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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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Non-Baptists Answer As To Why John Was Called "John The Baptist"

John's name "Baptist?" readest thou? Let's see the Bible reads about it. angel said, "Thou shalt call name John." Luke 1:13. mother said, "His name is Luke, by inspiration of him John: 'The Word of Lord came unto John the of Zacharias in the wilder- John, the beloved apostle, there was a man sent from whose name was John.' are five witnesses testify- to the fact that his name was Jesus said, 'In the mouth two or three witnesses every may be established.' We introduced five, surely that efficient. By this all should convinced that his name was and not Baptist. Baptist only a designating title him, like, sheriff or judge. his brings up another ques- if his name was not Bap- why did they call him a list? Evidently, he was

called a Baptist because he was a Baptist. "Verily, I say unto you, among them that are born of women, there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist. John was a man sent from God to prepare a people made ready for the coming of Christ. He prepared these people by preaching repentance and faith to them; those who believed his preaching he baptized. Hence, John, having authority from God to preach and baptize, was called a Baptist. He was not called a Baptist just simply because he baptized, but he was called a "Baptist because he was sent with authority from God to baptize. A judge becomes a judge as soon as he goes into office. He does not have to wait until he tries a case to become a judge. John was a Baptist when he came into the wilderness and that was before he had baptized any one.

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MORMON HERESIES

Many of things that the Mormons believe, I believe. Many of the things they believe are satanic. When they say "We believe in being honest, true, benevolent, virtuous and in doing good to all men," well, so far so good.

But all their doctrines are not so commendable.

When they say: "We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, repentance; third, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost," we beg to differ. They get the cart before the horse.

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WHAT THREE PREACHERS SAY ABOUT T. B. F.

"I have been a reader of your paper, 'THE BAPTIST EXAMINER,' for some time and as the pastor of a Baptist church I wish to say that in my opinion it has been of greater assistance to me than anything I have ever read, except the Bible. God has certainly used you to open my understanding of the Scriptures. May God's richest blessings be yours."

ELDER WILLIAM C. MAY,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

"Your 'BAPTIST EXAMINER' is excellent! It has so many fine features that I consider it one of the best magazines on my desk. In every respect it is most timely."

ELDER OTTO C. HENNING,
Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

"I must say I have read many papers but you are head of all on soundness."

ELDER J. F. THOMAS,
Benhams, Virginia.

MUSED UNCLE MOSE

Sist' Elvirey talkin' purty bad 'bout huh neighbors t'odder day, an' I say, "De Good Book say not to set in de seat of judgement. She says, 'I ain' settin' in the seat of judgement; I'se on de witness stan'."

Truth Versus Error Concerning The Kingdom Of God And Jesus' Church

Roy Mason
Tampa, Florida

same. Catholics, for instance, believe that their CHURCH and the Kingdom of God are to be identified. Some Baptists—especially those of the old Land-



Roy Mason

mark variety—hold to the same view—except that they believe that all true, New Testament, Baptist churches, when taken together comprise the kingdom. Hence they take the passage in

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RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is an individual matter, at least in the Christian world. For example, let's look at our own case.

I am a member of a little country church, a Missionary Baptist Church. This church is a member of an Association of Baptist churches. This same Association is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, which, in turn is actively affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches or the Federation of Churches. This organization is known to be filled with, and governed by men who deny the origin birth of Jesus Christ, the doctrine of blood atonement, ridicule the spiritual and substitute works for grace.

Foremost among these is Harry Emerson Fosdick, whose recent statements concerning these fundamental doctrines of the Bible have branded him as a rank unbeliever. I read his article in Literary Digest in which he denied Jesus' own statement that He was "meek and lowly." Now, our Convention is taking of this heretical diet and calling it good, our Association

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-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"SOVEREIGNTY AND HOLINESS"

"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever.—Psa. 93:5.

I am sure that you are acquainted with the old adage which says, "Precious bundles come done up in small packages." I think that is particularly true of the Psalm that I have just read. To be sure it is a small package for there are only five verses in it in all, and yet, beloved, it is a precious bundle of rich spiritual truths from the beginning to the end.

It might be called "the Psalm of omnipotent sovereignty" for it certainly teaches God's sovereignty throughout. The first

words are "Jehovah reigns" and it closes with out text, and logically so, for since Jehovah reigns, since Jehovah is sovereign, then surely holiness should be found in His house.

I know of no Psalm which has so few verses which so expressively presents to us the truth of sovereignty and holiness as well. Since He reigns and since He is sovereign, then logically holiness becometh the house of God.

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LET ME REMIND YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE, THAT GOD DEMANDED HOLINESS OF HIS FIRST HOUSE, THE JEWISH NATION. There isn't

an event connected with the Jewish nation during the four thousand years of history previous to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, but what magnifies the thought of holiness on the part of God's people, the Jews.

When God would give to them the law. He told them that they were to be a holy people. Even in the preparation for the giving of the law, He sanctified Mount Sinai from whence He spoke the words of the law. He even told the people that since this mountain was sanctified and set apart unto Himself, that if they or even a beast of burden were

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"We have--an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast."

Heb. 6:19

The Twisted Morality Of The Catholics Comes From False Conception Of Bible

A sordid, but significant story was related in New York newspapers last June 28 of a rapist-robber who devoutly desisted from his criminal act upon Evelyn Conklin, a pretty Catholic girl of 22, when she began praying for help to the Virgin Mary. Her captor suddenly halted and released her, according to the account in the N. Y. Daily News, and said: "It's all right, Sister. I'm a Catholic, too. I won't hurt you."

He then led her back to her car where his three companion-thugs began looting her of her valuables. They took her wrist watch, money and other things, but when one of them reached for a gold cross on her throat, the Catholic thug sternly vetoed it: "Not that," he said, and it remained. But they took her car.

This strange mixture of crime

and religion is often evidenced as a product of the Catholic conscience. There was the case some years ago of "Two-Gun Crowley," a desperate Catholic gunman who was long hunted for many murders. Finally cornered, on a Thursday, in downtown New York, he shot it out with the police, killing two of them and wounding others. Crowley himself was wounded in the fight and brought to the prison hospital. As reported in the newspapers, he was sufficiently recovered the next day

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A MORAL

The story is told of an old lady who rented a furnished villa for the summer, and with the villa a large dog also went. In the sitting room of the villa there was a very comfortable armchair. The old lady liked this chair better than any other in the house. She always made for it the first thing.

But alas! she nearly always found the chair occupied by the large dog. Being afraid of the dog, she never dared bid it harshly to get out of the chair, but instead she would go to the window and call "Cats!" Then the dog would rush to the window and bark and the old lady would slip into the vacant chair quietly.

