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The Menace Of Movies To The Youth Of Today

All conscientious investigators have long known that movies are the most poisonous of influences of juvenile delinquency. Mr. Hughes, ace investigator for a Chicago Tribune syndicate, gives this information on that subject:

"Communism and vice travel hand in hand. Three years ago the Tribune disclosed that 300 young girls disappeared from Hollywood each month into vice, prostitution, and ruin. They are disappearing now at the same rate — about ten a day — according to competent investigators. Vice which affects prominent movies figures is hushed and kept from the public prints."

I am sure that every adult reader of this letter has long been aware of the un-Christian, ungodly, un-American propaganda spread through some motion pictures. Every one of you has doubtless given thought and prayer to the subject: What can be done to rescue our youth from this terrible plague which is destroying morals, lives, and char-

acters by the multitude?

The time has come for an aroused, Spirit-filled Christian citizenry to do something about this menace to our youth and democracy... Our duty is plainly and simply to stay away from the movies, and to encourage others to do likewise. The situation calls, not for a picket line, but for a boycott. Most emphatically, the duty of every Bible believer is to boycott all agencies of Satan, among which the movies rank high in their capacity for evil. (To boycott means to "leave strictly alone.")

Analysts say that the whole film industry would be cast into bankruptcy if all church members stayed away from the movies. The profits of the business are high when attendance is kept over the 90,000,000 weekly level. The film industry breaks even when the attendance level sinks to 80,000,000 per week. Hollywood's movieland goes into the red and heads toward bankruptcy when it sinks

below 75,000,000.

Our population is 140,000,000. By subtracting the total number of children too young to require tickets if taken there, we have a potential audience of around 120,000,000 (adults and ticket-buying children).

Around 95,000,000 of our people are now going to the movies. Around 25,000,000 do not go to any pictures at all. This figure can be taken as the approximate number of 100 per cent Fundamental Believers in our nation. Our church membership is around 60,000,000. Thus it is evident that some 35,000,000 church members are patronizing the movies. If this bloc of citizens would boycott the movies, that present movie attendance would drop from 95,000,000 to 60,000,000. The whole film industry would speedily be projected into bankruptcy. Thousands of theaters all over the land would be forced to close their doors.

Probably you know church
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Commendation Of Simmons' Book By An Ashland Pastor

Several years ago, in the early years of my pastoral ministry, I came into possession of a copy of "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine" by T. P. Simmons. So great was my love for that volume that I practically wore it out studying it. I found it to be a solid rock in the realm of theology.



JOHN E. FELTY, Jr.,
Ashland, Kentucky

Since that time I have become personally acquainted with Bro. Simmons, and I have found him
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An Old Story With A Spiritual Application For Us Today

defeated and sorely wounded in war Bruce was carried by faithful clansmen to the shelter of a nearby cave. Shortly thereafter, an industrious spider spun his web across the cave's entrance. Searching enemies, finding the unbroken web, were deterred into believing the cave



emptily and passed on to search elsewhere. A little incident — of great historical consequence.
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More About John's Baptism In Which We Answer Dr. Spivey's Heretical Blunders

Recently we published an article entitled "The S. B. C. Teachers' Quarterly Makes An egregious Error as to John's baptism." We took the writer of this quarterly to task for saying of John's baptism, "It was Christian baptism." Since the publication of this article we have had a number of inquiries on the subject. In addition to these we have received a somewhat vicious attack from Dr. Spivey, M. D., of Anselmo, Nebraska.

We can cover all the inquiries we have received in a reply to Dr. Spivey. Therefore we are confining our attention to him. The nature of his attack requires particular notice.

Dr. Spivey admits that John's baptism was from Heaven, that it was by immersion, and that it was baptism only those who had evidence of repentance. But he says that these similarities between it and the baptism performed after Pentecost do not

The Jew Would Not Sign

In a rather exclusive residential section of the city of Richmond some new property owners complained that the singing of a small Christian church nearby disturbed them. A petition was circulated, to be presented to the city council. It was brought also to a Jewish resident, who said: "Gentlemen, cannot sign it. If I believed, do these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from the housetops, and every street in Richmond, and nobody could stop me."

OUR LOSS FOR CHRIST MEANS GAIN FOR US

A young girl was walking along the city streets with her grandmother. Presently they came to a beggar who asked for help. The woman listened to his story, and then reached into her purse and gave him a piece of silver. As she did this her granddaughter said, "Grandma, you have lost a good deal since you have become a Christian, haven't you?" The grandmother replied, "Yes, I have, I have lost
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Mused Uncle Mose

Jim Slatterfoot say he wuz 'bout to have to go to wo'k las' week, but he axidental look in a Bible he gran'pa give 'im fo' a biriday present twenty yea' ago, an' foun' de ol' man had put a twen'y dolah bill in it.

