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

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

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## Who Should Take The Supper Of Our Lord Today?

By Curtis L. Niceley

The Bible position of a New Testament Church cannot be reached too often. The Baptist position of a New Testament Church is the Bible position. The doctrines are many and they are not all to be discussed here; only those related to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. In a small tract it is not possible to support the position with the Scripture every position is taken. However, no position shall be presented which does not justify the support of God's Word. We offer no apology for the use of the term, "The Baptist Position." We feel that the

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## Settling A Controversy In The Spirit Of The Lord Jesus

Clifton T. Umstead

In one of our junior colleges a Christian young man was studiously preparing himself for his chosen career. In this same college were a number of students who did not believe the Bible and who eagerly embraced every opportunity to ridicule the Word of God.

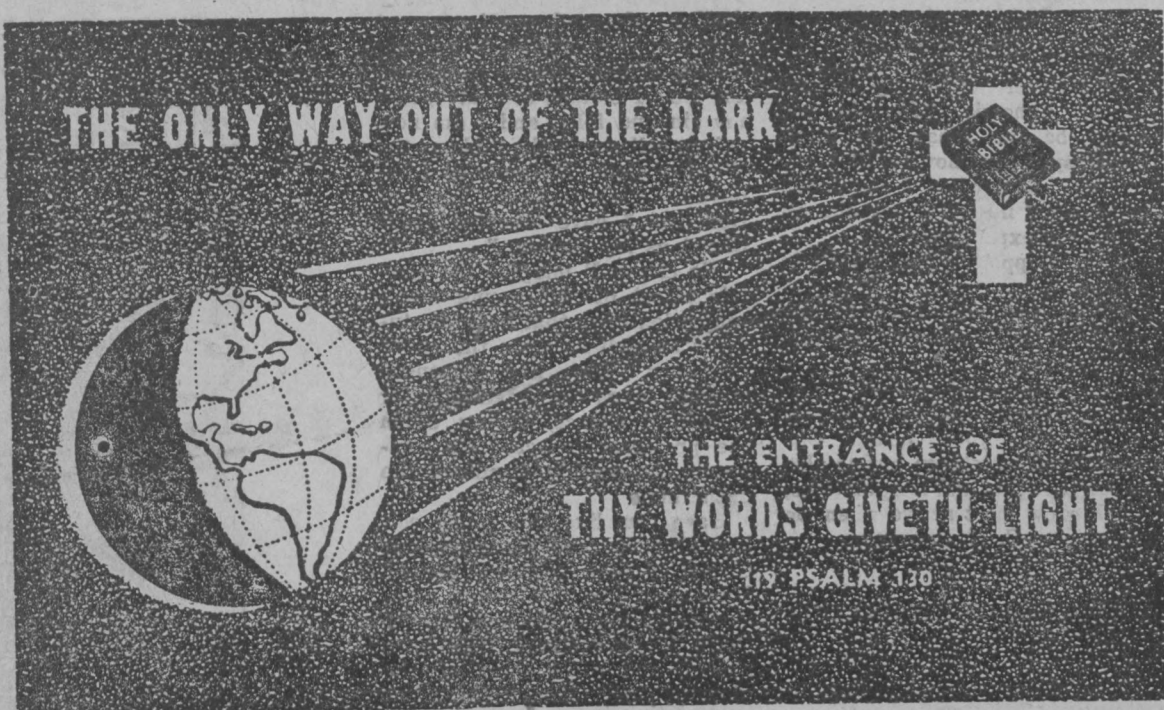
One of the professors in this school also took part in these discussions and sought to rob the Christian youth of his faith in the Bible and His Word. On one occasion, after a severe tirade of abuse had been heaped upon the Bible and its defender, the professor suddenly declared: "The only way to settle this matter is for this Christian boy to write an article in defense of the Bible and its teachings, and I will choose another from the class to present the other side." The professor, of course, was careful to select one whom he thought capable of refuting any argument. His opponent would advance.

The date for the contest was set. Both students set them-

selves to their tasks with zeal and determination. The Christian youth sought divine guidance and wisdom from above as he searched the Sacred Page. Likewise the unbelieving student read the Bible, perhaps more studiously than he had ever thought of doing; in fact, he found himself poring over the book far into the night, as he sought for evidence to prove the Bible untrue and contradictory. The more he read the more insecure seemed his position and a heavy burden weighed upon him.

The day of the contest finally arrived. The classroom was filled to capacity with an expectant crowd. After the usual preliminaries the unbelieving professor called on the Christian youth to take the floor and present his findings. With calm fortitude, born of humble dependence upon the God of the Bible for his help, he walked bravely to the platform and read his paper which was composed of actual quotations from the Book itself. He made few comments because the Scripture references quoted were clear and correctly

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## "I'd Rather Have Jesus." What Is Your Choice?

V. C. HOGREN

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I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold;  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold.  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands;  
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.

The second stanza of the poem begins, "I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause," and continues, "I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame." These sentences struck the very heart

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## A Disciple Of Jesus

After an all-night prayer meeting, Jesus chose twelve from among His disciples whom Luke names "The Twelve" (Luke 6:12, 13). Mark reminds us that Jesus chose the twelve that they might be with Him (Mark 3:14).

