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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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An Evansville, Indiana Layman Sends A Gift Of \$100

Dear Friends:

I have been a reader of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for many years and I also know the editor personally, having visited in his home. I also know that 50 cents does not anything like pay the expense of the paper. Therefore it is up to us who are true friends of the paper and who are true to the Word of God to pay the rest of it.

I am an old man, past 65, a railroad engineer, and having seen a great deal of false doctrine, I know the need of this paper.

Now this debt on Bro. Gilpin is about like putting hobbles on a race horse and then expect



him to win the Kentucky Derby. If all the friends of this paper would only send a quarter, it would take care of his financial needs. Some of us can do more. I am enclosing my check for \$100.00 and am hoping that a few more friends will do likewise.

I can't preach and I can't sing much, so it is up to me to help with the expenses of someone who can, like Bro. Gilpin.

I think we are close to the end of the way. I believe Jesus is soon coming. What a glorious day that will be! Read your Bibles. Make every moment count. May you all suport this paper 100%. — A. C. Stogner

How Righteousness Of Jesus Is Imputed To Believers

The term "imputed" is often used by theologians, and by ministers in preaching, but it is doubtful if most of the hearers know what is meant. In fact much preaching goes clean over the heads of people. Personally, we had rather be understood than to have a reputation for being "deep." It is not our ambition to preach to spiritual giffaffes anyhow, for not many such "animules" exist. Let the fodder be put down in the lower racks, where it can be nibbled on.

But What Does "Impute" Mean?

If a friend knew your bank account was low, and went and deposited a thousand dollars to your credit, that would be "imputing" a thousand dollars to you. Or, if someone should commit a crime and frame you so that you got punished for it, that would be "imputing" that crime to you.

Note some uses of the word in the Bible: Levit. 7:18; 17:4; (Continued on page four)

The Russellites Are Squirring. Let 'em Squirm!

E. C. Gillentine
Texarkanna, Ark.

Russellism Teaches That There Will Be a Chance for Repent After They Risen from the Dead.

is what he says: "Those who do not have a chance to be preached to for 1000 years in the millennium and the great mass of them will be annihilated; and those who presently refuse the offer of salvation will be annihilated; and of Divine power will blot them out of existence forever."

needs but very few reasons to show to the honest that such a doctrine is unscriptural and unreasonable. us look for a moment at the great message from hell as given by Jesus Himself and recorded by Luke in the sixth chapter, beginning at the thirteenth verse: "There was a certain rich man, which was

clothed in purple and fine linn, and fared sumptuously every day; And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being tormented, 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. And 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; nei-

ther can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, farther, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren, that he may testify unto them lest they also come to this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. And he said, I pray thee therefore, but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

I wish to bring out at least two points from this narrative:

First, if the wicked were going to have another chance after death to hear and repent,

Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson readin' 'bout wha' hit say, if de wimmens want ter know somp'n let 'em ax dey husbands in home. Humph! We'n dey gits home dey ain' axin' dey husbands nuttin; dey tellin' 'em,

why did not Father Abraham tell this poor man in hell that he would soon come out of that awful place? and then he could repent: and, of course, if they were given another chance he would have told him so. It would have been unjust in Father Abraham to have not comforted him there with this consoling doctrine. If that had been "Pastor Russell" as he styles himself, or "Judge" Rutherford instead of "Father Abraham," he would have said, "Son, remember that in just a short time you will get out and have an hundred years in which to repent," but we hear no such "tommy-rot" from Father Abraham or the Bible. All such comes only from Russell and his brand of false prophets.

Second. That there is no chance after death is evident from the teaching of the Scripture. For Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them. And he said, Nay, Father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not

Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded through one rose from the dead." The point is this: what good would it do to give them a chance? for if they will not hear now while they live, they will not hear even after death. If they will not listen to the preaching of the gospel by living men now, they would not listen to it preached by men resurrected from the dead. But to teach such God-dishonoring doctrine as this is Russellism.

If there were such a chance as this after death, all who have died and had a taste of torment, would repent and be saved. So that would be universal salvation. And, in a sense, that is what Russellism is. But both of those theores are venerated infidelity, any way you take it.

Syllogism No. 1. Inidelity denies the teachings of the Bible, and denies it being an inspired book. Russellism denies the teaching of the Bible. Therefore, Russellism is infidelity. (Continued on page four)

GOING HOME

Bartley Crum, the well known author, in his book, "This Is Israel," says that he finds the Jews a "peculiar people" in the sense that they are "the only 'foreigners' who can come into a new country and be—as most of them say to you—at home."

