

Choose well -- your choice is brief but endless.

More News About Bob Jones And Of His Heresies

Bob Jones is a fuedin' and a fussin' — a spewin' and a sizzlin' — a fummin' and a foamin', but HE IS STILL THE SAME OLD HERETIC with no signs of any change.

Brother Bob seems to think that I have done him wrong in uncovering his heresies — that he should have been permitted to go on as a heretic all his life and no one ever say anything about it.

God says, "Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others also may fear." — I Tim. 5:20.

That is what we have done with Bro. Bob and he doesn't like it. He doesn't like to have it said that he is a unflonist even though he holds union meetings. He doesn't like to have it told that he has made fun of the doctrine of election. He doesn't like to be called a heretic on church truth, yet that is exactly what he is. It is all right for him to believe that Protestant Churches are as good as Baptists, but he doesn't want me to tell others that he thinks so.

A CHALLENGE

I'll be glad to publish anything he wishes to write on the following subject, and also MY reply to it.

RESOLVED: That the harlot daughters of the old whore of Rome are just as good as Baptists, and that their observance of the ordinances is just as Scriptural as when observed by Baptists."

Let Bob Jones affirm this and I will deny it. He has been asking for space in this paper, well here it is. Let's see how scriptural he is.

DO WE WANT THIS?

The Communist party with its tentacles in labor unions and other political centers are striving to bring absolute socialism to America. Those who are coming to their way of thinking and who are beginning to believe that we should follow Russia's pattern might do well to consider these facts.

"In Russia no one can own a foot of land. No one can hire another to run, even a cobbler's shop, a cigar store or a filling station.

"In Russia there is only one employer and that is the state. You work for it or starve. You cannot change your job or residence unless it permits you. You take the job it gives you—and like it.

"In Russia the radio and newspapers are owned by the state. You hear and read what the state allows.

"In Russia all farmers work on state-owned farms and work like the serfs in the middle-ages. If they are good, they are allowed a small garden, a pig, a few chickens.

"In Russia there is no 'collective bargaining' and the only trade unions are competitive plant organizations which compete with each other to raise production output.

"In Russia no minority—racial, religious, or political—has any right it can assert against the views sanctioned by the state.

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A World Famed Foster Father

Text: Matthew 1-19, "Joseph, her husband being a just man."

When we read this text, it brings to our minds, the scenes of the Nativity. Something like a panorama. We see in our imaginations the sly diplomatic Herod, the devout, serious maid, the Virgin, the just faithful honest old carpenter, the Wise Men on their journey, the selfish inn-keeper of Bethlehem, the babe in the manger. But at this time we will consider the one about which we hear the fewest sermons, and when given a more careful glance, and scrutinizing study, one of the most important and leading characters, Joseph — the world famed Foster Father. Joseph was the man God selected for the world's most important job, to care for the greatest Babe that was ever born in the history of humanity. When we consider here the scenes around the

palaces of the royal families when heirs to thrones are born; the attendants and detectives; the nurses and physicians; the guarded halls and the government officials; witnesses and anxious waiting populace of kingdoms and dominions.

We note the contrast in circumstances, the lone and great responsibility of the Nazarene carpenter. We would consider the man whom God called to care for the world's greatest babe, a job that would pale all others into insignificance. We think of him in the first place as being a good man, the text says a just man. There is not as much thought today placed upon the idea of just being good. However we note that the Scripture with all its silences has room for the mention of the fact of men being good men. Stephen, the noted church officer of the early church, the Bible says, was a good man. The

world pauses to mention the fact that a man is clever or wealthy or famous, but we do not hear so much about a man being GOOD. However, God selected a GOOD man to rear, train and to be the guardian or foster father of the world's most famous Child. Again we would remember the fact that he was a man, not an angel. We note that God has used men to carry out his great plans. For instance, it is recorded that Elias was a man of like passions as we are, and he prayed a rain-storm into existence, and God used him. Too many think of religion as a certain something to be kept in a glass case and preserved for state occasions—when religion is for real men in real life. An evangelist whom I have heard, said, "It worked down where men sweat, swear, and die." And we think of old Joseph, the Nazarene working

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More Compromises On Part of Lou'ville Seminary

Seminary Gets A New Coat Of Whitewash

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The Baptist Standard of Texas (also the Watchman-Examiner) publishes the complete report of the Investigating Committee appointed to investigate the charges of modernism against the Seminary. These charges were preferred by Bro. Oscar Gibson of the Eighteenth Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. The committee consisting of J. Clyde Turner, H. I. Hester, E. H. Westmoreland, Millard J. Besquist and W. R. Pettigrew gave the Seminary a clean bill of health, theologically. Mr. Gibson is telling the truth in his charges. The investigating committee is not.

