

SOME PEOPLE STAND FOR NOTHING BECAUSE THEY FALL FOR EVERYTHING.

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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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The Sower

BERTHA INWOOD MICHAEL

Behold, a sower went to sow
He planted goodly seed;
No chaff or tare would he allow
Nor particle of weed;
And when the harvest came, his field
Was like to ripened gold
And well repaid for all his toil
He threshed an hundredfold

Behold, a sower went to sow
He planted righteous deeds
And helpful thoughts and kindly words
He used, as precious seeds;
And when the harvest came, behold
How great was his reward—
For in the hearts of others, he
The precious seed had stored

Now he who sows the seed unclean
Will harvest many weeds;
And he who sows a life of sin,
Will reap his evil deeds
If good you sow, you will rejoice,
If evil you will weep;
For this truth is self-evident—
Whate'er you sow you reap.

TELEVISION, A REALITY

Television is no longer merely a talked-about possibility, or even a talked-about certainty, but is now a reality. It is in operation, and the day is not far distant when the majority of homes will be equipped with it as they are today with radios. The following we quote from a sermon by the Reverend Carl McIntire in The Christian Beacon.

"I talked today to a man who sat here in Collingswood yesterday and, in his own front room by means of a television set, watched play by play, the entire Army-Navy game that took place in Municipal Stadium in Philadelphia. He told me what a marvelous thing it was. He could see every play. He could see the clipping; he could see the holding; he could see all the thousands of people; he could see the fumbles; he could see every act before it was called by the referee. As the telescope from that television camera went down into the audience, he was able to see the President very plainly. As the camera went on around the stadium, he was able to see the people at a very close range. What a wonder! What a marvel! Right here today, — television!"

Twenty-five years ago no one would have believed such an instrument possible but here it is. Yet God inspired His prophets to tell us that when Jesus returns in power and glory "every eye shall see Him." The whole world of the ungodly will have their eyes glued to the television sets to see Anti-Christ fight against Jerusalem and destroy the Jews. He perhaps will command all the world to watch him come to grips with the King of heaven and earth, the sign of whose coming has been in the skies. He wants them to see him overcome the Lord of Glory. What a shock it will be to the watching multitudes

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Self-Drawn Portraits*

The beatitudes give us self-drawn portraits of the saints. They give us pictures of the

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Mused Uncle Mose

"Pahson preachin' las' Sunday 'bout sin in ole Sodom, an' he do so well dat he git a lot o' folks wantin' to move down dar."

Making Our Wishes Come True



We appreciate the kind thoughts and best wishes of our many readers. It does help much to know that our efforts are appreciated by both saved and unsaved.

We confess that we have some very definite desires and wishes as to our publishing house. First of all we wish to have our debts all paid. Then, too, we wish to have sufficient income for our paper to

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Does The Bible Teach The Eradication Of The Old Sinful Adam Nature?

ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

It is being taught today by some sects that after one has been saved, there is yet another definite work of grace in store for those who seek it. This is sometimes called "the second blessing" and one is supposed to become wholly sanctified and to be able to live above sin. This is supposedly made possible by the old fallen Adam nature being completely eradicated—removed.

Be it far from us to ridicule anybody's attempt to live a holy life. We never seek to discourage

the believer in holiness, so far as disparaging any holiness of living that he may attain unto. We say, "Go to it—live as holy as you can," and the worldling who lives like the devil wants him to live, is in poor business throwing stones at the perfectionist.

Several Observations:

At least two things are against such a doctrine of Perfection and Eradication as we have mentioned above.

The Bible. In the Scriptures we find no such doctrine as that of complete eradication of the old nature, nor do we find the teaching that a person reaches the place of complete sinlessness in this life. Some proofs:

The Lord's model prayer counsels to pray "forgive us our trespasses." And this is to be prayed for daily like as for bread.

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TITHING

A. A. Hide, a millionaire manufacturer, said he began tithing when he was one hundred thousand dollars in debt. Many men have said they considered it dishonest to give God a tenth of their incomes while they were in debt. Mr. Hyde said he agreed with that thought until one day it flashed upon him that God was his first creditor. Then he began paying God first, and all the other creditors were eventually paid in full. If a man owes you money, it would be wise business policy on your part to encourage him to pay his debt to God first.—Sunday-School Times.

If You Want Scripture Truth Read Another Message On The Beatitudes

By C. D. Cole, Mortons Gap, Ky.

Number 2

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." (Matt. 5:4).

The beatitudes are to be regarded as so many moral portraits of those who have experienced the second birth. They are not portraits of the physical, but of the moral man. In the beatitudes we have heart photography and if we have had the new birth, we will be able to recognize our likeness in these several portraits.

The first beatitude is a picture of the believer as poor in spirit; the second is a picture of the same person as a mourner. The mourner seems to be worse off than the merely poor in spirit. Spurgeon says that the mourner is a stage higher though he

FAILURE IS SUCCESS

A Moravian missionary named George Smith went to Africa. He had been there only a short time and had only one convert, a poor woman, when he was driven from the country. He died shortly after, on his knees praying for Africa. He was considered a failure.

But a company of men stumbled onto the place where he had prayed and found a copy of the Scriptures he had left. Presently they met the one poor woman who was his convert.

A hundred years later his mission counted more than 13,000 living converts who had sprang from the ministry of George Smith.

By Evangelist Harry Black

"What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and the end of the world." (Matthew 24:3).

During the ministry of our Lord people would come with questions for Him to expound. Sometimes His enemies asked Him questions, hoping to catch Him in His words, and thus get something against Him. It is very interesting and profitable to study these questions and particularly the answer which Jesus gave. His persecutors were dumbfounded, bewildered and whipped and were compelled to back off

"Signs Of The Times"

defeated.

But sometimes questions were put to Jesus by honest and sincere inquirers, seekers after truth. To such Jesus always gave the most sympathetic attention. Our text was one of those questions. It was asked by His disciples and, thanks be to God, He did not ignore their request for light on the subject, but answered it quite at length in this twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew's Gospel. The twenty-first chapter of St. Luke records the same incident and gives added material.

