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Why Foot Washing Is Not An Ordinance

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1. Footwashing was in use long before the church was established.

The church was established in the days of the personal ministry of Jesus—Matthew 16:18. Footwashing was not a part of the ordinance—program of that church, for footwashing was centuries old when the church was established. Baptism is a church ordinance, for it began with John the Baptist, who prepared the material for the first baptist church. The Lord's Supper is a church ordinance, for it was given by Jesus to the church. Footwashing is NOT a church ordinance, for it was long before the church.

2. Footwashing was not commanded as a Church ordinance.

We are told this for Baptism—Matthew 28:18-20. The scope of this is "unto the end of the

world." We are told this for the Lord's Supper. The scope for this is "until he come"—I Cor. 11:26; Luke 22:19. We have no such command concerning footwashing. Jesus said in John 13:15, "I have given you an example"—he did not say a command, or an ordinance, but example.

III. Footwashing is not mentioned as an ordinance, either in the Acts of the Apostles or in any of the many Church epistles.

The book of Acts is the book of history of the early church, the book of propagation. It tells of the trials and triumphs of the early church. It does not mention footwashing. It does mention baptism, as in Acts 2:41, etc. It does mention the Lord's Supper (the breaking of bread), as in Acts 2:42; 20:7, etc. But you can search in vain for anything that resembles footwashing in any way.

The Epistles were written to give instructions to the

churches. They are the books of explanation. But not once do they mention footwashing. They do deal at length with baptism, as in Romans 6:1-5 and Colossians 2:12, etc. They do deal at length with the Lord's Supper, as in I Cor. 5:11 and I Cor. 11:17-34. But not once do they even mention footwashing! Why not? None of the epistles commanded or condemned the church for footwashing. This absence of mention is as certain proof that they did not wash feet as a corresponding silence is proof that they did not recognize a pope, adore images, pray to Mary, or confess to a priest.

IV. Footwashing as a Church ordinance was not practiced until hundreds of years after the days of the apostles.

Two encyclopedias, one 10-volume, and the Britannica, 24-volume, and a Bible dictionary, do not mention it. A word from the tract of the late and la-

mented M. P. Hunt on this subject is apropos: "The fact that there is nothing in the writing of the Fathers until about the middle of the third century as to footwashing as an ordinance also supports the contention that by the disciples and the early churches, Jesus' act was not so recognized. It seems to have been one of the things brought in as the churches slipped away from the simplicity and spirituality of the days of the apostles and their immediate successors."

"In the seventh century an effort was made to consider footwashing as an ordinance and was observed on Holy Thursday in connection with the observance of the Lord's Supper, and the washing of feet was by the clergy."

True New Testament churches did not at any time practice footwashing as a church ordinance. It originated with heretical churches. The Roman Catholic church began the practice.

The Greek Orthodox Church followed them. Luther denounced it as hypocritical. But remember, it came from Catholicism just like infant baptism, sprinkling, etc. (See Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge, p. 822).

V. Footwashing is not a Church ordinance according to I Timothy 5:10.

"Let not a widow be taken into the number under three score years old, having been the wife of one man, well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work."—I Timothy 5:9, 10.

These are the qualifications for widows who would obtain material aid from the church. The church in those days took (Continued on page four)

Most Interesting Letter Concerning Heretical Preachers -- Who Calls Them?

Turley, Okla., Box 273.
September 23, 1947.

Dear Brother Gilpin and Readers of "THE BAPTIST EXAMINER:"

It is not often that I try to write for publication, but enjoying the many good articles printed in several good Baptist papers that come to me. I always enjoy the good sound Baptist Examiner. However, I do not always agree with everything he writes (smart men often differ you know). But I consider our faithful Editor one of the soundest of Baptist preachers we have anywhere, and may God bless him. Here is what "stirred me up" to write this squib. In the paper under date of September 20, 1947, I read an article written by Wendell Zimmerman of Kan-

sas City, Mo. No doubt a true minister of God's word. In that very article he tells of his leaving a certain school because of (to quote him) "Hearing the Bible, the verbal inspiration of the word of God, that I held dear to my heart, laughed at and mocked until one night I felt by the Lord, that He didn't want me to attend that school any longer but to go home. *** I left that night." Thank God for a young preacher who has the courage of his convictions and believes God's word, and has enough of the grace and love of God in his heart to take a stand for the truth and at the same time get up and get out of such a school as the one mentioned in his letter; may his tribe increase. I admire his courage.

Then further down in his letter he tells of being invited to visit another young man at the time of graduation at the same (Continued on page two)

THE RECOMPENSE OF THE REWARD

One hot summer day in the early eighties a young medical student was going from house to house in a farming district in Maryland selling books for the purpose of earning money to pay his college expenses. Near the end of the day, overheated and thirsty, he called at a farmhouse where no one was at home except a bright, happy girl in her teens. The visitor inquired of the young lady if she would care to purchase some books, to which she answered, "My mother is a widow, and we have no money to buy books," whereupon the student asked if she could give him a glass of cold water. Said she, "We have plenty of milk in the springhouse. Would you care for a glass of cold milk instead?"