The Latin word disciple is equivalent to the Greek word for learner, and was originally used of any or all who followed and obeyed Christ as Teacher. We find the term applied to the first followers of Christ, namely, Andrew, Peter, James, John, Philip, and Nathanael (John 2:11, 12, 22; 4:8, 27, 32). "Disciple" is also applied to a great number of followers (John 6:66; Luke 6:13, 17). All who confessed Christ as Messiah and Saviour were reckoned as "disciples" (Acts 6:7).

Confining ourselves, however, to the Gospels, where we find "the twelve" described as "the twelve disciples" (Matthew 10:1), we come to what our Lord has

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## Mused Uncle Mose

"Pahson boun' to have he eye on anudder chu'ch—he talkin' too plain dese days."

## A Puzzling Question As To The Number Of Denominations

Why do we have so many sects and denominations today?

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This is an oft repeated question, and one that we may well deal with. Beyond question the Cause of Christ is hindered by the divided state of Christendom, and by the divergent and discordant voices that are raised. Paul speaks of division in the church at Corinth as a mark of carnality. (See I Cor. 3:1-8). The divided state of Christian people is often used as an excuse by the unsaved as they continue on in their sin and rejection. What is the cause of so many different denominations anyhow? We list some of the things that have served to bring this about.

SATAN. Since he has counterfeited every true doctrine with a false one, we might well expect him to counterfeit the church which Jesus established. We believe that he is back behind every church that has been started since Jesus started his, often using good men to multiply divisions.

HUMAN AMBITIONS. Men have desired to dominate and to make a name for self, often, and hence have broken loose and started something their own. Henry the eighth started the church of England just so he could get a divorce. Alexander Campbell started him a denomination because he couldn't get along with others. Mrs. Eddy started her a sect because she could get rich—and did get rich. Mr. and Mrs. Ballard started the "Great I Am" sect, and laid up lots of money. He died recently, and his wife was reported recently as having an immense fortune in jewels. "Father Divine" started his sect for self-glory and wealth, and he has acquired both.

TEMPER. Many sects have arisen out of squabbles. People have gotten mad and started divisions.

IGNORANCE. Many have followed off after human leaders because of being ignorant of the Bible. Ignorance is fertile soil for those who want to start cults.

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## MOM'S TRANSLATION

There is a story about four clergymen who were discussing the merits of the various translations of the Bible. One lied the King James version best because of its simple, beautiful English.

Another liked the American Revised Version best because it is more literal and comes nearer the original Hebrew and Greek.

Still another liked Moffatt's translation best because of its up-to-date vocabulary.

The fourth minister was silent. When asked to express his opinion, he replied, "I like my mother's translation best."

The other three expressed surprise. They did not know that his mother had translated the Bible. "Yes, she did," he replied. "She translated it into life, and it was the most convincing translation I ever saw."—The Christian Digest.

## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "THE SECURITY OF THE SAVED"

By Elder Bert C. Caldwell

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"For the Lord loveth judgment and forsaketh not His saints; they are preserved forever." (Ps. 37:28).

"Look at the word 'preserved.' what do you do when you preserve berries? You wash them and then cook them until you get all the impurities out of them so they won't spoil.

Our text says "that His saints are preserved forever." Who are God's saints? Anyone who has

been saved is a child of God and a saint of God.

Why are God's saints preserved forever? For several reasons.

1. BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE DEPOSITORY.

What do we mean by a depository? A depository is a place where you can deposit something for safe keeping.

For instance, a bank is a depository for money. When you go to the bank and leave your money to be kept by them, you have made a deposit.

When you trust Jesus Christ to save you, then you simply place your soul in His care and

keeping. You have simply deposited your all in Jesus' care.

You have put your faith there in Him. Saving faith is a deposit of the soul with Jesus. Listen to 2 Tim. 1:12: "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."

What is it that you have committed to Him to keep? You have committed your soul to Him. You have simply deposited your soul with Jesus to keep until that great day. Therefore, CHRIST IS OUR DIVINE DEPOSITORY.

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## STATE OF THE NATION

The wets solemnly promised that legalization of liquor would bring financial and social benefits to the nation. After ten years of legalized drunkenness you now have:

1. The highest rate of juvenile delinquency in our history.
2. The greatest period of crime in the history of the nation.
3. Venereal diseases so frightful in their prevalence that our foremost health and medical authorities refer to one of them, syphilis, as Public-Health Problem No. 1.
4. Jails, penitentiaries, and insane asylums more crowded than ever before.
5. Traffic fatalities more terrible than the statistics of American deaths in battle.
6. The highest tax rate on record.

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AN APPRECIATED LETTER

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received THE BAPTIST EXAMINER this a. m. and I read it through soon after I received it. Wish it was a daily instead of a weekly. I depend on it for my spiritual food as I am not able to go to church much. Next to the Bible comes THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I re-read them.

May God bless each one who has any part in publishing THE EXAMINER and each one that contributes articles to it and especially our editor. The paper has the right name because one really does want to examine themselves and makes them want to live in a way that will please God.

Mrs. Ellen Coxen,  
Evansville, Ind.

I prayed for faith and thought it would strike me like lightning. But faith did not come. One day I read, "Now faith comes by hearing the Word of God." I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now began to study my Bible and faith has been growing ever since.—Moody.

