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

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## MORE OF THE HERESIES OF MODERNIST E. STANLEY JONES

### CAN ONE BE BOTH A MODERNIST AND A BELIEVER?

Roy Mason  
Tampa, Florida

In dealing with this question we shall need first of all to get clearly in our minds what Modernism really is. Modernism is really a system of doctrine, and it is also at the same time almost a cult. Doctrinally, Modernism is anti-supernaturalism. It opposes the miraculous elements of the Bible, hence it holds that Christ was not deity, not virgin born; that the Bible is a growth—a religious evolution and not a divine revelation; that the Holy Spirit is an influence rather than a person. Also Modernism denies the fall of man; and denies the inherent depravity of human nature. It sees no necessity for personal regeneration, and utterly abhors the blood atonement. Modernism disbelieves in the prophetic element of Scripture, and it has little to say concerning the hereafter and the life to come. Its chief concern is with the present, hence it is concerned with "social service" and things of that kind. Its gospel—if such it should be called—is termed the "social gospel."

Answering the question asked at the first, we wish to assert that one can not be a full-fledged modernist and still believe the Bible, for the two are utterly incompatible.

Modernism however goes beyond theology and religion and finds expression throughout the whole realm of life today. Let us note some of its ramifications:

#### Modernism In Education

This is manifested in the widespread teaching of the theory of evolution. The theory of evolution underlies most of the branches of learning of this day, such as biology, botany, geology, astronomy, and most everything else. Development from lower to higher—without the necessity of Divine intervention—this is the fundamental idea that underlies all. And college and

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By GLENWOOD BLACKMORE

Three thousand people greeted Dr. E. Stanley Jones when he came to Cincinnati promoting his national "Crusade for a United Church of America." Taft Auditorium was filled. The people were manifestly interested in the idea of a united church, but they were only stirred to applause when Dr. Jones appealed to their patriotism. These good Americans were "from Missouri" when it came to this grandiose super-church scheme.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Greater Cincinnati Council of Churches. No approach had been made to the local organization of the National Association of Evangelicals. This is evidently the pat-

tern being followed in all the thirty-three cities to be visited by Dr. Jones. Under the circumstances evangelicals naturally draw the conclusion that the Crusade is somehow or other a scheme of the FCCA dressed up to look like a "grass-roots" movement.

Discussing a "United Church for a United World," Dr. Jones outlined a plan for a federal union of churches. He termed his program "A Grass Roots Organization for a United Church," which would not be sponsored by any single denomination and through which laymen and ministers could bring together the 256 church denominations of this country. Dr. Jones dismissed attempts at amalgamation of the many Protestant groups in the USA as "impractical" and "impossible." "Only in a federal union of

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## While The Hierarchy Whitewashes Pastor Rogers, Others Speak Most Defiantly

North Kenova, Ohio

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I want to thank you with all my heart for your challenge of the blasphemous audacity of Wallace R. Rogers (T. B. E. December 6, 1948). His statement regarding God's prophet, Malachi, is an unpardonable insult to every God-fearing, Bible-loving, man and woman in this country. What a pity that this Baptist(?) preacher didn't step out of his nothingness in the days of Malachi and inform the Creator that it would be a mistake to choose a prophet so uncouth as "poor old Malachi." Malachi could have said that it was wrong to purloin God's tithe and his statement would not have engendered any rancor. All this infantile prattle about modernity and pulpit etiquette is foolish.

Did Mr. Rogers never read II Pet. 1:21? Does he believe that Malachi spoke of himself? Or did he speak as he was "moved by the Holy Spirit"? Will he be bold enough to say plainly that he denies the in-

fallible inspiration of the Bible? If he won't, the Baptists of Florida should demand an apology. If he does, they should demand his removal from the presidency of the state convention. Let every sound Baptist in Florida "speak his piece."

Poor old Wallace R. Rogers has made a long-eared exhibition of himself and has stigmatized the Baptists of Florida.

Come my brother, get ready for action; Our danger is no longer remote. For wrongs without name and without number Have taken the cause by the throat.

They have made our seminaries religious prisons So our sons will never be men. And their infidelity has arisen And stalked like a wolf from its den.

Many preachers have grown silent, And they dare not for righteousness speak. And for thirty dirty pieces of silver They fawn at Mammon's base feet.

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#### TRIAL

A man rocked a boat to see if it would tip. It did.

A laborer stepped on a nail to see if it would go through his shoe. It did.

A man looked into his gun to see if it was loaded. It was.

A woman looked into a patent medicine booklet to see if she was sick. She was.

Last June a helper smelled escaping gas and lit a piece of oil waste to find the leak. He found it.

A young girl kept late hours to see if it really would injure her office work. It did.

A young man tried drinking to see if it would make him behave like a fool. It did.

—Selected.



"My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour Divine."