"Yes, I would," he replied, "if it is not too much trouble."

"No trouble at all," said the girl, running to the springhouse. The thirsty student drank the cold milk thankfully.

"How about another glass, mister?" said the girl.

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How The Grand Old Hymn, "Just As I Am," Came To Be Written

In the year 1836 a young girl was preparing for a great ball, to be given in her home town. Full of gay anticipation, she started to her dressmaker to have a fine dress made for the occasion; but on the way she met her pastor who, upon learning her errand, pleaded with her to stay away from the ball. Greatly vexed, she replied, "I wish you would mind your own business," and went on her way.

The ball was held, and this young girl was among the gayest of those who attended. She was flattered by her admirers; but after dancing nearly all night, she lay her weary head on her pillow, and was far from being happy. In all the pleasure there was the pricking of an accusing conscience which made her wretched. Her pastor had always been a friend to her and her rudeness to him rankled in her breast. She had no rest for three days, during which time her life became almost intoler-

able.

Finally she went to the minister and confessed her saucy language and asked for his forgiveness, saying, "For three days I have been the most wretched girl in the world, and now I want to be a Christian. What must I do?"

We need not be told that the minister not only forgave her for her unkind words to him, but he pointed her to Jesus, saying, "Just give yourself to Jesus, saying, 'Just give yourself, my child, to the Lamb of God, just as you are.'"

"Just as I am?" she asked. "Do you know that I am one of the worst sinners in the world? How can God accept me just as I am?" It was a new Gospel to her which she had never comprehended.

"That is exactly what you must believe; you must come to (Continued on page four)

WHAT OTHERS SAY

I expect to be able to send you the names of more subscribers from time to time. The paper certainly is proving a blessing to us in our work here. May the Lord richly bless you and use you for His glory.

Elder William C. May
Clarksburg, W. Va.

I sure do enjoy reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER each week. May God bless and keep you in His will.

Marvin Sessoms
Dade City, Florida

Enclosed find \$2.00 for which please renew my subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for four years.

It is without exception the best Christian paper I have ever read, and I thoroughly enjoy the fine gospel messages contained therein.

Elmer E. Peterson
Tacoma, Washington

-- The First Baptist Pulpit --

"WHAT IS MAN?"

"What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"—Ps. 8:4.

When Oliver Cromwell went one day to have a picture made of himself, he was surprised after the painting was completed and he visited the artist to find that the artist had painted him a very very handsome man. Cromwell had on the end of his nose a large wart, which was far from a matter of beauty, and the artist in painting this picture, left off the wart. He touched up some other places

by way of physical blemishes so that when Cromwell saw the painting, he saw an individual who was decidedly far more handsome than he himself. When he remonstrated with the artist who had painted the picture, especially as to the leaving off of the wart from his nose, the artist insisted that he thought Mr. Cromwell looked better without the wart. Then it was that Cromwell said, "That may be true, but I want a picture of myself and not another

man."

The majority of folk are not like Oliver Cromwell. I rather have an idea that the majority of this audience are very much unlike Mr. Cromwell. You would much rather have the warts and the blemishes left off; you would very much rather that I would leave your warts and your spiritual imperfections alone. However, as God gives me grace this morning, I hope to paint a picture of you just as you are—warts included.

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TAKE TIME TO PRAY

The great people of the earth today are the people who pray—people who take time to pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. That something is important, very important and pressing, but still less important and pressing than prayer. There are people who put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. These are the people today who are doing the most for God in winning souls: in solving problems; in awakening the church to supply both men and money for mission posts; in keeping their lives fresh and strong in sacrificial service on the foreign field, where the thickest fighting is going on; in keeping the old earth sweet a little while longer. — S. D. Gordon

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AN INTERESTING LETTER

(Continued from page one) school, he also tells of the young man whom he went to visit, saying the following about him, "They were interested in psychology. They were unconcerned to learn about Jesus Christ. This young man whom I went to visit in that seminary * * * While I was visiting here I learned that he was cutting classes to go to the picture

shows * * * I learned that he didn't believe anything at all. He had changed. His entire faith was shattered. * * * Then he would walk the floor and say, 'That's the curse of this thing. I came here to go to school and wanted you (the wife) to go to classes with me, and you wouldn't do it. So I have learned that I have different and new ideas, and you are just like you were.' * * * My friend, before he had gone to this school of modernism he thought that the Bible was verbally inspired. He believed in the coming of Jesus. He believed that ye must be born again. He believed that the Christian life demanded a consecrated, separated Godly life."

Now, the things mentioned above, quoted from Brother Zimmerman's good letter brings some questions to the mind of this weak, uneducated preacher. First, does God know the heart of those whom he calls to preach? YES! I believe he does. Does He know whether, or not they will preach his word? I believe he does. Does He know whether or not they believe His Word? Certainly he does. If God knows all things as we are plainly taught in His inspired word, then he certainly knows whether or not any certain man believes, and will preach His word. To deny that is to deny the foreknowledge of God. (Yes, Brother Gilpin, I believe in election, and the foreknowledge of God). Now another question that comes into my mind when I read, as I have many times, of certain young preachers who at first were humble, consecrated believers in

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"WHAT IS MAN?"