IN EVERYTHING . . THANKS

The industrious bee does not stop to complain that there are so many poisonous flowers and thorny branches in his road, but buzzes on, selecting the honey where he can find it, and passing quietly by the places where it is not.

CHRISTIAN ADMONITION

STOP! For a moment, anywhere,  
To worship God in silent prayer.  
LOOK! All around you when depressed,  
To realize how you've been blessed.  
LISTEN! To that small voice within  
Before you slander, curse, or sin.  
BEWARE! Of that strong urge to say,  
Why is God treating me this way?  
BELIEVE! Your Lord has done what's best,  
No matter how severe the test.  
REPENT! That guilty conscience cease  
To rob you of both rest and peace.  
REJOICE! Since all true Christians may  
Find help and solace when they pray.  
BEHAVE! As you think others should,  
And you will be both kind and good.  
BEHOLD! In God a Refuge, safe and strong,  
Rely on Him when things go wrong.

—John Peter Heiser.

There is enough in this world to complain about and find fault with, if men have the disposition. We often travel on a hard and uneven road, but with a cheerful spirit, and a heart to praise God for His mercies, we may walk therein with comforts, and come to the end of our journey in peace.—Selected.

WHO MEETS JONAH?

A believer was being quizzed by an agnostic. "Sir, do you really believe Jonah was swallowed by a sea monster?"

"Yes. And when I see Jonah in heaven I intend to ask him all about his experience."

"Oh. Supposing Jonah isn't in heaven?"

"Then you will have to ask him," the believer wryly answered.—Sunday.

In company guard your tongue; in solitude, your heart. Our words need watching; but so also do our thoughts and imaginations, which grow most active when we are alone.—C. H. Spurgeon.

THE STATE OF THE NATION

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7. The largest public debt in the nation's history.

8. Sickening spectacles of corruption in government.

9. The gloomiest postwar prospect of public morality that ever confronted our people.

10. Four hundred thirty-seven thousand liquor outlets and 40,000,000 drinkers. — Signs of the Times.

SETTLING A CONTROVERSY

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The ostentatious professor now proudly called upon his favorite student to read his paper in refutation of the preceding article. Intense silence gripped the audience as the champion of infidelity walked briskly to the front of the room. He, too, faced his professor and fellow students with unusual calm as he said, in substance: "Honored Professor and fellow classmates, I thought it unnecessary to prepare a paper on the issue at hand, and will therefore give you, orally, the result of my investigation. First, let me assure you, I have spent many hours searching through the Bible in a most exhaustive manner, for evidence of its untruthfulness. I sought diligently for possible contradictions, but

found none. That you may know how thorough was my search, I read the New Testament through three times and the Gospel of John sixteen times. The more I read and studied the book the more I became convinced that it was not of human origin. So sublime and so searching were the statements of the Bible that a feeling of condemnation crept over me. I seemed to be reading a book written directly to me and for me. I became convicted, saw my sin and folly, and I am now a firm believer in the Bible as the Word of God. Not only do I believe the Bible to be the Word of God, but I have accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour."

We can well imagine the electric effect of this young man's confession upon that body of students as well as upon the suave professor, who had depended strongly upon the defense. After a painful silence, during which the professor collected his composure, he quickly dismissed the gathering.

Have you, like this young college student, read the marvelous Gospel of John sixteen times? Have you, like this young man, discovered your "sin and folly"? God's Word declared, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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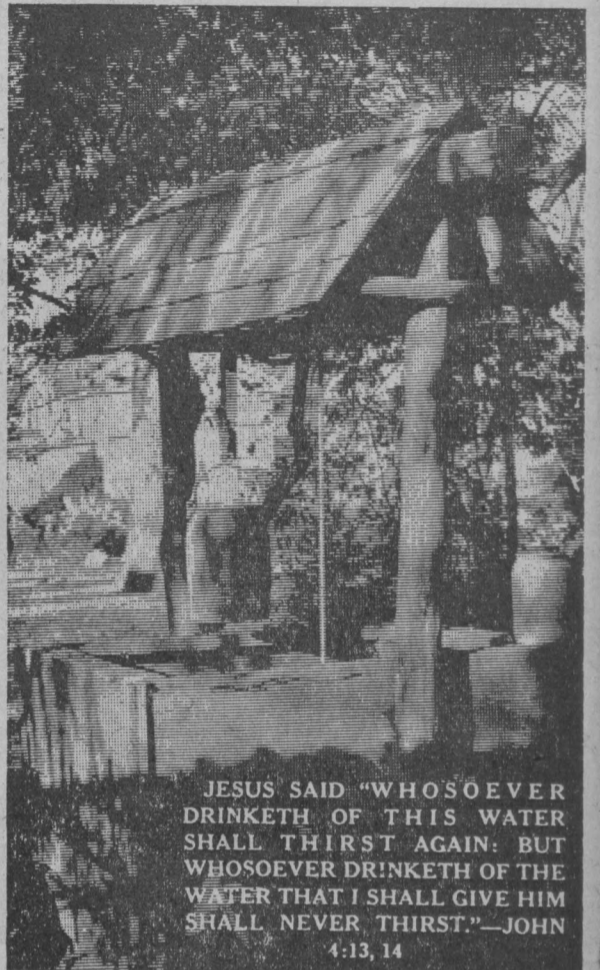
cause of Christ can best be supported by the use of this term and by giving to the world a concise view and position of Baptist Churches as taught in the New Testament.