## An Open Challenge To The Seminary As To Its Doctrinal Position

From time to time the Baptist Examiner has called attention to reports of false teaching in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Meanwhile some students and friends of the Seminary have been denying the truthfulness of these reports.

Now there is a way to settle this matter to the satisfaction of all concerned. That way is for the professors of the Seminary to state plainly their position on the matters involved. We do not wish to misrepresent them. If we have misrepresented them, we should like to know it.

Therefore we here and now open the columns of The Baptist Examiner to every professor in the Louisville Seminary from the president down and invite each one to state his views. Here is their opportunity to exonerate themselves.

We invite each one to reply to the following questions:

1. Do you believe in the infallible inspiration of the Bible?
2. Do you believe in the virgin birth of Christ?
3. What do you believe about election? Are you a Calvinist or an Arminian?
4. What do you believe about

the origin of Baptists? Is Christ their founder or were they founded by some man since Christ?

5. Do you favor the acceptance of alien immersion by Baptists?

### PLEASE NOTE

The editor of this paper is interested in contacting some suitable young preacher who would like to attend Ashland (Ky.) Junior College. He would furnish room and board in his home and also pay a small salary to such young preacher in return for assistance in pastoral work with the First Baptist Church of Russell.

Any young preacher that is interested should write to the editor at once.

tist churches?

6. Do you endorse Baptist participation in interdenominational evangelistic meetings?

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## -- The First Baptist Pulpit --

### "LIFE MADE OVER AGAIN"

"O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."—Isaiah 45:9.

It has always been interesting to me to notice how that God leads His preachers into strange places or in strange ways in order to give to them the sermons which they preach. As an example, you will recall that once upon a time God led Ezekiel out into a cemetery and had him stay within that cemetery while a tornado uncovered the

graves until every grave within the valley was uncovered and there was nothing but a valley of dead, dry, bleached bones spreading out before him. That's a strange place for God to lead a preacher to give him a sermon. You would think that a cemetery would be the last place in the world where God would give a preacher a sermon.

Notice also how God led Moses on one occasion into a strange place for a message. The Word of God tells us He led him out into the back side of the desert. I think there was a reason for this. God led him

just as far from people as was possible in order that he might be just as close to God as possible. Sometimes it is necessary for us to get the speech of humans out of our ears in order that we are able to hear the message of God. Thus it was that God led Moses out into the back side of the desert and there gave to him a message from the Lord. He showed him a bush that was burning and yet was not consumed. He told Moses that this was to represent the whole house of Israel, which, though they suffered and

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### LIQUORLESS MAGAZINES

The Associated Church Press recently passed a resolution commending those periodicals that refuse liquor advertising and condemning those that accept it. Among the liquorless magazines are Readers' Digest, Saturday Evening Post, Ladies' Home Journal, Pathfinder, Farm Journal, Good Housekeeping, Capper's Weekly, Country Gentleman, Etude Magazine and Woman's Home Companion.

The magazines have proven that a publishing concern can operate its business at a profit without the aid of liquor money. We wish now that some of the other objectionable things could be removed from these publica-

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LIFE MADE OVER AGAIN

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burned in Egypt, could not be consumed nor destroyed. A strange way and a strange place it was that God led this preacher Moses to give him this message.

Another illustration of like nature grows out of the experience of the spies who were sent out by Moses to spy out the land of Palestine just prior to the entrance of Israel into this land. We read how they came to the home of Rahab the harlot. That was a strange place for these men of God to go. Yet, they went there under Divine direction. They could go to her house with less suspicion than they could go to any other place doubtlessly within the city. Therefore, they went to the home of Rahab the harlot, and there learned that God would bless them in the taking of the land of Canaan.

I repeat, beloved, that God leads His preachers in strange ways and into strange places sometimes in order to give to them some message.

Not only is that true in the case of Ezekiel, who was led into the cemetery, Moses who was led into the back side of the desert, the spies who were led to the home of Rahab the harlot—not only is that true of these individuals, it was likewise true of Jeremiah at the time concerning which we have read this morning. God led old Jeremiah into an industrial plant and there gave him the message of this chapter. You notice that man of God as he walks into this plant of industry and commerce, and just as he gets there, the potter has a vase or some vessel on the wheel shaping it, and for some reason

best known to the potter, certainly unknown to Jeremiah, the potter marred that vessel in his own hand and then made it over again. Jeremiah was led into this strange place by God in order that he might get the message God wanted him to preach for his day and for us today. God taught Jeremiah several lessons when he visited this potter's house, and in this place of industry he learned many things to help him spiritually.

I

IN THE FIRST PLACE, JEREMIAH LEARNED OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND THE FEEBLENESS OF MAN. He saw the vessel in the potter's hand, and he realized that the vessel was entirely submissive unto the potter—he realized that the potter was definitely sovereign over that vessel. He saw him mar it, and he saw him remake it. He knew that the potter was sovereign and vessel was impotent.