One day the dog entered the room and found the old lady in possession of the chair. He strolled over to the window and, looking out, appeared very much excited, and set up a tremendous barking. The old lady rose and hastened to the window to see what was the matter, and the dog quietly climbed into the chair, which suggests that the deceits we practice on others will, sooner or later, be repaid against ourselves.—Religious Telescope.

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RESPONSIBILITY

(Continued from page one) tion clings blindly to the convention, my church retains its seat in the Association, and as a member of this church, I find myself in the unenviable position of being an integral part of the tail of this inter-denominational kite. And like the great majority, I have been sitting with folded hands, silently waiting for some one else to speak, unconsciously upholding the whole business by my silence.

The King's business requires haste. Let us cut ourselves loose from this monstrous kite before our feet are lifted too far from the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus.

—A READER.

EDITOR'S NOTE: What is true in the N. B. C. is just as true in S. B. C. It's time for an exodus from the conventions. "Come out of her my people."

TRUTH VERSUS ERROR

(Continued from page one) Daniel which says, "In the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom" as referring to the beginning of the church.

HOW TO EXPRESS CHRISTIANITY

In the home—by love and unselfishness.

In business—by honesty and diligence.

In society—by purity, courtesy, and humility.

Toward the unfortunate—by sympathy and mercy.

Toward the weak—by helpfulness and patience.

Toward the wicked—by overcoming evil without compromise.

Toward non-Christians—by witnessing to Christ and His Gospel.

Toward the penitent—by forgiveness and restoration.

Toward the fortunate—by rejoicing with them without envy.

Toward God—by faith, reverence, love, and obedience.

"HOW SHALL THEY HEAR WITHOUT A PREACHER?"



(Courtesy Of The Moody Monthly)

NOT TRUE: The view that church and kingdom are the same is not true because different words are used for these, and because the sense in which the terms are used show plainly that different things are meant.

II. The spiritual kingdom theory. This is the idea that Christ is NOW ruling as King over a great spiritual kingdom composed of all of the saved—that his kingdom "comes" as the institutions increase in number and power, and that eventually Christianity shall dominate the earth. This view is utterly false, and an invention of men.

WHY? (1) Because the Kingdom promised in hundreds of passages in the O. T. is not spiritual but literal. The Jews of Christ's day so understood (Continued on Page Four)

SOVEREIGNTY

(Continued from page one) to touch it, they would die. Listen:

"And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it;

whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: There shall not an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount."—Ex. 19:12, 13.

These verses tell us, beloved, that Mount Sinai from whence the law was given, when it was sanctified and set apart to the service of God, that it was so holy that if even a beast were to touch it, that beast should die. Certainly when you read this, you can see that God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation.

A little later after God had given to the Jews the law, you find the Jewish people meeting there at Sinai while Moses was in the mount receiving additional instructions from the Lord. You find the people here breaking the law by worshipping a golden calf. The Word of God tells us that when Moses came down from the mount and found they had violated God's holy law, that immediately he called for the Levites asking that they separate themselves unto the Lord to become God's avenging agents throughout all the camp. He said to them, "Who is on the Lord's side?" and the Levites sprang to Moses' side, signifying they were standing by the Lord. Then it was that he commanded the Levites to take their swords and pass throughout all the camp and kill all those who had been connected with the worship of the golden calf. The Levites thus went throughout all the camp and killed three thousand of those who had practiced this idolatry. Surely, beloved, when you read this, you are brought face to face with the fact that God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation.

A little later in connection with this incident, you find that God moved the tent of meeting outside the camp of Israel. The tent of meeting was the place where God Himself came down and dwelt with Israel, but now since they have turned idolatrous and since they have forsaken Him, God now moves the tent of meeting outside the camp so that God is now made an outsider to the camp.

Whenever I read this thirty-

third chapter of the Book of Exodus which tells us how the tent of meeting was moved outside the camp, thus making God an outsider to Israel's affairs, I wonder how many times in our own lives we do that which would cause God to become an outsider to our affairs. Personally, in our homes, and in our churches, how many many times do we do that which would correspond to the sin of Israel which would cause God to become an outsider to us.

When we see Israel having sinned in the setting up of that golden calf, when we see those Levites slaughtering those who had partaken of Israel's idolatry, and when we see the tent of meeting on the outside of the camp, we can certainly see that God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation.

Coming a little further in the history of the Jews, you will notice that when all the details of worship were worked out in the book of Exodus and Leviticus in behalf of the Jews, that everything pertained to holiness. There wasn't a detail as to the dress of the priesthood but what it in itself spoke of holiness unto the Lord. Even the hat that the Jewish high priest wore bore a golden band about it, and on that golden band were these words, "Holiness unto the Lord." (Ex. 39:30).

I say to you, beloved, if every detail of the dress of the Jewish priest spoke of holiness, as I have said concerning his hat—if every detail of his dress pictured and foretold holiness, then surely we can see that God demanded holiness of His first house, the Jewish nation.

Notice also in the book of Leviticus when the camp had all been set up for religious worship, before God Himself might be able to light the fire upon the altar, we read how that two young priests, Nadab and Abihu, presumptuously offered strange fire themselves. Listen:

"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord."—Lev. 10:1, 2.

Notice if you will the act of the two young priests. They were inspired by their own zeal and their own sincerity unto God. They did what they thought they ought to do, yet what they did was not commanded of God. When they offered this strange fire which was not commanded of God, the thing was so obnoxious to the Lord that God sent fire from heaven that burned them up immediately. Beloved, if two preachers, acting in sincerity, acting out of the zeal of their own souls, if they thus sought to worship God, yet not as God commanded, to the extent that it was so obnoxious unto a thrice holy God that He slew these two young preachers,—if that be true, we can surely see that God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation.

Notice also in connection with the worship of these Jews, how that Moses struck that rock at Mount Sinai. I love to read the story of Mount Sinai. I love to read how that Moses was commanded of God to smite a rock and out from that rock water would flow, and when Moses did that which God commanded, the water truly flowed out therefrom. Marvelous experi-

ence, beloved, for Moses and for Israel. A little later, God told Moses to speak to the rock and water would flow out therefrom. Moses, in his anger, being made angry by Israel, instead of speaking to the rock, took his shepherd staff and came down across the rock and struck it twice. The water flowed out therefrom, but Moses never went over into the Land of Promise because of his sin. He was permitted to lead Israel all the way over to the border. For forty years he had dealt with that stiff-necked rebellious people, and at the end of the forty years, Moses went up on Mount Nebo with the Lord, and God pointed out on the other side of Jordan, the land of Palestine. In the south He pointed to where Judah and Benjamin were going to settle. In the north He pointed to the Mount of Lebanon where the tribe of Dan would settle. All in between He showed him where the different tribes would be established. Then old Moses said, "Lord, is that where we are going? The Lord said, "Moses, you have used the wrong pronoun—I'm going there, the children of Israel are going there, but you are not going there. I told you once to speak to the rock and water would flow out therefrom, but in your anger, you smote the rock, and now I'm going to smite you." Beloved, you can see God with His hand scoop out a hole in the ground and there on Nebo's lonely Mount Moses was buried. Why? God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation. No one knows to this day the exact spot of Moses' burial. Yet, if you could go and stand beside that grave and say, "What's the meaning of this that God's greatest leader of Israel should die prematurely outside the Land of Palestine?" The answer would come back in the words of my text:

"Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, forever."—Psa. 93:5.