There are two ordinances set in New Testament Churches and only two. These are, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptist Churches observe both of them. They did not originate with men. They came by Divine origin from the very heart of God. Their importance and purpose in the Churches must never be impaired or delegated.

The oldest account on record of the Lord's Supper is found in First Corinthians 11:21-34. It dates long before any of the Gospels were written. The Apostle Paul was here writing to the Corinthian Church, hoping to correct corruptions in the administration of the observance of the Lord's Supper. No attempt is being made in this tract to present any new Baptist position on this subject. It is a sincere and bold effort to give proper emphasis to the old doctrines as they have been taught by Baptist Churches from the days of Jesus. There is no need or place in a New Testament Church for any other rites. These two ordinances symbolize everything about Christianity that is needed as a revelation and as a living experience.

Christ instituted the Supper. It is by His authority that we observe it. It is a memorial that we might not forget His death and sufferings on the Cross. He and He alone gave the simple instructions for its observance. Only New Testament Churches have any right to observe this ordinance. Jesus is the sole lawgiver on this matter. We are to observe all things as taught in God's Word.

These ordinances belong to the Churches of the New Testament and to them only. No Church or individual has any Bible authority to change the doctrine, mode or method of the observance of these ordinances. Only a New Testament Church has any Scriptural right or authority to observe them.



JESUS SAID "WHO SOEVER DRINKETH OF THIS WATER SHALL THIRST AGAIN: BUT WHO SOEVER DRINKETH OF THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE HIM SHALL NEVER THIRST."—JOHN 4:13, 14

The Apostle Paul said, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered to you." Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me." Again, "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." In Matthew, Luke and First Corinthians we have the plain account of the origin of the Lord's Supper. In Corinthians only is the English word "communion" used. The Greek word used here is "koinonia" and literally means a fellowship. The Expositors Greek Testament translates the Greek here, "participation." The Lord's Supper constitutes "fellowship-participation" centering in Christ Jesus. It is not the observance of Christian fellowship in the Church; it is "fellowship-participation" with the broken body and the shed blood of Jesus. As already said, the Greek word "koinonia" in First Corinthians 10:16 is translated "fellowship." Whereas in the King James version it is translated "communion." Scholarship is heavily in favor of the "fellowship" translation. We have the same idea of translation in other instances in the Bible; in Second Corinthians 13:14, the Greek word "pneumatosis" is here translated "Ghost" by some scholars and by others "Spirit." In this same verse, which is 13th in the Greek and 14th in the King James translation, we have "koinonia" translated "fellowship" of the Holy Spirit. The point is, not our fellowship with Christ but His fellowship with us. Without His consent there could be no "fellowship-participation." In First John 1:6, 7, we find the same Greek word "koinonian" translated "fellowship." In the third verse of the same epistle and chapter we have the same word "koinonian" again translated "fellowship." All these words are the same which we have in First Corinthians translated "communion." The Apostle Paul thanks God for the fellowship of the Philippian saints in the Gospel. The same Greek word is used here in Philippians 1:3-5 and translated "fellowship" that is used in First Corinthians 10:16 and translated "communion." The word "communion" refers to

the incidental part of any mony, namely, it refers to common fellowship among selves in the observance of ordinance. This translation First Corinthians 10:16 is unfortunate and does not mean the correct meaning. It is not the communion of body of Christ? The Revised Version gives in the "participation." The word "munion" here does not refer any fellowship of the bread but a fellowship with Christ Jesus; therefore, the word "munion" is not a desirable translation. The "fellowship-participation" is better. This is a sharing-fellowship with others in Christ Jesus. We expect just that sort of a fellowship when we meet around Lord's table. The Greek "koinos" means "to have common with," and indicates "joint-participation," as with Philippian saints and the Apostle Paul in the progress of the Gospel.

In Ephesians 3:1-12 we have a strange language; Paul speaks here of a mystery which was in the great heart of God. Its revelation through the Apostle was given to the Churches. The revelation was: "to make all see what is the fellowship of mystery." God is now sharing that mystery with His Church. Here the same Greek word "koinonia" is translated "fellowship." It means, God shares His mystery with His believers in the Churches. We do not share any mystery with Him.

In Philippians 3:7-10, Apostle Paul declares: "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." The Greek word used here is "koinonia" and is translated "fellowship." Now, I believe we are seeing light in these Scriptures. The real meaning of this fellowship is a "God-sharing-fellowship" with His believers in Christ Jesus. This is exactly what happens at the Lord's Table. It is "joint-participation" when and His believers are brought together in the death and sufferings

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## SECURITY OF THE SAVED

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## II. THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE OPERATION.

Through the Divine operation, we have a new birth. A spiritual birth, for we are told in John 3:7: "Ye must be born again." One must be born again before he can enter Heaven.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY HE SAVED US, by the washing of regeneration (which is being born again) and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5.

We can see from this Scripture that we are not saved by our works, our self-righteousness, or good life, BUT BY BEING BORN AGAIN.

Jesus said, "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.

Note the words "REPENT," "BELIEVE," and "BE BORN AGAIN." What are the differences?