In noting that, he realized also that he and the house of Israel were just like the vessel and that God was just like the potter, so that as the vessel was in subjection unto the potter, so all the house of Israel and all of us are in subjection to the sovereign God of the universe, even Jehovah.

I insist, beloved, that you and I learn anew and afresh this same lesson that God is a sovereign God—He does as pleases Himself. In respect to creation we see that abundantly to be true. In the very first chapter of the book of Genesis, we read, "And God said." Everything that God said came to pass just like God said. Ten times we have that expression in Genesis 1, "And God said," and every time that God spoke and decreed, the very thing that God spoke of and decreed came to pass. No man can read the first chapter of Genesis with an open mind without the realization that God is an omnipotent sovereign God, and that we are but the creatures of the hands of our Creator.

Not only do we notice that He is sovereign in creation, but, beloved, in the way in which He handles and governs His creation, we see that He is sovereign. When sons and daughters began to multiply upon the earth, and the sons of God began to marry

with the daughters of men in the days of Noah, God purposed to bring a flood on the earth. We read:

"And behold, I, EVEN I, DO BRING A FLOOD of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and everything that is in the earth shall die."—Genesis 6:17.

Who spoke? It was God. He declared that He, even He alone was going to bring a flood of water upon the earth. He is sovereign in the way in which He governs His creation.

Notice also that a little later God brought a series of plagues upon the land of Egypt. It was God who brought those plagues one by one as they fell upon the land of Egypt. No individual can read the book of Exodus without the realization that it was God who brought those plagues upon the land. As an example, listen:

"And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail."—Exodus 9:23-26.

Beloved, if there were no other passage in all the Bible to teach the sovereignty of God, that one Scripture is enough to convince me that God is sovereign in the way in which He governs His creation. Here was a hail storm the like of which had never been seen in all the land of Egypt. Here was lightning and fire dancing around on the ground of those Egyptians. Yet, over in the land of Goshen, in the northeast of Egypt, in that portion of Egypt which was given over to the Jews during their sojourn in that land, there was not one flash of lightning, there was not one evidence of an electric storm in any manner at all. Whereas the Egyptians were disturbed, the Israelites in the land of Goshen were calm, content and happy. Why? Because God is a sovereign God and He controls His creation, giving this storm unto the Egyptians to perform His purpose and sparing His people, Israel, in the land of Goshen.

Notice also that God sent fire from heaven to destroy the city of Sodom. Beloved, that is another act of a sovereign God. Listen:

"Then the LORD RAINED UPON SODOM and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord of heaven: And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."—Genesis 19:24, 25.

Notice the sovereignty of God—fire coming out of heaven, brimstone coming out of heaven. That fire and brimstone destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and all the cities round about. Why? Because God is a sovereign God. I say to you, beloved, God is sovereign from the way in which He created this world and the way in which He governs His creation.

Notice again: He is sovereign over the creatures of His creation. I believe that everything in this world was created by God and came from an omnipotent and sovereign God. Exodus 8:5, 13 tells us how He is sovereign over the frogs. Listen:

"And the Lord spake unto

Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields."

At God's word the frogs came as a plague upon the land of Egypt, and at God's word the frogs died out and came to naught. He is sovereign over His creatures.

In like measure, we see that He is sovereign over the flies. Listen:

"And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, thta no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth."—Exodus 8:22.

When this plague of flies came throughout all the land of Egypt, over in the land of Goshen there was not a single trace of flies. Why? Because God is a sovereign God. There was not any fence by way of mosquito netting, nor was there any screening to separate Goshen from the balance of Egypt, yet God put up an invisible barrier there so that the flies stayed out of the land of Goshen and yet spoiled the land of Egypt. He is a sovereign God.

Notice also, beloved, He is sovereign over the ravens. Listen:

"And the word of the Lord came unto him saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening, and he drank of the brook."—I Kings 17:2-6.

Beloved, you can't read this without the realization that God is sovereign, for He held back the natural instincts of those birds of prey so that instead of them eating the food which they had for themselves, they brought the bread and flesh to the man of God. I say, beloved, God is sovereign over His creatures.

Notice if you will, He was sovereign over the lions in the day of Daniel, for when Daniel was put down into the lions' den, God shut the mouths of those lions that they could not hurt him. I have always imagined that Daniel lay down with a lion for a pillow and another lion at his back to keep him warm, and another one to prop his feet on. Daniel walked around in that lions' den and God paralyzed the mouths of those lions so they could not hurt this man of God. Beloved, He is sovereign over His creatures.

He is sovereign even over the fish of the sea. Listen:

"Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."—Matt. 17:27.