Part of these prophecies have been and are being fulfilled and

part are yet to be fulfilled. The second verse of Matthew twenty-four was fulfilled when Jerusalem was besieged by the Roman general Titus back in 70 A. D. Much that follows in this chapter is being fulfilled in this our day and will be increasingly fulfilled in this our day and will be increasingly fulfilled until the Tribulation has run its course.

Let us consider some of the signs of the times as we find them in this chapter and other prophecies in the Word of God and see if we are not living in the closing days of the present age.

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MAKING OUR WISHES COME TRUE

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keep it regularly in the mails. Likewise, we hope the time will come when we can have sufficient money to purchase other pieces of equipment which we need so badly.

Now beloved, these are our wishes and here's one more: We wish you'd help us to make these wishes come true. Surely there are many of God's people who love the Truth for which we contend who might aid us in our work. Surely all of our readers are not paupers. Your prayers and gifts are definitely needed just now. Before you lay this aside, send up a prayer in our behalf and then answer that prayer with your own contribution.



TELEVISION A REALITY

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to see the blasting of the boasted plans of the Man of Sin. No wonder that the great men will seek to hide themselves in the dens and caves of the earth. That day is rolling ever nearer.

"Look into the preaching Jesus did and you will find it was aimed straight at the big sinners on the front seats."

Shut In

Shut in, God knoweth why,
That days and weeks and months pass by
And still shut in.

The busy rush of life goes on,
The new year comes, the old year's gone
And still shut in.

Shut in, and there still comes a love
And peace and joy down from above
While thus shut in.

Flowers and books from friends so true
And letters, papers bright and new,
For me, shut in.

Shut in, so may it be
Until the hour He'll say to me:
"It is enough! Go forth to serve
With all thy might,
In earthly ways or fields of light,
No more shut in.

—Selected.



Shoals, West Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am enclosing \$5.00 of the Lord's money to be used in His work.

May God bless you as you labor for Him.

Yours sincerely,
MISS GAYE CARROLL.

Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Attached find check to be applied toward my subscription for "The Examiner," we enjoy it very much and praise God for it.

ROY BOTRUFF.

Evant, Texas.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was reading the January 26 issue of the Examiner and I found out that you have some material on Masonry. I would like for you to send me the copy of The Baptist Examiner, dated June 3, 1944, Vol. 13, No. 18 with your message entitled "A Frank Exposure of Masonry." If you do not have a copy left, then send me a tract with the message on it if you have one.

I am not a Mason but some of my church members are and they are trying to get me to 'become one. I noticed that some of them are more faithful to their lodge than they are to their church. I do not appreciate this at all and I'm sure that God doesn't either. I feel that my first obligation is to my Lord and to His church and not to some lodge or club. I enjoy reading the articles of the Examiner on Masonry. May God bless you for your wonderful stand against Masonry and Catholicism.

Yours in service,
CHESTER SYLVESTER.

Philadelphia 32, Pa.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Enclosed please find one dollar for which advance my subscription to The Baptist Exam-

Election is many times addressed as the Doctrine of election and which is an act of the Almighty God and Father of the elect—I Thess. 1:4.

Salvation means Deliverance of the elect of God the Father of the Redeemed.—Heb. 2:14.

Election and Choosing, Adoption all mean the same thing and represent a Sovereign act of God the Father of the children in the Eternity which was, which is, and which is to come. Rev. 1:4, 8.

Elect are Saints, Believers, Brothers, Brethren, Children, Beloved, Begotten.—2 Peter 1:10.

Jews and Greeks alike which have been predestinated are the Elect of God the Father. Romans 1:16.

Holy pertaining to man, means to be set apart by God and for Himself. (I Cor. 3:17; I Cor. 6:19-20.)

Sanctify means to set apart for the purpose of God the Father.—Heb. 2:11.

The Elect or Chosen are those in whom Divine Grace has achieved its supreme triumph, and

er for one year. It is a great little paper; I enjoy receiving it. For the balance send me a supply of your sermon, now in tract form, The Historicity of Baptists and Others. I will distribute them to my members and others in these parts.

Most cordially,
GEO. B. FLETCHER.

Plymouth, N. C.

Dear Beloved Editor and Pastor:

Received your good letter. Don't want to be without your good paper. If every subscriber would renew right now you would be relieved greatly. Renew is all I am able to stand right now. Some can do much more.

Be assured of my prayer in your efforts to publish the glad tidings of the Gospel.

As ever your friend and brother in Christ.

ELMER ESTEPP.

Hanco, Ill.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

A note to tell you how much I enjoy your paper. Enclosed is Money Order for \$5.00. Please renew my subscription and use the rest where it is needed the most.

OTIS SIMMONS.



The Doctrine Of Election

who have passed from death unto life, and from the power of sin to the glad and eager service of God and our Lord Christ Jesus. John 4:24; John 5:24, 25.

Every New Testament writer teaches the Doctrine of Election.

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scripture might have hope." Rom 15:4; Gal. 3:24.

The inspired writers are unanimous in teaching personal unconditional, eternal election from before the foundation of the world.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine for reproof, for

FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE

"Except that the Lord shortened those days, no one should be saved; but for elect's sake, whom He hath chosen, He hath shortened the days." Mark 13:20.

GOD AVENGES HIS OWN ELECT:

"Shall not God avenge His elect, which cry day and night unto Him though He bear long with them." Luke 18:7.

KNOWING THAT OUR ELECTION IS SURE

"Knowing brethren beloved your election of God." I Thes. 1:11

ELECTION IS GOD'S SOVEREIGN ACT

"For He saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. For the Scripture saith, I will have mercy upon whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion upon whom I will have compassion. Thou wilt say then unto me, why doth He yet find fault? for who hath resisted His will. Nay but, O man, who are thou that repliest against God; shall the thing formed say to Him that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?" Rom. 9:15-20.

ELECTION AN ACT OF SOVEREIGN GRACE

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. And if by grace, then is it not of works: otherwise grace is no more grace, but if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then, Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded." Rom. 11:5-7.

