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IS THERE ANY ROOM FOR PRIESTHOOD IN THIS AGE?

ELDER ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

We have tens of thousands of priests in the world today. In India and Japan and China, they have Buddhist and Shinto priests.



In Africa various heathen tribes have their priests. In the United States and in South America, as well as in all lands where Catholicism operates, they have priests and lots of them. Is there any need for such —

any Bible warrant for such? The answer is NO! For THAT SORT

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Is It Aught To Him?

What can it mean? Is it aught to Him that the nights are long and the days are dim?
Can He be troubled by griefs I bear
Which sadden the heart, and whiten the hair?
About His throne are eternal calms,
And strong, glad music of happy psalms;
And bliss unruffled by any strife—
How can He care for my little life?

And yet I want Him to care for me,
While I live in this world where sorrows be;
When the lights die down from the path I take,
When strength is feeble and friends forsake;
When love and music that once did bless
Have left me to silence and loneliness;
And my life song changes to sobbing prayers—
Then my heart cries out for the God who cares!

—Proof.

Warning To Jew Haters

There are many who blame all of the trouble in the world on the Jews. To be sure there are many Jews who are crooks, but that is no reason for hating them—there are many crooks in every race, color, and nation of people. No, you are wrong if you accuse me of being a "Jew lover." It is true that I love the Jews just as much as I love any people—that is the true Christian spirit. The thing that I am trying to get you to see is that it is grossly unfair to blame and persecute the Jew, and many other race, for the world's troubles and ills. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23.

When God called Abram, He through His Grace made a promise to Abram and to his descendants, which has not been revoked and is still in force today. "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Genesis 12:2, 3. Reader, just take a look at the nations that have "cursed" the Jew — look at Germany, a

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CATHOLIC ATROCITIES IN MEXICO

Reports of Roman Catholic atrocities against Protestants in Mexico have increased to an alarming degree, and the details are reminiscent of the accounts of Nazi brutalities in the horror camps of Belsen and Dachau. In the last issue of our magazine we reported the story of the Methodist pastor, his wife and a member of his church who were beaten to death in the village of Santiago near Mexico City, last May 27, by a religiously inflamed mob of Roman Catholics who later burned several homes of Mexican Protestants. Following is an even more brutal story of Catholic atrocities against the Protestants of the entire village of San Andres Timilpan, in the state of Mexico. It is an eyewitness account by the correspondent of the Christian Century, dated from Mexico City last August 29, and begins as follows:

"In San Andres Timilpan, a village in the state of Mexico, the corpse of a Protestant child was recently dug up by a Catholic mob two days after burial and thrown away. This is the last chapter in religious persecution in the village. The incident occurred after the local priest, Father Arnulfo Hurtado, had preached a sermon in which he declared that a Protestant child was unworthy of interment in the cemetery and should have been thrown into

the river instead. He sternly rebuked Catholics for having permitted the burial of a 'heretic' in a sacred place. The mob did not wait to think, and the corpse of little Catalina Rafael was disposed of in some way that has not yet been discovered by the family."

The story then goes on to tell that the child's father, powerless to resist the mob, went next day to complain to the mayor. On his way a new mob threatened to lynch him if he persisted in taking legal action. While he was in the mayor's office the mob went "hunting for Protestants." Then the story continues:

"They stoned Taide Jiminez, then dragged her naked through the streets. Mrs. Nicolasa Martinez was brutally beaten, and other Protestant men, women and children were abused. Those who could not escape were rounded up, wounded and bleeding, and herded into the Catholic church, where Father Hurtado was waiting for them, a crucifix in his hands. Under threats and

Mused Uncle Mose

'Liza Snodgrass braggin' 'bout her chu'ch ain' had no trouble fo' de las' pas' fo'ty years. No wonder! Hit a-settin' in a grave yahd!

blows the Protestants were urged to kiss the crucifix, repeat Catholic prayers and promise to come to mass in the future — thus giving up their new faith."

The bloody martyrdom of the Protestants in San Andres Timilpan began in 1940 with the destruction of their chapel, houses and property, and the killing of several members by Catholics at the instigation of Father Hurtado. Banished from their homes, the Protestants tried to come back, but each time they have met with new outbursts of violence. All appeals for justice have been useless. "Red tape, pro-Catholic influence and bribery have prevailed against the Protestant villagers," the story says. "most of whom are now living as refugees in Mexico City." Fifty-five of them have remained in the village at the risk of their lives, and the more than 270 men, women and children refugees in Mexico City are crowded into a few rooms afraid to return to their homes. The Evangelical churches in Mexico City are aiding many of them and the laymen's Maranatha Club provides a doctor and medicines. Many, especially babies, have died from malnutrition, and because of the continued persecution in their village, the number who seek refuge in Mexico City is increasing.

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A Saloonkeeper Speaks His Mind

"I am grateful for past favors, and having supplied my store with a fine line of choice wines and liquors, allow me to inform you that I shall continue to make drunkards, paupers and beggars for the sober industrious members of the community to support. My liquors will excite riot, robbery and bloodshed.

"They will diminish your comforts, increase your expenses and shorten life. I can confidently recommend them as sure to multiply fatal accidents and incurable diseases.

