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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 Bible, Our Foundation

By John L. Bray

After a certain preacher had preached his sermon, a little girl asked him whether all Bibles really came from God. He told her that the Bible was God's Word. "We have one at our house we never use," she said, "Guess we ought to return it to Him." That surely could be said concerning many people today.

The reading of God's Word, when read in earnest, produces good for the spiritual life of the Christian. Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Yet there are many who seek to live a spiritual life and fail in their attempts to do so because they neglect the study of the Word of God.

Apostle Paul said, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15).

The Bible is the foundation of the Christian faith. It contains principles for the true

Christian living. Its truths will remain until the end. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away."

The importance of the Word of God cannot be overestimated. David said, "Thou hast magnified thy word above all



thy name." (Psalms 138:2).

We must accept the Bible as God's Word. No human being could have written it alone. I give here a few wise words from John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church:

"I beg to propose a short,

clear and strong argument to prove the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The Bible must be the invention of good men or angels, bad men or devils, or of God.

"1. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, 'Thus saith the Lord,' when it was their own invention.

"2. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, and forbids all sins, and condemns their own souls to hell for all eternity.

"3. Therefore, draw the conclusion that the Bible must be written by divine inspiration."

We must not only believe the Word of God, but we must put it into practice. It is not enough to have an intellectual understanding of the truths contained in the Bible. "For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." (Romans 2:13)

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THE DAY DAWN

I shall see Him,
I shall see Him!
When the shadows flee away,
And the morning sheds the darkness
At the dawning of the day.

I shall see Him,
I shall see Him!
With the rising of the sun,
I'll behold His matchless glory
When my race with time is run.

I shall see Him,
I shall see Him!
I shall look upon His face
With no sin to mar my vision
And no death to blur His grace.

I shall see my redeemer
Who in love has ransomed me,
And abiding in His presence
Throughout all eternity,

I shall understand His grace
Look enraptured on His face.
I shall see my blessed Saviour
When this mortal is set free.

—Leona Dodds Gilliland

A Contrast Between Law And Grace

Law regulates the outer conduct; grace the inward.

Law was given by Moses; grace and truth by Jesus Christ.

Law says do; grace says, believe.

Law says make you a new heart; grace gives it.

Law sanctifies without making holy; grace makes holy the sanctified.

Law demands holiness; grace gives it.

Law condemns; grace justifies.

Law says pay what thou owest; grace pays for us.

Law tells us what to do for God; grace tells us what God has done for us.

Law requires service of a disinclined heart; grace gives it.

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Associated News Correspondent Writes Of Church Attendance

An interesting news article, written by John L. Springer, Associated Press staff writer, under date line, New York, April 29, tells us that according to competent analysts, church incomes have declined. These statements are based upon the finds of the Twentieth Century Fund. The fund experts say that "contributions to churches and welfare institutions in recent years have totaled little more than \$1.50 out of every \$100 spent by consumers — an amount less than that for either tobacco or alcoholic drinks. Despite rises in the national income since 1933, they declare, there has been a steady decrease in the percentage given to the church." One survey, made by Mr. Springer, indicates that "70 per cent of the seats in churches are not being used on Sunday morning and probably 75 per cent of persons

known as members are not supporting their churches with their personal attendance and active encouragement."

These statements and figures, if true, are tragic to say the least. They are derived from a cross section of Christendom as a whole, good, bad and indifferent, and will not hold true in every church. There are churches where the percentage is more and some less than 75 per cent. However, I believe that the overall percentage as stated is approximately correct.

The article also gives some reasons why the fund believes this decline in church attendance.

Mused Uncle Mose

Dey's a nawful lot o' isms goin' 'round dese days, but in ouah ch'ch dey's still mo' ain't 'ems dan is'ns.

ance and income is so prevalent today. First of all, "the church 'habit' has been broken due to the effect of the war upon the normal lives of young men and women in their 'teens that were taken from their homes and churches and pressed into the hardships and vagaries of war at that age when church-going habits were being formed in their lives." Also "the manpower demands of war industries drew workers from their home communities and broke church ties, while the pressure of overtime work often interfered with church attendance."