How a Seminary which has invited Buttrick, Ferre, Edwin

Lewis, Brunner and Homrighausen, and entertained meetings of the Federal Council Conference on Evangelism and invited Nels Ferre to give its Gay lectures, can be sound, we do not know. Ferre's Gay lectures to the Seminary are in print, The Pillars of Faith, obtainable at any liberal book store or any Southern Baptist Bookstore. These lectures are definitely modernistic. The investigating committee is not telling the truth. If we had the space, we would be willing to substantiate this statement by documentary proof. Southern Seminary is now in liberal hands and this committee is willing that it should continue as such, BEHIND A CONSERVATIVE FRONT.—*Information Bulletin of the Conservative Baptist Fellowship, September, 1949.*

Serious Situation At Louisville

In our recent visit to Louisville, Ky., (October 23, 1949) we came upon two astounding things—about which we had received no report previously.

First of all, we came upon a complete set-up of all the unionizing organizations in Louisville—all under the sponsorship of the Federal Council and the Council of Church Women, and all of these organizations being supported heartily by our leading Baptist pastors and churches. These unionizing organizations, state and local, include six organizations as follows:

(1) The Kentucky Council of Churches, in charge of Wm. O. Walker, Executive Secretary, a Baptist and for four years pastor of Felix Memorial Church at

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What Did Jesus Mean By The Words Of Mt. 16:28?

By Roy Mason
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Here we have the statement of Jesus that some were standing in His presence who should not die until they were privileged to see Him "coming in His kingdom." Now the puzzling thing to many is this: The kingdom has not come, and all of those disciples did actually die. Therefore have the words of Christ failed, or was He mistaken, or does the passage need an interpretation other than the one usually given—or what?

Let Us Analyze The Passage With Context

The background:

Christ had secured from the disciples the confession that He was the long promised Christ—the Son of God. Then immediately He began to tell them of how He would be rejected, killed, and would rise again. Matt. 16:21.

Then He states the terms of discipleship (v. 24) showing that not only must He Himself go to the cross, but that His followers must be willing likewise to bear a cross. He further states that to lose one's life in His service means in reality to find it, but that to keep one's life safely for this world, means ultimately to lose it—waste it (v. 25).

Then follows a much misunderstood passage: verse 26. The word translated "soul" is the word which means "life." The teaching is NOT that the whole world is worth less than one's soul—though that is quite true. The teaching is that for you, a Christian, to gain everything the world offers at the expense of throwing away your life, is foolish. (Continued on page four)

RELIGION IN THE USA

The population of the United States now totals 148,000,000, according to the latest report of the Census Bureau. With this in mind the following statistics, taken from *The Challenger*, reveal the appalling decline of religion in these last days (II Thess. 2:3), and at the same time presents a real challenge for renewed effort in the field of home evangelism:

27-30 million of our youth in America under 21 never touched with Gospel and have received no religious training.

10,000 villages are without a church.

Rural churches dying at the rate of 1,000 per year.

The United States has 150,000 small churches, according to Dr. Albert Peel, writing in "Christian World."

However, he continues, from 1,000 to 1,500 rural churches are being closed each year; one denomination alone has abandoned on the average five country churches a week for the past twenty years.

Only 68 million people profess any kind of religious belief.

Only 28 per cent of the people ever attend church.

Morning church attendance—8 per cent of population.

Evening church attendance—2 per cent of population.

\$750 spent on worldly pleasures for each 50c spent on religion.

100,000 souls die daily without Jesus Christ.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"HOW TO LIVE FOREVER"

"He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."—Eccl. 3:11.

The part of the verse which I want you to notice particularly is, "He hath set the world in their heart." Here, beloved, is a marvelous verse of Scripture. So far as this is concerned, this can be said of every verse within the Bible, for all of God's Word is marvelously filled with blessings for us. However, in an un-

usual way this text of Scripture has impressed me and gripped my soul, and I trust, by God's grace, that it will grip your soul too as we study it.

You will notice the King James Version, from which I have read, says, "He hath set the world in their heart," but if you will notice in the margin of your Bible, the word "world" is translated "ages," so as to literally say that He has set all future ages in man's heart. However, the Revised Version I think comes nearer to the mean-

ing when it says, "He hath set eternity in their hearts."

Now, beloved, let me ask you a question tonight, do you want to live forever? Why of course you do. There isn't a person within this house tonight, whether saved or lost, but what would answer affirmatively and say, "Brother Gilpin, that's right. I want to live forever." In fact, beloved, when God Almighty created us He put a longing within our hearts that we might live forever. That is what my text says. When God made

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everyone of us and when we were fashioned and brought forth, God made us with a longing and a desire that we might live forever. Therefore, He said that He had put eternity within our hearts.