"This was impressed upon me during my recent trip to Israel. As our DC-3 approached the thin line of the Palestine shore, a little black-bearded Jew of 74 fell into his seat and began to pray. He was coming from Ireland where he had lived the past ten years after escaping from Lithuania. His wife and 13 of his family had been burned by the Nazis at Dachau.

"You see," he said to me through his tears, "the prophecy has come true. God said to Isaiah: I will bring you home to Jerusalem on the wings of an eagle. Look at us! From South Africa, from Belgium, from Ireland and all the world, we are coming back to Israel!—coming home!"—Prophecy.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"WHY I LOVE THE BIBLE"

"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."—John 5:39.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."—I Peter 3:15.

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."—I Peter 1:23.

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:15-17.

Doesn't everybody love it? Doesn't everybody read it? Isn't everybody concerned about it? Doesn't every preacher try to get his people to read it? And wouldn't it make better Christians out of every saved person if all would read God's Word? I'm sorry that the answer to all those questions cannot be in the affirmative.

The fact of the matter is, beloved, while I encourage you to read the Bible, and insist that you study it, there are lots of people who are encouraged not to read it and who are taught not to study it. Let me read to

you a little extract whereby I can show you that the Catholics forbid the reading of the Word of God and have done so since the year 1229 A. D.

"At Bologna on October 20, 1553, three Romish bishops gave the following written answer to Pope Julius III when desired to furnish him with their counsel as to the best way to strength their church:

"Lastly of all the advice we can give to your beatitude, we have reserved to the end the most important. Mainly, that as little as possible of the gospel, especially in the mother tongue be read in all the countries subject to your jurisdiction. That little which is usually read at mass is sufficient and beyond that no one whatever must be permitted to read. While men were content (Continued on page two)

When Missions In The S. B. C. Became A Real Racket

It must be great to be the executive secretary of a Southern Baptist Mission Board these days, like the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

He is not under government restrictions as to the conduct of his business, and the property he controls is not taxable. He hoards as much money as he can without being bothered by labor unions striking for higher wages or governmental investigations into his business practices. He can take advantage of the religious convictions of his constituents and hoard their money for his own use without running any risk of government meddling into his affairs, because we have separation of church and state in this country.

He is not under church or denominational control. When it comes to that, he is at the controls; he is the controller. The employees of the Board feel obligated to do what he says, since he is the head of the corporation (Continued on page four)

Another \$100 Gift
The Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida, of which Brother Roy Mason is pastor encouraged the heart of our editor this week with a check for \$100.00.

Sometimes it is said that it is the amount of the gift but the spirit which prompts it which causes the gift to be appreciated. In this case we deeply appreciate the gift for both. In sending the check Brother Mason quoted one of his laymen who had said that there were all too few independent churches left to contend for the Faith. Feeling that we were thus sending on the Book, the church was offering toward our church. Thank God for this great gift, noble pastor, and generous gift. How glad we are for friends like this church and Brother Mason, referred to above. Regardless of whether it is large or small your gift will be appreciated. May we hear from you!

A house is no home unless it contains food for the soul as well as for the body.

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Two weeks ago we published
an editorial on the subject, "No
Subsidy Crutch For Us," where-
by we called attention to our
debt, which amounted then to
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As a result of this appeal, the
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and contributions will appear
next week and each week there-
after as the Lord may lead until
this obligation is completely
paid.

Remember, what none of us
can do alone, all of us together
can do.

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN
RELIGIONS COMPARED

GOD OR GODS OF THE SYSTEM

CHRISTIANITY. "God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and un-
changeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness
and truth."—Westminster Catechism.

"We are the children of the converts of foreign missionaries, and fairness
means that I must do to others as men once did for me."—Maltbie D. Babcock.

BRAHMANISM. The gods of the Aryans, who preceded the
Brahmans, were transferred, after being renamed, to Brahman-
ism. Brahma was a new god from whom the Brahmans came. Every
Hindu has his Guru (Brahman) for his earthly god.

HINDUISM has a triad of gods:—Brahm the creator, Vishnu the
preserver, and Siva, the destroyer. Besides these, the Hindus make
any object a god—a tree, stone, cow, or a Brahman. A traveler
may step from a waiting train, set up a stone and say his prayers
to it.