I remember very distinctly the morning I read in the news headlines of the decree of the late President Roosevelt, relative to industry going on a full seven-day-week basis. I remember, also, the following Sunday that I stood in my pulpit and

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Why Baptists Should Designate All Their Gifts

In stressful times like we are now in, conscientious stewards, who want to please God and invest His money in Biblical work find that designation is the only way to prevent church and denomination machines from misappropriating one's tithes and offerings to machine ends purposes. Here are good reasons for designating your gifts:

1. So God's money will not be wasted on big overhead expenses.

2. So God's money will not be used for unscriptural objects such as enlistment work, supplementing salaries of peanut pastors and hirelings, paying insurance policies of world-

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"Will All Be Punished Alike In Hell?"

(Read Luke 16:19-31)

I want to preach to you tonight from the subject, "Will All Be Punished Alike In Hell?" I make no apology, beloved, for preaching often on the subject of sin, the judgment and Hell. I say, beloved, I make no apology for doing so. In fact, I ought to preach more from these themes than what I do. I have a very definite conviction that men and women need to be warned in positive tones and terms and that unsaved folk need to know what their future is going to be out-

side of Jesus Christ. Therefore, repeatedly I preach on some phase of eternal retribution and damnation.

I was thinking this afternoon in view of the floods and the road washouts that have occurred within the past 48 hours in various localities, how that an excursion train might be speeding down the tracks carrying five hundred to a thousand pleasure-bent, excursion-conscious people on that train. However, ahead of that train we will imagine there has been a washout in the road bed and as surely as that train comes

to the place where the ballast have been washed from beneath the ties and rails, there is bound to be a wreck. Now as I think of what is about to take place, I remember that all those folk on board that train are happy. This is an excursion train and the folk on board are all pleasure-conscious. To be sure it would be the part of wisdom, it would seem to me, to hurriedly speed up the tracks in the face of that oncoming train and warn the engineer of his doom if he allows the engine to come across the place

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PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

A display advertisement in the Staten Island Advance, a secular newspaper published in suburban New York said:

"Remember your loved ones living or dead — Enroll them as Perpetual Members of the Purgatorial Society, Enrollment \$5.00. (This sum may be paid in installments.) Spiritual benefits: share in 5,508 masses a year. St. Vincent's Purgatorial Society are also offered 'a plenary indulgence once a month on any day selected.' The only condition required is the payment of the fee of \$5.00 or of \$25.00 for a perpetual family membership."

Those who doubt these facts can convince themselves by writing to St. Vincent's Home for Boys, State Street, Brook-

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JOACHIM, LYING IDLE

Martin Luther was once asked to contribute toward a good cause, but he had no money. Perplexed and abashed he turned to his home and commenced to search his drawers, in the hope of finding something there that he might sell, to yield the required sum. Spying in a corner a medal that had been struck of Joachim, Elector of Brandenburg, he said aloud — "What doest thou here, Joachim, lying idle? Come out and make thyself useful!" The medal was lifted from its hiding place and sold, the proceeds being used for the good work he had desired to help.

There are other "Joachims" lying dormant in many corners, which ought, in the light of our stewardship for God, to be

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CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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denounced this decree, because of the ill effect that it would have upon the moral and spiritual life of our people. Those of us who really know the Lord realized the disastrous results that would accrue from months and years of neglecting to enter God's house for prayer, worship and a wholesome infilling of His precious Word.

We, who had experienced World War I, also knew that from the moral and spiritual standpoint, it was positively wrong to draft the 'teen-agers into active service. War, with all of its hatred, rape, drunkenness, gambling, immoralities and killing, is no place for a youth whose mind is unsettled, whose habits are in the process of formation, whose faith in the sovereign God of the universe has not been stabilized through faith in Christ. We rejoice to learn that there are eyes, other than those of the minister, that see these truths.

The decline in church attendance, however, antedates World War II. It has been very

LAW AND GRACE

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obedient nature; grace gives an obedient nature for service.

