization, carried a cartoon of our Lord and Saviour which read as follows: "Reward for information leading to the apprehension of Jesus Christ, wanted for sedition, criminal anarchy, vagrancy, and conspiring to overthrow the established government. Dressed poorly, said to be a carpenter by trade, ill-nourished, has visionary ideas, associates with common working people and the unemployed. Alien, believed to be a Jew, alias 'Prince of Peace,' 'Light of the World.' Professional agitator, red beard, marks on hands and feet the result of injuries inflicted by an angry mob led by respectable citizens and legal authorities."

Could apostasy go further?

THE MIRACULOUS SEESAW

Long, long ago, when I was a little boy, we would get a plank and put it across a log, or through the crack in the fence and one or two children get on one end, and an equal number on the other end, and we would ride up and down, or see-saw. Seesaw days with most of us are but a sweet memory of childhood, but there is a modern, miraculous seesaw. Have you noticed it?

"Any action," Mr. Webster says, "likened to the motion of a seesaw." Miraculous is of the nature of miracles, or supernatural. While the childhood days have departed, the old rail or plank fence, has been superseded by woven wire, or none, and the playgrounds provide modern, elaborate, beautiful seesaws for the smiling children, yet there is a

Miraculous Seesaw

in our churches. On one end of an imaginary plank or pole is perched the pastor, and on the other, the policy of that pastor toward missions. Some pastors are afraid to urge their people to give large gifts to missions, lest there be nothing left for pastor's salary. Such pastors do not know the first principle of giving, as laid down in the sacred Scriptures. Give little to missions and soon people will give less to pastor's salary.

The well from which you draw but little water stagnates. The water soon becomes stale and insipid, if not polluted and poisoned, for water to be fresh, fine and pure, it must be used regularly and much. Now, the same law works over in the realm of giving. And it mightily affects the pastor's salary. People who do not give largely and lovingly and graciously and gloriously to missions, will not give but little to the pastor.

The Hottentot in the heart of Africa is not more ignorant of civilization, than the average pastor is of the Divine and dynamic law of giving. The average pastor of churches with preaching once a month, and one mission offering a year usually just before district association, will come before his congregation, in a very embarrassed and apologetic way remark half-heartedly "Brethren, I suppose we ought to make a LITTLE offering for missions today." Such pastors get exactly what they ask for "A LITTLE offering." Some have even been known to have been so ignorant that they said, "I know none of us can do much, and many can't do anything but we can give the widow's mite, I suppose." Such a preacher is a putrid parasite, sucking the blood of a dying saint, and at the same time inoculating him with a most deadly disease—selfish covetousness, which is idolatry.

Jesus Said

"Give and it SHALL be GIVEN TO YOU." (Lk. 6:38). That is a miraculous seesaw. The more you give on one side, on the other side the more will be GIVEN, and not only given, but GIVEN unto YOU." This is not merely a verse of Scripture, but it is the LAW of LIFE. It is a sacred, solemn and unailing COMMAND of Christ. It is a command to preachers, however little their income, to GIVE, for ONLY in that way can GOD, according to His unchanging laws, increase the salary of the preacher.

If the preacher gives little, then on

the other side of the miraculous seesaw, but little will be given back. Then, the miraculous seesaw operates on God's end, as the preacher started it on the earthly side, and back to him will be given MUCH.

Some deacons will growl. Certainly but the Bible does not say "Give if the deacon does not growl," but the Divine command is to GIVE. Old harness that has not been used, dries up and is stiff and almost useless. A generous rubbing of neat's foot oil will soften, smooth and make supple the harness. Giving is the neat's foot oil that most cranky and crabbed old deacons need. The pastor will undoubtedly have to pray, and even spend nights in prayer, and preach without apology, but like Christ with authority, and many will be astonished and amazed, then some will obey the Bible law of giving. Giving not only blesses the preacher, but also blesses the member who generously and joyously gives great sums into the Lord's work. This miraculous seesaw is not one on which only preachers may ride, but is for the deacons, and all members, old and young, rich and poor. It works un-failingly. But, the pastor is the one who has the responsibility of calling the attention of the people to this miraculous seesaw.