I tell you, beloved, God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation.

Notice again: When the ark of God was captured by the Philistines and it became a burden unto them to the extent that they desired to get rid of it, they sent it back to the children of Israel in a most unnatural manner. When the children of Israel received that ark in the little town of Bethshemesh in the land of Palestine, immediately those children of Israel living in that town, gathered about it. They knew better than to gaze down into that ark with unsanctified eyes. They knew better than to touch that ark, for they knew that none but the hands of a Levite were to touch it. Yet, we read how the men of Bethshemesh opened the lid of the ark and looked down upon the contents of the ark, and when they passed around in solemn procession and looked in upon the contents of that ark, the Word of God tells us how that God slew not a few, but rather, 50,070 men died as a result of their unholy and impious act. Listen:

"And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter."—I Samuel 6:19.

Beloved, if our God dealt with His people in such a manner back there in that day long ago, shall we not then repeat that

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MISSIONARIES IN BRAZIL

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HALLUM WRITES OF PEOPLE'S CUSTOMS

Iquitos, Peru
September 1947

Dear Brethren:

I have never regarded the customs of the people of a mission field of great importance as all men are equal when it comes to the need of the Gospel, regardless of nationality or customs or station of life. But for the reason that many people are interested in the ways and customs of people of other countries, and because of the great contrast of the people with ours, we have determined to write something on the subject.

Impressions Upon Arriving At Iquitos The Last Time

After being in the United States for a year, traveling about over the country considerably on trains, busses and in cars seeing the beautiful highways, homes and other modern conveniences and advantages which North America has, on arrival here I was impressed very much with the contrast. Latin America is a great country in many ways, great rivers, great forests, great mountains and great resources of many kinds. But a small people with small ways and small visions and small ambitions.

The Houses

When I enter the average house (or what they call a house) what do I see? I see a few chairs on a dirt floor in the front room, many of the front rooms are used as carpenter shops or tailor shops; the shoe shops usually occupy a house. If not one of these I find the woman of the house at a sewing machine. The roof of the house is either zinc or leaves and more times it is of leaves. The walls are of large cane or balsa wood. The bedstead is without springs and often without mattress, with a few old blankets on a board bottom. Many times there is a small picture on which is a small picture of Christ or Mary or some



This is a picture of the Sunday School of the Baptist Church in Cruzeiro do Sul which was taken upon Missionary Brandon's return. The camera was not large enough to get all of the people in the picture as there are some both to the right and the left that are not shown. Brother Brandon needs help. Pray that the Lord will call a good man with a good wife to help with the children to go and labor with Brother Brandon. A great opportunity!

saint with a few small images of saints. If I pass to the kitchen I do not see a stove of any kind. I may see a Braserio, an apparatus of iron on which charcoal is burnt, and the food cooked. Often I see some stones on the earthen floor upon which wood is burned to cook the food, the cooking utensils are usually three or four pots or pans. After cooking the food it is not often placed upon a table, but people gather around and squat down to eat the food out of pans with a spoon. The dogs and pigs or any other domesticated animal may have free access to all the house passing in or out the front door. Such conditions apply to more than half of the average town and practically all the rural districts.

Agriculture

Agriculture is carried on in a very crude manner especially here in the Amazon Valley. The implements usually used are an ax, a sable and a hoe. In this region a plow is never seen. After clearing the land of jungle the process is about like

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MISSIONS

We love to call ourselves Missionary Baptists, but how missionary are we? At institutes and revival meetings we hear preachers preach on missions or mention missions in their messages and come down with emphasis on how they believe in missions, yet some of them do nothing for missions when they get back home. It is wonderful to hear messages on missions and it is more wonderful to see these preachers and their churches practice it. It thrills our hearts to see the pastors and churches support missions regularly. The MISSION SHEETS which tell about the work in both Brazil and Peru are sent in bundles to many churches so that each family may have a free copy. By reading this paper one may know what the missionaries are doing and what is being accomplished. In this way we know where our mission money goes and how it is being used. About 75 or more churches receive the Mission Sheets each month for distribution. Occasionally we learn that they are not being passed out. If they are being sent to anyone who does not want to get them we shall be glad to know of it and will stop sending them to save expense. No one needs to be embarrassed to so advise us. Just a card telling us not to send them any more is sufficient. Also there are churches that would like to get them if they knew of this New Testament Baptist Faith Work. Tell others about it. A card telling how many is wanted and where to send them will bring a free bundle to your church each month so there will be one for each family. The church that gives the most for Missions also gives the most for all other purposes. Giving to missions does not hurt the pastor's salary but helps it. Let us be missionary as well as preach like we are. Many tell us they would give to missions but they want to know where their money is going and that they do not want part of their

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Thrilling Episodes In The Busy And Sacrificial Life Of Missionary Brandon

Japyni, Acre, Brazil
Aug. 19, 1947

Dear Brethren:

I left Cruzeiro do Sul last Tuesday morning in company with two brethren who had carried me there to attend to business and return with them. I felt that I was needed in Japyni for a season, as they are without anyone to help them in the spirit and sin had invaded the church in the most disgraceful manner. It takes time to overcome certain scandals and bring the weakened ones back to a place of service in the work where they will no longer feel the criticism of the world. I was in Cruzeiro do Sul five days, received your wire and three letters together with the Mission Sheets for three months. The money came while I was there

WITHOUT CHRIST

A missionary in China has said, "A great without is written in heathenism."

"Men and women are without a Bible, without a Sunday, without prayer, and without songs of praise."

"They have rulers without justice or righteousness."

"They have homes without peace, marriage without sanctity, young men and women without ideals, little children without purity, mothers without wisdom and self-control."

"There is poverty without relief, illness without skill or care, sorrow without sympathy, sin without a remedy, and death without hope."

"All of this is wrapped up in the words, 'without Christ!'"

—Union Gospel Mission, Seattle

Every man should keep a cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

—The Christian Life

and I paid for the motor and sent money to all the workers, left the slate clean, everybody served and owing nothing.