Now the new birth, the regeneration act, is not a human act, IT IS A DIVINE ACT. That's God's side of it.

Repentance and faith are graces given from God and they are an act of the human will.

Repentance means turning around. Faith means putting your trust in Jesus as your Saviour.

In this third chapter of John, we read about Nicodemus talking to Jesus. He was greatly concerned. He said to Jesus, "How can I be born again?"

Jesus tells him in the sixth verse "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit."

Beloved, no man or woman ever came into this world but Adam and Eve, except by natural parents, born of the flesh. Then in the same way, as no one can come into this world of ours except by being born of the flesh, NO ONE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD EXCEPT BY THE SECOND BIRTH, the birth of the Holy Spirit.

In the first birth you partake of the human nature of your father and mother. So in the same way as in the first birth you partake of the human nature, in the second birth WE BECOME PARTAKERS OF GOD'S NATURE.

There are lots of people who are misled. They have the idea that unless you hold out faithful unto the end YOU'LL NEVER BE SAVED. YOU'LL NEVER GET TO HEAVEN.

Well, beloved, that isn't the teaching of God's Word. Each believer is born of God. We read, "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." I John 5:1. When? The very moment you believe. For we read, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." John 6:47. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." I John 3:2.

When a child is born into this world it can never be unborn. Then since that which is born cannot be unborn, THEN EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN ANEW IS FOREVER SAVED.

You wouldn't tell a little baby boy just a few days old, now if you grow up and live as you ought, some day you will be my son. You wouldn't say, "If you hold out faithful, if you live a good life, in the end you will be our son." That would be downright ignorance to tell that baby boy such a thing.

In the same way WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN, born of the Spirit, we are babes in Christ and means the same thing only one is a spiritual birth, the other a fleshly birth.

## III. THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE GIFT.

Listen to these Scriptures: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2:8-9.

The Divine gift is eternal purposed, eternal promised, eternal life given, eternal life possessed, shall not come into condemnation, shall never perish, shall never hunger, shall never thirst, shall never die. There's only one interpretation to be

placed upon it, and that is "THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED FOREVER AND EVER."

## IV. THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE GIFT.

A child of God may through Satan's snares fall often into sin. Many have fallen into sin and lived to tell of their redemption through grace alone.

David committed adultery and then murdered a man to cover it. Surely no one puts a premium on these two black sins. Yet by and by we hear him saying, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." Ps. 51:12. Then in the 37th Psalm, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." (Ps. 37:23-24).

Suppose you take a little pig, you keep him in the house and give him a bath every day. Let that pig grow up to be a pretty good size hog and then turn him loose. Just forget about him for an hour or so. Then go look for him. Where will you find him? If there's a stinking mud-hole nearby you will find him in the midst of it well satisfied. WHY WAS THE HOG CONTENT IN THE MUD? Because it was his hog nature.

I remember seeing a lamb pushed off into a mud hole, but very ashamed of himself, he got out as quick as he could. Why wasn't that lamb satisfied in the mud like the hog? BECAUSE IT WASN'T HIS SHEEP'S NATURE.

Beloved, hear us today, "Whenever one falls into sin and wallows there, it proves he has never been saved. The old hog nature is just manifesting itself in spite of church membership, baptism and reformation."

God's dear sheep may fall into sin, but he won't remain there long, but ashamed of himself, he will seek out the Lord and confess his wrongs, his sins and the Father will forgive him because His Word tells us so. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

A believer is kept by the power of God. Therefore he cannot be lost after he is saved.

## V. THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE UNION.

"I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." John 14:20.

Take a magnet. It is a piece of iron magnetized. But it will pick up another piece of iron and hold to it, and in doing so the magnet goes into that piece of iron.

The same way Jesus is in the believer and you in Him when you are His child. Union with Christ.

Beloved, the central thought of salvation is union with Christ.

1. In Christ you are saved, out of Christ you are lost.

2. In Christ all things are yours, out of Christ nothing is yours.

3. In Christ you can do all things. Out of Christ you can do nothing.

4. In Christ you bear fruit, out of Christ you are barren.

5. In Christ you are a new creation, out of Christ you are but Adam's child, lost and on your way to Hell.

## VI. THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE "CHRIST'S BLOOD CLEANS FROM ALL SIN."

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sin." Col. 1:14.

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7.

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity." Titus 2:14.

Christ died as a substitute for every believer. His death paid for all sin. His blood cleanses from all sin, the PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

A woman said to her pastor one day, "I can understand how Christ's blood can take care of my past sins, but I cannot understand how His blood can and will take care of my present and future sins. The pastor asked her this plain, simple question, "HOW MANY OF YOUR SINS WERE FUTURE SINS WHEN CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS NINETEEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO?" She replied, "They all were future sins, but I hadn't thought of that."

That's the meaning of that passage,

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8.

## VII. THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF THE DIVINE ANCHOR.

"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Heb. 6:19.

God won't and can't break His Word, His oath. His Word is as an anchor and THAT ANCHOR WILL HOLD.

You take a great ship. We have seen anchors on those large ocean steamers which would weigh thousands of tons.

Whenever it would become necessary for those ships to drop anchor, the anchor will hold that ship against the winds and the waves or anything that comes.