BUDDHA had no god higher than a perfect man. He declared
that he knew no one he ought to worship. His followers have
erected his image in every Buddhist temple and millions offer their
prayers before him.

TAOISM. The dragon, forces of nature, stars, serpent, tiger,
Tsaichin (the god of wealth), Dao-tsze, are some of the gods. They
did not worship idols until after Buddhism came, when they bor-
rowed its triad system of holy deities.

CONFUCIANISM. The one great god of Confucianism is
"Shangte" (supreme ruler of the universe), which is worshipped
only by the emperor. Confucious' picture is hung in all the school-
rooms and idolized by teachers and scholars. Ancestral worship
makes every father a god.

ZOROASTER taught that there is one god named Ormazd, who
is the creator of light and all that is good. His description somewhat
resembles Moses' description of Jehovah, and it is possible that he
had read the Pentateuch. He believed in a spirit of evil, which
arose out of chaos.

PARSEEISM has taken the two "spirit" of Zoroastrianism and
called them gods. Ormazd and Ahriman, the gods of light and
darkness, are bitterly opposed to each other. Ormazd will, how-
ever, finally triumph.

SHINTOISM. The supreme god is called "The Central and Su-
preme God of Heaven." Two gods, Isaname (female), and Isanagi
(male), the Adam and Eve of Shintoism, have been the source of
created things. They have many other gods and a sun goddess.
Heroes are deified.

MOHAMMEDANS believe in a God of only one person. They
teach that to admit that Jesus is God is to become a polytheist and
therefore an idolator. Their declaration is: "There is no God but
Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."

Your mental furnishings may be small, but if you can live the humble
Christ-life, go and show it to the heathen for that is what they most need to see.

"WHY I LOVE THE BIBLE"

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with that little, your interest prospered,
but when more was read they began
to decay. To sum up all: that book, the
Bible, is the one more than any other
that has raised against us these whirl-
winds and tempests whereby we were
almost swept away. And in fact if any-
one examines it diligently and then
contrasts therewith the practices of our
church, he'll perceive the great dis-
cordance and that our doctrine is ut-
terly different from and often very
contrary to it, which if the people un-
derstand, they will not cease their clam-
or against us till all be divulged and
then we shall become an object of uni-
versal discord and hatred. Wherefore,
even these few pages must be put away
but with considerable caution, lest so
doing should raise up greater uproars."

Now, brethren, I didn't write
that. That's copied literally from
a page of history that was re-
corded by one of the world's
greatest secular historians.

Personally, I think every man
ought to read the Bible. I think
every individual ought to be
encouraged to study the Bible.
Yet, brethren, there are multi-
tudes of people all over Amer-
ica who never saw inside a Bible
one time in their life. I think
I told you on Wednesday night
of a recent date of a Catholic
paper salesman who calls on us
in the printing shop who told
me a few weeks ago that he had
never read the Bible one time.
In fact, he had never seen inside
the pages of it. And when I even
offered to give him a Bible, he
refused it because he said he
didn't think he'd even be in-
terested in reading it.

Brethren, I believe, entirely
differently to that. I love the
Bible. I love to read it myself.
I love to study it. I love to en-
courage you to read it that you
might understand it more and
gain its light thereby. Let me
give you some reasons this

morning why I love the Bible
and why at the same time that
you ought to love it and read it.

I

I LOVE THE BIBLE BE-
CAUSE OF ITS HISTORICAL
VALUE. I might say I love his-
tory. I've never been able to
understand how that any child
in school can come to have a
dislike for history. I say I love
history. And, brethren, all the
history we have of man you get
right out of this Bible. We would
not know one thing about the
creation of man, nor the fall of
man, nor the universal heredi-
tary depravity of man if it were
not for the Bible. All we know
of the history of the sun, the
stars, the moon, this earth and
the animals that inhabit it, we
learn from this Bible. Why, if
you go out to the zoo and see
the animals that are in the
cages and will read the names
that are on those cages, you will
find that even those names were
those that Adam called the ani-
mals by in the early chapters in
the book of Genesis.