What Is The Meaning Of, "Let Every Man Examine Himself And So Let Him Eat"?

ROY MASON
Tampa, Florida

Here we have a Scripture that is much distorted and often used to justify something that the Bible never meant should be justified.

Note some meanings currently attached to it:

"Examine yourself as to whether you feel like taking the Lord's Supper with other denominations." That is the way some interpret this. That makes the individual's feelings the criterion. Every person therefore becomes a law unto himself. Sufficient answer to this is 11:18-20 Revised Version. Here is the plain teaching that where there is open division the Supper cannot be observed.

"Examine yourself to see if you are good enough to take it." This is the way some interpret it. But reference here is not to moral goodness. The word is not "worthy" in verse 27. No one is "worthy" in the true sense. We need a Saviour because we are unworthy sinners. Our partaking the Lord's Supper is in commemoration of the fact that Christ died for unworthy sinners.

What Does "Examine" Mean?

This must be determined purely by the context. And we must always take time and trouble to find out what the Scripture writer is talking about. Failure to do this gets people into difficulty, and results in wild misunderstandings of the Scriptures. Note that Paul is discussing "order" at the Lord's table. Some have been partaking while divided. Some have gotten drunk (v. 21). Some have been hurry-
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The First Baptist Pulpit

"How To Send Your Sins To Judgment Ahead Of You"

"Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after."—I Tim. 5:24.

Probably a dozen years ago over at the Y. M. C. A. at the Barber Shop, Bro. Wayne Jordan and a couple of men were in conversation one day concerning this passage when I went in to get a haircut. They immediately asked as to my interpretation and for the first time in my life I was brought face to face with this passage of scripture. To be sure I had read it

before but I hadn't noticed it particularly or studied it. During the years and months that have intervened I have thought often about it and tonight I think by the power of the spirit of God I can make clear to you what God's Word teaches.

I
THIS TEXT PRESENTS THE AGE OLD PROBLEM OF SIN. It speaks about some men's sins going before to judgment and some men they follow after. Therefore, the text is presenting to us the age old problem—the problem of sin.

It began back yonder in the Garden of Eden and from the day of its beginning there has never been a day of cessation. From the time that sin began in the Garden of Eden there has never been a day nor hour that the sons of Adam have not been perturbed and distressed by the problem of sin. Whether you are willing to admit it tonight or not is a different matter, but the fact remains you and I and every individual within this building stand as sinners in God's sight.

"There is not a just man upon
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It Still Works

A famous American preacher, a generation ago, was asked the secret of his success in winning such a large number of people every year for the kingdom. He replied, "I always make it a point to speak to at least one unsaved man every day about his soul." There it is — in one sentence — the whole secret. This was Jesus' method — it worked two thousand years ago. It is still God's method — and it still works today. Let no church or pastor become so busy as to forget the main business of Christianity — human redemption.— Selected.

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"HOW TO SEND YOUR SINS TO JUDGMENT AHEAD OF YOU"

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the earth, that doeth good, AND SINNETH NOT."—Ecc. 7:20.

"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.

"Behold I WAS SHAPEN IN INIQUITY; and in sin did my mother conceive me."—Psalms 51:5.

Thus with a sinful disposition, David came into this world. So, beloved, all the way through the Word of God we read scripture after scripture that tells us of the problem of sin. Even the Psalmist said,

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there were any that did understand and seek God. They are all GONE ASTRAY, they are altogether become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no not one."—Psalm 14:2-3.

From these scriptures that I have read and from a multiplicity of them that I passed over for lack of time, we can see that the problem that affects humanity tonight is the problem of depravity and inherent sin. All other problems are just an outgrowth of sin. The fact of the matter is, beloved, there isn't any problem in this world but what is the outgrowth of the sin problem. You take the problem of war or the problem of morals or the problem of apostasy or any of the thousands of problems that confront the world today — each has its roots in this problem of sin.

So, brethren, our text brings us face to face with this age old question of the universal sinfulness of mankind.

I remember a number of years ago reading of a nurse who, when spending a vacation in the country, had stooped down by a brook to drink, and in drinking she swallowed a small viper that had just been hatched or else probably a small egg that was in the process of hatching. Of course, she did not know it. After a few days she went back to work and one night she was taken with an excruciating agony in her abdomen. Some 48 hours later she died mysteriously. When a post mortem examinations was held, it was found that there was a living viper in her abdomen which had fastened itself to her intestines and was drawing her life's blood from her. I thought when I read that incident, what a marvelous illustration that is so far as spiritual life is concerned, for beloved, the old Devil of Hell, — the old serpent — has fastened himself to us and tonight the problem that affects you and

CHAMPION RUSSIAN SKATER

IN RUSSIA, WHERE EVERYONE LOVES A MEDAL
SKATER P. IPPOLITOV, HAS HIT THE JACKPOT



Here is a Russian skater, P. Ippolitor, who is covered with medals won by his skating ability.