ELECTION WAS BEFORE FOUNDATION OF WORLD

"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be set apart and without blame before Him." (Continued on page six)



Elder Wm. Kretschmer
Grayson, Kentucky

correction, for instruction in righteousness." II Tim. 3:16.

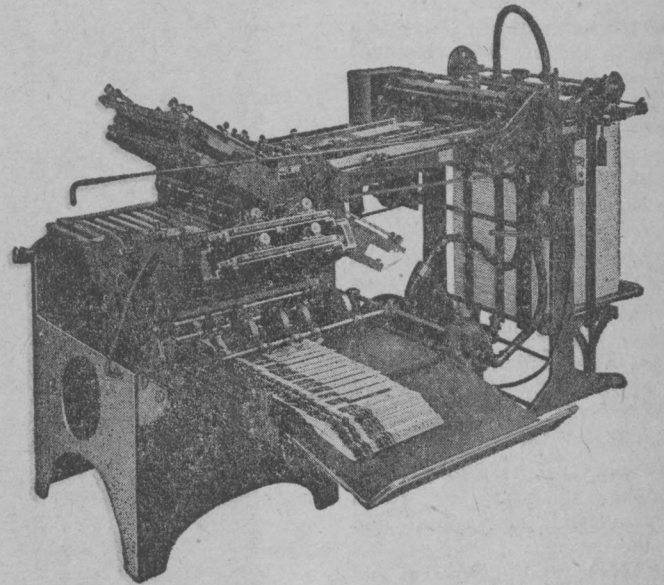
ELECTION IS THE ACT OF GOD

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you." John 15:16.

MARCH 16, 1946

Greetings Dearly Beloved!

Baum Folder



For sometime, we've been planning to print some pictures of our shop that our friends might see some of the equipment which we have in our publishing house. We considered having a big picture made of the whole shop, but knowing that wouldn't show the details very well we decided to show you pictures of a number of individual pieces of equipment we have.

We regret that we can not show all of our equipment. Much of it of course can not be seen. For example we have a 32 inch, motor driven, Oswego paper cutter, worth more than \$1,000 of which we failed to get a picture. A good number of other pieces we likewise are forced to omit.

A lot of our friends have thought of our publishing work as of small import. As a matter of information, and we trust inspiration too, the issue is sent forth for God's own glory.



Hodgenville, Ky.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am enclosing one dollar as I sure want to keep "The Baptist Examiner" coming my way. Only wish I had more to send you to help out in your work.

I really do enjoy "The First Baptist Pulpit" each week. It alone is worth lots more than the price of the paper.

I pass the paper on to others

at our church after my family have read it. I like to share good things with others.

Wishing you the best of luck and praying God's blessing on the work you are doing, I am,

A Sister in Christ,
MRS. OVA SIMMONS.



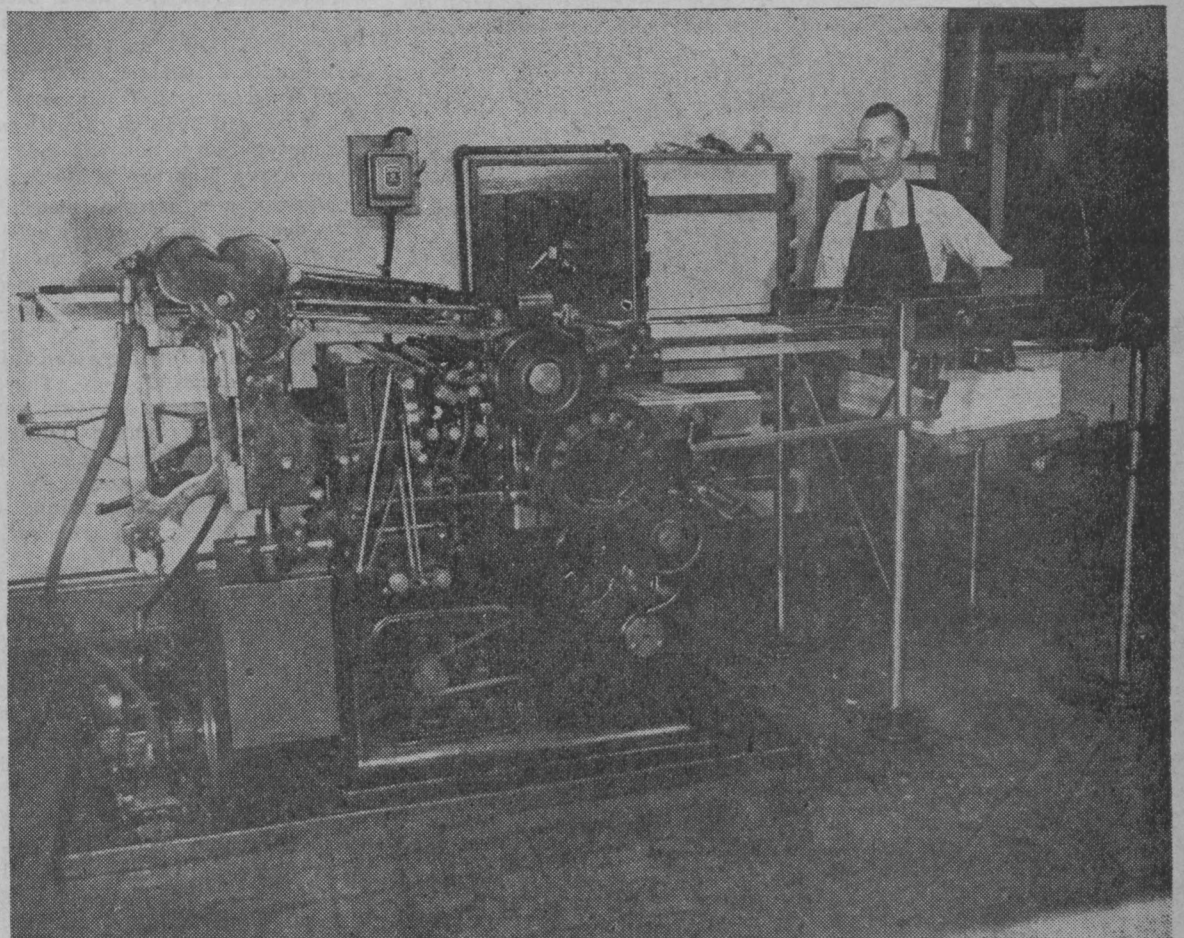
WISE WORDS

Thomas Edison once said, "I have better use for my brain than to poison it with alcohol. To put alcohol in the human brain is like putting sand in the bearing of an engine."