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My text asks the question: "What is man?" Let me ask this morning, "WHAT IS MAN IN CREATION?" That is, as man was created, what was his position before God?

If you will go back to the early chapters of the book of Genesis, you will find that man in creation was made in the very image of God Himself. Listen:

"And God said, Let us make man in OUR IMAGE, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in HIS OWN IMAGE, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."—Gen. 1:26, 27.

This took place after all the balance of God's creation was made. Then as a capstone to creation, man was made perfect, made in the very image of God, and in the likeness of God Himself. In creation, beloved, man was SPIRITUALLY PURE. So complete was this spiritual purity that when God came down in the garden in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve would hurry into His presence. I think the sweetest music that ever fell upon the ears of Adam prior to his fall in Eden, was the music when God spoke face to face with him in the garden. In view of the fact that Adam and God walked together hand in hand and conversed together face to face in Eden's Garden, I say beloved, that is positive proof of the spiritual purity of man in creation.

Not only was man created spiritually pure, he was likewise created PHYSICALLY PERFECT. It is impossible for us to know just what Adam was physically for there has never been anybody like Adam physically in the world since. I don't think Adam ever knew what it was to get tired when he lived in the Garden of Eden. I don't think he ever knew what it was to have fatigue and jaded nerves when he lived in the Garden of Eden. I am sure that if he had continued living there he would never have died, that his body was physically perfect to the extent that he would never have known fatigue, nor disease, and death would never have fastened itself upon him. Thus, I say, beloved, that he was physically perfect as well as spiritually pure.

Likewise, in the Garden of Eden, he had an UNTAINTED CONSCIENCE, of which you and I have never been the possessors. You talk with an individual and he has a far away look in his eyes—he will look in another direction when you talk to him. What's the reason? There is a tainted conscience behind that far off visionary glance.

I visited a man to talk with him about a matter of business a couple of years ago. He walked over and looked out the window as I sat at his desk. When I got up and walked over to the window, he turned and walked over to the other side of the room. He wouldn't look me in the eye. I understand that he deals with everyone in that manner. A tainted conscience is the reason that men have a squint look in their eye, and that men are unable to face one another and talk eye to eye. Originally, Adam had an untainted conscience.

Wonderful as it was for Adam to be spiritually pure, physical-

ly perfect and the possessor of an untainted conscience, it was even more wonderful as to the PERFECT MIND which God gave unto Adam. If you go to the zoo today you will see the animals that are there, and when you come home, you can't begin to even name half of them, yet, beloved, Adam gave names unto them all. Listen:

"And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof."—Gen. 2:19.

As I say, beloved, you and I can't even recall the names of half of them today, but Adam named them one by one as they walked before him. Surely, beloved, then we can say that in his original state in Adam, man was created spiritually pure, physically perfect, with an untainted conscience, and with a mind of absolute perfection. We can't conceive of man as he was originally, in view of the fact that we can't picture what a perfect human being is like. You and I are not perfect. There is no one whom you have ever seen that was perfect. There is no one with whom you have ever associated who was perfect. In view of the fact that we can't imagine what a perfect human being is like, we therefore cannot conceive as to what man was originally in the Garden of Eden, for the very best man today in comparison with Adam fades into insignificance and nothingness when compared to the perfections of Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Many manufacturers today rejoice in being able to advertise their products as being perfect, or at least almost perfect from impurities. Well, beloved, man when he was created and placed in the Garden of Eden was a 100 per cent product as far as perfection is concerned.

I think the very nearest we can come to imagining as to what man was like in Eden's Garden is to read the four Gospels and to see what Jesus Christ was like when He was here in the days of His flesh. Man, when he was created and placed within the Garden of Eden, was exactly like Jesus Christ was during the thirty-three years that He lived on this earth, with but one exception. Christ had a perfect Divine righteousness whereas Adam possessed a perfect human righteousness. Other than that, beloved, our Lord Jesus Christ comes nearer illustrating what Adam was originally than anyone else we might know.

I say, beloved, it is beyond our comprehension; it is beyond our limited mentality; it is beyond our finite intelligence to imagine man as he was placed originally in the Garden of Eden.

II

IF, BELOVED, MAN AS HE WAS ORIGINALLY CREATED, IS FAR BEYOND OUR MENTAL COMPREHENSION, THEN MAY WE ASK: "WHAT IS MAN TODAY?"

Why beyond a shadow of a doubt, beloved, you know what man's condition is this hour. He is as unlike he was in the Garden of Eden, as a snake is unlike an angel of God in Heaven. There is as much difference in the nature of man now and the nature of Adam in the Garden of Eden as there is in the nature of a serpent that crawls on the ground and an angel that flies through the air.