Before me are minutes of associations in Tennessee and Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Mississippi, city and country churches, large and small churches, and looking over the statistics is startling. It proves what I have been saying.

In one association I see three churches with over three hundred members. They have once a month preaching, though they are well able to have preaching every Sunday. One of those churches paid its pastor for an entire year a salary amounting to \$48.25 or slightly more than one penny per member per month. The other two churches paid even smaller salaries to their pastors. That same pastor, receiving \$6.25 per month, was able to raise during the entire year only \$23.28 for foreign missions, or less than \$2 per month to send the Gospel to the dying heathen. In another church, in similar financial conditions, with a membership of 414, only 79 more than the first mentioned church, but with a different pastor, gave \$176.16 for foreign missions, and \$589.71 for missionary purposes, and that church paid the latter pastor a salary of \$894.05 for preaching only once a month. I have seen both churches and each is as able to give as the other. Different preachers explained the difference in gifts, and difference in salary. One preacher, who believed in and preached on missions and got his people to give not generously, but give, received more money for serving one month than the other did for an entire year. From a financial standpoint, does it pay to preach on missions? Jesus said GIVE and it SHALL BE GIVEN unto you. That is the unailing law of life.

In another state, a certain old church with 350 members paid their pastor for once a month preaching \$289.20, and that preacher, who is considered highly educated, raised the infinitesimal sum of \$5 in an entire year for foreign missions. What does that mean? Either that preacher will kill that church, or they will change preachers. Giving is the law

of life, and to violate that law is to die. There are no continued exceptions. In another church in that same association a different pastor with a church of only 148 members was able to raise \$275 for foreign missions, and he received a salary of \$411.63 for preaching once a month. The miraculous seesaw worked, and it will work with you, for God is the AUTHOR of it and God's Word is back of it.

Many years ago the writer was pastor of the little country church at Green Hill. They had been giving hardly \$5 per year to foreign missions. He preached on missions and they made an offering of about \$5. The next month he preached again on missions and took up another offering for foreign missions and they gave about \$8. The next month he preached again on foreign missions and took up another offering and this time they gave about \$15. They gave over \$25 for foreign missions that year for the first time in their history. They have 116 members today, and gave last year \$351.06 for missions, paid their pastor \$500 and raised a total of \$1,493.19. How rich will be their reward in a glory world for their generous giving.

The First Baptist Church in Magnolia, Ark., when I accepted the pastorate had given about \$5 per year for foreign missions for years. I began to pray and preach on foreign missions. One day I boldly announced that we were going to raise \$100 for foreign missions on a certain Sunday, and that we would not take a collection. Many thought I was crazy. Others called me a crank. I prayed and preached on Missions. I tried to pray unceasingly that we might attain the goal. My heart was burdened and broken for the cause of missions, and our selfishness in doing so little. When the Sunday arrived I poured out my heart in an appeal for each and every one to give, and think of facing God — for a beautiful reward if they did their duty, or a stern reprimand for failure. After the message we sang an old song—I think

"From Greenland's icy mountains,
To India's coral strand,
Where Africa's sunny fountains,
Roll down their golden sands."

While we sang, those desiring quietly walked to the front to lay their offerings on the table. At the conclusion of the service, there were some \$97 or \$98 on the table. I prayed for the \$100 and a good sister the next day sent in \$5 and we went over the top with the largest offering in the history of that church up to that time.

Any pastor and any church can do proportionately what these churches did. If they do not, it is all the fault of the pastor. If the pastor preaches and prays, God who sits above the circle of the earth will answer prayer and increase offerings, for He established the law of life, "Give and it shall be given unto you."