In the same way, when you have put your trust in Jesus, you have an anchor, steadfast and sure, and Christ your anchor will hold.

You may stumble and fall, but God holds on. He holds you and will never let you go.

"I've anchored my soul in that haven of rest, and in Jesus I'm safe ever more."

Brother J. M. Carroll, that great man of God, said some years ago he was holding a meeting in a certain town. God was pouring out His blessings upon the services in a great way.

One morning as he and some of the brethren were approaching the church he saw a man standing near the door. One of the men spoke up and said, "Do you see that man? Why he is the worst man in this section. He is a gambler. He is a horse racer. He is an infidel," and so on.

Brother Carroll said they came on and held the morning service. The man was gloriously saved. That night he came back to the services. When the invitation was given he came forward and took his stand for Christ. As he did so, remarks and whispers were heard all over the house. "What does he mean? Is he going to join the church? Why he's no good. He won't last a week." The man heard all of this. But he came on and did what the Lord wanted him to do.

Two years after this Brother Carroll came back to this same church for another meeting. One night after the service was over, a man came up to him and said, "Brother Carroll, do you remember me?" Then he told Brother Carroll who he was. He said you remember preacher that the people said the night I joined the church I wouldn't last a week. I wouldn't hold out any time. Well, preacher, they were right. He broke down and cried and then looked up through his tears and said, But thank God, Brother Carroll, GOD HELD OUT. HE HAS NEVER TURNED ME LOOSE. I KNOW HE SAVED ME AND HE KEEPS ME."

Oh, what a great Saviour we have. God holds out. There's no Saviour like Jesus. There's no Saviour but Jesus. What a blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. IS HE YOURS? Oh, if not, let Him save you today.

Beloved, when a man has his deep and inner clings to God or his anchor in Christ Jesus, when the roots of his life go down and takes hold on God, mere temptations and pressures will not overtake him.

## VIII. LAST, THE SAINTS ARE PRESERVED BECAUSE OF HIS EVERLASTING LOVE.

Having loved His own, He loved them unto the end. There's nothing that can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear Him as He says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5.

And this is so.

The Lord has said, "The mother may forsake her nursing child, BUT I WILL NEVER FORSAKE THEE."

A Finish officer tells the experience of seven Russians prisoners being saved.

This officer had a number of prisoners under his guard and seven of them were to be shot at dawn on Monday. The time of his experience was on Sunday before.

He said the atmosphere was filled with hatred, my soldiers were drunk with success and taunted their prisoners who swore and beat on the walls with their bleeding fists.

Others called for their wives and children who were far away. At dawn they were all to die. As the night came on, something happened.

One of the doomed men began to sing. "He is mad," was everybody's first thought. But then the officer had noticed this man Hoskin had not raved and cursed. Quietly he sat on his bench, a picture of utter despair. Nobody said anything to him; each carrying his burden his own way.

Koskin sang, rather waveringly at first, then his voice grew stronger and became natural and free. All the prisoners turned and looked at him as he sang.

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast.  
There by His love o'er shaded,  
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

Over and over he sang that verse. When he had finished, everyone was quite for a few minutes until a wild looking man broke out with, "where did you get that, you fool? Are you trying to make us religious?"

Koskin looked at his comrades with tear filled eyes as he quietly said, "Comrades, will you listen to me for a minute? You ask me where I got this song. It was from the Salvation Army. I heard it three weeks ago; my mother sang about Jesus and prayed to Him."

He stopped a little while, rose to his feet and stood in front of them and said, "It is cowardly to hide your beliefs. The God my mother believed in is now my God."

"Last night, I lay awake and suddenly saw mother's face before me, and it reminded me of that song that I had heard. I had to find the Saviour and hide in Him. Then it was that verses from the Bible and the song book came to my mind. They brought messages of the crucified Saviour and the blood that cleanses from sin, and that home He has prepared for us."

"I thanked Him, accepted Him. Jesus came into my heart, and since then this verse has been sounding inside me. I could no longer keep it to myself; within a few hours I shall be with the Lord, saved by His grace."

Koskin's face shone as if by an inward light. Finally, one by one, they asked Koskin to pray for them, and before daybreak the next morning, Hoskin had led every one of them to Christ, and they were all singing, "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

When the clock struck six, time for their execution, between two rows of soldiers they marched out to the place of execution.

One of them asked to be allowed to sing Koskin's song once again, and the permission was granted.

Then they asked to be allowed to die with uncovered faces and with hands lifted to heaven they sang with might and power:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast.  
There by His love o'er shaded  
Sweetly my soul shall rest."

When the last line had died out, the lieutenant gave the word "fire" and these seven Russian soldiers fell, their souls gone to be with the Lord.

Oh, thank God for a testimony like that, for that is exactly what the Gospel does for one.

Beloved lost friend, won't you believe the Gospel and be saved right now? What is the gospel?

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, HOW THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES; and that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." I Cor. 15:3-4.

Oh, God help you to realize your need of Christ just now. Without Him you are lost and on your way to Hell. You cannot save yourself. You can't get good enough to be saved. Jesus did all that was necessary on Calvary's Cross. He died there the just for the unjust. And if you will here and now accept Jesus, depend upon Him and Him alone for salvation, He will save you the very moment you do so.