"They will deprive some of life, others of reason, and all of peace. They will make fathers fiends, wives widows, children orphans and all poor. I will train your sons in infidelity, dissipation, ignorance, lawlessness, and every other vice. I will thus accommodate the public; it may be at the loss of my never-dying soul, but I have a family to support—the business pays, and the public encourages it.

"I have paid my license and the traffic is lawful, and if I don't sell it somebody else will. I know the Bible says 'Thou shalt not kill,' and 'No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of Heaven,'

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ANTI-SEMITISM

Dr. Robert Ley, former Nazi labor chief committed suicide recently in Nurnberg, Germany; but before doing so, wrote a rambling philosophical treatise recanting his rabid anti-Semitism.

Ley's document, labeled "My Political Testament" was addressed to "My German People." In it he wrote:

"I have tortured myself to find a reason for the downfall, and this is my conclusion; we have forsaken God and therefore we were forsaken by God.

"Anti-Semitism distorted our outlook, and we made great errors. It is hard to admit mistakes, but the whole existence of our people is at stake.

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"THE HISTORICITY OF BAPTISTS AND OTHERS"

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

A positive and guaranteed antidote for superstition, ignorance, and idolatry is a frank presentation of the truth. If what we have to say is true, then it should free some from denominational error. If what we have to say is true, then it should make Baptists to become better Baptists. If what we have to say is true, then no one can so much as lift his finger in opposition for

Paul says, "We can do nothing against the truth." (II Cor. 13:8). If what we have to say is true, though only one should accept it as the truth, even then a multitude of sins would be covered; "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, let him know that he which converteth . . . shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:19, 20).

That some church was established by Jesus, all denominations assent to. That there was only one church established by Jesus, most denominations be-

lieve. That the course of this one church may be observed and that the genesis of others may be noted, we present this history, "speaking the truth in love." (Eph. 4:15).

For nearly two hundred years after Jesus had said, "I will build my church" (Mt. 16:18), there was but little diversity of opinion and division among the churches. Here and there were small disputes among the members, such as at Corinth, the question of eating meats that

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TO KNOW AND AVOID

1. We should know that "neglected truth becomes perverted truth" — Truth must be proclaimed in order to save it.
2. We should know that error unchallenged increases in geometrical progression — To emphasize the "positive" simply plays us into the hands of the Devil.
3. We should know that the saved are soldiers and as such they should acquit themselves like men—Manly men are fighting men.
4. We should know that a wrong method will in the end destroy a right message—Ecclesiastical methods destroy our Baptist Message.
5. We should avoid ignoring

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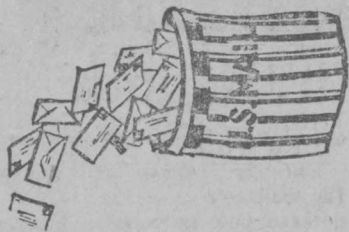
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THE HISTORICITY OF
BAPTISTS AND OTHERS

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had been offered to idols and the observance of the Lord's Supper, but as to diversity between the various churches, on the whole, such was absent. About the year 251 A. D. non-fellowship was declared against some irregular churches, which had adopted the doctrine of baptismal regeneration. About this time, the churches in and about Rome, began an attempt to exercise dominion and authority over other local churches. This also tended towards separation. Thus near the middle of the third century, we find two institutions claiming to be churches; one was retaining the doctrines in their purity, while the other was daily sloughing off the principles which Jesus had commanded, and in their place was substituting a man-made decorum. Strange to say the latter group attracted the largest number of followers. The smaller group refused to accept members from the larger group without re-baptizing them, since the larger group was preaching baptismal regeneration. Because of this teaching and a later heresy, that of infant baptism a martyrdom arose which has been responsible for the death of more than 50,000,000 people, or as it has been estimated more bloodshed than in all of the wars from the time of Christ to the present, excepting the late World War. This smaller group of disciples, who were holding the doctrines in their purity, were compelled to flee to the mountains and to hide away in caves to escape persecution.

When Constantine the Great came to the throne shortly before the year 300 A. D., he made Christianity, or that which was called Christianity by the larger group of disciples, the religion of his world-wide empire. At his death in 337, his territory was divided between his three sons, which destroyed the solidarity and the solidity thereof. Hordes or wandering vandals and barbarians of northern Europe swept over the broken empire of Constantine. These Goths, Visigoths, Huns, and Teutons cared nothing for the religion which Constantine had had proclaimed throughout his empire. Thus Christianity fell into disrepute and began to decline. The unscrupulous leaders of the larger group of Christians, in their desperation to hold Christianity together began to play upon the imagination, superstition, and ignorance of these uncivilized invaders. They frightened these



Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Your paper has been such a blessing and help to us that we would like some of our friends to receive it too.

Enclosed is a check for \$3.50 and a list of names to whom I would like them sent.

May God continue to use you in spreading His glorious truths uncompromisingly to a dying erring people.

Very sincerely,

Miss Thalen,
Woodhaven, N. Y.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

By pure accident I happened to receive a copy of your paper which was placed in my mail box by mistake. I read it, I like it, it has given me much inspiration. It's the best religious paper of its kind which I have come in contact with. Most religious papers are so concerned promoting some earthly organization that Christ's Kingdom gets very little attention, but your paper puts Christ first. That is what I like. My prayers are with you.