Our Lord doesn't talk in terms of medals — but of REWARDS.

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." — I Cor. 2:8.

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." — I Cor. 3:14, 15.

"He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." — Mt. 10:41, 42.

me is this age old problem of sin that grows out of the entrance of Satan into the Garden of Eden. Physically, morally, mentally, and spiritually we suffer because of him.

II

THIS QUESTION OF SIN IS SUCH THAT IT HAS TO BE PAID FOR. Brother, listen, if ever you listened in your life, SIN HAS TO BE PAID FOR! God, my brother, can never forgive sin apart from it being paid for.

If there be a man within this house who dies and goes to Hell, that man will pay for his sin in Hell. In fact, beloved, one way that you can pay for your sin is by suffering for it in Hell. Listen:

"And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in TORMENTS, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am TORMENTED in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from

thence." Luke 16:23-26.

Suppose that you and I were to make a trip down to the abyss of Hell tonight, and we were to stand there and look down into that pit. There is the same rich man that we have read about in this Gospel of Luke. Let's carry on a conversation with him. "Rich man, how long have you been in Hell?" He'd say, "Ever since the time that I was cast here, about which Jesus Christ spoke within His Word." I say to him, "Rich man, what are you doing down there in Hell?" He says, "I have just one thing to do. I am paying for my sin." And I ask again, "Rich man, how much longer is it going to take you to get your sins paid for?" And he says, "If Jesus Christ told the truth, then I will never get them paid for if I stay here throughout a never ending eternity; my sins will never be paid for, though I suffer for them consciously day and night forever and forever." That man is paying for his sins in Hell.

Listen: A lost man in this house goes out from this place in his lost condition and before tomorrow's sun rises, he has died and is in eternity. I'll stand, brethren, on the brink of eternity and I'll ask that man, "What are you doing?" His answer will be the same, "I'm paying for my sin." And how long is it going to take you to pay for them?" "If I suffer today and tomorrow and throughout all eternity, I'll never get them paid for so that

I might get out of Hell."

Brother, I say, sin has to be paid for. Lost man, if you insist upon it, you can pay for that sin in Hell. But it will take you all eternity to pay for the sin debt that is resting against your soul.

Now, beloved, in contrast God has a way whereby your sins can be paid for, and that is that Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross died that He might pay that sin debt. I am glad tonight that I can say to sinners who are this side of the grave and this side of eternity, there is a way for you to have your sins paid for besides paying for them yourself. I'm glad I can say to that lost man who is in this house of God tonight, "I have good news for you — the best news that ever came into this world — the news that Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins." Sinner friend, tonight, SIN HAS TO BE PAID FOR. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He did that very thing. Listen:

"Christ DIED FOR OUR SINS." — I Cor. 15:3.

"For Christ HATH ONCE SUFFERED FOR SIN, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." — I Peter 3:18.

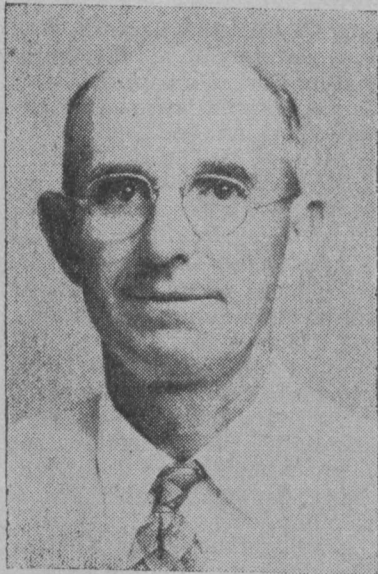
"Who his own self BARE OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." — I Peter 2:24.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL." — Isaiah 53:6.

Brethren, no better news than that ever came to the ears of the lost. If a man were to walk into this building tonight saying that you had fallen heir to a million

P. R. WHITFIELD

(Now With Him)



It is with profound regret that I chronicle the passing of one of the greatest laymen I have ever known — P. R. Whitfield, White Plains, Ky.

To say that he was a genuine Baptist of the Pauline type is to express the truth but mildly. In all my experiences in the ministry I have never known any layman or preacher who had a greater love for God's Word than he.

For years, with but little help, he had stood for the great doctrine of God's Word and had stood against the heresies which are confronting Baptists today. Though he has not been fully appreciated in his lifetime, only eternity alone will reveal his true worth to the community in which he lived.