Here was the day of taxes drawing near. Old Simon Peter, just like many a man today, wondered where the money was coming from to pay his taxes. As Simon questioned about the matter, the Lord Jesus said, "You go down to the sea and reach down and take up the first fish that comes up and open his mouth, and you will find the tax money, sufficient for you and me." He is sovereign over all the creatures of His creation.



Elder H. H. Overbey, pastor of the Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan will begin a revival with the saints of the First Baptist Church, of Russell, Kentucky on Monday, January 5, 1947. This is the church of which the editor is pastor and it is the second time that Bro. Overbey has been evangelist for this church within the past year. This means the bringing together of a great church and a great preacher for this series of meetings. May all lovers of His Word to whom these lines come remember us definitely in fervent prayer.

I would remind you that the Lord is likewise sovereign over the angels of God. Listen:

"The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity."—Matt. 13:41.

Beloved, the angels of God are in subjection unto the Father. He is sovereign over even the angels.

He is likewise sovereign over the Devil. In the book of Job we are brought face to face with this fact that God is sovereign over even the Devil himself, and that the Devil can only work as God permits him to do so. Listen:

"And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he has is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord."—Job 1:12.

God said to the Devil, "You can strike Job's property, you can strike his children, you can take all that he has, only you can't touch his body." A little later we read:

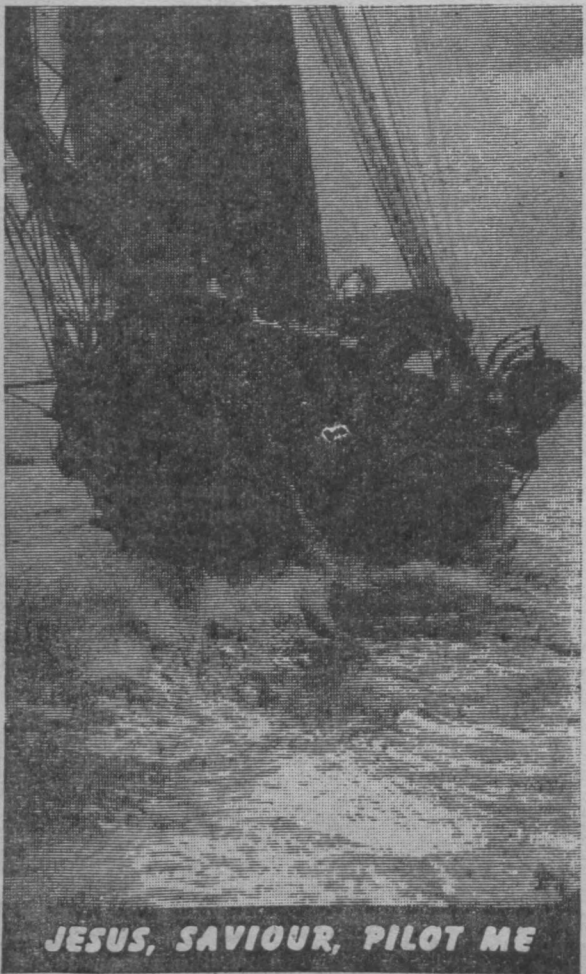
"And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life."—Job 2:6.

God gave the Devil power to strike Job's body with afflictions by way of boils from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet, but he couldn't take his life. God is sovereign, beloved, over all the creatures of His creation.

Likewise, God is not only sovereign in creation, He is not only sovereign in the way in which He governs His creation, He is not only sovereign over the creatures of His creation, but our God is sovereign in the realm of salvation. Listen:

"According as HE HATH CHOSEN US IN him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Ephesians 1:4.

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JESUS, SAVIOUR, PILOT ME



## LIVE AS YOU PRAY

I knelt to pray when day was done,  
And prayed: "O Lord, bless everyone,  
Lift from each saddened heart the praise,  
And let the sick be well again."  
And then I woke another day  
And carelessly went on my way.  
The whole day long I did not try  
To wipe a tear from any eye.  
I did not try to share the load  
Of any comrade on the road.  
I did not even go to see  
The sick child next door to me.  
Yet once again when day was done,  
I prayed: "O Lord, bless everyone."  
But as I prayed into my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear:  
Pause thoughtless soul before you pray,  
Whom have you tried to bless today?  
God's sweetest blessings always go,  
By hands that serve Him here below.  
And then I hid my face and cried  
"Forgive me, Lord, for I have lied.  
Let me but see another day  
And I will live the way I pray."  
—Author Unknown

formed a line into the bank while two other individuals carried money from the truck into the bank. You say that that's efficiency. It may be, but it isn't Christianity. It proves that human society is marred.