Law requires good fruit of a bad tree; grace makes the tree good to get good fruit.

Law slew 3000 at Sinai; grace saved 3000 at Pentecost.

Law requires every one to stand for himself; grace provides one to stand for him.

Law gives the knowledge of sin; grace gives the knowledge of salvation.

"WILL ALL BE PUNISHED ALIKE IN HELL?"

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where the ballast has been washed away. It would appear to me that it would be the part of wisdom, but as I ponder this, it comes to my mind again if I do so, I will spoil the pleasure of this group on this train. I ask you tonight, which would be the more honorable thing for me to do — flag that train

and bring it to a standstill and thus save those lives on board that train, or thinking about the fact that I would spoil their pleasure by doing so, allow it to pass on to the place where the ballast has been washed away and a frightful tragedy take place? Any man of any intelligence who is any part of a human being, would not stand for one moment's time to consider the fact that it would end or ruin the pleasure of those individuals on board

the train but rather, would hurriedly and frantically wave that enigneer to a standstill in order that human life might be saved and that a terrible tragedy might be averted.

Now, beloved, let's bring this over into the realm of a spiritual conception. You are travelling down the highway of life — you are travelling on to eternity. Some time, I don't say it's tonight, no, tomorrow — I don't even put a time limit on it, but somewhere out in the

future, there is a great chasm yawning. It is the chasm of Hell itself, and as surely as you go on your way without being saved, my beloved friends you are going into that chasm of Hell, unprepared to meet God.

I ask you, beloved, since you are pleasure-mad, and since you are mirth-conscious, as you are journeying along in this life — which is the part of a true servant of the Lord Jesus Christ: Shall I allow you to

go on down the highway of time out into eternity without warning you of the danger that is before you, or shall I tonight turn to the Word of God and give you a "Thus saith the Lord" that I might warn you as you go toward eternal destruction?

It is thus that I bring this message to you tonight. I say that I'm far more kind to you to tell you about Hell, to upset your pleasure-craze tonight, and to cause you to think seriously about God and eternity than I would be if I were to allow sin to be lightly passed by and your eternal destiny to be ignored, and were to allow you to go unprepared into eternity. I say I'm far more kind to you to warn you tonight that Hell is a fearful, frightful, agonizing reality and that you need to be saved therefrom.

EVERYONE WHO DIES WITHOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, WILL BE PUNISHED IN HELL. Mind you, I don't say that every one who dies not being a member of the church, will be punished. Rather, beloved, you can be a member of a church, you can be a good man, you can be a moral man, you can be an observer of the Lord's Day, you can keep the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule to the best of your ability, and yet unless you have believed in Jesus Christ and have received Him as your Saviour, when you die you will be punished in a Devil's hell. Listen:

"The fathers shall not be put to death for the children nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be PUT TO DEATH for his own sin." — II Kings 14:6.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall DIE." — Ezek. 18:4.

"The wages of sin is DEATH." — Rom. 6:23.

"When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." — II Thes. 1:7-9.

I declare, beloved, that no man can read these four Scriptures and many others that we might read, without the solemn realization that any man who dies in his sins without having received Jesus Christ as his Saviour, that such an individual must be punished eternally in Hell. I say, beloved, no man can read these Scriptures without a realization that sin must be punished, and that the only way it can be punished is in a Devil's Hell.

HORRIBLE, BUT TRUE

I know there are those who will say, "But the thought of Hell is so horrible." I grant you that is a horrible thought, but that doesn't change the reality of it one particle. To me, the thought of one of our loved ones who has died is a horrible thought. When you think of that one whom you loved, who has meant so much to you, who has gone from this life — when you think about that flesh being put down into the ground just to become food for the worms, and to rot, decay, disintegrate, and the elements thereof to go back to the mother soil from whence it came — when you think about that, it is a horrible thought, but it is true nevertheless.

Tuberculosis is horrible
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Just What You Dreamed Of

Enclosed within this box is the copy of a little four-page tract entitled, "A Moment Ago." I think it is one of the finest presentations of Bible truth that one might ask for.