I know of several churches, that a few years ago were large and growing but today are dead and decaying. The preacher increased his salary for a short time, then moved to another church. If your preacher does not preach on missions, you need to get another — a New Testament preacher.

Clipped from the Flag of Truth, edited by J. F. Dew, Memphis, Tenn.

God's Word Is Always Right

We said to a physician friend one day, "Doctor, what is the exact significance of God's touching Jacob upon the sinew of his thigh?" He replied: "The sinew of the thigh is the strongest in the human body. A horse could scarcely tear it apart." Ah, I see, God has to break us down at the strongest part of our self-life before He can have His own way of blessing with us.—J. H. McConkey.

What God Says About MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND RE-MARRIAGE

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Many say that since marriages are made in heaven, then marriages entered into by unmarried people are not binding. In Matt. 22:30 Jesus says, "in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but as the angels of God in heaven." In verse 29 He says, "Ye err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God." Marriage is an institution of time and ends with physical death; the wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; **ONLY IN THE LORD.** 1 Cor. 7:39. "What therefore God has joined together, let man put asunder," Matt. 19:6. How does God join together? In Rom. 13:1-6 (Cp. John 19:10, 11; Tim. 2:1, 2; Titus 3:1) we read, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." "For he is the minister of God to thee for good." ** If we submit to the government according to God's revealed will, we submit ourselves unto God; if, however, we submit ourselves to the government in things contrary to God's revealed will, this is man's will and we are equally guilty with them before God. Governments have God's authority for their existence, place and function and all they do under His authority, is God doing it; hence the government recognizes a man and woman as husband and wife, "God hath joined together." This applies to the unsaved as well as the saved. If it was otherwise or as the Roman Catholics emphatically assert, then the great mass of mankind are bastards. Every informed, right thinking man and woman recognizes the government's rightful function in this, and all other matters pertaining to equity and justice as between men (or men and women) as long as they live. Marriages are made on earth and last, only, until death.

Divorce:

"And unto the married I command, yet, not I, BUT THE LORD, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife." 1 Cor. 10, 11. Again, "Yet ye say, therefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet she is thy companion, AND THE WIFE OF THY COVENANT. And did not I make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a faithful seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of your youth. For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith THAT HE

HATETH PUTTING AWAY."

There are a number of passages that show, that even though Israel was an adulterous wife, God still recognizes her as His own and seeks to recover her from her idolatry.—"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; FOR I AM MARRIED UNTO YOU." — Jer. 3:14. Divorce is not to be practiced—"for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh." — Matt. 19:5; Cp. 1 Cor. 7:10.

It was permitted by Moses on account of "uncleanness" (adultery) on the wife's part (Deut. 24:1-4), but even then the first husband could not take her back, even if the second man was dead, for she had "defiled" herself in the second marriage, and it would be an abomination before the Lord and cause the land to sin. "But from the Beginning it was not so, And I say unto you" (Matt. 19:8, 9), i. e. It is not so NOW.

In 1 Cor. 7:12-15, "If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him (make life pleasant), let him not put her away (and vice versa). But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or sister is not under bondage in such cases: BUT GOD HATH CALLED US TO PEACE." In this, it seems, God has made an escape for one of His children from enduring hell on account of some selfish, devilish and godless mate. For says the Word, "God hath called us to PEACE," therefore a child of God is not bound to live with such a mate. This does not mean, as some erroneously affirms, that the marriage vow is broken or no longer exists, and those separated can marry at will. They are still "one flesh" and are still husband and wife — though divorced, as 1 Cor. 7:11 tells us. If they desire to marry again, they can only be "reconciled to her husband" (or "wife"). This might throw considerable light on whether two saved people or two unsaved people can separate, even for this cause.

If the man and woman are recognized as husband and wife by the laws of our land; since God authorized the government to act thus, — "God hath joined together." And if they recognize a separation according to "God's authority (His WORD), then God hath done this, also.