Last night I was in the express office over in Ashland, and I noticed the expressman had a large revolver lying there by his hand. This may be efficiency, but it isn't Christianity. It is an evidence that society has been marred as a result of sin. I tell you, beloved, from the day that Adam and Eve sinned, down to this hour, you and I and every one of Adam's descendants have been marred as a result of sin.

I saw a man this last week staggering heavily under the influence of intoxicating liquors. I saw him with his glassy eyes as he staggered along the street and was finally picked up by an officer. He was so drunk he hardly knew where he was. Thinking about my message for today, how that we have all been marred as a result of sin, I said, "What a contrast between that man and Adam in his un-fallen condition." What a contrast between the girl of the street who makes her living by the merchandising of her womanhood, and Eve as she was put in the Garden of Eden.

It happens that I know the jailer over in Ashland unusually well. He has been a very good friend of mine for years even though he isn't a Baptist. "Several times I have gone up to see him. One day a few years ago I went upstairs and saw a man with his collar buttoned around hind-part-before, so drunk that he didn't know where he was. He was the priest over in Ashland and they had locked him up in order to get him sober so he would be able to conduct the mass on Sunday morning. I looked at that man—oh, the most horrible, hideous look upon his face, and I thought—what a contrast between that individual and old Adam before sin entered the human family.

I tell you, beloved, we have been marred as a result of sin. Jeremiah learned that as he stood there beside the wheel in the potter's hotuse.

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BUT THAT ISN'T ALL JEREMIAH LEARNED. HE ALSO LEARNED THAT THE MARRED LIFE CAN BE SHAPED AGAIN. Thank God for that truth, for as Jeremiah stood there, the vessel that was marred, in the hands of the potter suddenly began to take shape again, and the potter shaped it all over and set it down, a vessel fit for a king, a vessel of beauty—the marred vessel made over again.

I thank God this morning that we have the same kind of God that the vessel had for a potter. We have a God that can take us when we were marred by sin and reshape us and remake us for His own glory. That vessel could not in any wise at all reshape itself, but the potter could shape it and make it over again. You can't change your life unless the Spirit of God and the power of God comes into your life. You will never be saved unless God's Spirit definitely comes into your life. As that potter remade that vessel, so God is able to remake sinners and remold them for His own glory.

I read of a great preacher in England one day who was talking to a man who had been marred by a terrible sinful habit, and he said to this man: "If you could see Christ standing here face to face, and if you could talk to Him face to face, what would you ask Him to do for you?" Without a moment's hesitation, he said, "Sir, I would ask Him to make me over again."

That's exactly what Jesus

Christ came to do—"The son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost." He came to make men over again.

If you will read the story of Paul, you'll find him so de-praved that he thought he was doing God a favor when he killed Christians. When Christian kindling wood became scarce in the city of Jerusalem, he sought permission that he might go 500 miles away to Damascus. Yet, God took that man Saul and made a Paul out of him to the extent that Saul became the great Apostle Paul. Later we hear him saying:

"But by THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."—I Cor. 15:10.

What had changed him? Just one thing—God's grace.

Read the story of the woman of Samaria in the fourth chapter of John. She had had five husbands and was then living with a man who was not her husband. She came out to the well to draw water, and after a conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ whereby He presented Himself as the water of Life, she was saved and went back to the city and said, "Come see a man which told me all things, is not this the Christ?" Notice, she was living in sin, yet when she met Jesus, she went back to testify of Him.

I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ can make you over again. If I speak to some man or woman who realizes that he or she has been marred as a result of sin, I have the best news that ever came from heaven—the news that Jesus, on Calvary's cross, died for everyone of your sins—past, present and future. If you will trust Him, thank God he will not only save you, but He will make you over again.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isaiah 1:18.

Do you feel like you are a bad sinner this morning? Then listen:

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am

chief."—I Timothy 1:15.

Beloved, the worst man in all this world who trusts Jesus will find that He will both save and keep him. Thank God for a Saviour who is able to make you over again.

"I have tried in vain a thousand ways  
My fears to quell, my hopes to raise;  
And all I need the Bible says  
Is Jesus.

My soul is night, my heart is steel,  
I cannot see, I cannot feel;  
For light for life I must appeal  
To Jesus.

He dies, he lives, He reigns, He pleads,  
There is love in all His words and deeds;  
All, all a guilty sinner needs  
Is Jesus.

Though some will mock and some will blame,  
In spite of fear, in spite of shame;  
I'll go to Him because His name  
Is Jesus."

May God in His grace this morning help you to go down to the potter's house and learn the lesson that God is able to make you over again, and may you trust Him and be saved.

May God bless you!



Truth is what God says about any subject.

God's bank never breaks.

A large part of the Devil's work is to make wrong people think they are right.

The man who drinks a little drinks too much.