I like the way that you take your stand against the evils of our time. One week you hit at liquor, next week at cards, and the next at gambling. I like the sermons, and have found many valuable helps for my own messages. I like the poems and illustrations. I put out a weekly church paper in our church and find many things worth quoting from your paper. Keep up the good work. I am all for you.

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Yours in His service,

Edd. T. Hitt, Jr.,
Houston 11, Texas.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I know of no better way to show what I think of the BAPTIST EXAMINER than to send the name of ten people I want to get the paper to.

Yours truly,

Melber Moore,
Nortonville, Ky.

uncultured savages with their pageantry, mysterious ceremonies, and with their claim of spiritual power for their preachers.

Ridpath says, "The Holy See at this time made the discovery that the presentation of moral truth and obligation to the barbarian imagination was less effective than splendid shows and gilded ceremonies. She, therefore, adopted pageant instead of moral expostulation, and converted the barbarians with spectacles." (Vol. 4: P. 520). Thus the church usurped and gained control of the political and religious life of the people.

The hierarchy which began in 251 when all orthodox churches withdrew from the irregulars because of baptismal regeneration, with this new influx of power, with which she had overawed the barbarian, developed into the

CATHOLIC CHURCH

However, the establishment of this church was not effected un-

til the year 590, by Gregory the Great. Quoting Ridpath again: "This epoch in history should not be passed over without reference to the rapid growth of the Papal Church, in the close of the sixth century and the beginning of the seventh. Most of all by Gregory the Great, whose pontificate extended from 590 to 604, was the supremacy of the Apostolic See asserted and maintained. Under the triple title of Bishop of Rome, Primate of Italy, and Apostle of the West, he gradually by gentle insinuation or bold assertion, as best suited the circumstances, elevated the Episcopacy of Rome into a genuine papacy of the Church. He succeeded in bringing the Arians of Italy and Spain, into the Catholic fold, and thus assured the solidarity of the Western Ecclesia." (Vol. 4, P. 148).

For 900 long years, or from 590 until the beginning of the sixteenth century, "darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the people." Historians speak of this era of Catholic dominion as the "Dark Ages." To the heresy of baptismal regeneration was added infant baptism, union of church and state, transubstantiation, maryolatry, maryology, image worship, asceticism, exaltation of the bishops, and celibacy of the priests. So that by the year 1500, only traces of the original church which Jesus had established could be found in this almost universal or Catholic Church.

Gradually the power of this church increased. Kings and Princes became puppets at the will of the Pope. Through the sale of indulgences, the church grew vastly rich. She dominated the political maps of Europe. Untold wealth and power gradually came into her hands. Martyrs for the cause of Jesus died by the thousands; in many cities the streets ran with their blood that was spilled since they refused to bow the knee in subjection. The small band of followers that had existed from the beginning suffered all manner of cruel hardships at the hands of the "deceivers of nations." They were drawn and quartered; they were sawn asunder; they were impaled upon sharp stakes; hot molten lead was poured into their ears; their tongues were pulled out with hot pincers; they were imprisoned; they were stoned; they were slain with the sword; they were burned at the stake. Every conceivable instrument of torture was invented.

Although its temporal wealth and power increased, the spiritual power of the church had dwindled and passed almost into oblivion, so that the condition of the church was well described by the following conversation of two of its potentates:

Says one, "There has been a very great change since the establishment of the church, for Peter said, 'Silver and gold have I none!'"

The other replied, "Yes, and I am afraid that there has been another very great change in another direction; neither can the church say today, 'In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk.' We have the silver and gold, but we haven't Peter's power and faith."

However, about the beginning of the sixteenth century, a general movement of Reformation was inaugurated which broke completely the political and religious tyranny of the Roman Catholic Church. The darkness of the Dark Ages began to be supplanted by the light of a new day. Ignorance and superstition, the plotters of darkness, withdrew before the light of God's Word. The people who had been sitting

in darkness were now ready to welcome any leader who would even attempt to lead them back to the religion of Jesus.

Possibly the most eminent of all Protestant Reformers was Martin Luther. The seeds of Reformation were planted in his heart while he was in school in Erfurt, between 1501 and 1505, by his thorough examination of the Vulgate translation of the Bible. For a few years these seeds lay dormant, but with the appearance of John Tetzel, at the University of Wittenberg, of which school Luther was a teacher, a Reformation that was to light the whole world was inaugurated. Tetzel was selling indulgences for the commitment of sins. Luther denied the Pope the right to forgive sins, and proceeded to nail his 95 theses of denial to the door of the Wittenberg Church. In passing, may we say that Luther was not attempting to break from the Catholic Church; he only hoped to reform it. All efforts to cause Luther to retract were of no avail. In 1520 he publicly burned the papal bull which was an anathema from the Church of Rome. In this year the

LUTHERAN CHURCH

was constituted. Although Luther started the great movement of the Reformation, he was not strong enough to pattern his church entirely after the New Testament model. Consequently, many practices and ceremonies are found in the Lutheran Churches which are not found in the New Testament Churches.