"Re-Marriage"

"And I (Jesus) say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for FORNICATION, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away doth commit adultery." — Matt. 19:9.

The writer has found no place in the entire Word of God where a woman can put away her husband, on any ground, and marry another without committing adultery. Of course, if her husband

be dead she is free to marry another. — 1 Cor. 7:39.

And there is only ONE ground, and ONE ONLY, on which a man can put his wife away and marry another.

FORNICATION:

Fornication (corporeal) is the act of unmarried persons; Webster says, "Illicit sexual intercourse on the part of an unmarried person; the act of such illicit sexual intercourse between man and a woman as does not by law amount to adultery."

Then in 1 Cor. 5:1 when a young man had taken his father's wife his act was called "fornication." Again, in 1 Cor. 7:2 marriage is urged to avoid fornication (by the unmarried).

But beyond even this proof, the Pharisees were questioning Jesus concerning the Mosaic Law in Matt. 19:3-9, and this and Matt. 5:31, 32 are the only places in the New Testament where the possibility of re-marriage to another is even hinted "at." Let us look to the law of Moses for our answer to this question. In Deut. 22:13-21 we find a detailed discussion of it in its practical application:

"If a man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, And give an occasions of speech against her, and bring in an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid: Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate (their court): And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her; And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastize him; And they shall amerce him in a hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin in Israel: AND SHE SHALL BE HIS WIFE; AND HE MAY NOT PUT HER AWAY ALL HIS DAYS.

BUT if the thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel: Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city (officers) shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, TO PLAY THE WHORE IN HER FATHER'S HOUSE: so shalt thou put evil away from among you."

If a man marries, thinking he is getting a virgin, and is deceived, then he can go immediately (or not at all) and file notice of separation with the grounds clearly stated, and if proven, can put her away and marry another and the one put away is to be publicly reckoned as a "whore," "SO SHALT THOU PUT EVIL AWAY FROM AMONG YOU." If he knows she is not a virgin before marriage, or she tells him plainly of sin, thus, in her life and he marries her he cannot put her away.

Great Basic Scriptural Truths Involved

"... For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, and she is loosed from the

law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress, but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

WHEREFORE, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." — Rom. 7:1-4.

In verse four we see how God has used true marriage and it's only scriptural end, "death," to illustrate or teach how sinners are freed from the "law of sin and death," and made alive in Christ Jesus. Every one who practices (or defends) unscriptural marriage is making God a liar. Every one in this world is either "dead in sin," or "dead to sin" by faith in Christ Jesus, there are no half-way grounds, nor is there any switching back and forth from one position to the other.

In Eph. 5:22-33 we find the marriage relationship discussed somewhat in length, showing the proper relationship of husband toward the wife and the wife toward the husband and then makes this remarkable statement in verse 32, "This is a great mystery: but I SPEAK CONCERNING CHRIST AND THE CHURCH."

In this is clearly taught that Christ, too, has His "OWN BODY," which is taught in true Bible relationships between husband and wife. If one practices or defends more than one marriage, he denies God's teachings concerning Christ and His Churches, and, if true, would

make Christ Himself an adulterer.

Some Practical Thoughts And Questions

Strict discipline should be consistently maintained in true New Testament Churches, that their testimony may be clear and plain. No harm (only good) will come to the "born-again" element in the churches by Bible discipline.

"Withdraw yourselves from every brother who walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us." 2 Thess. 3:6; Cp. Eph. 5:11. A disorderly walk is a walk not after the Bible teaching (and is not determined by men's "councils" or "decrees.") One of these disorderly walks is by men and women who disregard God's marriage law, and they should be excluded from "the fellowship" of true churches and called adulterers and adulteresses, so says THE Word, — Matt. 19:9; Rom. 7:3. The churches that disobey God's commands are guilty with the rest.