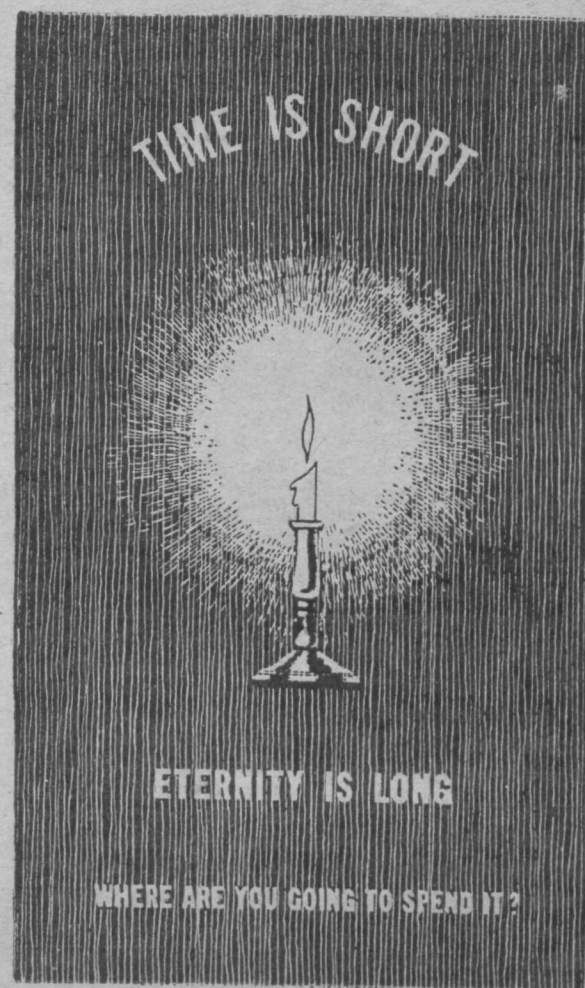
If your heart gets cold someone else may freeze to death.



## THE UNKIND WORD

How like an arrow is a word  
At random often speeding  
To find a target never meant  
And set some heart a-bleeding.

Oh, pray that Heaven may seal the lips  
E'er unkind words are spoken  
For Heaven itself cannot recall  
When once that seal is broken.



## OUR LIVES, JUST LIKE THE CLAY, MAY BE MARRED.

Temptation came into the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve were living in perfect happiness. Temptation came and they sinned, and since that time all of Adam's descendants have been marred like the vessel was marred in the potter's hands. Thus, beloved, everyone of us in Adam have been marred by sin. Listen:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."—Romans 5:12.

I tell you, beloved, back yonder in the Garden of Eden man was far different to what he is today. So different that we would never recognize Adam and Eve, in their estate before they sinned with us in our estate since Adam and Eve sinned. All humanity has been marred as a result of the sin of Adam and Even in the Garden of Eden.

Even the physical world is marred by sin. The Apostle Paul tells us that this is true when he says:

"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now."—Rom. 8:22.

There were no thorns and thistles in this world when God made it. They have come as a result of sin. There was no wilderness, there were no solitary places, there was no desert as God made it. The world was marred as a result of sin. Even this physical world has suffered as a result of sin.

Then surely, beloved, society is marred. Listen:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedients to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."—2 Timothy 3:1-5.

I ask you, beloved, if you can read this without the realization that human society is in a marred state today. I believe it was this week that I saw an armored truck drive up in front of a bank building. Some half dozen men armed with desperate arms stood beside that truck and

## LIFE MADE OVER AGAIN

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Thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO SALVATION through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the truth."—2 Thess. 2:13.

Beloved, if you are a saved man this morning, it is because God in the eternal council of heaven thus decreed and chose you unto salvation. My sinner friend, if ever you become a child of God, and if ever you are saved, it won't be because you saved yourself, it will be because God in the council halls of eternity chose you in Christ Jesus. He is sovereign, beloved, in the realm of salvation.

That's what old Jeremiah learned when he got down to the potter's house. There the potter's wheel revolved at a sufficient speed that it might turn out the best work. For one reason, the vessel was marred, and the potter re-made it. The potter is sovereign over the clay, and God is sovereign over us.

How puny we are. How little we are. How insignificant we are in comparison with God. As you have often said, what is man anyway? What are you this morning? Just one out of 1,500,000,000 like human beings that inhabit this globe. And what is this globe? It is small enough that if you were to hold out the sun you could pour 1,200,000 earths like ours inside it and they would have room to rattle around. What is the sun? Just one of 350,000,000 known stars and stars and moons, and God made them all.

Now how big is God? Multiplied one by 1,500,000,000 and that by 1,200,000 and that by 350,000,000 and that by infinity, and you have God. If you want to know how little you are divide one by 1,500,000,000, and that by 1,200,000,000 and that by 350,000,000 and that by infinity, and, beloved, that's you. Not very big are you? Oh, how sovereign is God and how puny is man! That's the first lesson Jeremiah learned.