Henry VIII, who became King of England in 1509 fell heir to the honor of leading a whole country to renounce Catholicism. At 12 years of age, he was betrothed to Catharine of Aragon, the widow of his brother. In 1520, Henry decided to divorce Catharine, for two reasons, namely: she had borne him no male heir, and his attachment for Anne Boleyn. The pope refused to sanction Henry's divorce, whereupon the King proceeded to divorce Catharine and to marry Anne, notwithstanding the pope's pronounced interdiction. Because of Henry's defiance, Pope Clement the Seventh excommunicated Henry in 1534. Parliament came to the King's rescue and on November the twenty-third of the same year, passed an act which set aside the papal authority in England. A later act was passed in 1535 by which Henry became the head of the

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Thus with a murderer and an adulterer as its founder, the Church of England was ushered into existence. From this evil beginning the

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

has descended.

The success of Luther and Henry VIII gave courage to other fainting hearts. Hence in 1526, John Brenz at Halle, Germany, drew up a plan of organization for the

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This movement gained impetus under the leadership and direction of John Calvin, who in 1536 formally founded this church.

To the Episcopal Church, which was organized in 1534, a daughter was born, known first of all as the Independent Church, and later the followers of this movement became known as

CONGREGATIONALISTS

Robert Brown, schoolmaster, lec-

turer, and preacher of the Episcopal Church, opposed sacramentalism and the episcopal form of church government, which the church had inherited from the Catholic Church. Accordingly in 1540, he brought this new organization into existence. Thus the first grand-daughter of Catholicism was born.

A second grand-daughter of Catholicism was born at Oxford, England, about the year 1700, under the leadership of George Whitefield and John and Charles Wesley. Although John Wesley led the movement, he never intended to organize a separate church. In his own words, "I find, 'I declare once more that I live and die a member of the Church of England, and no one who regard my advice will ever separate from it.' He preferred to call his movement the United Society, but his followers termed themselves

METHODISTS

and began their separate denominational existence about 1740.

Alexander Campbell, who was born in Ireland and educated in Glasgow, came to Pennsylvania as pastor of a Presbyterian Church in 1809. Becoming dissatisfied with Calvinism, he and his father quit the Presbyterian ministry and joined the Baptists. He fell out with the Baptists and in 1827 organized a church of his own, which was called the

CAMPBELLITE CHURCH

In succeeding years it has borne various names, such as: Reformers, Christian, New Lights, Stone Disciples of Christ, and Church of Christ.

When Joseph Smith was fifteen years of age, he asserted that the first two persons of the Trinity made a revelation to him. Numerous revelations followed down to 1830, at which time he founded the

MORMON CHURCH

Because of his teachings and practice of polygamy, he was compelled to flee from Fayette, New York, where he organized his first church. He removed to Kirtland, Ohio, and after a series of contentions there he formed a settlement at Independence, Missouri. Trouble arose here and the journeyed to Hancock City, Illinois. 15,000 adherents gathered to the settlement within a short time. Here Joseph and Hyrum Smith were arrested for violations of the law and were shot by a mob in 1844. Brigham Young, the new leader, organized an exodus and led 1000 families westward where they settled at Great Salt Lake. Thus from polygamous, adulterous beginning, the Mormon Church has descended.

In 1866, Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, having learned from Dr. Phineas P. Quimby his method of treating diseases without medicine, professed to have discovered a Christian-scientific treatment for disease. From the premise that all of God's created works are "very good," she deduced that sickness, sin, and evil are unreal and abnormal. In order to propagate these teachings, she opened in Boston in 1879 the

CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN
SCIENCE

Thus far we have noticed all of the leading Protestant denominations. To be sure we have omitted Seventh Day Adventism, Millennial Dawnism, Russellism and other isms and scisms of the modern day.

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THE HISTORICITY OF BAPTISTS AND OTHERS

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Now we come to the Baptist Churches. Who established the first Baptist Church? Where was it organized? When was it constituted? Who gave it its teachings and doctrines? Where are those doctrines to be found?

In answer to these questions, may I say that I confidently believe, categorically aver, and unconditionally assert that the Baptist Churches were founded by Jesus, during the time of His ministry, and that their principles of faith and practice are to be found in a book, called the Bible; chiefly in that portion known as the New Testament, every word of which was written by a Baptist. With Jesus as their founder and the Bible as their textbook, Baptist Churches have existed from the day of Jesus' memorable utterance, "I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Mt. 16:18).

Possibly in this connection a few historical quotations from the worlds' most renowned scholarship might not be out of place.

Ypeij and Dermout, eminent historians of the Dutch Reformed Church, in their "Account of the Origin of the Dutch Baptists" say: "... the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community that has stood since the days of the apostles, and as a Christian society, has preserved pure the doctrines of the gospel through all ages."

Alexander Campbell says, "The Baptists can trace their origin to apostolic times and produce unequivocal testimony of their existence in every century down to the present time... public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced."

Robert Bruce Smith said: "With all my heart I believe that the Baptists have a history parallel with the history of Christianity."