We will be glad to print these in quantities for you for your distribution and the tract will bear your name and address on page four instead of the imprint

of Calvary Baptist Church. (We just printed 5,000 for this church).

Certainly this is an opportunity which you must have sometime dreamed of — that of giving out tracts bearing your own name. We will send you 300 of these tracts for \$1.50, or 1,000 for \$4.00. Please send us your order at once.

A Moment Ago...

JUST A MOMENT AGO... a few seconds... I talked to you... saw you... Perhaps we met on the street, in a store, or in a crowded office building... Maybe you called at my home, or I at yours...

But in my brief contact with you I did not tell you about the most important thing in my life... and in yours, too.

So don't throw this little leaflet away without reading it through, so that I may have a chance to tell you what's on my heart.

You see, I'm a Christian. I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and now I have the promise of eternal life in Heaven with Him.

I'm no preacher... just an ordinary, everyday, happy Christian. But I want you to share the peace and blessing of my experience in receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. You can.

How?

It's simple; yet it's the most important and far-reaching thing you will ever do

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A Moment Ago....

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in your life.

First, a little background. Will you agree with me on one thing—that you have sinned sometime during your life? The Bible says all men have; "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). And how can a loving, yet holy and righteous God receive into Heaven and eternal life men who have broken His just laws and have offended His holiness?

God Himself wouldn't be just and pure if He did this, and so the Word of God says, "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)—spiritual death; separation from God throughout all eternity.

Scare you into Heaven? No, I'm not trying to do that, although I'd rather scare you into Heaven than have you spend eternity in Hell. But, to return to my experience: when I recognized that I was a sinner, and read that the "wages of sin is death," I also read in the Bible that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23b).

And that's the vital message I want to share with you: that by trusting the Lord Jesus Christ in simple faith as the One who died for your sins and is risen again for your justification, you may be saved and have the promise of eternal life in

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Heaven. That is on the authority not of any preacher, book or priest, but the Word of God itself. Read John 3:16, John 3:36 and Romans 4:25.

That's what I wanted to tell you when we met. If you had found the secret of true peace, happiness and satisfaction in life, wouldn't you want to share it? I have found it — in the Lord Jesus Christ. And I have given you this folder that you may find it too.

You see, my Christ died to save you, too. You can have this same happiness and assurance of eternal life that I have, by simply doing what I did—accepting Him as your Lord and Saviour. Will you do it now? I am praying that you will. —Mel Larson

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"IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR CHRIST, YOU WILL FIND HIM AT CALVARY."

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TRUST HIM

Trust Him when dark doubts assail thee,
Trust Him when thy strength is small;
Trust Him when to trust Him simply
Seems the hardest thing of all.

Trust Him; He is ever faithful.
Trust Him, for His will is best;
Trust Him, for the heart of Jesus
Is the only place of rest.

Trust Him, then, through cloud and
sunshine;
All thy cares upon Him cast—
Till the storms of life are over
And the trusting days are past.

—Anon

WILL ALL BE PUNISHED
LIKE IN HELL?

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I think of. I remember a little girl in my first pastorate who looked what was called "galloping consumption" and in six weeks time she was dead. I saw her body shrink from that of a normal healthy girl until when she died she was merely a mat-
tress of skin and bones, weighing less than 65 pounds at the time of her death. I sat beside her as she gasped for breath in her last agonizing moments in this world. I tell you, the thought of it is horrible, but it is a reality just the same.

The thought of cancer is a horrible thought. I saw a man with a little pimple on his nose one day. I saw him later and his nose was eaten away, his eyeballs were eaten out of their sockets, and his forehead, a portion of it was eaten away, and his upper lip and even his lower lip was eaten away; that cancer ate and ate until his soul went out to be with God. The stench and the thought of that cancer was such that it was almost impossible for me to go into his room and bow with him in prayer. Horrible, but none the less real just the same.

I say to you tonight, the thought of the human body decomposing beneath the soil, the thought of an individual gasping for breath with consumption, the thought of a person being eaten away by cancer — these are horrible things to think about, but they are a reality just the same.