This is one of our newest pieces of equipment, having been installed in November, 1945, although it was bought eighteen months before.

This folder is known as a Baum Sextuplet. We can fold, paste sheets together to make 8 page booklets, trim, and perforate in both directions at the same time. It is a most complete piece of machinery. It will fold our paper (approximately 10,000 copies weekly) in about two hours. It is a joy to see it in operation. You can't imagine what it means to us unless you knew how hard it was to hand fold these papers before we got it.

Elder T. P. Simmons And Our Kelly Press



An old adage says, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." Well that all depends on whether the old dog wants to learn.

Brother Simmons had never worked in a printing shop in his life prior to November 1, 1944 (when we began to do our own printing). Yet in this period of 16 months, he has developed into an expert pressman. Of course,

those of you who read the paper each week know this in advance in view of the wonderfully clear print we get. Through his patience the most of the pictures we use usually look like photographs. The editor is most happy to have Bro. Simmons associated with him in this capacity.

And while looking at Brother Simmons don't fail to notice the automatic press he is standing

behind. This is the last word in printing presses. It is entirely automatic in every respect. It feeds the paper automatically and if a sheet were to get the slightest fraction of an inch out of line, the entire press comes to a dead stop.

Yes, we thank God for Brother Simmons and also for our Kelly press.

DOES THE BIBLE TEACH THE ERADICATION OF THE OLD ADAM NATURE

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If eradication of the old nature and sinlessness complete were possible, then why such a prayer? Some apostle Paul—one of the greatest men of all time, was conscious of sin.

He still had the old nature of the flesh and had to contend with it. See Romans 7:18-23. The struggle set forth there is familiar to every Christian and there we have described Paul's conflict after conversion.

The tenor and trend of Scripture. For instance, consider the following: Philippians 1:6. When does God finish his work begun?

Human Observation

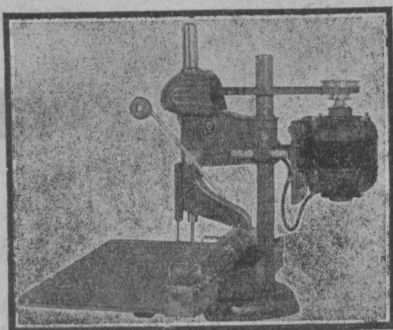
Not only does the Bible fail to

teach eradication and sinlessness but we have only to observe to be able to see that people simply don't act like sinless people. The best persons we have ever known have had their faults and weaknesses. Usually people deceive themselves into thinking they are perfect by lowering God's standard of perfection. Let us remember that in order to be perfect, every thought would have to be pure; every motive pure; every deed just right. Moreover one would have to do all that even God would suggest. No sins of omission. Who has a right to make such a claim?

Strange to say—those who believe in eradication of the Adam nature and sinless perfection, likewise believe in falling from grace. Such a contradiction. If the Adam nature were removed, how could one sin and lose salvation? Impossible.

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Our Paper Drill



This is an exceedingly handy small piece of machinery in any shop. We can do slitting, slotting and round cornering as well as drill holes of all sizes through paper. It is most useful and has been needed and used many, many times during the past year.

It cost us approximately \$135. and has saved us that much many times over. It was manufactured by the Pioneer Company of Toledo, Ohio. Everytime we have occasion to use it, I thank God for its presence in our shop.

DOES THE BIBLE TEACH THE ERADICATION OF THE OLD ADAM NATURE?

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What The Bible Really Teaches About Sanctification

That the moment one becomes a believer in Christ, that moment one is sanctified or "set apart" as God's property forever. Proof: Hebrews 10:14.

That as one becomes better acquainted with God's will and obeys that will, he comes to more nearly appropriate the life of a real Christian. Thus sanctification in this sense is gradual. Like a servant who as he learns the likes and wishes of his master becomes more skilled as a cook or valet, more nearly becomes a model servant. (Note John 17:17 and 2 Thess 2:13.

That we shall be wholly sanctified when someday we stand fully redeemed, body, soul and spirit before the Lord at his coming. Note Philippians 1:6 and Romans 13:11.

How Perfectly Can A Christian Live?

One can live with no known sin unrepented of or unconfessed. Such life will be a "blameless" life, but not a perfect life. All ought to so live.