Boat Turns Over In River

We had traveled about three hours coming up the Moa river when we came to a small rapid, the river at this season is very low, and because of some oversight we were caught in the current and thrown upon some tree limbs that were projecting from the water, my arm being caught between two of these and severely mashed. The boat overturned and our baggage carried away with the current. It took some time to rescue the boat and empty it of water, but when done we took out after the baggage that had already disappeared around the bend in the river. That which would float was easily rescued but some of the pieces were heavy and lost, however, one of the brethren who lives in Cruzeiro do Sul had left there shortly after we did coming up the Moa also to get wood and as he came along he observed the floating parcels and was gathering them into his canoe. He recognized them as ours, so in that respect the Lord had made provision for us that we knew not of.

Slept On The River Bank

As soon as possible we set off again. The sun was very hot but we were soon cooled off by a two-hour rain which was really icy. Being thus delayed we did not get to the appointed place to have worship that night. We slept on the river bank, our things being already wet, we

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AHAVA CHURCH TO SUPPORT WORKER FULL TIME

Plant City, Fla.
September 11, 1947.

Dear Brother Overbey:

In a recent issue of the MISSION SHEETS it was stated that a church might take on the support of a native worker in South America by sending \$35.00 per month to "Faith Missions." Acting on this statement my church voted to take on the support of one of these workers at our last business meeting. Because my church has met Brother Brandon and heard him speak we would prefer to support a worker in Brazil. Brother Brandon's visit with us did much to stimulate interest in foreign missions in the church. Will you please let me know if this information is correct and any other information we shall need in carrying out this plan? We are ready to begin supporting this worker October 1. With

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WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT B. F. M.

Kenova, W. Va.
September 5, 1947.

Dear Brother—

The Wayne County Missionary Baptist Association voted at its regular Association meeting to pay ten per cent of all its mission funds direct to you for foreign missions. The following churches consist of our association: Wayne Avenue, Bethesda, Big Creek, Greenbrier, Echo, Rush Branch, and Fort Gay. Enclosed you will find a check for \$48.11. Please let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,
HARRY IRONS, Treasurer.

ACROSS THE SEA

You sent the money across the sea

That bought a Bible for young Lew-Chee

And young Lew-Chee, who read therein,

Proceeded to turn his back on sin.

Then he rested neither night nor day

Till his brother walked in the narrow way;

And his brother worked till he had won

Away from their gods, his wife and son.

Some of the folks who heard them speak

Decided the one true God to seek.

It wasn't long before half the town

Had left its idols of wood and stone,

And the work's not ended yet, my friend,

You started something that ne'er shall end

When you sent the money across the sea

That bought a Bible for young Lew-Chee.

NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

BRANDON LETTER

Continued from preceding page stretched out under the stars to sleep, the rain had passed and the night was beautiful and we were tired; imagine the rest. The next afternoon we arrived in Japyni and found everything in order. We had a good service that night, everyone was happy, the Lord was in our midst and I was glad to be there. The next two days were, however, weary ones with me, perhaps because of the bruise on my arm that I received when the boat overturned. I had very much fever, then the fever passed but I am not fully recovered, but much better, for which I praise the Lord Jesus.

Rejoicing In Tribulation

In the midst of our tribulations we may depend upon Him to stand by us and see us through it. In it all my heart was overflowing with joy for He assured me that all was well and that thus it was according to His will. Nothing that could hinder the progress of the work was lost or damaged, the clothing was all wet and the food was all lost, but they can be supplied in other ways. Certainly the Lord protects all that is being used to promote His truth. He is not slack concerning His promises as some men count slackness. The waters may overturn but they won't overflow, for that is the promise from afar. Before leaving Cruzeiro do Sul I had planned on going to Barao on this journey but I am doubtful now if it is the Lord's will or not. The owner of the place was in Cruzeiro do Sul until yesterday and came by to see me as he returned home. He is not a believer but a friend who has been a comfort in other days. He said he would send some of the brethren from there on Saturday that they might be with us on Sunday and if it is possible for me to return with them I will do so. He also said that the governor had promised the people of Cruzeiro do Sul that beginning on August 23 he would do all in his power to maintain air service for us twice a month, yet I prefer to seek aid from the Lord for I understand why service has been withheld and they do not. I hope you are all well and the work of the Lord prospering. I will send this to Cruzeiro do Sul as I expect to spend the rest of this month here. We have had services every night since I came and the nights I was unable to attend the church remained in prayer. Remember me to all the brethren and friends, your family and all who inquire. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

—J. F. BRANDON.

(The above letter from Missionary Brandon is really a thrilling one. We hope that everyone will read it again and again. You will get something new from each reading I am sure. The boat overturns, food lost, baggage wet, arm smashed, sleeping on the river bank, huddled in the ice cold rain from the Andes Mountains, sick with fever, yet services every night and rejoicing in the Lord. Thank God for such a missionary and such a work. Pray for him and the work. Ed.).

Financial Report For September 1947



Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	\$ 15.84
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	12.45
First Baptist Church, Wheaton, Ill.	180.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Wayne County Missionary Baptist Association, Kenova, W. Va.	48.11
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Dequincy, La.	5.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	128.72
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	150.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church, LBC, (for adding machine), Tenn.	5.00
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	12.00
Richland Baptist Church, Livermore, Ky.	25.17
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	29.26
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	28.74
Liberty Baptist Church, BYPU, Toledo, Ohio	5.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	10.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	10.00
First Baptist Church, Coal Grove, Ohio	19.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	4.50
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	14.81
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	18.60
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (for typewriter)	5.09
Eaton Avenue Baptist Church, Muncie, Indiana	10.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	113.07
First Baptist Church, The Winsome Class, Russell, Ky.	11.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, LBC, Baseline, Mich. (for adding machine)	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, BTU, Baseline, Michigan	11.11
Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Mich.	65.01
Boyd's Hill Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	50.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	35.00
Ruskin Baptist Int. Class, Ruskin, Fla.	10.00
Ryan Road Baptist Church, Van Dyke, Mich.	7.61
Bethel Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich.	12.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, LBC, Flint, Mich.	5.00
Scotts Grove Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.	50.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	15.35
Benton Baptist Church, Benton, Ky.	33.62
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	80.00
Don Grollimund, Fort Worth, Texas	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larson, Seffner, Fla.	20.00
Mrs. L. L. Pope, Cadiz, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. O. P. Marrs, Carrsville, Ky. (for adding machine) ..	.50
Beverly Hahn, Tampa, Fla.	1.50
Geraldine Hahn, Tampa, Fla.	1.50
Mrs. E. H. Purdom, Elmhurst, Ill.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schmidt, San Bernardino, Cal.	10.00
Hiram E. Jones, Dryden, Va.	5.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	5.00
R. G. Sappenfield, Geneva, Ill.	100.00
Dr. D. J. Dunn, Worthington, Minn.	5.00
Wade Daugherty, Monticello, Ky.	20.00

TOTAL\$1539.47

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for his mission work to the treasurer of the mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send cash. Address your envelope to:

Elder Z. E. Clark
5216 Concord Avenue
Detroit 11, Mich.