From the very day of Adam's fall, every man who has been born into this world has been

born a sinner. Though Adam was originally spiritually pure, man today is SPIRITUALLY IMPURE. Though Adam ran into the very presence of God within the Garden of Eden, and though the voice of God was the sweetest music that Adam ever heard, immediately after sin came, Adam hid from the very presence of God. He was spiritually impure. You can read this from the beginning to the end of the Word of God. Listen:

"This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD MADE HE HIM; Male and female created he them: and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, AFTER HIS IMAGE; and called his name Seth."—Gen. 5:1-3.

Notice: When God created man, He created him in the image and after the likeness of God. However, when Adam begat a son, that son was begotten in his own likeness and after his own image. In the meantime, Adam had sinned, therefore, beloved, though Adam himself was created in the likeness and after the image of God, when Adam's son was born, he was born after the image and the likeness of of Adam — spiritually impure. Listen again:

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."—Gen. 6:5.

This is just a little while after that man was placed in the Garden of Eden, but when sin came the Word of God tells us that God saw man so evil that the very imagination of his thoughts was evil continually, — man spiritually impure. "How much more abominable and FILTHY is man, which drinketh iniquity like water?"—Job 15:16.

Certainly you can't find a more descriptive statement of all the Word of God nor anywhere else that will describe man's spiritual impurity like this. Man filthy — drinking in filth just as though he might drink water. What is man today? He is spiritually impure.

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become FILTHY: there is NONE THAT DOETH GOOD, no, not one."—Psa. 14:2,3.

God is here pictured looking down upon this earth with telescopic eyes, and as He looks down from heaven to earth, He is looking to see if there is a single person in all creation that understands and that is seeking after God. Here is His conclusion: "They are all gone aside, all have become filthy." I say, beloved, man today is spiritually impure. Listen again: "Behold, I was SHAPEN IN INIQUITY; and in sin did my mother conceive me."—Psa. 51:5.

Some have often imagined that David was referring to the fact that he was born out of wedlock, but that is a far fetched and improbable, and I think an impossible exposition. Instead, beloved, I think it means simply this: David was born, yea even conceived with a nature, a disposition that was spiritually impure. Notice again: "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not."—Eccl. 7:20.

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themselves on their own righteousness and goodness and their morality, yet, beloved, the Word of God says, "There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not." Man today is spiritually impure. In the New Testament we have the same truth. Listen:

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:23.

"But the Scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

Notice: This is his summation, this is his conclusion — man, beloved is under sin — all mankind under sin. You take an apple and allow one bacteria to enter that apple and pretty soon the apple will begin to mellow and it won't be long until that mellowness passes to a stage of fermentation and ultimately it will rot. I often think that sin in man is just like that. It produces the same results. Adam was made spiritually pure in the Garden of Eden, but sin became a reality, and as a result, today man is exactly the opposite of what he was originally. Though he was spiritually pure when created, he is spiritually impure today.

Not only is man spiritually impure, man today has a CONSCIENCE THAT IS ABSOLUTELY TAINTED before God. There are three Scriptures that describe the conscience of man. Listen:

"But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their WEAK CONSCIENCE, ye sin against Christ."—I Cor. 8:12.

Notice — man is said to have a weak conscience.

The second Scripture is Hebrews 10:22. Listen:

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an EVIL CONSCIENCE, and our bodies washed with pure water."

Here man's conscience is spoken of as evil.

Notice the third Scripture:

"Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their CONSCIENCE SEARED with a hot iron."—I Tim. 4:2.

Now here, beloved, are three Scriptures describing the conscience of man. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said that man was the possessor of a weak conscience. When he wrote in the book of Hebrews, he declared that man has an evil conscience. When he wrote to Timothy, he declared that man's conscience is seared as with a hot iron. I say in the light of these three verses, we can easily see that the conscience of man is exactly unlike what it was in the original creation. Then man had an untainted conscience but today he has a weak conscience, an evil conscience, and a conscience that is seared as with a hot iron.

Here is another Scripture that describes the conscience of man. When the Apostle Paul wrote to Titus, he said:

"Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and CONSCIENCE IS DEFILED."—Titus 1:15.

I remember an experience here in Russell several years ago. Two boys who have since grown to young manhood, were discussing the matter of going to a circus. One of them knew that his father was definitely opposed to his going to the circus. The other insisted that they

go because, as he said, "Your father need not know anything about it. He'll never be any the wiser." This lad made an answer something like this: "He may not know it, but I would know it, and when father came home, I couldn't look him in the face." Well, beloved, that's exactly the reason man can't look God in the face today. That's the reason the unsaved man has no love for a prayer meeting. That's the reason the unsaved man is bored with a Scriptural message. That's why the unsaved man can't come into the presence of God and doesn't enjoy the things of God — his conscience today is tainted and that taint of his conscience keeps him from fellowshiping with God.