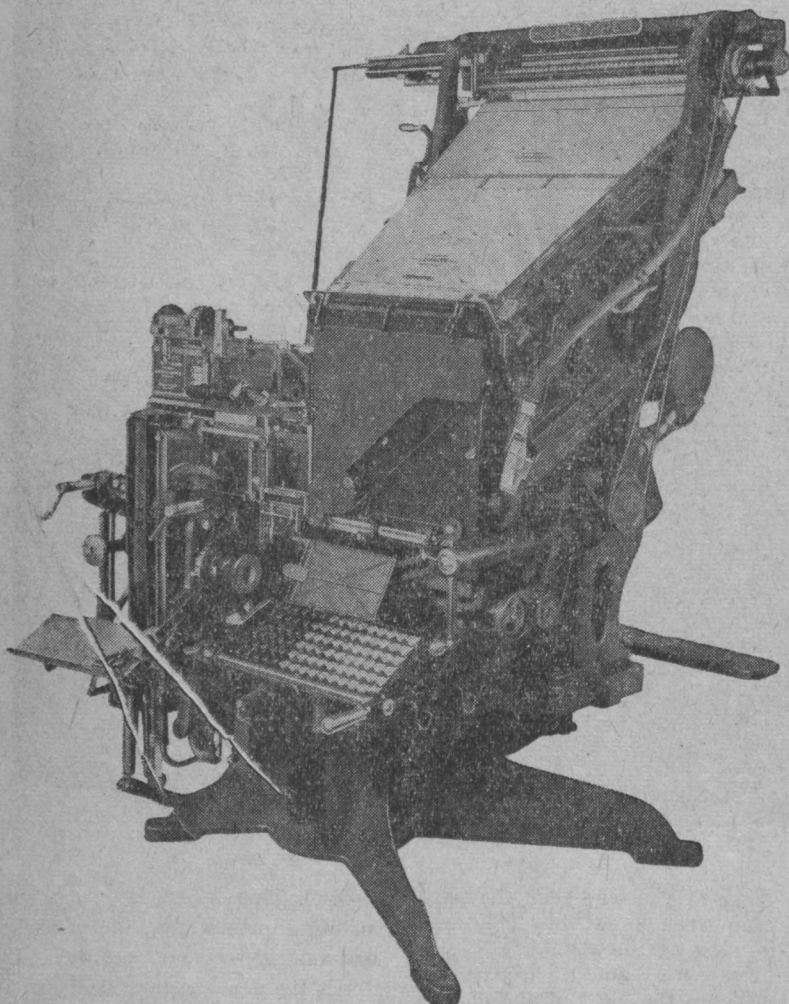
THE BEATITUDES

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Christian from his own view point. They describe what he is in his own eyes. The writer likes to read the diaries of such men as Jonathan Edwards, Andrew Fuller, and John Bunyan. Fuller wrote in his diary under date of Jan. 11, 1785: "Some outgoings of

heart in prayer today for the revival of real religion, first in my own soul, and then in the church

Our Linotype



Here is a picture of our Model 8 Linotype—which is our typesetting machine. On this we set everything we use in this paper except exceeding large headlines. This splendid piece of equipment could easily be sold today for

\$2,500, and yet it didn't cost us a penny. By buying a shop and through selling some "junk" equipment we did not need, we got this linotype at absolutely no cost to us. Isn't God marvelously good to us?



-- Greetings --

May 1946 bring you greater opportunities for service! "... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith..." -- Hebrews 12:1, 2

The Gilpin Family

ches in general. My own mental departures from God have been long and great. Went several times to the Lord, with some satisfaction, but found not such nearness of access as I could wish." We wonder if such a spirit of self-abnegation is not rare today! Not Every Mourner Is Blessed

"Blessed are they that mourn." This does not refer to every species of mourning, for then all would be blessed. Mourning is a universal experience, for all have their sorrows. Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble, declared Job. There are many mourners who are not included in this promise. Multitudes are mourning—some over blighted hopes, some over frustrated plans, some over financial reverses, some because of death of loved ones—who will never be comforted with the comfort of our text.

The mourning of our text is sorrow and grief over sin. It is the sorrow of the one who is poor in spirit. Recognition of sin is accompanied with sorrow for sin. Conviction of sin is associated with contrition for sin.

There are three kinds of mourning referred to in the Scriptures. First, there is a natural mourning on account of afflictions such as loss of health, or wealth, or a loved one. Second, there is a sinful mourning which is inordinate grief, and refusal to be comforted, or hopeless remorse such as Judas had. Third, there is a gracious or Godly sorrow wrought by the Holy Spirit. This is the mourner of our text. He is a spiritual mourner. He is grieved to realize that he sins against God; grieved that he is not more spiritual; grieved over his poor prayer life; grieved over his conscious failure to live altogether to the glory of God. Spiritual

mourning is not the result of being caught in sin by man, but the result of discovering to ourselves our failures before God. The spiritual mourner says to God. "A-

gainst Thee and Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in sight."

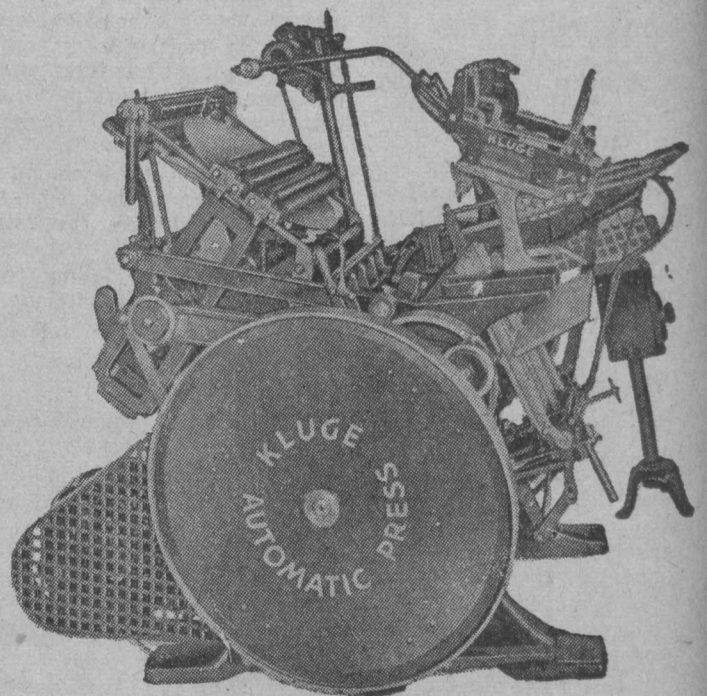
The Initial Experience In Conversion

The mourning of our text refers to the initial experience in conversion. It is a mourning that accompanies conviction and penitence for sin. The Spirit's tender in conversion is to first pierce and harrow the human heart, then plant the Gospel seed. It brings forth faith and joy in Christ. When the Holy Spirit works there is a stripping of old clothing, wounding before healing, abusing before exalting, sorrow before gladness, heartache before joy, consciousness of sin before the joy of salvation. It was the sorrowful hearer who "anon joy" received the word, and thus became offended in the time of testing.

Perhaps the most striking example of conversion in the O. T. was the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. They were sorely afflicted, groaning and crying in deep distress, before God delivered them. He waited to be gracious until they were consciously helpless and hopeless.