I'm ready to grant that when I talk to you tonight about a man being put into Hell that it is a horrible thing to think about; — just the thought of an individual burning in fire and brimstone and yet never being consumed not for a day and not for a week and not for a year, but for centuries on top of centuries, beloved, it is a horrible thing, but it is nevertheless true. It is there within God's Book.

NOT PUNISHED HERE

I know that there are those who say, "But, Brother Gilpin, we get our punishment right here in this world." In fact, beloved, the very opposite is true. The more a man sins, the less he suffers. Here's a pure girl who has never at any time in life spoken a foul black oath, but that individual, in a fit of temper, allows an oath to slip from her lips. The oath perhaps may taunt and may cause heartache to that girl for weeks as she thinks about the enor-

mity of her guilt — using the name of her Heavenly Father in vain. Yet there are men and women who every day will use that same profane word not once, but time and time again and think nothing whatsoever about it. I tell you, beloved, the more a man sins, the less he suffers. You say that a man gets his punishment right here in this world. It isn't so. All a man has to do to get to the place he doesn't suffer is to sin so much that his conscience is hardened to it and thus there is no more suffering for sin in this life.

I talked to a man right here in this church who had killed a man years and years ago. He said to me, "Many is the night that I awaken and feel the cold icy hand of that man as he rubs his hand across my forehead." I say, beloved, a man who used to be a member of this church told me that was his own experience, and that it happened within his life many times.

Boys who have come back from overseas tell me that after two or three or four individuals have been shot down, that they think no more of killing a human being than they would think of killing a dog.

They tell me that gangsters and the pirates confess often that the first individual they kill brings a pang of conscience but that afterward there is no pain and the more they sin, the less they suffer.

That individual who objects to this thought of Hell by saying that we get our punishment right here in this world, is logically incorrect, for the more a man sins the less he is going to suffer.

NOT CHASTENED HERE

Then there are those individuals who say, "Brother Gilpin, the Lord chastens us right here in this world." No. He doesn't, brother. God doesn't chasten the people of this world — He chastens His children. Listen:

"For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth." — Heb. 12:6.

Who does He chasten? Those whom He loves. God doesn't chasten the unsaved, He doesn't chasten the Devil's children; He chastens those who are His own and those whom He loves. Listen again:

"If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgment; if they break my statutes and keep not my commandments; then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes." — Ps. 89:30-33.

The Psalmist is talking about

the children of God. Who does the Lord chasten here in this world? He doesn't chasten that man who has not been born of the Spirit of God. If you are a child of God, you can expect God to chasten you when you do wrong. If you are a child of God, you can't expect to do wrong without the chastening hand of God falling upon you.

That man who objects to Hell is scripturally ignorant of the great teachings of this Book, for the Word of God says He does not chasten the unsaved; but rather, He chastens His own children.

II

NOT ALL ARE GOING TO
BE PUNISHED ALIKE IN
HELL.

"It shall be MORE TOLERABLE for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for thee." — Mt. 1:24.

The Lord Jesus, in this instance, was speaking to the people who lived in the city of Capernaum. They had far greater opportunities to hear the Word of God than the people who dwelt in Sodom. Jesus said it would be more tolerable for those old Sodomites than it would be for those who dwelt in the city of Capernaum. If it is more tolerable for the people of Sodom than it is for the folk of Capernaum, then does not that indicate that the folk of Sodom will have less punishment than the folk of Capernaum? I tell you, beloved, this is a definite statement that not all will be punished alike in Hell.

Listen again:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widow's houses, and for a pretense make long prayer; ye shall receive THE GREATER DAMNATION." — Mt. 23:14.

Notice those words: "the greater damnation," as if to say that some will receive damnation and others will receive greater damnation. No individual could in any wise at all read these Scriptures without a definite realization that they teach that men will not all be punished alike in Hell. Listen again:

"But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, even the very dust of your city which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you . . . it shall be MORE TOLERABLE in that day for Sodom, than for that city." — Lu. 10:10-12.