I say, beloved, that man in contrast with his condition in the Garden of Eden, is likewise PHYSICALLY IMPERFECT today. Though Adam was physically perfect in Eden's Garden, today all of Adam's descendants are physically imperfect. Everyone of us are subject to sickness, we are subject to disease, and ultimately subject to death itself.

"Then when lust has conceived it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."—James 1:15.

There would never have been sickness; there would never have been disease; there never would have been pain; there never would have been death had it not been for sin. Sin, beloved, is that which bringeth forth death.

I say to you this morning, though Adam was physically perfect in the Garden of Eden, all of his descendants are physically imperfect, definitely in contrast to Adam's original condition.

If you will go back to the fifth chapter of the book of Genesis, you will read what has often been called by the commentators, as the "History Of Nobodysm." It is thus called because it doesn't discuss any particular individual at length. It refers to some nine characters. It says of each that he was born, he lived so many years, begat sons and daughters, lived so many years afterward, and then we read this expression, "And he died." Of the nine persons dealt with in this fifth chapter of Genesis, eight of them are disposed of in that manner, — "and he died." Beloved, what is true within that chapter, is true in all the balance of the Word of God, and it is true in our experience today. We are all physically imperfect in the sight of God.

When I think of this, I am reminded how in the early days of the colonization of our country that Ponce de Leon came from a far away land seeking a fountain of youth whereby he might bathe that he might never grow old. He never found that fountain though he did discover the state of Florida. From the time of Adam man has needed — in order to counteract, and in order to offset the physical imperfections of his body — man has needed that fountain of perpetual youth, and yet no individual has found it. Adam was created physically perfect, but all of us are born physically imperfect today.

Likewise, man's mind today is affected. Listen:

"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind. Having THE UNDERSTANDING DARKENED, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."—Eph. 4:17, 18.

You talk to an unsaved man about how he can gratify his flesh and he can understand that. You talk to him about he can advance himself as to material prosperity and he can understand that. However, you talk to him about spiritual truths and he will say, "I just can't understand it." You can talk to an unsaved man about material things and he can follow you completely as to what you have to say, but when you talk to him about the death of Jesus Christ, he just can't see it. Why? His understanding is darkened. Every man outside of Jesus Christ today is a spiritual maniac. No man is ever in his right mind until he is made anew in Christ Jesus. Listen:

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."—II Tim. 1:7.

Beloved, listen, if you are unsaved this morning, you are a mental case in God's sight. If you, this morning, have never been regenerated by the Spirit of God, you are mentally imperfect and mentally unsound this morning. No man ever has his right mind until he has Jesus Christ within his heart, for the Son of God gives to him, so this Scripture says, "A sound mind."

What a contrast there is in man today and man in the Garden of Eden. Man then had a perfect mind, but today his mind is affected.

If you want to get a good picture of the condition of man, go to the 5th chapter of the Gospel of Mark and read the story of the man in the cemetery. He wore no clothing, cut himself on the rocks, and lived like a wild man. However, the Lord Jesus came by one day and he came home dressed and with a sound mind. Listen, beloved, when a man gets Jesus Christ into his heart that man gets a mind then so that he can think the thoughts of God, and until a man is able to think God's thoughts and follow God's ways, that man is exactly like every individual has been since the day that Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden.

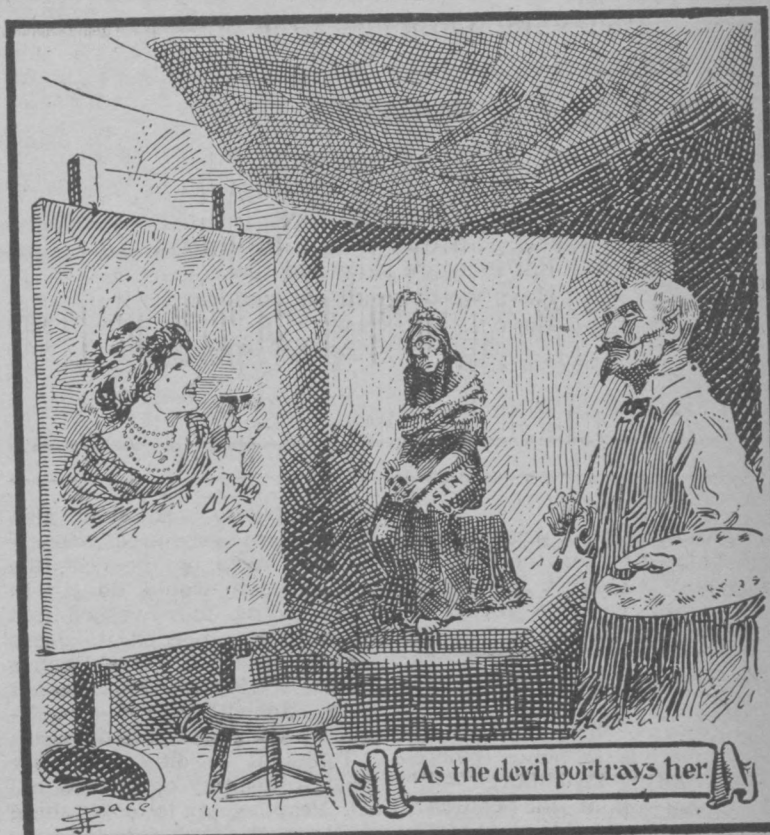
To me, this is an interesting study. Our text asks the question, "What is man?" What was he in creation — physically perfect, an untainted conscience, spiritually pure, and a perfect mind. What is he today — exactly the opposite — physically imperfect, his mind is affected, his conscience is tainted and he is spiritually impure.