To his church, his wife and children, I extend my deepest sympathy. May the memory of his doctrinal convictions be forever an impetus to others who hold like precious faith.

dollars, it would be poor news in comparison to the message that I am bringing from God's Word to your heart tonight. If a man were to come here and tell you that it had suddenly been determined that you were the lawful heir to the crown of some great kingdom, it would be but trifling news in comparison to what I am preaching to you this hour. Brethren, the best news that ever fell upon human ears is this: Christ died for every sin that you ever committed. Listen:

"The same came for a witness to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe." — I John 1:7.

I say tonight, brethren, sin has to be paid for. You can either pay for it in Hell and it will take you all eternity to do it or you can trust Christ and by trusting Him who died on the cross, your sins are paid for — for time and eternity.

III

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE TRUSTED JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR SAVIOUR SEND ALL THEIR SINS AHEAD OF THEM FOR JUDGMENT. That is what our text says for it declares that some men's sins are open, going before to judgment. From the time that a believer trusts Jesus as his Saviour, his sins are there and there laid on Jesus and he sends his sins on ahead of him that they might be judged.

Brother, I don't know anything that ought to make any one any happier tonight than to know that if he believes on Jesus Christ all his sins — past sins, present sins, future sins — all of his sins at that very hour go ahead of him to judgment and are laid to the account of Jesus Christ. Brother, it thrills my heart when I come face to face with the fact that my sins have already gone on ahead for judgment.

I'm not afraid of Hell. I'm not worried in the least about judgment. I'm not worried one particle about the lake of fire. Brethren, the day that I saw the truth that Christ died for my sins, I received Him as my Saviour and all my sins that I committed went ahead of me for judgment to fall on me but for judgment in the person of my substitute, — Jesus Christ my Saviour. Brethren, I'm glad tonight that all my sins are laid on Jesus Christ. I'm glad that every sin that I ever committed or shall ever commit is already judged in the person of my substitute and brethren, the penalty has already been meted out to him and the Son of God has already suffered for those sins of mine that have already been sent ahead for judgment.

Why, brethren, that is what makes the Christian happy now. I feel sorry for those folk who think that they can be saved today and they might be lost before the day comes to an end and they might be found again tomorrow, reclaimed again the next day and lost the day following. I feel sorry for that individual because he does not have the assurance — he does not have the joy of knowing that his sins have already been judged in the person of his substitute. Listen to God's Word:

"... And you hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you ALL trespasses." — Colossians 2:13.

How many? ALL trespasses. Turn to Titus:

"Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from ALL iniquity." — Titus 2:14.

How much? ALL iniquity. (Continued on page three)

There is nothing so powerful as truth -- and often nothing so strange.

HOW TO SEND YOUR SINS TO JUDGMENT AHEAD OF YOU

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And the blood of Jesus Christ, Son, cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness."—I John 1:7.

How much sin? All of it. Why, brother, tonight, can't you see this blessed truth? When you receive Jesus Christ as your redeemer and all of your sins are judged in Him and the penalty for those sins is already paid by Him. Brethren, I say, that makes a Christian happy. That is why a Christian can die happy. Why, you let man come down to the hour of death and if he is a Christian he is happy for one reason. His sins have already gone on ahead of him. All of his sins have been sent on ahead of him to judgment. Jesus Christ has already paid for them — the Son of God has already been judged for those sins. When the believer receives himself can go to glory with the fullest of assurance that his sins have been sent on ahead of him for judgment. Oh, brethren, that puts a man on shouting grounds to know that all of his sins have been put on Jesus and Jesus has already been judged and that all of our sins have already been sent to judgment ahead of us.

IV

ALL OF THOSE WHO REJECT JESUS CHRIST WILL HAVE TO FACE THEIR SINS AT THE JUDGMENT. That is the last part of the text. "Some men's sins are opened beforehand going before judgment; AND SOME MEN FOLLOW AFTER." Here's a man within this house who is unsaved. He dies unsaved and comes up to the judgment bar of God. What for, brethren? Look behind him. Beginning with the day that man first became a conscious personality, there are all his sins one by one standing behind him demanding judgment. Oh, brother, what a day is in store for that individual who has never trusted Jesus Christ. Oh, man or woman who is unsaved, every sin of your life is going to follow you up to the judgment bar of God. Every sin of your life is going to demand justice when you stand before the judgment bar of God.

What a contrast it is for a child of God to know that when he trusts Jesus Christ as his Saviour that all of his sins in

that day are laid on Jesus — his sins sent ahead of him for judgment, but, the man that dies without Jesus goes up to the judgment bar of God with all his sins behind him. Every one of those sins demands that justice and judgment be meted out on the individual. Listen:

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."—Ecc. 11:9.