We are not pleading for a stereotyped experience in conversion. We are not saying there must be a definitely deep depth of sorrow of any protracted period of grief. We are preaching sorrow and mourning as a sort of price for salvation. But what we do insist on is repentance, which includes sorrow for and hatred of sin, must precede forgiveness. There must be a real sense of sin before any remedy for sin will even be desired. Thousands acknowledge they are sinners who have never brought it to heart—they have not mourned the fact. How can the blood of Christ be consciously precious if sin has not been conscious? (Continued on page five)

One Of Our Needs



No, we don't own this fine Kluge press. It is one of our dream children. We need it most badly, for the printing of tracts.

This press (12 x 18) costs \$2025.00 which is a lot of money in our shop, white folks! Many times in the past year we have printed tracts for free distribution and the only thing that has prevented us from printing more of them is the lack of this particular press.

I keep praying that God will lay it on the hearts of some of

His people to give us this press. I know we can use it for His glory. Certainly somewhere there is someone with considerable money in this world's goods who might like to put his money to work thus for the Lord. Long after, such a one is dead, this press will still be producing tracts both to save men and make Baptists of them. May our dear Heavenly Father lead some one or more than one to have a part in furnishing this new press for us!

God's Time

God's time is never wrong
 Never too fast nor too slow;
 The planets move to its steady pace
 As the centuries come and go.

Stars rise and set by that time,
 The punctual comets come back
 Which never arrive too late
 From the round of their viewless track.

Men space their years by the sun,
 And reckon their months by the moon,
 Which never arrive too late.
 And never depart too soon.

Let us set our clocks by God's
 And order our lives by His ways,
 And nothing can come and nothing can go
 Too soon or too late in our day.

From The Oriental Missionary
 Standard and The Missionary
 Workers Herald.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

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 (E) The False Doctrine Sign

"Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." (Matt. 24:5.)

This is the very first sign that Jesus gave in the list after the disciples had asked Him for the sign of His coming. And it is fulfilled today to the letter. Never in the history of the world have there been so many "isms," unorthodox teachings, devil inspired and man-made religions. Their number is legion and they continue to increase. When you pick up your Saturday newspapers in your large cities to see what the churches are advertising lo! your eyes are greeted with a conglomeration of all kinds of cults and followings until you wonder if Christ in His purity and power is really being preached in any of the advertised churches. And many of the pastors of so-called orthodox churches who do advertise in the papers are talking on subjects that do not pertain to the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! One old lady put it thus: When asked where she had been on Sunday said, "I have been to church to hear the preacher dispense with the gospel!"

Apostate Christianity

These things, mark you, are to occur in the last days just before Jesus come, Paul under inspiration, wrote to Timothy "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron (1 Tim. 4:1). What times?" "The latter times." What are these "seducing spirits and doctrines of devils?" Spiritism (misnamed Spiritualism, there is nothing really spiritual about it) and many other cults. Multiplied thousands are being duped by them. "Speaking lies in hypocrisy." And who does this mean? Christian Science teachers, Roman priests, modernistic preachers in Protestant pulpits and all the rest who are "contrary to sound doctrine."

Thousands are thronging Christian Science temples and other meeting places to hear these false prophets and teachers. Why? Because of the great signs and wonders that they show. But does this prove they are of God? Far from it! Remember the devil has some power, although he has not all power. God alone has that. Jesus surely wanted to impress us with this sign, for He repeats it again in Matthew 24:24 in these words, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

Spiritual Discernment

Yes, even God's blood—washed saints will be tempted to believe some of these teachers who display their "lying wonders" and they would, but for this one reason, which is a pretty good one: "My sheep know My voice and a stranger will they not follow." Blessed be God. His true children are acquainted with His voice and they know a cracked bell and a strange voice when they hear it. God gives His children a gift or sense of spiritual discernment.

What does God's Word say? "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness, with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness, and what concord hath Christ with Belial, or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? . . . Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (II Cor. 6:14-18.)

2. The Apostasy Sign

This sign is closely allied to the foregoing and is a "budding of the fig tree" which indicates that the end of the world (or age) is at hand. "Now learn a parable of the fig tree; when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh; so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near even at the doors." (Matt. 24:32-33.)

What saith the Scriptures re-

garding the "apostasy sign?" Jesus spoke of it in these words: "When the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). In other words, He intimates that faith, the real faith which the saints are commanded to earnestly contend for, will be mighty scarce and hard to find. Brother, if it is exceedingly scarce now—and it is—what will it be like at the Rapture and at the Revelation of Christ with His saints?

And remember this: the same signs which tell us that the Rapture and Christ's return are near also tell us that the coming of the "Man of Sin" or the Anti-christ is also near. Paul declares "that day shall not come except there come a falling away first and that man of sin be revealed." (II Thess. 2:3). What day is Paul referring to? See the preceding verse "the day of Christ," His second coming, of course.

A Deadening Influence

Some years ago the sainted Rev. S. A. Keen made the statement. "We are not only entering an apostasy, but The Apostasy that shall precede the coming of the Lord." Friend, we are in the terrible throes of that deadly whirl pool of apostasy right now. Does Christ the Hope of Glory dwell in you now? It will take just this to keep you above the floodtide of the deadening influence which has and now is taking multiplied thousands down to hell and perdition.

Thirty years ago most of the Protestant churches and pulpits were orthodox. True, much of it was dry orthodoxy, but nevertheless it was evangelically orthodox. But what have we today? In many of our towns and cities pulpits and churches that were built with consecrated means are now filled with backslidden (if they ever had anything to backslide from), skeptical, modernistic time-serving doubters. Schools and colleges are in much the same way and even worse. It is needless to give statistics here. You know the conditions. Truly William Jennings Bryan put it right when he said so pathetically, using Mary's words at the empty tomb. "They have taken away my Lord!"

Yes, they have taken the Blood out of the atonement, the inspiration out of the Bible, the truth out of the miracles, the divinity out of Christ, the fire out of hell and the bliss out of heaven. That is, they think they have. It is common now among preachers to hold the teaching that it is not necessary to believe in the virgin birth of Christ in order to be a Christian. Thank God! a few are getting their eyes open and are hearing the call, "Come out of her, my people."

Satan's Time Is Short

Churches are inoculated with this deadly thing and the very air we breathe seems to be filled with it. The devil knows his time on earth to damn men's souls is getting short and now he is making a last offensive and onslaught with this soul-deadening apostasy.