Brethren, I love the Bible be-
cause of its historical value. All
that we know about the Devil,
we know because of the Bible.
There isn't any other books, ex-
cept those written in the light
of the Bible that tell us any-
thing about the Devil. But,
brethren, if you want to know
where the Devil came from,
read Isaiah 14 and you will find
that once he was an angel of
God who because of his sin of
rebellion was cast out of Heaven
to this earth and became the
Devil thereby. I say, beloved, all
we know about the Devil this
morning we learn it out of the

Bible. So, brethren, I love the
Bible because of its historical
value. It tells me things of his-
tory that I never would know;
that I'd never have had any
knowledge of if it had not been
for the Bible.

II

I LOVE THE BIBLE BE-
CAUSE IT IS GOD'S MESSAGE
TO US. Brethren, this Bible was
not written by man, though
many people, it is sad to say,
believe that it was thus written.
A man told me only this last
week that he didn't believe a
word of this Bible because he
had a feeling that some smart
man or maybe a group of men
had gotten together and had
written this book and had pawn-
ed it off as a deception upon
the world. No, no, brethren, this
book wasn't written by man;
it was written by God.

"For the prophecy came not
in old time by the will of man;
but holy men of God SPAKE
AS THEY WERE MOVED BY
THE HOLY GHOST."—II Peter
1:21.

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN
BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,
and is profitable for doctrine,
for correction, for instruction in
righteousness."—II Timothy 3:
16.

I say then, brethren, this Bible



is God's message to us. It was
not written by man. All man had
to do with it could be summed
up in this expression: Man was
merely the amanuensis or the
secretary by which the Word
of God was recorded, for God
spoke the words of the Bible
and Matthew, Mark, Luke and
the balance of the writers re-
corded them just as God Him-
self spoke the words. I say, be-
loved, I believe in the verbal
inspiration of the Bible, — that
every word of it was spoken of
God. Therefore, it is God's mes-
sage to us today. I say, brethren,
I love the Bible because it is
God's message to us. Surely, we
ought to prize it because God
wrote it for us.

Maybe it has been a long time
since you got your last love

letter, or, it may have been only
a little while. Yet you may re-
call how you prized that love
letter because of the individual
who wrote it to you. Brother,
sister, you and I ought to prize
this Bible more and above any
other book in the world because
it is God Almighty's message to
your soul. If you would prize a
love letter or if you'd prize a
letter of friendship or if you
would prize a business letter,
how much more you ought to
prize this Bible. It is God's mes-
sage to our own soul.

III

I LOVE THIS BIBLE BE-
CAUSE IT REVEALS GOD. I
wouldn't know anything about
God if I didn't have this Bible
to reveal Him to me. I find it
beloved, a perfect revelation of
the character of God. Why this
Bible tells me that he is a God
of love.

"For God so loved the world that he
gave his only begotten son that who-
soever believeth in him should not per-
ish, but have everlasting life."—John
3:16.

This Bible also tells me that
he is a God of hate. He hates
sin.

"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 free man, hid
themselves in the dens and in the hid-
den places of the mountains; and said to
the mountains and rocks, Fall on us,
and 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 is come and who shall
be able to stand?"—Revelation
15-17.

Brethren, character all the
way from God to Devil is meas-
ured by what one loves as well
as what one hates. All I know
about God as a God of love and
a God of hate is what I read in
this Bible. God hates sin. God
hates sinfulness on the part of
men. At the same time, God
loves so much that He gave His
Son to die for an elect remnant
of the descendants of Adam's
fallen race and, brethren, I'd
never know that if it were not
for this Bible. I'd never see a
revelation of God's character,
His hatred of sin and yet His
love for fallen man if it were
not for this Book. I love this
Bible because it reveals God to
me.

IV

I LOVE THIS BIBLE BE-
CAUSE IT REVEALS MAN.
Stand in front of a mirror and
you will see yourself revealed
therein. You turn to this Bible
and this Bible will act as a mir-
ror and you can see yourself in
it. Listen:

"The wicked are estranged from
the womb: they go astray as
soon as they be born, speaking
lies."—Psalms 58:3.

Don't you see yourself there?
"For all have sinned and come
short of the glory of God."—
Romans 3:23.

Don't you see yourself there?
"The scripture hath concluded
all under sin." — Gal. 3:22.
Can't you see yourself there,
too?

Some people in order to learn
of the human race will pour
over books and perhaps go to a
library and maybe dig through
the dusty pages of an encyclo-
pædia. Some people will prob-
ably go to a fortune teller and
ask that agent of the Devil to
look into the palm of their hand
and to tell them something about
themselves. Or some folk may
go to an astrologer and ask that
astrologer to gaze into a crystal
ball and study the stars and
tell you something of yourself.
Or some people go to a phrenol-
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on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."—II Thess. 1:7-9.