Go on, young man, do what you want to do tonight, just let your flesh reign continually, live like the Devil wants you to live, do the things that the Devil wants you to do, but just remember that there is a judgment coming. You will have to face them; they will follow you right up to the judgment. Some day you are going to have to face each of them.

"For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."—Ecc. 12:14.

Brother, listen, some of these days God is going to bring every one of those sins up behind you. You come up to judgment and every one of your old sins will be right there. What for? Demanding justice, demanding justice! Turn over to the New Testament:

"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."—Romans 2:16.

This verse declares that God is going to judge the secrets, the things you have kept secret, the things you haven't let anybody know anything at all about, God is going to judge these secret things. Oh, listen, man, woman, it is enough to drive you into a stark-raving maniac tonight when you think of going into the judgment with all your sins coming behind you — with all the sins of your life coming up behind you at the judgment.

"It is appointed unto men once to die and after that the judgment."—Heb. 9:27.

Some of these days, sinner man, it is going to be "curtains" for you. What a day it is going to be for that individual who dies without Christ! He will come up to the judgment bar of God with all of his sins from the days that he became an accountable, rational human being to the day when he died, following him. All of those sins will follow him there to demand justice.

Brother, I'm glad my sins are already judged in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm glad that I have them already sent ahead to glory and that the Son of God has already paid for those things. I'm glad every child of God can have the assurance right now that his sins have already gone ahead of him. I feel sorry for that individual who is going through life with his sins behind him. Someday he will stand before God and look around him and see all the mountainous avalanche of sins that he has been guilty of in his life, standing there. They will be standing there demanding judgment.

Yet this is nothing to compare with that which shall follow. The Word of God tells us:

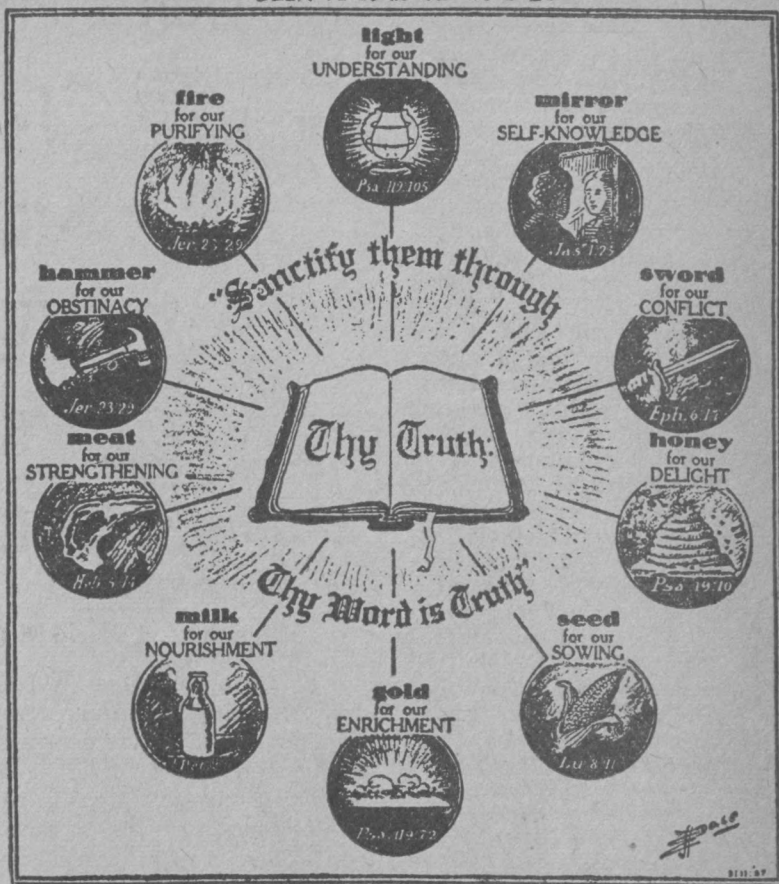
"Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Revelation 20:15.

Week before last in Life Magazine the page that is listed as the picture of the week, was to me a thrilling scriptural illustration. It was a picture of a gasoline truck that had turned over and the driver was trapped inside and couldn't get out. Now, can you imagine what must have been the horrifying experience through which that man passed, knowing that that truck was in flames, and realizing that there was no possible escape therefrom. The paper said that he almost roasted alive and that the heat became so intense and his agony so great that he begged a state trooper standing by to take his gun and shoot him and end his misery. Brother, can you imagine a man suffering so much in this world, practically roasting alive, begging for death, begging for somebody to send a bullet through his brain to end his miserable existence, to save him the suffering of those flames all about the wreckage wherein he was pinned? My brother, that is but a small picture of what God says is a reality to the lost. Listen:

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb for the great day of his wrath has come and who shall be able to stand."—Rev. 6:15-17.