Alexis Mastin says, "There is, in our view, primitive Christians, or inheritors of the primitive Church, who have been preserved in these valleys, and it is not they who separated from Catholicism, but Catholicism from them."

Sir Isaac Newton said: "The Baptists are the only body of Christians that has not symbolized with the church of Rome."

A French free thinker said: "Perhaps the Baptists are the only Christians in the world among whom a Christian of the first century would find himself at home."

The noted historian, John Clark Ridpath, said: "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as A. D. 100, though without doubt there were Baptist Churches then, as all Christians were then Baptists."

Prof. William Cecil Duncan said: "Baptists do not, as do most Protestant denominations, date their origin from the Reformation of 1520... They did not, however, originate with the Reformation, for long before Luther lived, nay long before the Roman Catholic Church herself was known, Baptists and Baptist Churches existed and flourished in Europe, in Asia and in Africa."

Thus we have noticed briefly the history of the Baptists, Catholics, and the leading Protestant denominations. In the face of this history, we ask, "Is there any test whereby the true church of Jesus may be recognized and the spurious claims of rival factions may be determined?"

THE TEST OF TIME

Any church that has come into existence since the time of Christ is not the church which He established for two reasons:

1. It was not in existence in the time of Christ.
2. It did not come into existence until sometime later.

Name	Date Founded
Catholic	590
Lutheran	1520
Episcopal	1534
Presbyterian	1536
Congregationalist	1540
Methodist	1740
Campbellite	1827
Mormon	1830
Christian Science	1879
Baptist, Founded by Jesus, Mt. 16:18.	

THE TEST OF PLACE

There was only one place in which the New Testament Church could have been established, since the ministry of Jesus never extended beyond the land of Palestine. It would have been as impossible to have established His church outside of Palestine as it would for Him to have been born beyond its limits.

Name	Place Founded
Catholic	Rome
Lutheran	Germany
Episcopal	England
Presbyterian	Switzerland
Congregationalist	England
Methodist	England
Campbellite	America
Mormon	America
Christian Science	America
Baptist	Palestine

THE TEST OF FOUNDER

Just as there is only one time and one place in which the New Testament church could have been founded, there is also only one person who could have founded this church. To say that anyone other than Jesus founded the New Testament church would be sacrilegious mockery.

Name	Founded by Whom
Catholic	Gregory the Great
Lutheran	Martin Luther
Episcopal	Henry the Eighth
Presbyterian	John Calvin
Congregationalist	Robt. Brown
Methodist	John Wesley
Campbellite	Alexander Campbell
Mormon	Joseph Smith
Christian Science	
Baptist	Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy
	Jesus

The origin of all denominations other than Baptists can be traced to some individual as founder. Not so with Baptists. There is no individual this side of Jesus who can account for the Baptist Churches!

THE TEST OF PERPETUITY

One of the outstanding tests which Jesus gave by which the true church could be identified is the test of perpetuity. That the church which He established should have no end, Jesus declared with same breath in which He established His church: "The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Mt. 16:18). If that church with its transcendent principles should perish from the earth, the Son of God would be proven a liar. That Baptist principles have existed from the days of Jesus and that they have been perpetuated from generation to generation can be proved without a peradventure of a doubt. As Gregg, a Presbyterian, in speaking of Baptist ancestry and perpetuity said: "Missionaries sent from Rome, in the apostolic days, planted churches in the valleys of the Alps... When others yielded to the Roman See, these spurned the yoke of the

church of the Seven Hills, and kept their apostolicity intact. They were subject to Rome. Rome changed, not they."

THE TEST OF DOCTRINE

The final test by which the true church may be determined is the test of doctrine. When Jesus established His church, He did not leave that organization in doubt as to what it was to believe but gave to it a complete declaration of faith. The doctrinal characteristics of the church which Jesus built are laid down completely in the New Testament. No further word as to what the church was to believe is to be found outside of the Bible for there is nothing beyond what is written in the Book. Its teachings are *ex cathedra*. Let us notice first the plain teachings of the Bible as to doctrinal truth and then the position which each denomination occupies.

1. As to the Bible—"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (II Tim. 3:16). "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life." (Rev. 22:18, 19).

Baptists believe that the Bible is inspired of God and that it is the final word in all matters. We believe that it is the only authority for both individuals and churches. We believe that it was completed by the writing of the Revelation and that for one to add to or to take away from its precepts would be to commit spiritual suicide.

The Catholic position is exactly opposite. The action of councils, the inheritance of tradition, and the teachings of the Pope are put on a higher plane than the teachings of the Bible. The church can abolish the doctrines of the Bible and can create entirely new teachings at the will of the Pope.

The Lutheran, Episcopal, and Methodist churches are governed by a system of ecclesiastical machinery known as an episcopacy, which determines both doctrine and conduct for the individual as well as for the church.

The Presbyterian church is ruled by a series of graduated courts, with the General Assembly as the highest court which passes upon all matters of faith and doctrine.

The Mormons and Christian Scientists set the Bible aside almost entirely and substitute instead a Bible which their leaders have made, it being composed of their supposed revelations from God.

The Congregationalist and the Campbellite churches are more nearly like the Baptists, in that they accept the Bible as the final authority. However, if space would permit we could show that in spite of their claim that the open Bible is the final authority with them, that in many particulars they deviate from its teachings.