Brother, sister, listen, if you are an unsaved man this morning, your future is already revealed in those words, a future of destruction from the Lord in a hell of flaming fire. Listen again:

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."—Rev. 14:10-11.

Sinner friend, and I wouldn't be your friend if I failed to tell you this, I would be the worst enemy you would have if I ever would allow you to sit here before me and let you think that you can live here in this world in your sins, and die and go into another world with Jesus. Not so, if you die in your sins without a Saviour, it will mean a Hell for you.

Every once in a while I will visit some individual who is sick and is lingering in his illness and some friend or relative will say, "Well, it will be a blessing when he can go, that he might get out of his suffering." There is not a bit of truth in it. That man who dies without Jesus Christ leaves just a little temporary suffering for an eternity of suffering in a never ending Hell. Brother, a man who thinks that Hell is a myth or thinks that there is an end to Hell or who thinks that he can go there and suffer a little while and get out, needs to read a little further in God's warning, for God says in this Bible that Hell is never ending. Now, brethren, I didn't write this Bible, but God did. And God says if you go to Hell you will be there forever.

"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 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 16:25-26.

Listen, brother, don't let anybody deceive you. Don't let anybody tell you that you can live in sin and die in your sin and go out into eternity and suffer a little while and then get over into Heaven. That would make purgatory a very successful reform school where all the incorrigibles of this world who wouldn't be corrected in time, would be corrected in eternity. God says that there is an impassable gulf between Heaven and Hell. Sinner friend, and I repeat it, I wouldn't be your friend if I failed to tell you this. I tell you that there is a gaping, yawning Hell of never ending fire awaiting your soul. If I were to fail to tell you that I wouldn't be your friend this morning.

Suppose you were in a building that is burning and were unconscious of the flames. I say, "Well he is having a good time, it would be a shame to upset him in his mirth today." Would I be your friend? Man, I see you going to Hell every day. I see some of you hotfooting the road of vice every day. I see a Hell out there waiting for you and you will never get out. And I wouldn't be your friend if I

failed to tell you about the future that is out in front of you. Brethren, I tell you I love this Bible because of its warning to the unsaved as to their future.

VII

I LOVE THIS BIBLE BECAUSE THIS BIBLE IS GOING TO LAST FOREVER. I never worry about the evolutionists and the higher critics and the folk who disbelieve the Bible. They are not going to tear it down. This old Book is going to last, brethren, and when all the critics of this world are in Hell this Bible will still be left.

"Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."—Psa. 119:89.

Not for a little while but forever this Word is going to last.

"Heaven and earth may pass away, but my word shall not pass away."—Matt. 24:35.

Brethren, listen, this Old Book is going to last. Some of these days this old world is going to pass away. Oh, you don't believe it. You may say that is old fashion theology. Well, may be it is, but it is true theology because it is here in God's Book. Some of these days, God is going to burn this old world over. And every vestige of sin is going to be removed thereby. Brethren, there won't be a house left standing in this world, there won't be a tree, there won't be a piece of grass, there won't be anything that is flammable but what will be burned when God burns this world over, to get rid of every evidence of sin.

My brethren, remember this, heaven and earth shall pass away, but God's Word will never pass away. The old book will stand when this old world is on fire. This old Book will still be standing when this world has already been burned over.

This old book will still be standing ten billion years from now in a never ending eternity. If a man writes a book which influences the peoples of his generation, why he is doing wonderfully well. For him to write a book that will influence people three and four centuries away from him, is about a miracle. Only very few men have ever had such fortune come to them that their books would be read a hundred years after their death. But, brethren, here is a book that has been a blessing to multitudes since the days of Moses and it will be a blessing down to the end of time and out in the endless ages of eternity, it will still be a blessing to the saints of God. Brethren, I love this Bible because this Bible shall endure forever.

VII

I LOVE THIS BIBLE BECAUSE IT TELLS US THE WAY OF SALVATION. If you have never learned it, brethren, you need to read this Bible. That is why some of you are so badly confused. You don't read this Bible. You go to hear preachers who don't preach this Bible, and you are not going to learn how to be saved. You are just going to be confused thereby. If you want to know the way of salvation, don't ask your best friend and don't ask your preacher and don't ask the man of the street unless they are thorough-going believers in this Book. My brother, if you want to know the way of salvation, ask God. It is right here in the Bible, and God will tell you.