Baptist Faith Missions now has an adding machine. We have received enough money designated to buy the adding machine and repair the typewriter. This eases and shortens the work of the Treasurer and Secretary and makes for accuracy. We thank you.

MISSIONS

Continued from preceding page money to be used to pay the salaries of modernistic professors and teachers and bossy secretaries who try to lord it over the churches and pastors. Baptist Faith Missions is the answer. We have no paid secretaries or officers, no office rent, no bosses to try and tell churches and pastors what to do, no interfering with churches in any way. No modernistic or social gospel missionaries and no heretical professors to teach young preachers how to bow down to a machine and play politics and to look forward to a pension and a time of do nothing in the future. As the Lord shall lead you send your mission money to Baptist Faith Missions. Address your envelope to Elder Z. E. Clark, 5216 Concord Avenue, Detroit 11, Michigan. Brother Clark is the treasurer of the work.

AHAVA BAPTIST CHURCH
TO SUPPORT MISSIONARY
FULL TIME

(Continued from preceding page) very best wishes, Your Brother in Christ,

—GEO. BOYER (Pastor).

As soon as we get the name and picture of the native missionary we will run it in this paper and also have it enlarged and send it to Pastor Boyer to be put up in his church. Brother Boyer spoke of the added interest in missions over Brother Brandon's visit to his church. Any church will go forward and be a better church by being more missionary. The Lord will bless Ahava Baptist Church and her pastor for their action. If you want your church to be more missionary have them read the MISSION SHEET. A recent card from Evangelist A. D. Muse of Louisville, Ky., said: "You ought to keep all Brother Brandon's letters. They will make a great

SECOND LETTER
FROM BRANDON

Japyni, Acre,
September 1, 1947.

Dear Brethren:

Your letter number 6 dated August 8, 1947, was received last week. It was about 15 days in coming. After all when we have air service it does not take long to hear. I have already written you about returning to Japyni and now after about a three weeks delay I will return to Cruzeiro do Sul tomorrow if the Lord wills, I have fever quite often since coming here and three chills. I felt like I could work here to a better advantage for a while, as I can only walk with the greatest difficulty and it is so far from the home to the church and other preaching points in Cruzeiro do Sul. While here I can remain indoors and the people come to the services.

Church Revived

I have never seen a church turn back to the Lord as readily as this one has. I have already told you that they were in sin when I arrived. There has been nothing said to accuse or dismay but simply preaching the BLOOD of the Lord Jesus and they have confessed and apparently forsaken their sins. For six weeks we have had services every night and twice on Sunday. There has been but little interest shown from unbelievers. However, some have attended and are showing some interest that may later be manifest. I am glad that you sent the vitamins. I thought they could come by air or I would not have requested them. It is such a temptation for the people employed in the P. O. that unless the Lord sees the things through, I will receive nothing but the empty bottles.

Plans Another Journey

As soon as possible I will attempt a journey up river with the motor. As mentioned in the other letter, I received the money and am not owing anything to anyone, but to love them and preach the gospel of grace to all who will hear. You spoke of Brother Malcolm saying that he sometimes felt the urge to come and help me. In my opinion he would be the pick of them all, still it may not be the will of the Lord to send anyone. I had rather not have anyone unless the Lord emphatically sends them. So far I have not received any other paper except Brother Clarence Walker's. I am glad to hear of the progress of your boys. I love them and hope you will remember me to them. May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Sincerely,

—J. F. BRANDON.

DETROIT RIVER
ASSOCIATION

The messengers of the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptists met with Grace Baptist Church (Brother Malcolm Roberts, pastor) on October 2, 3 and 4. This was a time of real spiritual feasting. Pastor Roy Shepard of Ryan Road Baptist

book on faith. I always read them the first thing." We will send a bundle of the MISSION SHEETS free each month to any church for distribution one to each family if you will write us and give us the name and address of the one to send them to. Write to the editor of the MISSION SHEETS, H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Michigan.

HALLUM WRITES ABOUT
CUSTOMS OF PEOPLE

(Continued from preceding page) this: plant the seed with the hoe or sable, keep the weeds and grass cut down until the crop is matured. I was surprised to learn that three or four years is as long the land is used before resting as a rule. The soil loses its power to produce. I was surprised because I had been taught that the soil in the Amazon Valley was inexhaustible as it had been built up by fallen leaves and timber through the centuries to a great depth. Each agriculturist cultivates a small portion of land and but few like to live on the farm and follow this occupation, therefore there is always a scarcity of food.

Sewing Machines

I think I will be safe in saying that most of the houses have in them sewing machines. Some of them are very old models, some are turned by hand. It seems that the majority of the people seem to know how to operate a sewing machine.

Clothing

In this region practically all the clothing is made to order, consequently the tailor shops furnish work for quite a few people as well as the shoe shops. Clothing catalogs are very much appreciated, as they are used to get the latest models by the tailors and shoemakers. It is a trouble to sell a Sears-Roebuck or Montgomery Ward catalog at a good price. The upper class of people dress very decently, but the lower class dress poorly. If the men can get pants and shirts that are decent and the women a dress that is decent they seem to be content. Men of the poorest classes do not wear shoes, and the women only on special occasions and many of them never wear shoes.

Bathing

Believe it or not, it is not uncommon to see men naked taking a bath along the shore in front of Iquitos. However, the women take baths in all the clothing. Sometime later, I will tell you of some of the good customs if I can think of any. Anyway, there is plenty of room for the grace of God when the people get willing.

R. P. HALLUM

Church was reelected Moderator and the preachers who brought messages seemed to be at their best. The thirteen churches reported 204 baptisms for the year. Five of their thirteen churches have their own radio programs. Liberty of Toledo, O., Maranatha of Grand Rapids, Mich., Oak of Royal Oak, Mich., Grace of Baseline, Mich., and Bethel of Roseville, Mich. Two of the thirteen churches have extended arms and have mission points. Ryan Road at Huntington, Ind., and Harmony at Keego Haroor, Mich. All of these churches are missionary. We claim no perfection for them but we are told by many that this is the best association of churches anywhere and we believe it. They support the Brandons and the Hallums through Baptist Faith Missions, and Brother G. Novaez to the Mexican people in about seven States, and Brother Jacob Rosenthal to the Jews in Rochester, Minn., work in the mountains of Kentucky and other mission work the various churches help support. This association will meet next year, the Lord willing, with Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., of whom the Editor of the MISSION SHEETS is pastor. Plan to be with us.