2. As to Salvation. "By grace are ye saved through faith; not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy he saved us." (Titus 3:5). "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body... by whose stripes ye were healed." (I. Pet. 2:24).

Baptists believe that the salvation of sinners is WHOLLY of grace. By His death, Jesus made a complete atonement for our

sins. Through faith in Him, He becomes our Saviour. AS TO SALVATION, THE BAPTISTS STAND ALONE IN THAT THEY BELIEVE SALVATION TO BE WHOLLY OF GRACE!

Catholics believe that baptism (as well as many other forms) is necessary to salvation. The Lutherans, Methodists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Congregationalists believe that baptism contains a sacramental grace which is essential to salvation; hence, they practice infant baptism.

Mormons, Christian Scientists, and Campbellites teach baptismal regeneration.

3. As to the mode of Baptism. "And they were all baptized of him in Jordan." (Mt. 3:6). "And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water." (Mt. 3:16). "And John was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there." (John 3:23).

Baptists believe that immersion is the only form of baptism that is to be found in the New Testament. Consequently they reject sprinkling and affusion since they are not to be found in the New Testament.

The Catholic Church admits that immersion was the mode that was practiced in the days of Jesus, but in subsequent days has substituted pouring for immersion, since it can be administered with less inconvenience. Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians follow the Catholic church in this practice, while Christian Science, Campbellism, and Mormonism adhere to the New Testament mode of immersion.

4. As to the subject for Baptism. "Go ye therefore, and disciple all nations, baptizing them..." (Mt. 28:19). "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?... If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." (Acts 8:36, 37).

Baptists, following the teachings of the New Testament, insist that only a believer on Jesus Christ as Saviour, can be a proper subject for baptism. Again, they stand alone.

Catholics practice baptismal regeneration; that is, baptism in order to save, and not because the individual has been saved.

Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, and Methodists baptize babes, who are unable to exercise faith and thus unable to believe on Christ.

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5. As to the Lord's Supper. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized... And they continued steadfastly in the apostle's doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread." (Acts 2:41-42). "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come." (I Cor. 22:26).

Baptists believe that the Lord's Supper is to be preceded by the ordinance of baptism and that this supper is a reminder of Christ's dying love. Baptists do not believe that sacramental grace is imparted to the communicant.

Catholics take just the opposite position. They say that instead of the bread and wine being symbolic that they become under the blessing of the priest the actual body and blood of Christ. They further say that divine grace is imparted at each observance of this supper. All other denominations follow the teaching of the Catholic church, some to a limited degree, while others accept

it almost literally.

6. As to rights of church members. "Then they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias." (Acts 1:26).

Baptists believe that the congregation should control the affairs of each local churches. We believe in an equality of rights, such that one member has just as much authority as any other, regardless of what position he may occupy in the church.

Catholics teach that the only right a member of their church has, is to obey the voice of the church. The Congregationalist and Campbellite churches are patterned after the New Testament model. However some matters are not submitted to the congregation. All other denominations conform to the Catholic principle in varying degrees.

It thus appears that when judged by the tests of time, place, founder, perpetuity, and doctrine that only the Baptist Churches can boast of the headship of Jesus. Lest one might think that we are presumptuous in submitting these tests, we quote the authority which Jesus gives us for so doing: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (John 4:1). With that as our actuating principle we have submitted these tests. At a glance it can easily be seen that the Catholic church and the Baptist churches stand at the opposite poles on every doctrine. All Protestant denominations are to be found somewhere in between, getting their teachings from both. All that the Protestant denominations hold that is Biblical, they have gotten from the Baptists; all that is heretical, they have inherited from the Catholics.

In every test that we have submitted, the Baptist position has been shown to be the Bible position. Just how Baptists have been able to exist in the face of trials and persecutions, we do not attempt to explain. Nor do we attempt to show how that Baptist principles have existed from the days of Jesus. It is not necessary to prove our apostolic succession. It is far more important to recognize the identity of our churches today with those of the first century than to produce historical records of twenty centuries time. If there are churches in the world today that can be identified with those of the first century, then that should be sufficient proof of our apostolicity. As George W. McDaniel, in "The People Called Baptists" said: "After the war, General Lee lost a beautiful mare, whether strayed or stolen he did not know. He advertised for her, describing her color and size in detail. Deacon William Campbell, of Essex County, Virginia, read the advertisement and saw near his home an animal that exactly answered the description. He wrote General Lee, who sent his son from Lexington to investigate. As soon as he saw the animal, he said, 'That is father's mare.' It was not necessary to follow the tracks of that mare from Lexington to Essex. The main thing was to identify her with the one that was lost." (P. 141-142). So with the Baptist churches. Our chief hope is that men may recognize our identity without seeking to follow the tracks that have been left upon the pages of history.

"Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
We have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home."

THE FAMILY BIBLE

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law on our statute books would collapse and every righteous standard would disappear.

The family Bible is the hope of our nation because it is the bulwark of our homes.

Recently I was attracted to a full-page magazine advertisement bearing this caption: "Look Homeward, America." It bore the picture of a happy family making their way up a winding road toward a lovely home atop a hill. America needs to look homeward, for its safety, prosperity and destiny rest in its homes.