The Philippian jailer came and asked Paul and Silas, "What must I do to be saved?" and they answered him in plain words, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:30-31.

That jailer was saved by believing on Christ and you can be saved the same way, for God only has the one way.

Oh, receive Him right now as your Lord and Saviour.

## I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

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of a young man as he sat before his piano early one Sunday morning. His mother had placed the beautiful poem where he would see it, with the prayer that he, a Christian, would become wholly consecrated to God's service. She knew of the offer he was pondering—the offer of a radio contract which would give him opportunity for fame and possible riches.

It was in the thirties, and there was rumor of a salary cut in the downtown New York insurance office where the 22-year-old young man worked as a clerk. Radio—it was a magic word, for had not obscure people become nationally known overnight because of radio? Too, there was money to be made in radio. The young man, Beverly Shea, thought on these things as he rehearsed a hymn he was to sing in church that morning.

His eyes again fell on the words of the poem and he read, "I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold." His fingers unconsciously fell to the keyboard and he composed the melody which is today known to millions. Several days later the director who had spoken to him in behalf of the radio offer was amazed to receive a firm "No" in response to his offer. "No" was a strange word to the director's ears because thousands of singers would have leaped at the opportunity which was proposed to the young bass-baritone.

From that time forward, there was never a doubt as to the course which Beverly Shea was to pursue in full-time Christian service, and the words of the poem "I'd Rather Have Jesus" set to music became his testimony. Wherever he appeared, he was certain to sing his earlier decision, and through the years which have followed, untold thousands have had their lives transformed through the hearing of this simple yet powerful testimony.

Today Beverly Shea is realizing his ambition to sing the Gospel on the radio. A nationally-known aluminum firm headed by a Christian, sponsors Sheas hymn program heard by thousands each day, and he is experiencing the joy of singing his own and other songs of testimony in the Saturday-evening youth meetings in Chicago, New York and other American and Canadian cities. Shea receives more invitations to sing in churches throughout the country than he can possibly accept, and he gives everywhere the testimony that "God can guide young lives when we give the direction over to Him, and 'no good thing will he withhold.'"

A lonely sailor wandered into a gaudy night club in Philadelphia, attracted by the crowd and its laughter. A radio blared and its sound was in keeping with the forced gaiety beyond the open doors. The program stopped, the usual time signal was given, a spot announcement or two followed. Another program followed, to which no one in the club paid attention. Then a deep, melodious voice sang, "I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today."

Two weeks later, this same sailor walked down Philadelphia's Broad Street, and with a smile stopped another bluejacket who carried a large Bible under his arm. The first sailor pulled a small New Testament from his pocket as he said, "Mine's not as big and I haven't had it long either. Just two weeks ago I was in a place I shouldn't have

been. There was a radio going and after a while I heard a fellow singing a song I couldn't get away from. It was, 'I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world could offer.' When the song was over, a chap on the radio started telling about giving one's heart to Jesus and forsaking a life of sin. I got out of that place and went around the corner to the Christian Service Center. There they gave me this Testament and led me to Christ."

It was Beverly Shea's voice the sailor heard that night.

A thousand grim marines sat on a South Pacific isle listening to a Gospel message punctuated with gunfire in the distance. When the chaplain sat down, a marine stood to his feet to sing the closing hymn. As the shell-scarred palms swayed near by, more than half of that company of battle-grimed veterans came forward to take the Lord Jesus as Saviour. The marine, a former opera singer, had just concluded singing, "I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead."

Shortly after the Normandy invasion a chaplain's assistant sat at the organ console in one of the famous cathedrals of France. The strains of "I'd Rather Have Jesus" drifted through the windowless edifice to reach the ears and hearts of jeep-riding G. I.s and the French peasants as they stopped to listen. Another organ, this time at Bauxweiller, France,

If there be one thing upon earth that mankind love and admire better than another, it is a brave man—a man who dares look the devil in the face and tell him he is the devil.

—James A. Garfield.

and the one used by the famous physician and concert organist Albert Schweitzer, played by the same chaplain's assistant, also responded to the simple strains of "I'd Rather Have Jesus." This soldier concluded a letter to Beverly Shea with these words: "I wanted you to know how wonderful I think your song is and to let you know that churches in France and Germany have heard it re-echo through their sacred halls."

The power of this song, which is literally sweeping America and beyond, can never be estimated. The incidents reported indicate the power of a testimony which only eternity can fully evaluate. I'd rather have Jesus than men's

applause;  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause.  
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame;  
I'd rather be true to His holy Name.

—Gospel Prophet.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

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Baptists have always considered Church membership as an essential prerequisite qualification to the Lord's Table. Scriptural Church membership must be preceded with Scriptural Baptism. Baptism being a prerequisite to Church membership, it follows that Baptism is an essential prerequisite to the Lord's Table.

The Romish theory of the Lord's Supper is called "transubstantiation" and the Lutheran doctrine is called "consubstantiation." The doctrine of both the Romish and Eastern Churches claims that the bread and wine at consecration are actually the body and blood of Jesus. The Lutheran theory teaches, that the body and the blood of Jesus are in a mysterious manner present in the bread and wine after consecration. Neither doctrine can be supported by the Word of God. There is no possible interpretation of the Scriptures in which the bread and wine become the actual body and blood of Jesus. Neither can any Scripture be produced to support the Lutheran dogma. The bread and the wine represent in figure the broken body and shed blood of Jesus on the Cross.