Would you like to be saved this morning, brother, sister. Before you get out of this house of God this morning, would you (Continued on page four)



Mr. Guy Smith Fleck of Russell, Ky., and Miss Anetta Ramsey of Huntington, W. Va., were united in marriage recently by the editor at the home of the bride's parents in Huntington.

It was indeed a joy and privilege to share in the happiness of a fine young couple. Mr. Fleck has grown to manhood in Russell and is one of the editor's finest young friends. His parents, who are devoted members of the First Baptist Church and Baptists 100%, have been staunch friends and supporters through the years.

I never saw Miss Ramsey until the day of the wedding yet her beauty and grace present her as a very charming bride.

And speaking of brides, I am reminded of the bride of Christ: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."—Rev. 19:7.

"WHY I LOVE THE BIBLE"

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...and have him feel the bumps and the knots on their head to tell them what they really are. My brother, you don't have to go to a fortune teller, or to an astrologer, or to a parapsychologist to find out about yourself.

If you really want to know about yourself this morning, beloved, read this Book. Start, beloved, in the book of Genesis when man was a perfect human being. Read the story of the fall of man in the Garden of Eden and how man became a sinner. Read to the end of the book until you find man yonder in the paradise of God far greater than he was in the Garden of Eden. Read in the Garden of Eden he was a perfect human righteousness, but when he finally stands in the presence of God, he will have only a perfect divine righteousness. Brother, if you want to know about man, read about man in the Bible. Read about the Word of God. Brethren, I love the Bible because it reveals man as he is in God's sight.

V I LOVE THIS BIBLE BECAUSE IT WARNS CONCERNING SIN. Maybe you don't like warnings, but, brother, you had better pay attention to them. When you are driving along a road and come to a railroad crossing and there is a bell ringing backward and forward and you had better pay attention to that warning. If you see along the highway a sign saying "Washout, proceed at your own risk," you had better pay attention to the warn-

ing that you see. Maybe you don't like warnings, but if you'd pick up a bottle that you think is harmless cough syrup and see on it a skull and cross bones, you had better be warned thereby.

My brother, this Bible is a warning concerning sin.

"—and be sure your sin will find you out."—Num. 32:23.

That is God's warning.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."—Gal. 6:7-8.

That is God's warning.

"The wages of sin is death—"

Brethren, that is God's warning. Just the same as you are warned by the skull and cross bones on a bottle of medicine, so God warns that the wages of sin is death. Brother, maybe you don't like warnings but you had better listen to me. Maybe you don't like God's warning about sin, but you had better listen to it. I say, this Bible is a warning from God concerning sin. There isn't a sin that you can enter in upon that God doesn't speak out of this Bible to you, saying, "Don't do it." Brother, I love this Bible because it is God's warning to us concerning sin.

VII

I LOVE THIS BIBLE BECAUSE IT WARNS THE UNSAVED AS TO THEIR FUTURE. Are you an unsaved man or woman this morning? Then, do you know what your future is? It is right here in this Bible. You don't have to ask somebody else when you have at your disposal the Word of God.

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance

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like to be saved? Now that is logical question. I ask you, sinner friend, would you like to be a child of God before you leave this building this morning? I can tell you how you can be. Will you listen? Sin has to be paid for. You can go to Hell and pay for it. And you will do that—pay for sin in Hell, but you will never get it paid for. It will take you all eternity to pay for that sin debt. I say, brother, sin has to be paid for. You can either go to Hell and pay for it or Jesus paid for it on the cross. Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Believe what? Christ died on the cross for your sin. My brother, the man who believes that Christ died on the cross for his sins, that man is saved! Brother, you won't go to Hell when you die. There won't be anything for you to go there for!

You say, Brother Gilpin, does not everybody believe that Jesus died on the cross? They probably do, but that is not what I said. But, brethren, you can't believe that He died on the cross for YOU and go to Hell! The man who believes that Jesus on Calvary's Cross paid his sin debt, that man is saved this morning and when he dies he is going to Heaven because there is nothing for him to go to Hell for. His sins are already paid for. That is why men go to Hell, but if Christ has already paid for your sins on the cross, you won't have any sin debt to pay for.