Beloved, even the Aborigines had a longing to live forever. When the old African chief died, having never heard the Gospel of the Son of God, having never known anything about Jesus Christ, and having never read the Bible or having seen anything that would indicate that a man would live forever as being revealed by God, that old chief died with the thought in mind that he was going to live forever. His wives were buried with him, and all of his possessions were buried with him with the thought that he was going to use them sometime after a while. God had set eternity in that man's heart.

Our American Indians had the same hope and looked forward to a happy hunting ground. All over the mountains of Eastern Kentucky and over in West Virginia you can find Indian cemeteries, one after another, with Indian graves wherein the Indian, when he was buried, was buried with his tomahawk, guns, bow and arrows, flints, and sometimes even his kitchen utensils. Everything that he had used here in this world was buried with him with the thought in mind that he was going to use it in the happy hunting ground where he was going.

I say, beloved, that a man doesn't have to have ever heard the Word of God or to have ever heard about Jesus Christ to have a hope that there is a life beyond this life. Even though that man's hope is a false hope, still, beloved, God says that He has set eternity in our heart. Every person that was ever born within this world was born with a longing for a hereafter, and with a desire and a yearning for something after this life, God having put eternity into our hearts.

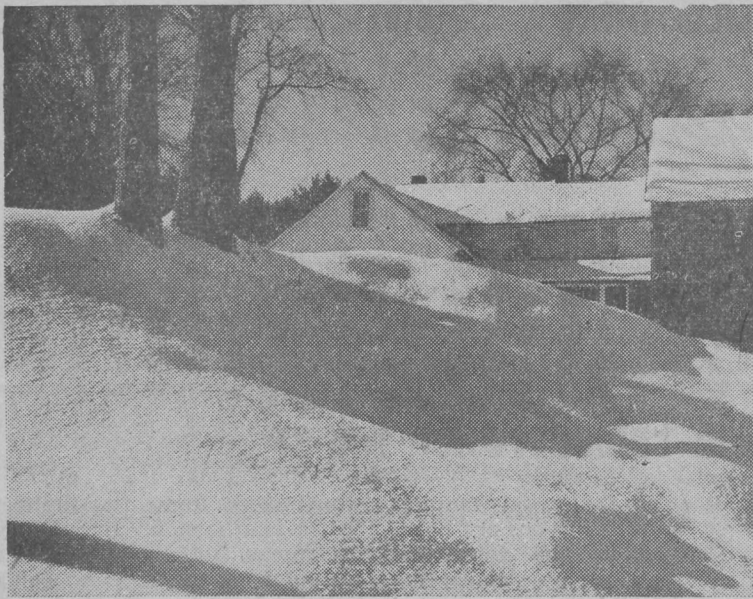
Now, beloved, that being true that men desire to live forever, I want to know how a man can live forever. If God has put a desire into my heart to live forever, and if God has put a desire into your heart for a hereafter, and if God has put that same kindred desire into the minds and hearts of people all over this world so that every man has a hope for a hereafter and so that every individual has eternity in his heart, then, beloved, if that be the secret desire of everyone of us, we ought to be mighty certain that we find how man can live forever.

I

NO MAN CAN LIVE FOREVER WHO LIVES ALONE

Storms make a strong tree -- Sufferings make a strong saint.

The Beautiful Snow



"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

FOR THIS WORLD. That would mean that there are thousands and thousands of people that will live in this life and will die and will not live on eternally with the Lord for the simple reason that they are living wholly, solely, and alone for the things of this world. Listen:

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." — I John 2:17.

Notice, beloved, that this Scripture tells us that the world is going to pass away, and the lusts (that is, the things you desire) are going to pass away. Beloved, the man who is living for this world alone has no hope that he is going to live forever since everything he is living for is destined to perish.

I might say that this world and all that is within it is but a passing parade and all of its desires are of but short duration. Why, beloved, hospitals, funerals and cemeteries constantly remind us that this world is passing away.

I say that no man can live forever who lives alone for this world. I know, and you do too, that there are multiplied thousands and thousands of our so-called friends and acquaintances who are merely living with their eyes on this world, with no thought of God and the world to come. I am satisfied that the majority of men who draw pay checks from the C. & O. twice each month draw that pay check with the thought in mind that they are going to spend that money for the gratification of their own flesh. God is ruled out and spiritual things are forgotten about. Beloved, the things that are true about the men who work here are also true of men all over this world — they are living for this world alone.