Bad as it may be for a man

THE WORD OF GOD IS



to be pinned in the wreckage of an automobile and for that individual to beg for death, how much more — how much worse it is for an unsaved man to come to the judgment bar of God and cry for the rocks to fall on him to cover him from the wrath of God for the great day of God's wrath has come.

Sinner friend, I come back to this blessed truth. Sin has to be paid for. Pay for it in Hell or Jesus Christ has already paid for it on the cross. If you trust my Saviour tonight, receive Him as your Saviour, take Him as your Lord, Jesus Christ will take every sin of your life and send every sin of your life ahead of you for judgment, and when you come to die you can die happy with the fullest assurance that all your sins are already paid for by Jesus Christ. You will never have to meet one of them — not even a single one. But, if you reject Jesus Christ and die and go to Hell, everyone of those sins will meet you right at the judgment bar of God, and when you are cast from the judgment to Hell, you will start to pay for them and continue to pay for them throughout a never ending eternity.

Oh, may it please God tonight to grant to you the gift of repentance and may God save your soul.

We likewise question whether we can show this to Dr. Spivey, because we believe he is too dense to see even a thing so plain. A man who believes that the dispensation of the law lasted until the resurrection and who believes that under the legal dispensation men were saved by keeping the law is so steeped in prejudice that he is not calculated to see any truth that does not fit into the rut of his perverted thinking.

But we are confident that we can show it to those whose minds are not thus beclouded. In Acts (Continued on page four)

BRO. GRADY HIGGS



Here is one of God's noble men — Grady Higgs, pastor of Park Hills Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colorado.

It was my joy about a year ago to be entertained in his home when I preached for the Orthodox Fellowship. At that time I became acquainted with him and learned that he was a Baptist through and through. Many times since then, I have remembered him and thanked God for his doctrinal convictions.

His wife is of the same sterling character as he and God is richly blessing their work in Pueblo. Several friends there write me from time to time and always praise the ministry of their faithful pastor. May God ever bless this great man of God.

JOHN'S BAPTISM

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up to the resurrection of Christ was under the law is refuted by the following statement: "The law and the prophets were until John; since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16). The second statement that under the law men were saved by keeping the law is shown to be false by the following passages: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight; for by the law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20). "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they (the fathers)" (Acts 15:11).

2. "I question that you can show me that the twelve apostles of Christ were even baptized by John, at least it is not recorded in Acts 1:21 where you said that it was recorded."

4 STEPS TO BEGIN A CHRISTIAN LIFE

GOD SAID IT

God so LOVED the World that He

JESUS DID IT

GAVE His only Begotten Son, (Jesus Christ)

I BELIEVED IT

That whosoever BELIEVETH in Him, (Jesus Christ)

THAT SETTLED IT

Should not Perish, but Have EVERLASTING LIFE

— John 3:16

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

— John 1:12

COMMENDATION BY AN ASHLAND PASTOR

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to be a Christian gentleman of the first rank. Thus I appreciate his book more now than ever before; for it is one thing to preach a sermon or write a book but quite another to "practice what you preach." Brother Simmons practices the principles he so strongly advocates in his great work on theology.

In view of all this, I was pleased to learn that a second edition was off the press. I have at hand a copy of this second edition, and I find it to be an improvement, in many ways, over the first edition. Among the improvements are: the size of the book, a better binding, better paper, and additional material in some of the chapters.

Some of the chapters are deserving of special commendation: Chapter VI, "The Will Of God." Chapter VIII, "God's Relation To The Universe." Chapter XVI, "The Original State And Fall Of Man." Chapter XVII, "Human Responsibility." Chapter XX, "The Doctrine Of Election." Chapter XXI, "The Doctrine Of The Atonement." Chapter XXII, "The Outward And Inward Calls."

This book, I feel sure, will be of great benefit to anyone who will honestly approach its pages with a desire to know the truth as God has revealed it in His Word, and of special benefit to the person who is just beginning to dip his feet into the "Ocean of Theology."

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THE MENACE OF THE MOVIES

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members who ignorantly say, "I don't see anything wrong in going to the movies." Certainly, the vast majority of church people attending the movies do so in ignorance, rather than in any deliberate design to help finance and spread the influence of God-hating Communism. It must be our task to open the eyes of the church people of the nation. It must be our task to show them the evil in the movies and the evil which one commits in patronizing them.—From Dan Gilbert's Washington Letter.



WHAT IS THE MEANING?