Let us remember that America's homeward look will have no salutary effect if we look merely at physical houses. A house is not necessarily a home. Houses are made of lumber and brick, whereas homes are made of materials which are spiritual and cultural. Primary among these is the Bible. If America is to be saved by looking homeward, she must look to homes that have a Bible and families that gather around that sacred Book for salvation and light, food and comfort.

America needs to take down the old family Bible, and, with Father as the prophet and Mother as the prophetess, gather the children around its pages to feast on truth and to hear the voice of God.

The family Bible is more than a leather-bound volume faded with age, marked with devotion's pen, stained with holy tears and bearing the family register. It has a vitality far beyond the vital statistics it may contain of family births and deaths. It is a record of life before and after death. It speaks of the Heavenly Father. It is something more than paper and binding and printing. It is life eternal.

I. IT IS INFALLIBLE IN ITS ORIGIN

This is a tremendous assertion because it sweeps infinity, but it is not an idle boast, for it is the Bible's claim. We read in II Timothy 3:16—"All scripture is given by inspiration of God." (See also II Peter 1:21).

II. IT IS INDESTRUCTIBLE IN ITS CONTENTS

The source of its authorship is the nature of its authority. It is as indestructible as God. The Bible does not merely make claims. The sun does not have to say that it is hot. The sea does not have to declare that it is wet. Their existence is proof of their nature. It is exactly so of the Bible. Its very existence is proof of its nature.

But the Bible does make claims, for example, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (Matt. 5:18). "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever." I Pet. 1:23.

What has been true of the Bible will be true. Its history is one of conquest over every foe. Bigotry, hypocrisy, infidelity and atheism have assaulted its sacred citadel, but it remains intact and unconquered. This is as it always will be. What a bulwark such a Book as this becomes to the home where it is read by the entire family! That home will be as indestructible as the Book around which it is built. It is the best preventive for divorce. It is the best anchor for youth. It is the best recipe for happiness. It offers the surest way to suc-

cess. It serves all purposes and covers every need.

III. IT IS INVINCIBLE IN ITS EFFECT

The Bible is pregnant with divine power. Of His Word, God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts . . . as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven . . . So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:8-11).

Since the Bible possesses a divine authority, it shall accomplish a divine purpose, and thus its presence in our homes and its practice in our lives will result in the salutary blessings of divine things.

If in our homes we have everything but the Bible we can expect only a result comparable to our practice. Feed young minds on cheap literature and you will rear cheap children. Seek physical comfort and forget spiritual development and you will rear youthful menaces to society.

IV. IT IS INEXHAUSTIBLE IN ITS BLESSINGS

If you read a man's book more than once, the second reading will be a repetition, but if you read the Bible more than once, every additional reading is an enriched revelation.

It has been well said that "familiarity with the Bible breeds content."

The Bible has the largest and longest list of satisfied patrons of any book, any art, any commerce and any science of all time. Although centuries of sorrow and suffering and sin have surged past the Bible, it remains man's only satisfying companion. The sorrowing still find it comforting. The suffering still find it healing. The sinning still find it saving.

V. IT IS INDISPENSABLE IN ITS PLACE

Few of us would willfully displace the Bible from its rightful place in home and heart by a deliberate act of irreverence, but what we would not do willfully we do by default. We do by misplacement what we would not do by displacement. We do by neglect what we would not do by overt act. And ours is a tremendous loss.

If you are entrusted with the care of children as well as the responsibility of business, you need the Bible to sanctify and satisfy life. No brood of boys and girls dare be reared for one world at a time. The home should be the vestibule of heaven. There they should not only learn of your love but of God's love. There they should have not only the security of your care but the security of the everlasting arms.

The family Bible in our home is the best introduction we can give our children to heaven.

—Christian Victory.

IS THERE ANY ROOM FOR A PRIESTHOOD IN THIS AGE?

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OF PRIEST there is neither need nor Scripture.

Catholicism is a mixture of Old and New Testaments—a mixture of law and grace—a mixture of Christianity and heathenism. They get their idea of priesthood from the Old Testament. The priests of that day were con-

One Day At A Time

One day at a time, with its failures and fears,
With its hurts and mistakes, with its weakness and tears,

With its portion of pain and its burden of care;
One day at a time we must meet and must bear.

One day at a time to be patient and strong,
To be calm under trial and sweet under wrong;
Then its toiling shall pass and its sorrow shall cease;
It shall darken and die, and the night shall bring peace.

One day at a time—but the day is so long.
And the heart is not brave, and the soul is not strong,
O Thou pitiful Christ, be Thou near all the way;
Give courage and patience and strength for the day.

Swift cometh his answer, so clear and so sweet:
"Yea, I will be with thee, thy troubles to meet;
I will not forget thee, nor fail thee, nor grieve;
I will not forsake thee; I never will leave."

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.