III

BELOVED, I LIKE TO GO OUT INTO THE REALM OF TOMORROW. WHAT WAS MAN ORIGINALLY? PERFECT. WHAT IS HE TODAY? IMPERFECT. WHAT IS MAN GOING TO BE TOMORROW? Will you believe me this morning, sinner friend, when I tell you that tomorrow and a thousand tomorrows, if you die in your sins, will find you with the same nature, the same disposition, the same inclinations, and the same habits that you possess today. Will you believe me, beloved, unsaved friend, when I tell you that as a lost sinner a thousand years in Hell won't change your nature one bit, but rather, the unbeliever will continue lost in his sins throughout a never ending eternity. Listen:

"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."—Rev. 22:11.

That man, beloved, who dies in his sins will continue in his sins. You say, "What is man in



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creation?" Pure. "What is man today?" A sinner. "What is he going to be tomorrow?" He will be tomorrow just what he is today only ten thousand times intensified as a result of his sin.

When John A. Broadus was visiting in Palestine, just outside the city of Jerusalem he saw a basket. Reaching down, he pushed the cover off the basket and a little babe smiled up into his face. He was just in the act of picking that little babe up into his arms when somebody shouted that it was a leper babe. It was then he realized that some parent had a child that was unwanted and they had left it outside the city gate. There was no evidence of leprosy then, but in a few short years that little body that seemingly was perfect, would be completely given over to the horribly dreaded disease of leprosy.

Beloved, this morning you may pride yourself on the fact that you are moral, and that you are decent and are getting along fairly well so far as life is concerned; but what are you going to be a thousand years from now in Hell when the nature that you have today continues and grows and becomes more and more manifest and more and more corrupt.

I say to you this morning that man in his original state was perfect, today he is imperfect, and tomorrow, if he dies in his sins, he will still be imperfect, with a continuation and a growth of that same sinful nature he possesses today.

However, beloved, while that is true of the man who is unsaved, how about the believer? What is man going to be in eternity who knows the Lord Jesus Christ? I'm not concerned about what the unsaved man is going to be like in eternity, for I'm not going to be there. The only reason I mention it is as a warning to those of you who are in your sins. I'm not concerned about it personally. The thing that interests me is what is the believing child of God going to be like in eternity. We don't have to guess about it. We don't have to wonder about it. We don't have to imagine about it. Listen:

"And as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY."—I Cor. 15:49.

"Beloved, now are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is."—I John 3:2.

"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may BE FASHIONED LIKE UNTO HIS GLORIOUS BODY, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."—Phil. 3:20, 21.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."—Rom. 8:29.

Beloved, I thank God that though I was once in Adam perfect, today in Adam I am imperfect, but tomorrow in the Second Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ I'm going to be just the same as the Son of God — conformed to the image of the Son of God. Can you imagine it? Can you imagine this morning what it shall be like when in the morning of eternity we shall awaken in the image of God's dear Son?

Adam was created in the image of God. You and I and all the balance were born in the image of fallen Adam, but some day we are going to be made like unto the image of the Son of God.

Oh, what a fearful state awaits the man who dies without Jesus, and what a blessed state awaits that man who dies in Jesus. May you look up to Calvary this morning and may you see Him on the cross dying for your sins. We are lost without Him. He is the only hope we have—the only Saviour you may have. May God help you to put your trust in Him and be saved.

Your paper means a great deal to me. Some of those little sentences at the top of the page are very fine and helpful. To one who has no real church to attend, your sermons and articles are most helpful. May the Lord bless you in this work for Him.

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WAITING

The restless millions wait
The light whose dawning
Maketh all things new;
Christ also waits—
But men are slow and few.
Have we done all we could?
Have I, have you?

—China's Millions

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care of its old. But they had to be worthy to qualify. This verse is the only verse in the New Testament besides the passage in John 13 that even mentions footwashing. The Scripture for this is very meager.

Notice two things: Woman's chief sphere is the home. Where do you "bring up children"—in the home or in the church? Where do you "lodge strangers"—in the home or in the church? Where do you "relieve the afflicted"—in the home or in the church? You say, "In the home, of course." Where would this widow have "washed the saints' feet"—in the home or in the church? In the home, of course. Besides this, if footwashing were a church ordinance, every member in good standing would have qualified, and it would have been needless to have made such a specification.