Questions? If a man or woman have been saved and then go into adultery or fornication, are they then lost? NO! Salvation is not "by works" which we have done. God will deal with them as disobedient children. Again,

Can an unsaved person, who is in adultery be saved? YES! If they "repent of their sins, ("except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" — Luke 13:5), and "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," THEY WILL BE SAVED. The thought of repentance is clearly revealed by Jesus as He forgave the adulterous woman, and said, Jno. 8:11: "Go, and sin no more," i. e., don't re-

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Our Coming King

Our hearts are yearning
For His returning;
We're longing with Jesus to be.
With prayer unceasing
And faith increasing
We're watching and waiting for Thee.
Oh, haste the dawning
Of that glad morning
When sorrow and sighing shall flee;
Our Lord descending,
Angels attending,
Soon we our Lord shall see!

Our lamps are burning
The time discerning,
When Jesus, our Bridegroom, shall come;
Our hearts are singing
Joybells are ringing,
For Jesus shall rapture His own.
Our love is flaming,
His promise claiming,
The faithful shall rule on a throne.
His love inciting,
The saints uniting,
Then we'll be gathered Home!

With joy transcending
And songs crescendoing
We welcome Thy coming to reign;
Our voices blending
In praise unending,
We'll sing of Thy glory for aye.
Our hearts are beating
A joyous greeting,
All Nations our King shall acclaim;
Our King is coming,
Forever reigning,
We hail the Crowning Day!

—E. Clementine Schafer.

AN APPRECIATED LETTER

My Dear Brother Gilpin:

May God bless you! I am indebted to someone for a subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I am enjoying it. I am an independent Baptist. I am a son of American ex-slaves. I was born in Mississippi in 1879. I was borned into the kingdom of God in September, 1889.

I came to Africa in 1902. I paid my own fare here. I spent four years out here after which I went back to Chicago and spent four years studying medicine. I came back trusting God alone to use me to make the Missions self supporting. It is done. All glory to Him.

This is my 43rd year out here. I live right back in the jungles but He lives there with me and all is well.

H. H. Jones
C/o Klay Industrial Mission
Klay, Liberia, Africa

SHOULD A BAPTIST CHURCH RECEIVE EXCLUDED MEMBERS FROM OTHER BAPTIST CHURCHES

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excluded church members: "The answer is 'no.' Such action would be a direct slap at the church excluding said member. A church has no right to use its authority to promote offense."

Elder C. D. Cole, pastor of the Mortons Gap Baptist Church, says: "It is not right for one Baptist church to receive members excluded from another church. Such an action is a breach of fellowship and bad ethics."

Elder L. D. Gibson, North Kenova, Ohio, says: "Your question as to whether it is right for one church to receive excluded members from another church can be answered with one word: NO!"

Elder Eli Williams, Ashland, Kentucky, says: "If any of your excluded members were to present themselves to a church where I was a member I would vote against receiving them. If any church should receive any of your former members this would constitute a breach of fellowship."

Elder T. P. Simmons, Ashland, Kentucky, says: "There are some who take the position that when a church excludes a person, that church can claim no further jurisdiction in the case and that other churches therefore are free to receive this person if they see fit. But certainly such procedure does not encourage cooperation and promote harmony among churches. Furthermore, it tends to nullify church discipline."

Elder E. A. Spencer, Monticello, Kentucky, says: "It is never right for a genuine Baptist church to accept excluded members from a like church without the guilty one becoming reconciled to the church from which excluded. Any church accepting an unrepented member is guilty of contempt of God's Word and is a partaker of the evil for which the bad member was excluded."

Elder I. Ferd Graves of the Franklin Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, says: "It is not the right thing for another sister church to receive excluded members but I would never turn my hand to do anything about it. They very soon will find the trouble they have on their hands. I just feel sorry for them."

Elder D. B. Estep, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky, says: "I do

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Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read" — Isaiah 34:16.

not believe it is right for a Baptist church to receive members from a sister church without first attempting to have them reconciled to the church from which they were excluded. I do not think that such a church who received such members is treating the sister church who excluded them with fairness or respect."