This supper is to be observed by New Testament Churches and New Testament Churches alone. It is a Church ordinance, therefore, it must be administered in the Church service and not to individuals in their homes or elsewhere.

It is not a question of close communion as Baptists are erroneously accused. It is close or Scriptural Baptism. That is, a believer in Christ Jesus must be Scripturally Baptized before he is Scripturally qualified to sit at the Lord's Table. We might put it this way: Repentance, Baptism, Church-membership, thus we are qualified to sit at the Lord's Table. This simple doctrine explodes the indictment against the Baptist position on the Lord's Supper. Of course, Baptists are accused of being "narrow and restricted" in this matter of the Lord's Supper. All denominations hold to the same doctrine on this point. The controversy is what constitutes Scriptural Baptism. We believe that immersion is the mode and we grant others the privilege of their belief. This is the Lord's Table and not even a New Testament Church has any right on earth to change it but every New Testament Church is to jealously guard it. As we meet around the Lord's Table, it is in remembrance till He come. His broken body and His shed blood should claim our attention, that He died on the Cross that we might have life eternal. As New Testament Churches we bear our testimony to the death of Jesus when we come together at the Lord's Table. The Master said: "This do in remembrance of me."

## Challenge

By Barbara E. Cornet

If I can live without my Lord,  
Or feed my soul without His Word;  
If I can walk from day to day  
Without His presence on my way;  
If I can face the vast unknown  
And have no fear to walk alone,  
Without a Lord Who loves and cares,  
Who honors faith and answers prayers;  
If I can face the hour of death  
And draw in peace my parting breath,  
My substitute for heavenly dress  
A ragged robe of righteousness,  
Then I can ask the heathen drear  
To live, and die—and never hear.  
Did Jesus die for me alone?  
Is not the African His own?  
Does He not love that yellow man?  
And long to claim the Indian?  
There is no soul upon this earth  
He did not feel His life was worth.  
But how shall they across the sea,  
Believe He died upon the tree  
In love to rescue them from hell,  
Unless someone shall go and tell  
The wondrous news of life and love:  
A Savior waits in heaven above  
To welcome those He died to free,  
To live with Him eternally?

My Lord has laid His wounded hand  
Upon my life. At His command  
The charms of earth have fled away.  
"Whom shall I send?" I hear Him say.  
What other answer can there be?  
Here am I, Lord, SEND ME!

The Northwestern Pilot.

## A DISCIPLE

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in mind when He chose them from among others. They were to be learners, with Christ as their Teacher. Called to preach, they must first sit at the feet of the world's greatest Preacher. "Learn of me" (Matthew 11:29).

A preacher, then, is a learner. If he is to instruct others, in Christ's precepts and admonitions, he himself must be taught. With the Holy Spirit as his constant Tutor, and the Bible as his daily text-book, the preacher must seek to become expert in the knowledge of divine things. It is only thus that he can function as an "authorized guide," as John Bunyan expresses it, of those who would travel from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

And the preacher who is ever learning and coming to the knowledge of the truth becomes richer in influence and more powerful the older he grows. The folly with many preachers is that their student days end as they finish with college and seminary. But as a master-scholar once expressed it, "The preacher who does not keep on learning will die of dry rot. The dead line in the ministry is reached the day that a man stops learning."

As a preacher, are you a learner? Is it your passion to learn something new every day about God's Word, Ways, and World?—Religious Digest.

## WHY SO MANY SECTS?

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## SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF DIVISION

Sectarianism is not an unmixed evil, for some good comes out of it.

It is better to have sects than to have regimentation. In this country we do have the right to

believe as we please. In some other lands they don't have sects because people are forced into conformity to the existing religious order. People are baptized and taken into a church in fancy without any right to personal choice about the matter.

It is better to have sects for all to be lumped into one organization where there is unity of belief. When people are utterly at variance in belief, it is better that they be divided, than that they stay in the same organization and fight and quarrel all the time.

## HOW TO HAVE UNITY OF BELIEF

Study the Bible personally. The Bible unifies. (See Ephes. 4:1-6). Note the Lord's platform for unity and union. (Ephes. 4:1-6).

Do not minimize the doctrine for the sake of being congenial. Many pass off all doctrinal distinctions by saying, "It doesn't matter, we are all working for the same place." Nonsense!

Let personal study and reason dominate rather than prejudice. Prejudice is the great foe of unity. People say, "I was raised a Methodist." Or "I was raised a Baptist." What has that to do with it? Many could say, "I was raised a heathen." What ancestors were ought to have nothing to do with us—unless they were right.

Consider that the church question is important. Why belong to a church started by humans when the one that Jesus started is in the world? Why not find out the truth about the church that He started?

Is oneness of belief pleasing to Christ?

Yes. See John 17:21. This unity of belief rather than organization. However unity of belief, will bring true unity. Without unity, union is a farce.

## WHICH WAY ARE YOU LOOKING?

If you want to be distressed, look within.  
If you want to be defeated, look back.  
If you want to be distracted, look around.  
If you want to be dismayed, look before.  
If you want to be delivered, look to Christ.  
If you want to be delighted, look up.