VI. *Footwashing is not a Church ordinance for it contains no picture of the truths of salvation.*

The ordinances are to be mirrors of Christ, pictures and messages about him. Baptism is a picture of the Resurrection of Jesus—Romans 6:4, 5. The Lord's Supper is a picture of the broken body and spilled blood of Jesus—Luke 22:19, 20. But what does footwashing picture? "Humility," cries the foot-washer. "Whose humility?" we counter. "Why, the humility of whosoever is washing feet," he replies. Church ordinances are not to picture you, but Jesus.

It is true that Jesus showed His humility by washing the disciples' feet. But He showed His humility in many other ways. He rode into Jerusalem on an ass rather than on a charging steed to fulfill prophecy and show his lowly character, but riding into town on an ass is not to be a church ordinance. He was born in a manger, but that is not a church ordinance. He slept on the mountainside, but that is not a church ordinance.

Footwashing does not necessarily picture humility. Pride is pride, whatever it concerns. These folks say, in effect, "We are humble, and proud of it." That is like saying, "I am ashamed of myself and proud of it." Humility put in a showcase becomes pride.

VII. *Modern footwashing is useless, meaningless, and far from the Bible pattern.*

In Jesus' time and before, there were no paved roads; they were dusty in summer and muddy in winter. Also, the filth of animals was on the streets. The people wore robes to their knees, no hose, loose sandals, so the feet became dirty. They did not eat in chairs as we, but reclined on couches, or cushions, so it was not the thing to come to meals dirty. It was customary as far back as Abraham when the guests arrived to pro-

vide water to wash their feet. If the guest were great and especially loved by the host, the host himself would do it. In other words, they washed feet because they needed it. Jesus refused to wash Peter's hands and head because they were not dirty.—John 13:9, 10. Footwashing, then was an act of service.

Today it is only a hollow form, a mockery of the original act. People going to footwashing would wash feet before the time for the meeting, and that would ruin its meaning. A believer in footwashing, when asked if her family washed their feet before a meeting for footwashing, replied, "Yes."

In Luke 22:24-30, the disciples have been quarreling as to who would be greatest. In their pride they were not willing to wash one another's feet. Evidently the water, basin, and towel had been provided by the owner of the upper room, but their hearts were too proud to do the work of a servant. Jesus rebukes this spirit by his act of footwashing. He does not mean for the church to wash feet when there is no need for it, but to do deeds of lowly service. He said, "I have given you an example." Note verse 17 in John 13, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The plural number, "things," and "them," proves he was not talking of footwashing, for he would have used the singular. Be a servant, and you will fulfill John 13.

THE STORY OF A HYMN

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Him just as you are," answered the minister.

The young girl was overpowered as the simple truth took possession of her mind, and she went to her room, knelt, and gave God her heart, guilty and vile as it was, to be cleansed and made fit for His indwelling. As she knelt, peace and joy filled her soul to overflowing. Inspired by the new and rapturous experience, she wrote the hymn:

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am; Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Little did Charlotte Elliott think of the fame or the immortality of the words she had written. She was simply putting the language of her heart on paper. But this hymn has appealed to many other sin-sick souls as it has been sung in the congregation of the righteous. What a

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"I would enjoy another glass very much," he answered.
The girl at once complied with his desire, upon which he sought to pay her.
"No, no," said the girl.
"Why not?" he inquired.
"Well, my mother always told me to be kind to strangers, and that's what I am doing."
The student thank her and plodded on his way.

Several years elapsed, and one day, as the head of a hospital in which he performed brilliant operations, the one-time medical student, now a widely known surgeon, was visiting the wards of the hospital when his eyes fell upon a face which he well remembered, for he recognized in a moment his former benefactor, the one who had given him a drink of cold milk on the hot summer day long before. The patient herself was too sick to recognize anyone, but he knew her.

Things began to happen. Activity seemed to focus around the woman from the farm. She was moved into a private room, with nurses to wait upon her, and everything known to medical science was brought to bear upon her condition. The chief surgeon himself took particular interest in her case.

After weeks of medical and surgical attention the patient recovered and was able to sit up in her room. One day the nurse said to her, "You are going home tomorrow."

"Oh, I am so glad," she responded, "but the cost of all this worries me—the bill must be very great."

"I'll get it," said the nurse, and she soon placed it in the patient's hand.

As the woman looked over the items in the bill and read the staggering cost of her operation and hospital care, she wept. "When will I ever get it paid!" she exclaimed, but when she read a little further down, her eyes caught sight of eight words which dried her tears.

The words were: "Paid in full by a glass of milk.—Howard A. Kelly M. D."

Yes, the former young book-agent and the great Dr. Kelly, already a surgeon of repute, were one and the same.

Believer, nothing that you do for the Lord Jesus will be overlooked in that day. Here are the simple conditions for His approval:

"Not with eyeservice as men-pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he bond or free" (Eph. 6:6-8).

—"The Evangelical Christian."