Thousands of churches and preachers are dead, oh, so dead! No spiritual life, no power, no revivals, no love for lost souls, no passion to bring men to Christ, no longing to see people really born again. There is plenty of effort to get folk to unite with the church and to become nominal professors of religion, but I am talking about real spiritual new births, being born again regenerated, and receiving the witness of the Spirit, the joy of sins forgiven and the

knowledge that one's name is written down in the Book of Life.

Oh, how long has it been since the popular churches have heard clear, ringing sermons on repentance, confession, restitution, faith in the blood, justification by faith, regeneration, the witness of the Spirit, sanctification, eternal retribution, the judgement or on the second coming of Christ?

I dare say there are multitudes of people, many of them hungry for the truth, who have been attending such churches for years and haven't heard a single sermon on the above doctrines in all that time. After preaching to a large congregation in a popular church, a prominent worker came to me and said, "Brother Black in all the eighteen years I have been in that church, yours was the first sermon on the second coming of Christ I have ever heard in that place." Yes, thousands throughout the nation could say the same thing, not only with reference to Christ's return, but many other grand old doctrines of the Word.

Signs of Decay

No, I do not think all churches will ever adopt the modernistic teaching of Fosick and his ilk, but this is the way the apostasy is working even now, among the folk: lack of burden for souls, lack of fire, lack of clear experience in justification and sanctification, lack of clear, ringing testimonies to these experiences and the living of the same in everyday life. People are interested more in getting their dinner or going home to their beds than they are in the salvation of precious souls. And after they do go home, they sit up for an hour or two eating, reading, listening to radio, chit-chatting or criticising the preacher and his sermon. Is that holiness? Is that even justification? I will let you answer.

Let us hold closed class meeting with ourselves and ask ourselves the following: "Am I blest as I used to be? Do I love secret prayer as much as in former years? Do I still love the study of God's Word? Am I as concerned for the salvation of souls as ever? Do I have as clear evidence to justification and sanctification as when I first received the experience. Do I have love, charity and forgiveness for everybody? If there ever was a time in your life when you enjoyed more of the favor of God and had a better experience in grace than you have right now, dear friend, you have been caught in the dizzy whirlpool of apostasy."

THE BEAUTITUDES

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 ously grievous? The woman of Luke seven washed the Saviour's feet with her tears, because she realized she was a sinner who had been forgiven much. The publican smote upon his breast and cried, "God be propitiated unto me the sinner," because he felt the plague of his own heart.

Diagnosis Precedes Prescription

A ministry that only seeks to make people happy is dangerous. The surgeon must probe the wound before he applies the salve. The physician must diagnose the disease before he writes the prescription. And the minister must aim at killing the self-righteousness in the sinner before he can make him appreciate the imputed righteousness of Christ.

A Perpetual Experience

"Blessed are they that mourn."

The text is not limited to the initial experience of conviction and contrition. The verb in the original is the participle with the definite article and denotes a present and continual experience. It is not "have mourned," but "mourn." "Blessed are the mourning ones," is the literal translation. The Christian life is nurtured in the same spirit that begat it; it continues as it began. Conversion is an experience we never get over in this life. Every element in it is perpetuated and intensified. Was there realization of sin when I was converted? Then there is still that realization of sin, and as we grow in grace we make ever deepening discoveries of the depravity of our nature. Was there hatred of sin at the time we were saved? Then this hatred has continued and has been intensified. Was there sorrow for sin? Then this sorrow is still felt, and we cry out at every sight of self, "O wretched man that I am!" Was there faith in Christ when we were converted? Then this faith has grown with the years as we have made new discoveries of the glory of His person and work. Did we feel that we could not do without Christ? Then much more do we now feel that He is indispensable. As we decrease in our own eyes, increases in exact proportion.

Three Stages of Comfort

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." This comfort is in three distinct stages:

1. The initial comfort which was a part of our conversion. This comfort came through a sight of Christ on the cross putting away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. We sometimes sing: "Oh happy day that fixed my choice

On Thee, my Saviour and my God!"

2. There is a continual comforting of the mourning saint by the Holy Spirit, who is our Helper and Comforter. He keeps us in the faith and sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts. And so we go on to sing:

Holy Ghost, with joy divine,
 Cheer this saddened heart of mine:
 Bid my many woes depart,
 Heal my wounded, bleeding heart."

3. Then there will be the final comfort of heaven, when and where all tears shall be wiped away, and all pain will be forever gone. In heaven there will be satisfaction without satiation. In heaven hope will have reached the end of its long trail and be lost in the light of glorious realization.

"We speak of the realms of the blest,
 That country so bright and so fair;
 And oft are its glories confessed;
 But what must it be to be there!"

"We speak of its pathways of gold,
 The walls decked with jewels so rare,
 Its wonders and pleasures untold;
 But what must it be to be there!"

"We speak of its freedom from sin,
 From sorrow, temptation and care,
 From trials without and within;
 But what must it be to be there!"

"Do Thou, Lord, 'midst pleasure or woe,
 For heaven our spirits prepare,
 And shortly we also shall know
 And feel what it to be there."

What Became of a Lie

First somebody told it;
Then the room wouldn't hold it;
So the busy tongues rolled it
Till they got it outside.

When the crowd came across it
They never once lost it,
But tossed it and tossed it,
Till it grew long and wide!

This lie brought forth others—
Dark sisters and brothers,
And fathers and mothers,
A terrible crew.

And as headlong they hurried,
The people they worried,
And bothered and flurried
As lies always do.

And so evil-boded,
This monstrous lie goaded,
Till at last it exploded
In sin and in shame.

But from mud and from mire,
The pieces flew higher,
Till they hit the sad liar,
And killed his good name!

—The Christian

ELECTION

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fore Him in love." Eph. 1:4.

ELECTION FROM THE BEGINNING

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to Salvation through setting apart of the spirit and belief of the truth." II Thess. 2:13.

Election includes the beginning of eternity which was before anything was created or formed:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Gen. 1:1.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1.