J. M. Pendleton, in his church manual concerning the matter of church discipline, says: "Churches must act in concert or we may as well do nothing."

Elder Roy Mason, pastor of the Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida, says: "It is not right for a Baptist church to receive excluded members of another sister church without any effort having been made to straighten up things with that church. Such is the very height of discourtesy."

I am happy to quote these twelve brethren in answer to the questions propounded us by Brother Measel. This article should answer generally our brother's question and should enable other churches to know what to do with this same problem. Surely any church which wishes to take the fair, honorable, and courteous attitude toward sister churches will do well to ponder the words of this article and thereby maintain and promote peace and harmony in all other churches.

I have no ill will toward either of the three churches mentioned in this article who have broken fellowship with the church of which I am pastor and therefore have caused a breach of fellowship in our association. I think that these churches have done us an irreparable wrong, yet I pray God's blessings to rest upon them. We are happy in our Master's service as never before and we sincerely trust that these churches may be happy too.

MR. DODD UNIONIZES AGAIN

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the Person of Christ.

In the light of this experience it is evident that Baptists are making progress toward something, yet certainly it is not toward the Bible nor toward a deepening of Scriptural convictions. Surely the progress of Mr. Dodd and those who have followed him, who are nothing more than blind devotees following a blind leader, is the progress of modernism, Arminianism, feminism, unionism, lodgism, Catholicism, and Jewism.

I do know the meaning of Mr. Dodd's slogan for the Centennial Crusade which is: "Two win one." I know what it means now. It means that a Catholic priest and a Jewish Rabbi have won Mr. Dodd. Well, for my part they can keep him. Baptists won't lose anything and neither will the Jews nor Catholics gain anything for a compromising salamander such as he is worthless as a Baptist, Protestant,

Jew, or Catholic.

May the Lord give a revival to Southern Baptists — a revival that is genuine and sweeping — one that will remove forever from our ranks the Bible-despising, Christ-rejecting, modernist-flirting, compromising leadership. Judas Iscariot who betrayed our Lord was surely no lower than those of today who still betray our Lord and His Word. May God deliver us!

A. REILLY COPELAND

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blessed his ministry. They now have a large congregation, an auditorium which will seat 1,200 people, and a splendid church building which would cost probably \$200,000 to reproduce.

In connection with the church Brother Copeland operates the Tabernacle Baptist Book Store which has a wide variety of religious titles. The store is operated on a non-profit basis with a \$1.00 book given to each customer with a \$5.00 cash order. The best of books of sermons, biographies, fiction, Bible studies and doctrines can be had through this book store. Brother Copeland invites the readers of our paper to patronize his book store and also insists that our readers write for a free catalogue for the books which they have for sale.

It has been rather interesting how God has used Brother Copeland through the years. He became pastor in Waco in 1922 and has fought J. M. Dawson's crowd of Modernists and Frank Norris' crowd of Fundamentalists. What a blessing to know a man who thus stands for the things of God's Word. May the Lord bless him, his church, and his book store!

THE KINGDOM QUESTION

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tively few on the earth will be found to believe on Him. But after He, by the brightness of His coming, demolishes the political kingdoms of the world, by defeating the Beast and his puppet kings and their armies in the Battle of Armageddon, the entire Jewish nation will be converted (Ezek. 36:24-27; Isa. 1:25-27; 4:3,4; Jer. 32:37-41; Zech. 13:8,9), the wicked on earth will be judged and cast into hell (Matt. 25:31-46; 13:41-43, 47-50), the devil will be chained (Rev. 20:1-3), and Christ's kingdom will have unhindered sway over the whole earth, thus becoming a great mountain and filling the whole earth.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND "RE-MARRIAGE"

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peat it.