Would you like to be saved this morning, sinner friend? I ask you, would you like to be a child of God this morning? I don't ask you to join the church. I don't say that if you come down this aisle and give me your hand, you will be saved. I don't say that if you be baptized, you will be saved. I don't say that if you wait until you die and have somebody pray for you after you die, that you will be saved. Brother, there will be no salvation come in any manner like that. But, if you want to be saved this morning, look to the Cross of Calvary where Jesus Christ died for your sins. And the man who will trust the Son of God as his Saviour, that man is saved. Listen:

"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.

What does it say? While we have all sinned and have all gone astray, Jesus died as our substitute. He died to pay our sin debt. God hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Do you want to be saved this morning? Well, you will find the right way right here in this Bible. Sister, do you want to be a child of God? The way is right here in this Bible. I tell you I love this Bible because it tells me the way of salvation. And you can know it this morning and you can love it for the same reason.

I wonder just how you feel toward this Bible. I wonder if what I have said might be the means of causing some of you who are unsaved to read it. Certainly, it ought to cause you who are Christians to read it! You ought to come to love God's Book. May God bless you!

MISSIONS A RACKET

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for which they work. The members of the Board usually fall in line and sanction what he advocates because of his position. The Convention, of which his Board is an integral part, read-



IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS

(Continued from page one) Psa. 32:2; Rom. 4:6; 5:13; 4:22, 23; 2 Cor. 5:19.

Receiving Imputed Righteousness Of Christ

Let us note several propositions—

- 1. None of us have any human righteousness that is worth anything before God. He says it is like "filthy rags." Why? Because it is imperfect. All of our attempts to live good are imperfect. Imperfect righteousness is like a moth-eaten suit. Would you want to buy such? For us to get anywhere with God by mere being "good," we would have to perfectly keep the ten commandments from the cradle.
2. God requires a perfect righteousness on our part. "Be ye perfect" is His demand. When we see this requirement it fills us with despair. And that is the purpose of the law—to make us see our sin. "The law is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ." "By the law is the knowledge of sin."
3. Since every person is imperfect, a Saviour is needed by every one. No single exception to this—none. The Jews did not realize this, and the result is stated by Paul in Romans 10:2, 3.

Yet, Every Person Must Be Righteous When He Stands Before God. How? How?

Here is how: We must realize our own sinfulness and unrighteousness, and must turn to Christ for help—willing that He shall assume our sin and unrighteousness, and that He shall give us His own righteousness. And that is exactly what happens when one trusts Christ and is converted—truly converted. Two things happen:

- 1. Christ assumes our sin-debt. That debt He has paid—going to execution to pay it. ("The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." "Who his own self bare our sin in his own body on the tree.")
2. Christ's righteousness is set to our credit (imputed to us). "Not having mine own righteousness which is of the law, but the righteousness which is of God by faith."

Our position and standing before God then is not conditioned by our human merits, but is according to Christ's merit. That is—our standing before God is that of one acquitted (justified) because our sin account has been cancelled through the payment of Christ. Christ takes off the filthy robe of sin, and clothes us with the garment of His own righteousness. And the only real, worth-while righteousness that God recognizes is that which is imputed unto us through Christ. This is true because our own righteousness is imperfect.

The above truths lie at the center of any proper understanding of salvation. Because some don't understand these truths, they believe in "falling from grace"—believe in salvation by works or partly by works. When we understand the meaning of "imputed righteousness" we can say with David—

"Blessed is the man to whom the Lord IMPUTETH NOT iniquity."—Roy Mason.

ily accepts his recommendations because his Board has charge of that particular work in the denomination, and the Executive is the recognized leader of the Board. The pastors and churches of the denomination willingly cooperate in his undertakings because they either desire to be loyal to the denomination or to lift themselves above suspicion.

He is not under divine injunction. He stands at the head of the denomination which provides the only true interpretation of the divine Word, so far as his people are concerned, and—his people are all that matter. He can interpret the Scriptures to suit himself and his business.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence is the Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. There is not a finer man or a more likable person in the Southern Baptist Convention than Dr. Lawrence. But to show you how much liberty the Home Mission Board and its Executive Secretary have, let me quote you the following words from the pen of Dr. Lawrence, published in the March issue of the Home Mission Board magazine:

"We have money on hand, but it is money specifically allocated and held in trust for the objects for which it is allocated. We have \$800,000 set up as an emergency fund which is \$500,000 short of the amount recommended by the Convention. All the Convention agencies were instructed to set up adequate reserves against any contingency that might arise due to economic conditions. This fund is to prevent a debt in case there should be a depression and receipts fall off."