One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

cerned with altars and sacrifices and they wore elaborate symbolical garments. But when Jesus was crucified he ended the sacrifices, for all of the animal sacrifices pointed forward to his death and shed blood. And when the sacrifices were cancelled through fulfillment, that left NO ALTAR for an altar is a place of sacrifice. With no sacrifice and no altar, there was no job for a priest (in the Old Testament sense.) Thus, the Catholic priesthood really ignores the work of Christ, and ignores the fulfillment of the Old Testament types and the passing out of existence of the Old Testament order of things.

So, the priest—in the sense of one that ministers at an altar, and performs rites and ceremonies, IS OUT for the duration (of this age and all the rest).

PRIEST AND PREACHER — THE DIFFERENCE

A PRIEST is supposed to be one who acts as a go-between, to carry on transactions between God and man. (No need of such now for Christ is that Go-between or Mediator. (I Tim. 2:5).

A PREACHER is merely a proclaimer of God's truth. He is not a performer of rites and ceremonies, etc.

BUT THERE IS A NEW TESTAMENT PRIESTHOOD

The chief privilege of a priest is in the true sense of the word, ACCESS TO GOD. With the passing away of the Old Testament priesthood, ALL BELIEVERS IN CHRIST BECOME PRIESTS IN THAT SENSE. That is, instead of having to have a priest to go-between, each believer is privileged to approach God direct through Jesus Christ. Let us see what the Scriptures have to say here: I Peter 2:9. The people of God are called a "royal priesthood." Rev. 1:6. Through Christ's work, we have access to God and are spoken of as priests.

TIPIED IN THE RENT VEIL

When Christ died on the cross, the veil of the temple was "rent in the midst." This signified that the way was now open to enter into the very holy of holies—

into the very presence of God. Christ died with the words "it is finished" on his lips. That signified among other things that the priesthood (in the Old Testament sense) was finished.

For a great passage dealing with the priesthood, read Hebrews 10:19-22. Also dealing with how Christ fulfilled the High Priest type, read Heb. 9:23-28.

INVOLVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT PRIESTHOOD

All of us who are saved, have direct access to God through Christ, hence need no priest as mediator. We do not offer sacrifices of animals, but there are other sacrifices we are to make as "priests unto God." What are they? Note what the Scriptures tell us:

Our bodies as living sacrifices. (Rom. 12:1; Phil. 2:17; 2 Tim. 4:6.)

Praise Unto God. (Heb. 13:15).
Our money and possessions. (Heb. 13:16; Rom. 12:13; Gal. 6:6.)

SUMMARY: There is no place for a "priest" in the sense of one rigid out in a "dress" going through ritual. But all saved people are priests in the sense that they are privileged to come to God through the appropriated merits of their great High Priest, Jesus Christ.

DR. LEY ADMITS ANTI-SEMITISM IS WRONG

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"We Nazis must have the courage to rid ourselves of Anti-Semitism. We must tell our youth that it was a mistake. The youth will never believe our enemies. Men may fall, parties and systems may disappear, but the people must remain and live."

This is the latest illustration of the truth of the thrice repeated words spoken to Abram regarding his offspring:

"I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3, 27:29, Num. 24:9).

Anti-Semitism is indeed a "great error"—which should be immediately corrected by all na-

tions making it, if they wish to avoid the curse of God. — Tol Olson.

CATHOLIC ATROCITIES IN MEXICO

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ing daily.

It is only from such plain facts that Protestants in the United States may learn what the Roman Catholic church is really like and how it resorts to the most brutal means to force obedience to its beliefs and claims in localities where it has the upper hand and the protection of the police.

Roman Catholic violence is confined to Mexico and South American countries, but even flares up in parts of the United States in localities where Protestants are in the minority. Protestant Episcopal Bishop Stoney of New Mexico was recently obliged to protest to the Roman Catholic Bishop of El Paso and the Archbishop of Santa Fe because of the vandalism of Roman Catholic boys who broke into and desecrated the Episcopal church of St. Anne Mexican Mission El Paso, Texas. After breaking lights, destroying pictures, candles, altar furnishings, they relieved themselves the chapel and smeared human refuse over everything. They added insult to injury, they left Catholic religious magazine with a marked article in which Protestants were branded as "Judas."

According to The Witness magazine of last October 4, Protestant Bishop Stoney was branded enough in his protest to the Roman Catholic bishops to blame for these and other depredations squarely on the Roman Catholic clergy and hierarchy because of "the spirit of intolerance often preached by them toward other faiths."

—The Converted Catholic.

A SALOONKEEPER SPEAKS HIS MIND

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but I want an easy living and have resolved to gather the wages of iniquity and fatten on the ruin of my species.

"Should you doubt my ability I refer you to the pawn shop, the poor house, the police court, the hospital, the penitentiary, the insane asylum and the gallows. They will convince you that I am what I say."

Yours, for bigger and "better" drunkards,
The Saloonkeeper.

A WARNING TO JEW HATER

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modern illustration. You don't want that in America do you?

Don't bother yourself about the Jew, God will take care of him and you too. So "make your calling and election sure" by admitting that you are a sinner and "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

—Helton.

TO KNOW AND AVOID

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the tragic consequences which come through neglecting God's truth, through yielding to cowardice, thru letting evil go unchecked, and through using ecclesiastical methods in our Baptist life.

"A lie is like a dog chasing a tail. Let it alone and it will exhaust itself out of breath."