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IN THE SECOND PLACE, JEREMIAH LEARNED THAT





### THE JONES PLAN

(Continued from page one) church do we fulfill the instinct and desire for union with the whole and at the same time the instinct for self-expression and local self-government," he said. Asserting that a federal union could be more than a council of denominations, Dr. Jones explained that each denomination could gain strength by uniting and without sacrificing its individual identity.

The federal union would be set up something like the good old U. S. A. In place of the states would be the denominations each with its own creed, laws, and duly elected officers. In place of the Congress would be a General Assembly made up of official representatives from the denominations and entrusted with certain powers under a constitution. Each denomination would surrender enough of its individual autonomy to give the hierarchy of the united church dignity and power in the eyes of the world, but no denominational official need lose his job.

The great unifying factor would be the creed of the united church. He singled out the confession of Peter at Caesarea Philippi as sufficient—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." He said nothing about the Apostles' Creed or the great evangelical creeds of Christendom. More significantly, he said nothing about acceptance of the Bible as the rule of faith and practice. Dr. Jones saw Peter's confession as something so inclusive that both "liberals" and "fundamentalists" could accept it and, like the proverbial lion and lamb, lie down together.

"United Church of Christ in America" would be the name of the super church. Each local church bulletin board would carry those words in big letters. Underneath in little letters would be "Methodist Branch" or "Baptist Branch" as denominational allegiance demanded.

The executive powers and functions of the united church? They were to be carried out by the FCCA and other existing councils of churches, according to the eminent Christian statesman. By this clever device he assured all the functionaries of those organizations that they, too, would not lose their jobs. These agencies would function, he said, at local, state, and national levels. To them the General Assembly would delegate powers among which would be the allocation of territorial rights to individual denomina-

tions. It would be necessary, he pointed out, to close some churches and open new ones; to deal with political and social issues in a realistic manner; and otherwise assert the power of the church through these channels.

A number of nuns who sat in the gallery may have inspired Dr. Jones to ask himself the question, But what about the Roman Catholics? Aren't they Christians? Where do they fit into your church? To which he replied, Of course, they are Christians and they would be welcomed into the united church on the same terms as any denomination. It is to be assumed, then, that any group which would subscribe to Peter's confession (such as the Mormons) would also be numbered with the saints.

The speaker admitted that at first the new church would be pretty much of a hodge-podge, but he assured his audience that his plan would be *only the beginning!* It would not be long, he said, until there would be a mutual recognition of all ordinations, liturgies, creeds, as having a certain validity. Presbyterian preachers would be accepted as pastors in Methodist churches, Episcopalians in Baptist congregations, et cetera. Congregationalists might adopt Lutheran liturgy and Reformed churches hold old-fashioned mourner's bench revivals. In the far distant future all lines of partition would be broken down and one group could not be distinguished from another.

What Dr. Jones did not say, but which is self-evident, is that such a church would be filled with thousands of "liberals" which evangelicals would be forced to fellowship. Dr. Walter Horton said not long ago that there are so many Unitarian ministers in the Congregational Church and that they are so well established that they cannot be removed. The USA Presbyterians are overrun by Auburn Affirmationists who deny the fundamentals of the faith. Every denomination of any size in the nation is infested with these fellows. If Dr. Jones expects these liberal-evangelical status quo to be maintained forever in peace and goodwill in a United Church he is living in a fool's paradise.

If this "Jones Plan" were to be realized, what sort of Christ would such a Church have? what sort of a Bible? what sort of a Gospel? What would it be hot or bothered about? What would be its convictions? its mission? its power? These and a dozen other questions must have been running through the minds of evangelicals who heard Dr. Jones in Cincinnati

that night. And the more they thought about it all the more perplexed they must have become.

It is most plausible to desire a united Church of Christ with no creed but Christ. But when you get to analyzing Dr. Jones' recipe for producing it, it doesn't make sense. Nothing he said indicated the maintenance of the doctrine of the sole Headship and Kingship of Christ over His body the Church and the preservation of the faith of the Son of God, the supernatural Christ of the Bible.

Dr. Jones placed an inordinate value upon that of which God takes least account—organization or institutional unification. This might produce outward union but not inner spiritual unity. It takes doctrinal purity, the Word of God to do that. I was reminded of an incident that took place in a conference some years ago. It had been repeatedly stated that "union is in the air." Finally an old preacher got up and said, "Yes, union is in the air, but Satan is the prince of the powers of the air." If Dr. Jones, the FCCA, and the World Council set up their super-church along the lines indicated, I am afraid that the devil would be more in evidence than the Lord Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, it appears to me that the scheme is essentially the same in principle as that which produced the Roman Catholic Church. Allegiance to an institution is made of more importance than allegiance to the teachings of the Scriptures. The proposed General Assembly would have no doctrinal authority, yet it would require acquiescence to its official institutional program and put the word of the super-church on a level above the Word of God.