Notice: Our Lord Jesus was sending out preachers, the first missionaries, and He said, "You go preach, and if men won't hear you, the very dust that you have trod upon within that city, I'll pick up and preserve it to the day of judgment, and that dust shall be a witness against the people of that city of their rejection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and it will be more tolerable for old Sodom than it is for that city." Sodom was a sinful city. It is impossible for us to in any wise at all describe or to adequately picture to you the sins of that city. Yet, our Lord Jesus Christ said that the man who lives in Russell and who rejects the Word of God, will be punished more than the man who lived back yonder in Sodom and who did not have the opportunity to hear the Word of God. I say, beloved, not all will be punished alike in Hell.

Notice another Scripture:

"Every transgression and disobedience received a JUST RECOMPENSE OF REWARD." — Heb. 2:2.

If that verse of Scripture is

true, and it is true because it is in the Word of God, then no two individuals will be punished alike in Hell, for this verse says that "Every transgression and every disobedience is going to receive a just recompense of reward." Let me illustrate: In World War I, the German soldiers came down across Belgium, and to those Belgian children they handed out thousands of pounds of poisoned candy. Many Belgian children received that poisoned candy, ate it, died, and went out into eternity unprepared to meet God. Now, beloved, imagine those same German soldiers who poisoned those children, and those little children, some of them just reaching the age of accountability, — imagine them coming up to the judgment bar of God. A whole regiment of German soldiers and multiplied hundreds of Belgian children all standing before God to be judged. Do you tell me that a God of justice will consign a child that has just reached the age of accountability to the same position in Hell as these individuals who have connived and planned the wholesale destruction of the juvenile progeny of Belgium?

Another illustration: Here's a girl out in the city of St. Louis in her teens who was kidnapped and was mal-treated for some forty-eight hours by her kidnappers. She was horribly and brutally abused in a St. Louis hotel. When she was finally rescued and was taken to a hospital, it was for nearly three weeks that when a man would even approach near to her bed, she would shrink back and cry, "Don't take me to Frisco." Evidently her abductors had threatened to take her to Frisco. Can you imagine that young girl in her teens, if she were unsaved, and if she had died as a result thereof, can you imagine her coming up to the judgment bar of God along side those men who mistreated her? Don't tell me that they both will go to the same position in Hell.

Listen again: Old Nero of the first century, persecuted Christians, killing them in a wholesale manner, even going so far as to burn Rome that he might accuse Christians of the distasteful deed and thus have more reason to persecute them still further. Imagine some child in Rome at the time that city was burned, who had reached the age of accountability and died unsaved. Can you see old Nero and that child come up to the judgment bar of God side by side? My text says, "Every transgression and every disobedience received a just recompense of reward." Can you read that and they say these two will spend their eternity in the same position? Impossible.

Or again: Old Herod was the governor of Galilee at the time Jesus was born. You remember the edict that went out from him that all the babes of Bethlehem were to be slain, and I'm satisfied that when those rough soldiers went about the city of Bethlehem, they were not any too careful. I'm satisfied that when they slew all those babes of Bethlehem many little children were slain by those soldiers. Can you imagine those little children that were slain as a direct result of old Herod, coming up to the judgment bar of God at the same time Herod does. Listen to my text: "Every transgression and every disobedience received a just recompense of reward." Surely they can't be punished alike.

Again: Here's a man who

comes into the house of God in Russell, not just tonight, not just occasionally during our past revival, but Sunday after Sunday over a period of years the Word of God has been preached to him again and again, but he rejects it and dies in his sins. Then here's a man who has lived in the heart of the Orient, or in the jungles of Africa, who has never seen a missionary, who has never seen a copy of the Word of God. He too dies and comes up to the judgment bar of God. My text says: "Every transgression and every disobedience received a just recompense of reward." Both will be lost certainly, but there will be a vast difference between the punishment of the man who has never heard the Gospel and the man who has heard it and rejected it time and time again.