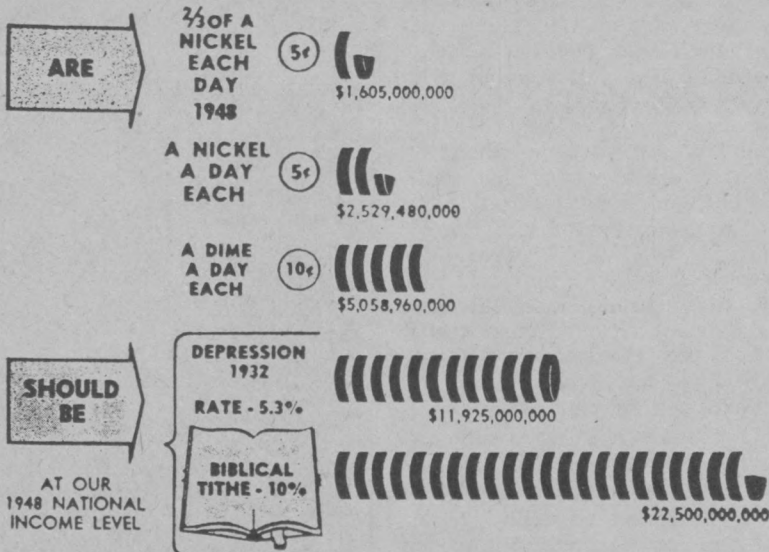
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ing to beat somebody else to the Supper (v. 21). Some have been failing to understand the meaning — failing to "discern" the Lord's body. This is the real thing in view here. It is to eat "unworthily" when one fails to see that the bread and wine represents the body and blood of Christ given for the believer. Now Paul tells us to be sure and "examine ourselves" to see if we are eating and drinking "unworthily" — or in an "unworthy manner." It is not examination in some general sense, but examination with reference to the manner of partaking.

What Constitutes The Taking Of The Supper In An Unworthy Manner?

When one partakes irreverently they do so. This holy ordinance is to be approached with deepest reverence. Flippant, careless, light-minded approach is wrong. To prepare carelessly for the ordinance, with grape juice and crackers — bringing leavened material to the Lord's Table, is to partake unworthily.

To make a fellowship meal of

OUR GIFTS TO GOD!



THE GOALS

The Ultimate Goal is adequate, financial support for all churches, hospitals and privately supported institutions and agencies that contribute toward a better civilization and an enduring world peace.

The Immediate Goal is, by concerted co-operative effort of all interested agencies, to raise our present per capita gift from two-thirds of a nickel to a good old fashioned nickel. The achievement of the full nickel standard will establish an unprecedented increase of fifty per cent bringing the contribution to approximately \$2.5 billions.

The Second Goal would be to develop the nickel into a dime per day, which would multiply our present current giving more than three-fold, approaching \$5 billions.

The Third Goal would be to attain "depression heights" which our fathers and mothers achieved in the dark depression year of 1932 when their meagre national income was less than one-fifth of what we now have. The recapture of this depression peak of giving 5.3 per cent of income would multiply our resources for religious, educational and welfare agencies six-fold and throw us across the \$10 billions line.

The Fourth Goal may well be the Biblical tithe. The tithe would multiply our present giving ten-fold and give to philanthropic agencies an annual income of more than \$20 billions.

BRUCE OF SCOTLAND

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The blood of Jesus may seem of small import, but actually it is of great and eternal spiritual consequence.

"Without shedding of blood there is no remission." — Heb. 9:22.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." — I Pet. 1:18, 19.

"The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." — I John 1:7.

JOHN'S BAPTISM

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1:21, 22 it is stated that the successor to Judas had to be a man that had complained with the apostles "from the baptism of John." If this is not enough, we turn to John 1:35-40 where it is distinctly stated that Peter was one of the two disciples of John that are referred to. It is quite certain that John the evangelist was the other. Thus, if we should forget about the passage in Acts, we still have it plainly stated that two of the apostles were disciples of John. But perhaps Dr. Spivey will say that this does not prove that John

natures and lives that He cannot use. We must suffer the loss of these things before we can be fitted for His service. — The Presbyterian.

baptized the two. If so, it would not be worthwhile to waste further time and space in discussing the matter with him.

We should like to ask Dr. Spivey, however: When and by whom were the apostles baptized, if not by John the Baptist? Jesus Himself baptized nobody. See John 4:2.

3. "There could be no Christian baptism until after there was a Christ."

From this statement it seems that Dr. Spivey does not believe that Christ existed when John began baptizing, or, in the light of other statements, that Jesus was not Christ until His resurrection. Tell us, Dr. Spivey, just when did Jesus become Christ? Was He the Son of God and the Messiah in the flesh from birth or did He become such only at His resurrection?