In recent years, the Southern Baptist Convention has gone to seed on cooperation, and because so sweet and pliable that it easily assents to the contentions of its executives and instructs them to do what they want to do. Then the executive can point to Convention action for proof of his instructions and authority. Then all the pastors, to keep themselves in line and be counted as good cooperative ministers, cooperate with the Board in carrying out its program. This raise no questions, genders peace, harmony, and efficiency. So, everybody is happy.

The privilege of hoarding mission money is granted not only to the Home Mission Board but to every agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, according to Dr. Lawrence. The Lord only knows how many millions of dollars Southern Baptist agencies have laid away for a rainy day, while churches go pastorless, preachers go without church employment, and souls go to torment for the want of the gospel.

On the face of it, to lay away money for an emergency may look wise and beneficent for any agency dependent on public offerings, especially since the Home Mission Board went \$500,000 in debt at one time and the churches heard nothing but debt over a period of years. Yet, this is what causes financial depressions—hoarding. The Home Mission Board is setting the example for the business world to hoard money, bottle-neck expenditures, reduce employment, take money out of circulation, limit wages and buying power, and bring on a financial depression. That will not be so bad for the big fellows for a while, but what about the little fellows?

What about the little churches and preachers who have toiled, skimped and saved to support the Home Mission Board with all its real estate holdings, investments, and emergency funds, when a depression comes? Will

they be allowed to share in the funds which they have helped to provide? No, these funds will be spent wisely (?) as the Executive and the Board see fit; and rest assured that the salaries of the heads of the different departments will be paid whether the churches survive or the gospel is preached to anyone or not.

Does Dr. Lawrence and those on the pay roll of the Home Mission Board advocate that laymen and churches take the same privilege which they take for themselves, that of laying away adequate emergency funds for the future? If so, we have never heard it. They usually condemn such practice on the part of laymen and churches. They know that if laymen followed such a policy, eighty per cent of them would never give a dime to missions. No, they preach to the people the words of Jesus: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. . . . For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." They preach to the churches to sacrifice, "deny yourselves, have faith in God for the future," while they collect the cash and lay it away for tomorrow. They preach one thing and practice another. They preach faith in God to the people, then practice faith in dollars by laying them away to take care of their needs after God has failed them. They seem to think God will take care of the people some way, if they give their money to the spread of the gospel, but that He will not take care of them.

When Jesus fed the multitude with five barley loaves and two small fishes, suppose James, Peter, and John, heads of the distributing committee, fearing they would not have enough food to take care of their needs on the morrow, had taken advantage of the situation and laid away a good supply for themselves, do you think the Lord would have been pleased with them? When the children of Israel saved the manna God gave them until tomorrow, "it bred worms and stank." Ex. 16:20.

If the Southern Baptist Convention ever voted to instruct its agencies to lay away emergency funds against tomorrow, it did so without scriptural sanction, due consideration, or opportunity for discussion. The churches, who are called on to furnish a large portion of these funds, have never been given an

opportunity to vote on this proposition of instruction for the Home Mission Board to lay up \$1,300,000 for its self against a possible depression. And Dr. Lawrence knows they never will be given the opportunity to vote on it.

Southern Baptist agencies are made up of the finest men in the world, but the time has come when they need a new Bible: one that reads as follows: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples for the denomination, teaching them to support the unified budget, for in that they have no choice or voice in what is done with their money; but let the leaders tarry in Atlanta, or Richmond until they be endowed with adequate emergency funds, then let them go and preach to others to trust God and give." "Lay not up for yourselves treasures in heaven by giving your money to the salvation of souls, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Atlanta, in the Home Mission Board, where thieves never break through and steal. Invest your money in denominational agencies, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully, and he thought within himself saying, What shall I do, because I have no room to bestow my goods? and he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up against any contingency; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. Then God said unto him, Thou wise and shrewd one, because thou hast been mindful of material things, I will make thee ruler over spiritual things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." Luke 12:16-20.

Make no mistake, if this commercializing, materializing trend is not checked in the Southern Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention will go the way of other ecclesiastical bodies: for whatsoever a denomination sows, that shall it also reap.—Wendell Zimmerman

RUSSELLISM (Continued from page one)

Syllogism No. 2. Infidelity says there is no hell. Russellism says there is no hell. Therefore, infidelity and Russellism are just alike.

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