At the close of the meeting cards were passed out and everybody was asked to join the Crusade. The pledge read: "In response to the prayer of Jesus that they all may be one, and convinced that the church could more effectively witness before our nation and the world were it united, I commit myself to a belief in a United Church in America. . . . I will work and pray for the realization of a United Church and will endeavor to get others to do the same." I did not sign this plausible pledge, because the Jones plan and the Bible plan simply don't agree. I did not want the central office of the Crusade for a United Church in America to use my name for the Jones plan.

Kierkegaard has a little story of a magnificent fortress which received a new governor. He filled up the moats, broke down the fortified walls and turned it

into a comfortable country estate. Then the enemy came and captured the fortress. I am afraid the Jones plan is like that!

### CAN A PERSON BE A MODERNIST AND BELIEVE?

(Continued from page one) even high school teachers are being trained in pagan universities today such that they come out with a disdain for Christianity. Result: Students without regard for God or His laws, and in all too many instances without morals.

#### Modernism In the Political Realm

Politically, Modernism is today expressed in Communism. New Dealism in our own country was a phase of Modernism in political matters.

#### Modernism In Human Conduct

This is expressed in a disdain for all of the old standards which are designated as "old fogey." It leads to the drinking sprees of the present day — to free-lovism and to low standards such as we see expressed all about us.

#### Where Did Modernism Have Its Origin?

The devil started it with the denial of God's Word (Gen. 3: 4, 5). In recent years it was revived in German universities where it was called rationalism. It gave rise to the notion that Germany was a nation of supermen. This furnished the background of the other world war, and was essentially at the bottom of the recent German aggression.

#### The Bible's Warnings

1. Against "false science." I Tim. 6:20.
2. Against "philosophy" and systems of men. Coloss. 2:8.

#### Modernism In Religion

Expresses itself in:

1. Minimizing the Bible; neglect of its doctrines; substitution of human theories for its teachings, and ridicule of the things it says on some subjects, such as about women speaking — predestination — things of that sort.
2. Diverting energy into organization and social life, for which the supernatural is not needed.
3. Expresses itself in empty pews — and utter powerlessness such as we see today.

### PASTOR ROGERS

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Complain, "My feet are weary and worn." And in their blind fruitless effort,

Their lives between God and Mammon are torn.

Shall we let our blood weaken to water;  
Shall we sink in submission like slaves;  
While our sons are lead to the slaughter,  
Nor stand between them and their graves?

The call to arms is ringing;  
For speech will no longer suffice.  
No time for retreat or retraction,  
We must prove we are men and not mice.

We will answer the call like Gideon  
And spit on Baal's impotent spite;  
Until manhood triumphant, aspirant  
Is enthroned in a world of right.

L. D. Gibson

### LIVING LONGER

"LOOK" MAGAZINE recently gave the pictures, with brief biographies, of nine great leaders in medical science. The heading over the pictures was "YOU'LL LIVE LONGER BECAUSE THESE MEN LIVED!" Louis Pasteur of France championed the all-important germ theory of disease. Joseph Lister "saved millions of lives by revolutionizing surgery with the vial principles of antiseptics." Wilhelm Roentgen of Germany gave us the X-ray. Frederick Banting of Canada helped discover the insulin treatment for diabetes. Alexander Fleming of England gave us his penicillin that combats infection so marvelously. The world owes much to all of these men, and hundreds more.

But when all is said and done, we still die. True, we may live a little longer than previous generations; our lives are more comfortable and free from pain and disease: but we still die. However, there came centuries ago who made it possible for EACH OF US TO HAVE ETERNAL LIFE — and that is a state of perfect righteousness and peace and glory! Man's contributions to society are all temporal; Christ's gifts are ETERNAL. Man helps the body; Christ saves the soul. How we praise God for our Saviour and for the privilege of telling others about HIM.

It remains to be said that Christ accomplished all by not merely His life, but rather His atoning death! Of course He had to live before He could die; and He lived perfectly without sin. But, remember, it is the blood (on the altar) that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Leviticus 17:11).

—Christian Victory

### BAPTIST BOOKS!!!

Who are the Baptists? Where did they come from? Is our church as good as another? These and other questions answered in "The Church That Jesus Built." By L. G. White, Jr., Pastor, Matthews Memorial Baptist Church, Route 1, Box 571, Pine Bluff, Ark.

This book on Baptist history should be in the hands of every Baptist throughout the land. Prices: 25 cents per copy; five for one dollar. Postpaid.

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### LIQUORLESS MAGAZINES

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—Selected

### THE LOUISVILLE SEMINARY

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A copy of this issue is being sent to each Seminary professor. We shall await their reaction with interest.