SOVEREIGNTY

(Continued from page two)

demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation.

Why you can even see this connection with the ark of God when it had been returned from the Philistines and David desired to bring that ark up to Jerusalem. He hired Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab to drive an ox cart and to bring that ark to the city of Jerusalem. God had permitted those Philistines to handle the ark in that manner, but He demands more of His people than what He demands of the world. Therefore, though He allowed the Philistines to haul the ark on an ox cart, when Uzzah started to drive the cart with the ark upon it back to the city of Jerusalem, God caused the old oxen to stumble and the cart rocked back and forth as though it might fall off. Uzzah thought that it would be a shame for this ark to fall off and break and he reached up to take hold of it. As he touched the ark, God smote him so that he fell down to die. Notice: that man's thought was for the ark which was symbolic of God. That man as he saw the ark rocked back and forth, was thinking only of the glory of God. Why should he stand by and allow this ark to fall. He thought it would protect the ark in thus saving it from falling. However, Uzzah was not a Levite and God said that none but a Levite was to touch the ark, and when Uzzah did this, there was nothing else could have happened but that God should smite him. When you see that dead body lying there beside that ox cart, with the ark of God upon the cart, you can turn away and say, as I have said, Holiness is demanded of God on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation."

II
BELOVED, THAT LEADS TO A SECOND THOUGHT. SINCE GOD DEMANDED HOLINESS ON THE PART OF HIS FIRST HOUSE, THE JEWISH NATION, THEN GOD LIKEWISE DEMANDS HOLINESS ON THE PART OF HIS SECOND HOUSE, THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

In the Sermon on the Mount which our Lord Jesus Christ preached in the early part of His ministry, he enunciated a number of outstanding truths, and none the equal in its demand as this in Matthew 5:48, when Jesus said:

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect."

I grant you, beloved, there has never been a man from that day on who has ever lived in this world that has been perfect, yet the perfection of God is the goal that every true believer and every born again disciple of Jesus Christ should aim at from day to day. I say it ought to be our goal—the holiness of God. "Be ye therefore perfect." How perfect? Just as perfect as our Father which is in heaven.

I have said to you, beloved, that God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation, and how much more then can we say that God demands holiness on the part of His second house, the New Testament Church.

Listen:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit."—John

15:1, 2.

Now what does it mean? If a Christian does not bear fruit—the nine fruits of the Spirit spoken of by Paul in one of his epistles—if the Christian does not bear fruit, He takes that individual away in death. However, if he does bear fruit—if there is any evidence of the Holy Spirit working in his life, with the fruit of the Spirit growing within his life, our Lord purges that individual that he might bear more fruit. Don't you see that He is demanding holiness of His people? If you don't bear fruit, He takes you on to glory. If you do bear fruit, He will purge you or cleanse you in order that you might bear more fruit and that much of the fruit of the Spirit might appear and become apparent in the life of God's people.

I'll give you a good example as to how He demands holiness in His church. They had in the church at Jerusalem folk just about like the folk in Russell. There was a man and wife who liked for people to notice them. They liked to have folk speak well of them. They liked to have it said of them that Brother Ananias and Sister Sapphira were the pillars of the church. I think they were saved folk beyond any shadow of a doubt, but they just had an awful lot of the flesh in them. The pride of life certainly characterized this husband and wife. One day the temptation of Satan became so strong that when they had sold a piece of property they laid down part of the money at the apostles' feet and lied about the amount of money they had sold that property for. God didn't demand they give that money, but He does demand that His people be holy. When they sold the property for so much money and brought a portion thereof and laid it down at the apostles' feet and then lied and said, "We are giving all we have," the Word of God says they fell down dead and the men carried them out to their burial. It says that they laid the money down at the feet of the apostles. They honored the feet of the apostles far more than they honored God, with the result that in the cemetery in Jerusalem Ananias and Sapphira lie buried, all because God demands holiness on the part of His second house, the New Testament Church.

In the city of Corinth there was an unusual situation. Oh, I don't guess it was any more unusual than what we have in Russell—a husband perhaps a member of the heathen temple and a wife doubtlessly a member of the church. We have the same situation right here when one is saved and the other is unsaved. These two would invite each other to come to their feasts. The Christian would invite the non-Christian to come to the Lord's Supper, and the non-Christian in turn would invite the Christian to come to the heathen feast at the heathen temple, with the result that the Lord's Supper was badly abused in the city of Corinth. In fact, the first time you ever read of open communion or ever hear of the heresy of open communion is in the city of Corinth when heathen and Christians mingled together at the Lord's Supper. The Lord said, "You can't eat the cup of devils and the cup of God at the same time." They tried it in Corinth. The result—listen:

"For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."—I Cor. 11:30.

The word "sleep" is the word for "death." God says that since

you have abused the Lord's supper, many of you are weak, many of you are sickly, and some of you I have already killed. They had died because they abused the Lord's Supper with open communion. Whenever I see a church today that practices open communion, I know one thing—if the Lord lets them live, it is definite positive proof that they are a bunch of goats and not the sheep of the Lord Jesus Christ, for back here He would not allow His elect to live when they abused the Lord's Supper. When you stand in the city of Corinth and look about that church, you say, "Where's Brother so-and-so who used to worship here?" "Well, he died and has been buried a long time." "What was the matter with him? Had he been sick, or was it sudden? Was there any reason for it?" He was the one who spoke so loud for open communion. Let me tell you, beloved, when you pay a visit to the cemetery and find those open communists' graves out there, you can say one thing, God demands holiness of His second house, the New Testament Church, just like He demanded holiness of His first house, the Jewish nation.

Did you ever notice the number of times that He demands holiness in the letters He wrote to the churches of the New Testament? Listen:

"Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."—I Cor. 8:13.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or WHATSOEVER YE DO, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."—2 Cor. 6:17.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, PERFECTING HOLINESS in the fear of God."—2 Cor. 7:1.

So many times we Baptists back away from this thought of holiness. I grant you there are a lot of religious fanatics and heretics who have "gone to seed" on the doctrine of holiness, with the result that Baptists, with the truth, have swung to an equally fatal error in the opposite direction.

There's no doctrine in all the Word of God taught more prominently in both the Old and New Testaments than this doctrine of holiness on the part of God's elect. Notice again:

"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT."—Eph. 5:8.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, not on things on the earth."—Col. 3:1, 2.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, 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; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."—Heb. 12:1, 2.

Beloved, you can't read these Scriptures without a solemn realization that as God demanded holiness of His first house, the Jewish nation, so God demands holiness on the

part of His second house, the New Testament Church.