INTERESTING LETTER

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all God's word, but after having been taught in certain schools, have come out unbelievers denying the inspiration of the Scriptures, the virgin birth of Christ, and the necessity of the new birth, in fact, outright atheists, the question is, did they ever believe those things? If so, then when they turn from the

great power for good is a song born of God and sung in the Spirit!
—"Revival."

teachings of God's word and become unbelievers have they not apostatized? Are they not lost again? That is the way it looks to me. And I certainly DO NOT believe the doctrine of apostasy. Now, I believe Brother Zimmerman and our good Editor will agree that God knows before he calls a man to preach (and I believe God makes that choice even before we are born into this world, Jer. 1:5). That such a man does not, or will not believe His word, and as a result will not preach His word, but will pervert and deny the word, such as one does when he preaches salvation by water and works, and apostasy, baby sprinkling and many other heresies. I say that if God knows all this about a man, and he certainly does, that he would be very unwise to call that man to preach in the first place, even I would know better than to do a thing like that. Why will God pass over many of His children whom he knows love His word and will be bold to preach the truth, and call one which he knows will not preach the truth? Does he call heretics to preach. I deny that He does.

Then, what is wrong with all those "brilliant young men who are so humble and consecrated believers in all His word," until they go to school where His word is denied, and as a result of their being taught heresy they come out unbelieving atheists? Were they really born again children of God to start with?

It is hard for me to believe they were, for as I have already said, I POSITIVELY DO NOT BELIEVE IN THE DOCTRINE OF APOSTASY, and if any one claims that such men were really saved, have been born again, made partakers of the divine nature, have the love of God shed abroad in their hearts, have the witness of the Spirit of God in themselves, and that they were turned away from the plain teaching of the word of God and had become unbelievers, right there they are teaching the doctrine of apostasy. Because the word of God tells us plainly that God's children love Him, and that they also believe His word. Jesus said "He that is of God (God's child) heareth (believes, accepts as truth) God's word, ye therefore hear them not (ye wicked Pharisees, unbelievers) BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF GOD." (Hence, lost and on the way to hell) Jhn 8:47. Again we read where John the Baptist, an inspired man of God said, "For he whom God has sent (called and sent to preach) SPEAKETH THE WORDS OF GOD." John 3:34. And more, "He whom God has sent," called to preach believes God's word because he is of God, his child, and all the atheistic modernists on earth cannot overthrow his faith in the infallible word of God. When any one believes some certain doctrine because he finds that doctrine taught in the word of God, and that one is a born again child of God (as this unworthy preacher, thank God for his grace), I do not believe that all atheists outside of hell could overthrow the faith of that man and cause him to deny the inspiration of God's word, the virgin birth of Christ, and the necessity of the new birth, why? His faith "stands not in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God," I Cor. 2:5. I believe in the virgin birth of Christ. Why? Because I have heard some smart man preach it? Because my Father believed it? NO! But I believe it because

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GOD TEACHES IT. Therefore, my faith does not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God and for that reason cannot be overthrown by false teachers who deny that blessed word. If it had been possible for any one to have overthrown my faith in the security of the believer in Christ, it would have been done years ago, for I have heard that glorious doctrine denied by heretics for years, and have met some of them in debate on that question, but yet I believe it. Why? Because I find it written in God's Holy Book, the Bible. God knew long before He saved me by his eternal grace that this poor, uneducated farm boy would believe whatever he read in that old Book.

More than that, He also knew that when, after much trouble and chastisement he would surrender to the divine call to the ministry (God knew that I would preach before I was born, Jer. 1:5), that then he would preach his word to the very best of his ability, and that no one living could turn him away from the truth as he found it written in the inspired record. If a man can be turned away from what he knows God's word to teach, he just simply does not believe that word to begin with.

I have never attended any college or seminary, not even high school, for when it was made known to me that I was called of God to preach, I was a middle aged man with a large family and not able to attend school, had to work hard to support my family, and so the only why I had to prepare for my life's work was to just read and study as best I could, and that I did. I learned much from my brethren, but I learned the most precious lessons at "Mary's Seminary," at the feet of my blessed Redeemer, Luke 10:39. Many are the hours I have spent there in prayerful reading and meditation, talking to the stand what was written therein, begging Him for help to understand what was written therein. Do not misunderstand me, please. I am not opposed to an education, no not at all, but if I had been financially able would have attended some good Bible school, that I might be better prepared for the work whereunto the Lord had called me, but as it was in my case I just had to do the best I could, and I thank God for His help given so many times, enabling me to preach His word in a manner that lost sinners have been led to Christ for salvation. He has wonderfully blessed me in His service, and to Him be all the praise.

I thank God for Brother Zimmerman who had the courage and the grace to stand up like a man and get out of the un-Godly institution. May God give us more like him. But let us not be alarmed about so many false teachers for God still has that "seven thousand who have not, nor will not, bow the knee to Baal."

I ask an interest in the prayers of my brethren every where that the great head of the Church may bless our efforts put forth in His service. I am serving as pastor in a fine Independent Baptist Church in this little town. They love God and His word, and are loyal to His cause. Thank God for them.

Well, this is too long now, so I will close it out. May the Lord bless the Editor and all the readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Yours for His truth,
H. GOOCH.