I say then, beloved, there is a Hell — a place of punishment that every man who dies without Jesus Christ shall go into. I say also that they will not all be punished alike, but rather, every transgression and every disobedience shall receive a just recompense of reward.

III

ONE QUESTION IN CLOSING: Is there any way to escape this punishment? Sinner friend, tonight is there any way you can escape being punished in Hell? Thank God there is a way out. Listen:

"He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." Jn. 6:47.

"Christ died for our sins." — I Cor. 5:4.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." — I Pet. 3:18.

Thank God there is a way out and that way is through Jesus Christ. It is a fearful thing to think about Hell. Thank God it is a blessed thing to know that there is a Redeemer to save you from Hell — the Lord Jesus Christ — and I rejoice tonight that that individual who puts his trust in the Son of God, is saved not only for time but for eternity — saved by the blood of the crucified One.

May God tonight open your heart, help you to see where you stand, and may you grasp the truth that Jesus Christ has died for you, and receive Him as your Saviour tonight.

May God bless you!

I have been a subscriber to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for two years or more. I certainly do enjoy reading it. It has been a great blessing to me.

Mrs. Rella Polk
Plant City, Fla.

I do so enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. A friend introduced it to us. It's a treat to me — having plenty of time to read and meditate on it.

Mrs. Roy B. Swanner
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We are in desperate need of a linotype operator in our print shop. If there is one in the membership of your church, or if you know of one who would be interested in working on a religious publication, we will appreciate it if you will wire or write at once.

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

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lyn, New York, for a free booklet, states The Converted Catholic, the monthly publication that reported this interesting item on modern religion.

In addition to the fact that there is no mention in the Scriptures of Truth of "Purgatory," "Masses," and "Plenary Indulgences," consider the fact that the thought behind the advertisement must be that the Catholic dead in this imaginary Purgatory perpetually stand in need of masses. There is no thought of their exit.

How different the state of the "dead in Christ!" "Absent from the body, present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8).



JOACHIM, LYING IDLE

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be converted into the currency of heaven and used for the spread of God's gospel. What about the jewels, the useless heirlooms, the oldtime idols, the memorials of unconverted days, which can only be regarded by healthy-souled believers as remembrancers of their unregenerate years, and which, if allowed to remain, may yet prove temptations to them in un-

guarded hours, and lead them away from God. Whatever of the "unrighteous mammon" can be turned to account for God, without endangering others into whose possession it may come, let it be used.

There is as much lying useless or being exhibited on the persons and in the houses of God's people, as would feed and clothe the poor of the flock and speed along the Gospel to places where its sound is never heard. See how many "Joachims" you can bring forth and turn into the treasury of the Lord.

It would surely be a triumph of grace to see old relics of worldly days, which only can bring shame to their owners as they look upon them lying useless in their drawers, turned into "sinews of war" to carry the Gospel to new fields, providing halls and enabling those who have the heart and the ability to occupy them for God, making known His Gospel and proclaiming His truth to thousands who are living and dying in darkness and ignorance of God.—Selected



I thank the Lord for men that will stand up and fight sin and the modernist in this day of evil. My prayers are for you

WHY BAPTISTS SHOULD DESIGNATE GIFTS

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ly preachers, etc.

3. So mission money will not be used for teaching evolution and other forms of infidelity in our schools.

4. So as not to be partakers of or be used for propagating modernism, unionism, or worldliness on mission fields.

5. So as not to be partakers of other men's sins. II John 10: 11.

6. So that none of God's money will go to wicked, brutal, godless athletics in our schools, — Christian education falsely so-called.

7. So that crooked church politicians or state or south-wide bosses cannot use any of your money on Arminians or other heretics, who fight the very truths you want propagated.

and all of God's true ministers.
Clifford Daulton
Nancy, Ky.

Enjoy The Baptist Examiner so much. May God continue to bless you and guide you.
Mrs. Delmar Morgan
East Moline, Ill.

THE BIBLE, OUR FOUNDATION

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Sir Walter Scott, a man of great fame as a writer, said:

"This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way to salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its deceptions are immutable.

"Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support, and comfort to cheer. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Heaven is opened and the gates of Hell are disclosed.

"Christ is its grand subject, our good is its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

C. I. Scofield, the author of the notes in the Scofield Reference Bible, wrote the following words on the flyleaf of a Bible:

"If all the books in the world except the Bible were destroyed this Book alone could make humanity wise unto salvation, could reveal to men the only true God, and Jesus Christ His Son, could teach all fundamental truths concerning this universe, its maker and purpose, could give the broad outlines of human history, and reveal human destiny, teaching also every secret of happy and fruitful living."

The contents of the Bible cannot be taken lightly. We must be careful about God's Word. It is more precious and of more value than any book written by mortal man.

A certain young man's well-worn Bible influenced me to a greater study of my own Bible than many Bible teachers I have heard. Soon I shall have read through this Book for the ninth time. George Mueller, through whose hands passed over a million dollars in answer to his faith in God for the care of orphans, was a deep student of the Word of God. During his lifetime he read the Bible through over one hundred and fifty times. He read through it four times a year.

A great man, Abraham Lincoln, said:

"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man."

In reading through a Christian magazine one day, I clipped the following:

"A noted orator asked Dickens for the most pathetic story in literature, and he said it was that of the Prodigal Son. Mr. Coleridge was asked for the richest passage in literature, and he said it was the first sixteen verses of the fifth chapter of Matthew. Another asked Daniel Webster for the greatest legal digest, and he replied it was the Sermon on the Mount. No, none has equalled David for poetry, nor Isaiah for vision, nor Jesus for His moral and ethical teachings, nor Peter for holy zeal,

nor Apollos for fiery oratory nor Paul for logic, nor John for statements of sanctified love. What a ridiculous statement that to study the Bible "marks a step backward in education!" God's Word is the very greatest of all the books and its Author the very greatest of all teachers. We do well to stay close to its pages. It is "THE BOOK."



CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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noticeable since World War I. Prior to that war, evolution, science falsely so-called, and higher criticism had crept into our education system and begun in the classrooms to undermine true faith in God and the divine inspiration and authenticity of the Bible. False teachers sowed the darnel amidst the wheat, the bad leaven was placed in the dough. Not only was this true of public and state schools, but it also was true of theological schools. The seed took root and brought forth quite a harvest in such once sound schools as Rochester-Colgate, Crozier Seminary, Brown University, Harvard, Princeton, Wake Forest, Duke, Louisville Seminary and others too numerous to mention.

Young preachers emerged from these schools denying the "once delivered faith." They began sowing the evil seed in the hearts and minds of their listeners. The unsuspecting, sleeping church slept on, only to be awakened too late. The damage had been done. The adults had been lulled into a state of spiritual unconsciousness. The young people became critics and scoffers. Spirituality began to decline. Morality began to slowly ebb. The church offered no more than the world offered. Pews became empty. Sunday School attendance slumped. Church finances dropped alarmingly. Missionaries were called home because of the lack of funds. Conventions and associations were dominated by these ungodly ministers and laymen. Apostasy took possession. Apostate groups organized themselves into a Federal Council of Churches and dominated the political system, superimposing themselves upon those in authority, and falsely claiming to be representative of Protestantism as a whole. The mustard seed had grown into a hideous and colossal monstrosity. The evil birds came and lodged in it, befouling its branches.

World War II came. Young men and women were drafted into the service. The apostate preacher told the world that this terrible experience would bring their young people back and their congregations back again. "Just wait until after the war," they said. The war ended, the boys and girls came home, to the churches? No, the apostate churches have nothing for them. They can see no difference between the apostate church and the sinful world. The apostate preacher proclaims the world's need to be "a little bit of love." Love? How can a Christless church and a Christless world love? Where there is no Christ there is no love, for He is love! True, a few ex-service young people who faced eternity overseas and tasted the agony of the damned at such a moment, have returned seeking a Saviour. The tragic end of their searching in most cases, however, has only been a bitter denouncement of the weak, godless churches to which Mr. Springer referred in his article.



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