III

GOD'S FIRST HOUSE WAS THE JEWISH NATION, HIS SECOND HOUSE IS ALL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES, AND SOME DAY THERE IS GOING TO BE A THIRD HOUSE, OUR ETERNAL HOME IN HEAVEN, AND THAT WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO CHARACTERIZE THE JEWS AND THE CHURCH IS THAT WHICH WILL CHARACTERIZE OUR ETERNAL HOME.

Listen:

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."—Isa. 6:1-3.

Who were the seraphim? The word "seraphim" means literally "a burning one." So holy were the seraphim that they burned in their own holiness, yet when the seraphim, burning in their own holiness, stand in the presence of a thrice holy God, they cover their faces that they cannot see the face of the Father and cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." I tell you, beloved, holiness characterizes God's third house, our eternal home. Listen again:

"But the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."—Rev. 21:8.

"For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."—Rev. 22:15.

Without—He was talking about heaven, and then he said that outside of heaven were dogs, false preachers. That word "dog" is used in the book of Colossians and also in the Old Testament as well as here, referring to false preachers—the man who is a religious heretic. After giving us a description of heaven, then on the outside of heaven are all the religious heretics and those whose lives have been characterized by sin. Why? Holiness belongs to God's third house, our eternal home, even Heaven itself.

Now, beloved, let's make a little application. I have said that God demanded holiness on the part of His first house, the Jewish nation; He demands holiness on the part of His second house, the New Testament Church, and He demands holiness even on the part of His third house, our eternal home, Heaven itself. Now if this be true, every believing child of God should strive every day to live as closely beside his Lord as is humanly possible. You can't live too close to Jesus Christ. Your life can't show forth his praise sufficiently. Listen:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—2 Pet. 1:4.

Every saved person through the promises of the Lord, has partaken of the Divine nature, that is, you have something of

the nature of God inside. If you have something of God on the inside, then the world ought to be able to see something of God on the outside. If you have something of God inside you, you ought to walk a little bit like God, you ought to talk a little bit like God, you ought to act a little bit like God, and the world ought to be able to see something of God in your life every day.

I tell you this morning, beloved, the truth of this text of Scripture has gripped my soul this week as seldom any Scriptures does. In fact, last Thursday or Friday a week ago, this text came to my mind, and from then on as I have worked, I have been turning it over in my mind with the realization that since God has and will always demand holiness on the part of His house, then how careful you and I ought to be that holiness shall characterize our lives.

A true application: If that be true for the man that is a child of God, then unsaved friend, let me give you a warning this morning. If God demands holiness on the part of the person who is saved, then don't think there will be any peace for your soul if you die without Jesus Christ as your Saviour. Listen:

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."—Heb. 12:14.

Last Sunday evening in preaching to you from that text, I tried to make it clear that you have to have the holiness of God in order to be saved—the imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing,

"My hope is built on nothing less
That Jesus' blood and righteousness."

That's it, beloved. Our hope this morning is that our sins are washed away in His blood, and we, in turn, are clothed in His righteousness so that when God sees us, He does not see us as the filthy sinners we are. He sees us washed in the blood of the Lamb and clothed in the holiness of God's only begotten Son. Sinner friend, if God demand holiness on the part of His people, don't think that you will ever get to Heaven without holiness. That's why He says, "Ye must be born again." That's why He demands the new birth. There isn't any holiness about you in your present condition, the only way there can ever be any holiness about you, is for God to implant His nature within, and when that nature of God is within you, that nature produces holiness in the outer life because it is His holiness that you have.

May God in His grace and mercy this morning touch your heart, and if it please our Heavenly Father, may He this morning save your precious soul.

May God bless you all.

NOTICE

In our statement about Miss Ruby Dell Baugher last week I did not give her address. Instead of having you write to us, and in turn have us to ask her to send the books you ordered to you, I think it best to give you her address so you can order her books direct. It is a joy to tell you of her and her books and I sincerely trust you will order some of them immediately.

Her address is: Ruby Dell Baugher, 807 E. Third St., Evansville 9, Indiana.

Jesus Understands

I do not understand at all
Why sorrow came my way,
Or why my plans, that seemed so good,
Are crushed or gone astray.
But Jesus understands it all,
And so, I do not need
To understand, but simply trust
And let the Saviour lead.

I do not understand at all
Why sickness lays me low,
Or why thick clouds o'ershade each way
That I would like to go.
But Jesus understands it all
And so, I do not need
To understand, but simply trust
And let the Saviour lead.

I do not understand at all
The mysteries of the past,
The present with its hopes and fears,
The future strange and vast.
But Jesus understands it all,
And so, I do not need
To understand, but simply trust
And let the Saviour lead!

TWISTED MORALITY

(Continued from page one)
to eat a meal, and asked
would he like a beefsteak he
shuddered and piously ex-
claimed, "Oh, no! This is Friday.
It would be a mortal sin to eat
meat today!"

Which reminds us again of
the two Catholic boys who
stole the hot dogs from the ven-
dor's stall. Suddenly one of
them, gorging himself with his
mouth full of stolen hot dog, spit
it out and clutched at his com-
panion's arm. "You can't eat it
today," he warned him. "This is
Friday!"

—Converted Catholic.

MORMON HERESIES

(Continued from page one)
horse on the order of faith and
repentance. Baptismal regener-
ation is a rank heresy and laying
on of hands belongs to the dim
past.

When they say: "We believe
that through the atonement of
Christ, all mankind may be
saved, by obedience to the laws
and the ordinances of the gos-
pel," we beg to differ again. We
are saved, says the Scriptures,
by believing in Christ, by the
gospel. Romans 1:16. We are
not saved by obeying ordi-
nances.

When they say, We believe in
the same organization that ex-
isted in the primitive church,
viz., apostles, prophets, pastors,
teachers, evangelists, etc., we
again demur. They have not
learned that the apostolic office,
along with tongues, interpreta-
tion of tongues, healing, etc.,
were spiritual gifts until that
which is perfect is come," I Cor.
12 and 13 chapters.

When they say, "We also be-
lieve the Book of Mormon to be
the Word of God," we are not
impressed. If any one should
hold any sympathies for these
heresies he should refer to the
Encyclopedia Britannica on the

history of Mormonism and Jos-
eph Smith.

They say they believe that
Israel will be regathered and
"Zion will be built upon this
(The American) continent." Wonder if that is why they are
building the UN so great a center
in New York?

And when they say: "We be-
lieve in the gift of tongues,
prophecy, revelation, visions,
healing, interpretation of ton-
gues, etc.," we immediately con-
clude they do not know how to
"rightly divide the word of
truth."