4. "There could be no Christian baptism until after Christ had been dead and buried and arose again." (Pardon the grammar, we are quoting just what Dr. Spivey wrote.)

For this he gives us no statement from Scripture and no reason. Evidently he expects us to accept it on his authority. But we are a little stubborn in that respect. We prefer to follow the Bible, and we find that it nowhere even hints at such a thing as stated by our erring brother in this quotation. Christ was "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). Because of this, God in His eternal purpose (Eph. 3:11) chose all that should be redeemed in Christ "before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4), and wrote their names in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 17:8). Therefore God, in His purpose, speaks of all of them in the past tense as called, justified, and glorified (Rom. 8:29, 30). So far as God's dealings with men in salvation are concerned it is the same as if Christ had actually died in the beginning. Hence there is no reason under the sun why the institution of Christian baptism had to await the historical crucifixion and resurrection.

5. "The Bible surely states that it (John's baptism) was a baptism of repentance. Not Christian." (Pardon the grammar again.)

The baptism administered on Pentecost and after was just as truly a baptism of repentance as was that administered by John. In both cases baptism symbolizes repentance and thus demands repentance as a prerequisite. This is all Mark meant in speaking of John's baptism as "baptism of repentance" (Mark 1:4).

6. "You must have forgotten the one place in the New Testament that spoils all you have said, that denies that John's baptism was Christian." He refers here to Acts 19:1-7.

It is quite clear that the twelve here referred to were baptized by Paul, not because John's baptism was not valid Christian baptism; but because at the time of their previous immersion they were not saved. Paul asked them, according to the Revised Version: "Did ye receive the Holy Spirit when ye believed?" They answered that they knew nothing of the Holy Spirit. Paul's question shows that they had professed to believe since Pentecost, and their answer showed they were unsaved. Since Pentecost every believer has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him. Read John 7:38, 39; 14:17 (note here "with you" — before Pentecost, and "shall be in you" — after Pentecost); Rom. 8:9; Gal. 4:6; Eph. 1:13. These men, having professed to believe since Pentecost, it is

plain that they had not been baptized personally by John. It is very likely that Apollos had baptized them, since he had been at Ephesus just prior to Paul's visit. See Acts 18:24-28. Until better instructed Apollos knew not the true meaning of John's baptism, he having been baptized, no doubt, by some disciple of John rather than by John personally. Thus Apollos had been unable to instruct these men properly. They had not understood that John's baptism demanded faith in the Christ that was to come. They knew his baptism, but did not know his message. When Paul explained this to them, they understood that they had not exercised true faith. But hearing this, they believed and were baptized. In the same manner today any sound Baptist would baptize those who had been immersed in unbelief, no matter who the administrator was.

If the fault in the baptism of the twelve at Ephesus had been in the fact that John's baptism was not valid, then certainly we should have had other examples. Since it was good enough for Jesus and the twelve, not to speak of others, it is good enough for us.

7. "Better go to preaching Christ and Him crucified, and loose your teaching of the church of John the Baptist, and talk of the church of Christ." Better go to preaching Christian baptism, and not John's baptism of repentance.

The editor has been preaching Christ and Him crucified for many years now. We preach Christ crucified even from the foundation of the world. We preach Him as the one through whose death all that reach Heaven shall find redemption. We don't dishonor Him by preaching, as Mr. Spivey does, that some will get to Heaven by their own works rather than through His blood.

We do talk of the church of Christ, but not of any of the denominations and parasites that men have founded and foisted upon the world under that name. We preach the church of Christ against which the gates of Hades have not prevailed, and which therefore, has had continued existence in the world since the earthly ministry of Christ. That church now bears a nickname to distinguish it from counterfeits, but that nickname is a good scriptural name. It is the only distinguishing name found in the Bible. It was good enough for the man God sent to prepare the material out of which Christ founded His church. It is good enough for us. But remember the church no more forfeits its claim to being the church of Christ than I forfeit my right to be the son of my father, William Gilpin, when people call me by my first name, John. If circumstances were such that no one ever called me more than that, I would still be John Gilpin just the same.

As for John's baptism, I am going to continue to preach just what I have been preaching on it, for I have shown Mr. Spivey wrong on every count in his contention against it. It is the same baptism the apostles administered, he admits, during the personal ministry of Christ. If it was good enough then, it is good enough now. Moreover, it was the same that was administered on the day of Pentecost and after. Peter commanded baptism "for the remission of sins," that is for the symbolizing of that remission (Acts 2:38) and John preached baptism "for the remission of sins" (Mark 1:4). There is absolutely no difference between the two