THAT WAS WHEN THE ELECTION TOOK PLACE

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is the Devil." Heb. 2:14.

MAN WAS ELECTED BY GOD BEFORE HE CREATED HIM

"That in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." Eph. 1:10.

THE ELECTION WAS UNTO SALVATION

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own Will." Eph. 1:11.

The Salvation takes place through setting apart of the spirit and belief in the truth:

"He said, the God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know His Will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of His mouth." Acts 22:14.

The truth believed by which men are saved is revealed in the Gospel:

"For Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also the Greek." Rom. 1:16.

No man was ever saved, who did not hear and believe the call of the Gospel of Christ:

"Where unto He called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Christ Jesus." 2 Thess. 2:14.

ELECTION BEFORE BIRTH

"For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth. It was said unto Rebecca, the elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." Rom. 9:11-13.

PAUL WAS AN ELECT

"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect, It is God that justifieth." Rom. 8:33.

The charges against the anointed were personal:

"When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the Word of the Lord; and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Acts 13:48.

JEREMIAH'S ELECTION PERSONAL

Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou comest forth out of the womb I set thee apart, and ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." Jer. 1:5.

THE LAMB OF GOD

"All that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8.

Every one whose name hath not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, are not the elect:

"The Beast that thou sawest was and is not; and shall ascend

into perdition; and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the Beast that was, and is out of the bottomless pit, and go not, and yet is." Rev. 17:8.

THE ELECT SURE OF SALVATION

"He shall send His angels with a sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matt. 24:31.

GOD FOREKNEW HIS PEOPLE

"God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew, know ye not what the Scripture saith of Elias, how he maketh intercession to God against Israel." Rom. 11:2.

The unfailing purpose of God through the Gospel.

"We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Rom. 8:28-30.

THE REMNANT IS THE ELECT

"Except the Lord of Hosts have left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah." Isa. 1:9.

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Rom. 11:5.

ELECTION IS UNTO SALVATION

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through setting apart of the Spirit, unto obedience and cleansing of the blood of Christ Jesus, grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." I Peter 1:2.

ELECTION INCLUDES PREACHING THE GOSPEL

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believed." I Cor. 1:21.

ALL THE ELECT WILL BELIEVE

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

THE GOSPEL IS TO BE PREACHED TO ALL

"Jesus said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

ELECTION MAKES SURE SOME WILL HEAR

"Then charged He His disciples that they should tell no man that He was Jesus the Christ." Matt. 16:20.

OTHERWISE, ALL WOULD REJECT

"For many are called, but few are chosen." Matt. 22:14.

THE FATHER'S WILL

"This is the Father's Will which hath sent me, that of all which He hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise him up

again at the last day." John 6:39.
The Lord will raise up the elect at the last day.

"This is the will of Him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:40.

THE ELECT ARE DRAWN

"Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:43-44.

The elect believe in God that raised Jesus:

"Who by Him do believe in God, that raised up Jesus from the dead, and gave Him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." I Peter 1:21.

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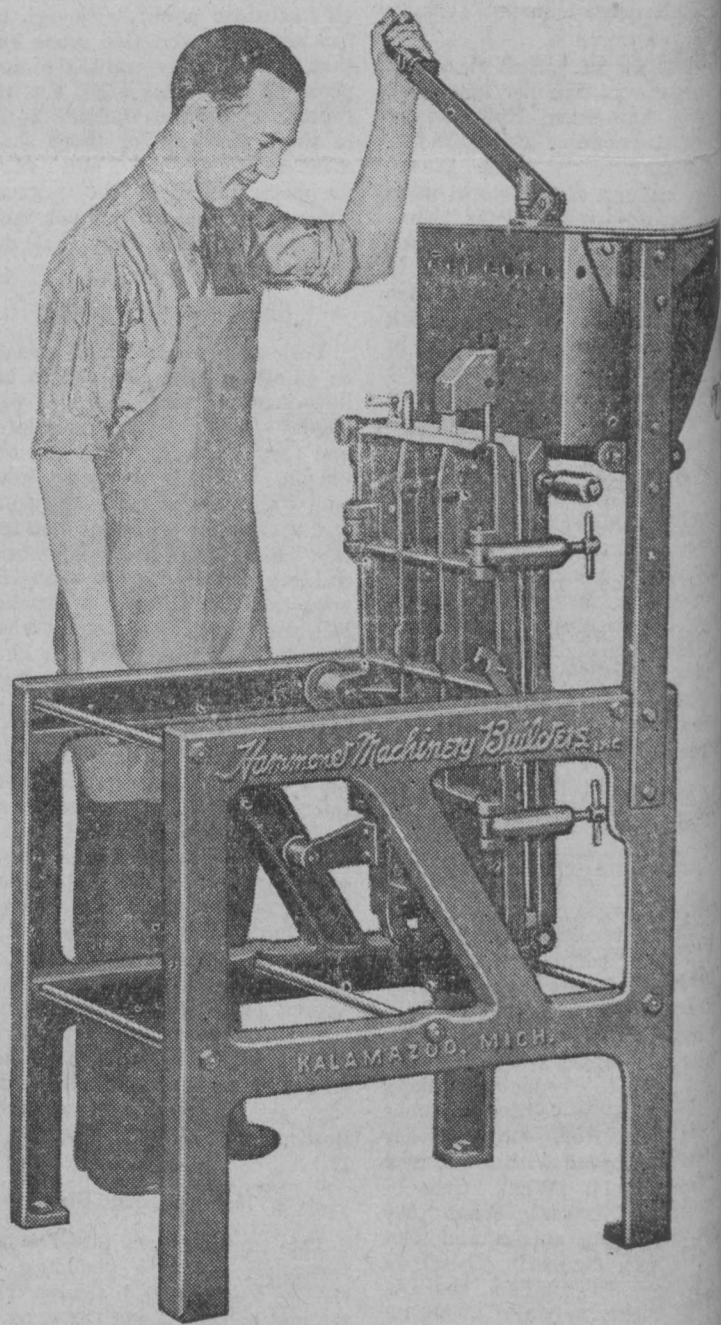
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