Concerning False Teachings:

Some sentimentalists cry about marriages being made in heaven and the ones that do not turn out to their liking are not

made in heaven. When government on earth which are ordained of God to regulate in the affairs of men, recognize a man and woman as husband and wife, — "God has joined together;" if there can be no "peace," God says they can separate (see I Cor. 7:12-15 under "Divorce"), and the government granting a decree of separation has God's authority; BUT, God says they can't be married to another man or woman, and if a government goes ahead and recognizes an adulterous marriage, then that which "God hath joined together" and are "one flesh" by it's man made laws they have presumptuously "PUT ASUNDER" this is "man putting asunder," that which "God has joined together."

Some assert what they did when unsaved is not God "joining together." If this be so, then all the children of unsaved people are bastards and have no right among men. Sane people do not believe this; they believe that legal marriage is God's doings.

Others say, when they shed a few crocodile tears and say they are sorry for their adultery, though they purpose to go right on and live in it, that God blots out all the past, and makes their continued adultery (Rom. 7:3) OK with Him. "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Their contention is contrary to the Word of God.

One of these poor fellows has it all figured out on a scientific basis. He says (?), that scientifically there is a transition of physical substance at a rate that within five years all that pertaineth to the "one flesh" that God said existed, had evaporated (in cigarette smoke, I guess) and they were free again to marry. What rot!

Some contend that "man" in Matt. 19:3-9 is used in a generic sense: meaning either man or woman. If this be true, then the words can be used interchangeable without hurt to the statement. Then substitute the word woman wherever the word man is used, and read, — It doesn't make good nonsense.

Another sentimentalist sits down and weeps away The Word of God by picturing the awful plight of a broken home, etc., but has little or no concern for the legal or scriptural home destroyed before, nor for GOD'S Word; for had they taken heed according to His Word it would never have happened in the first place. Then, if they love to know movie stars, etc., more than Jesus Christ, as their Saviour; they alone are to blame.

Conclusion

"Whosoever shall put away his wife, EXCEPT FOR FORNICATION (act of an unmarried person), and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her that is put away doth commit adultery." — Matt. 19:9.

"For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth."

So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, SHE SHALL BE CALLED AN ADULTERESS." Rom. 7:2,3.

The depraved, selfish and ungodly will say this is hard, — TRUE! The results of sin is always hard. But "whatsoever a man soweth, the same shall he also reap." The farther one goes in sowing seed of greed, lust or rebellion against God and His Holy WILL, the more dismal and gloomy and sorrowful shall the harvest be. And should they go ahead and marry another while

the hyphenated husband or wife is still alive; their chastening stripes will increase, and sin and misery and death shall follow their wake.

Let it be said loud and long to this poor, "modern," sinful cursed generation, as God said in the long ago through Ezekiel (33:11) to back-sliding Israel: "TURN YE, TURN YE FROM YOUR WICKED WAYS: FOR WHY WILL YE DIE."

GOD'S WAY is,
One husband; one wife.

FOSDICK TO RETIRE

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many of those who hold the truths have felt compelled to separate themselves from modernistic influences, while others have been evicted for contenting earnestly for the faith. Dr. Fosdick is a forceful and brilliant man, a gifted speaker who has been able to influence vast multitudes. But what has influenced them to? Nothing but Vanity! Untruth! Man-made religion! Not to the Christ of God, the only Saviour from sin, the Divine Substitute, the Lord we all.

He has written his own eulogy in advance: "Blind leading of the blind." — Our Hope.

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THE TRAIL OF BLOOD

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ELDER T. P. SIMMONS

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Likewise at Wurtland, Kentucky, the pastor, Elder Pemberton and his flock most enthusiastically received these sages of truth.

At present he is engaged delivering these lectures for Clay Caudill and the saints the Central Baptist Church Ashland, Kentucky.

These lectures depict the course of Baptists through the ages and veritably reveal that our Baptist history is a "trail of blood."

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