Come to think of it, the Holy
Rollers are not the only people
who believe in healings, tongues,
visions and other such things.
The Roman Catholics have them
all "laid in the shade." In fact,
I doubt if there be a single
heresy that did not originate in
Rome.—Temple Trumpet.

WHY WAS JOHN CALLED "JOHN THE BAPTIST?"

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If John was called a Baptist
because he had authority to
baptize, why should not those
to whom the Lord gave the
commission to baptize be called
Baptists also? Christ gave his
church authority to baptize,
therefore, his church is a Bap-
tist church. Why should not the
Church of Christ be called a
Baptist Church?

The word church comes from
two Greek words (ek meaning
out and kaleo meaning to call)
and means the called out or an
assembly called out. With this
definition before us, away goes
the idea of a universal church.
A universal church could not be
assembled. The universal church
theory is that all the redeemed
are members of the church.
This could not be true, for a
universal church never could
assemble here on earth.

Jesus Christ, during his per-
sonal ministry on earth, estab-
lished a church—one church,

not a half dozen, but one and
only one. He did not establish
one and command it to teach
salvation by works and another
one to teach salvation by grace.
But he originated only one, and
He did this Himself. From that
time until now there has been
an unbroken line of church con-
tinuity. In Ephesians 3:21 we
read: "Unto him be glory in the
church by Christ Jesus through-
out all ages world without end.
Amen." Observe it reads "All
ages." That means it will not
skip any age, but will exist in
ALL AGES. This same church
as originated by Jesus during
His personal ministry is still in
existence and witnessing for
Jesus. Let us make a little
search and see if we locate it
among the many so-called
churches of today. It may be
identified by certain earmarks
or characteristics as follow:

I. It was founded by Jesus
Christ Himself. He is the head.
"Thou art Peter, and upon this
rock I will build my church; and
the gates of hell shall not pre-
vail against it." Here the Lord
said He would build His church:
He did not mean establish it; for
it had already been established.
The term "will build" means to
enlarge, strengthen, add to, etc.
In Mark 13:34 we read, "For the
Son of man is as a man taking
a far journey, who left his house
and gave authority to his ser-
vants," etc. Here the Son of
man left his house. Could he
have left his house, if he had
no house? What is the house of
God? "The house of God which
is the church of the living God,
the pillar and ground of the
truth." If the "house of God" is
the church of God and the Son
of man left His house, He cer-
tainly did leave the "church of
the living God." If He left the
church of the living God He cer-
tainly had a church before leav-
ing this world. One could not
leave his wife unless he first
had a wife. Christ, the Son of
man could not have left His
house unless he had a house to
leave, therefore, Christ had a
church before He left this
world.

II. The True Church Was Es-
tablished in Judea. It was not
established in America, nor
England, but in Judea. Most
modern churches had their be-
ginning in England or America.
This one fact alone would prove
them to be false churches.

Christ was born in Judea,
John preached and baptized in
Judea. Christ was baptized of
John in Judea. Christ took the
material prepared by John and
organized his church. Peter,
Andrew, James and John were
the first members of Christ's
Church.

III. The True Church Was
Founded in the Days of John
the Baptist. "From the days of
John the Baptist until now, the
kingdom of heaven suffereth
violence, and the violent taketh
it by force." The kingdom
of heaven was in existence dur-
ing the days of John or it would
not have suffered violence. A
thing that does not exist cer-
tainly cannot suffer. Anything
that suffers has an existence.
The church, an expression of the
kingdom, suffered in Jesus' day.
Thus it existed.

IV. The True Church Required
Salvation Before Baptism. John
the Baptist refused to baptize
those who failed to give evi-
dence of salvation. Christ said
no one could enter the kingdom
of heaven until they had been
born again. Philip did not bap-
tize the eunuch until he pro-
fessed faith in Christ. Those on
the day of Pentecost were not
baptized until after they had

received the word joyfully. The
house of Cornelius was not bap-
tized until after they had re-
ceived the Holy Spirit.

Salvation is obtained through
repentance toward God and
faith in Jesus Christ.

V. The True Church Adminis-
ters Only One Kind of Baptism.
That one baptism is a complete
immersion in water. The trinity
recognizes this kind of baptism.

VI. The True Church Contin-
ues in the Apostles' Doctrine.
Some of these doctrines are:
Salvation by grace; eternal se-
curity of the believer; total de-
pravity; eternal fire for the un-
believer; eternal happiness for
the righteous and many other
such doctrines but space forbids
us to mention them here.

Brother, if you cannot find
these earmarks in the church to
which you belong, my advice to
you is, get out of it and go to
one that has them.

—A. J. WALL.



"TRUTH VERSUS ERROR CONCERNING THE KINGDOM"

(Continued from page three)
it, and when the disciples spoke
thus of it in Acts 1:6-7, Jesus
did not deny the literal concep-
tion of it.

(2) Because Jesus is not rul-
ing over this world at the pres-
ent time as it Master. He is the
rejected king and Satan is the
"god" or "ruler" of the pres-
ent world system. (Proof: II
Cor. 4:4; Ephes. 2:2; Matt. 4:8,
9).

(3) Because the Scriptures
do not teach the kingdom will
be "brought in" through eccle-
siastical triumph, but through
the personal return of the King.
(See Matt. 25:31).

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE KINGDOM

1. That the Kingdom passes
through different phases. This
conception will clear up many
difficulties.

2. There was a glorious King-
dom of Heaven promised in the
Old Testament—the rule of
heaven over the earth. This
was to be brought about by the
coming of the Messiah. When
he came, John announced, "The
kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Why didn't it materialize? Be-
cause the Jews would not make
the proper spiritual preparation,
but instead killed the King.
Tacked over his cross was the
inscription that proclaimed him
King.

3. During the absence of the
King, His kingdom passes into
its invisible phase. He the King
is away—all who receive him
and are born again become
members of his Kingdom which
is to find its consummation
when the King comes back to
earth.

4. The nature of the kingdom.
Not vague, hazy, and wholly
spiritual as some teach—but lit-
eral, and actual, Jesus is the
Son of God and Son of David.
He shall return and reign on
the throne of David—an actual
throne. This is what was fore-
told of him. (See Luke 1:31-
33).

5. The kingdom age. This
will be the Millennial age during
which the prophecies contained
in the hundreds of O. T. pass-
ages shall be fulfilled. For in-
stance Isa. 11: will find actual
fulfillment. No universal peace
until then.

6. The rulers over the king-
dom. Shall be the faithful of
this age—resurrected or trans-
formed at the return of Christ,
and hence immortal.

7. The subjects. The living
nations of the earth that shall
pass into this period and those
born during the Millennium.
Length of life shall be increased,
and perfect conditions shall
obtain.

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