How many people are there in this town tonight who never give God any consideration and who never think in terms of spiritual things? How many are there who, when an evening approaches, their thoughts are in behalf of the movies or else some place of worldly pleasure, and they never one time think that they ought to serve God and that God ought to be put first within their lives? Beloved, such an individual is living for this world and the Word of God says that "the world passeth away, and the lust thereof." The man who is living for this world isn't going to live forever.

I met a man today who was celebrating either the Fourth of July a little late or Xmas a little early. At any rate, he was staggeringly drunk and I have

in mind that that man thought he was having a good time living for the world. He acted very much as though he were exceedingly happy. As I looked at him and listened to his boisterous conversation and observed his rough manner, I thought of this text:

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." — Prov. 23:29-32.

This individual of whom I have just spoken and who called to mind this text of Scripture, is not an isolated case. Drunkenness within the next few days will characterize about ninety per cent of the male population of America, to say nothing as to how it will characterize the female population as well. I've had sent to me within the last few days two advertisements from two large distilleries within Kentucky that were addressed to me with the title "Reverend" on the outside, soliciting for my gifts that I would send to my friends, bottles of their products which were done up in Xmas packages. (If any of you should by chance receive such a bottle for Xmas, it didn't come from your pastor.) Beloved, if these distilleries were bold enough to send out advertisements of this type to preachers, then that is an indication that they expected some business at least to come from preachers.

Beloved, suppose a man drinks a barrel of Bourbon a day and lives his life for fifty years, living for this world and for this world only, then dies and goes to Hell. That would be a mighty big price to pay and miss eternity. I tell you tonight, brother, sister, no man will live forever with God who lives for this world.

While I speak of those who might use intoxicants, the same can be said of any and of every sin in this world. The same can be said of those who live for only the material things of this life, who merely live for what they can get out of life, looking at money through glasses that are tinted with a dollar bill, looking at this world out of eyes which can see better when they hear the jingle of the coin. I say, beloved, that such a man can never live forever who is only

living for this world.

We have an example within the Word of God when our Lord Jesus tells of the experience of a rich man. Listen:

"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, 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 where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." — Luke 12:16-21.

Brother, sister, the man who lives only for this world and who thinks only in terms of this world and what this world can bring to him — that man will never live eternally.

II

NO MAN CAN LIVE FOREVER ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION. There are plenty of people who are church members who go to church at least on Xmas and at Easter and to funerals and maybe once in a while in between times, and who think because they joined the church and had their name inscribed upon some church book that they would be able to go to Heaven when they die, hoping to live forever because of their religion. Listen to this Scripture:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father

which is in heaven." — Mt. 7:21.

Notice that everyone who says "Lord, Lord," is not going to Heaven, as if to say that a man can have a Lord-saying profession and yet never have possession of the Lord Jesus Christ. I've said from this pulpit repeatedly that it isn't a profession of faith that counts, it is a possession of the Saviour. It is not "churchanity," beloved, but Christianity that saves. It isn't a matter of having your name in some church book, you need to have your name inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

I insist tonight that religion won't save any man. Any man who is hoping to live forever on the basis of his religion is going to find someday that there will be no one living forever because he is a church member. I have three good examples of this in the Bible.

Nichodemus was a church member. He was a religious man, in fact the head of organized religion in the city of Jerusalem, yet Jesus said to him, "Ye must be born again." If the Son of God were to look in the eyes of countless preachers today, He would say the same to them, because all they have is a religion without the possession of Jesus Christ as Saviour.

A second example is that of Simon Magus. Old Simon had religion but, beloved, that is all he had. He had never been saved. The Word of God tells us how Simon wanted to buy the gift of the Holy Spirit with money. Peter said unto him:

"Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the

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WHEN WILL HE COME?

Perhaps He will come at the dawning
Of a beautiful summer day,
When the birds and flowers are awakening
To welcome the sun's first ray.
And the Eastern sky will brighten
With the light of the dawn's caress,
And herald the swift arising
Of the "Sun of Righteousness."

Perhaps He will come at the evening,
When, weary of toil and care,
We rest and watch as the darkness
Creeps o'er the landscape fair,
And behold the stars in their beauty
Shine forth from their depths afar,
But their radiance dims in the glory
Of the "Bright and Morning Star."

And perhaps He will come at midnight
When earth and its dwellers sleep.
When over the mountains and valleys
Broods a silence vast and deep.
And the trump of the great arch-angel
Shall waken the slumbers there,
And His saints will be caught up together
To meet the Lord in the air.

But whether at dawn or evening,
At midnight or sultry noon,
And whether awake or sleeping,
And the time be distant or soon;
May I live so that I shall be ready
With joy my Saviour to meet,
And feel no alarm at His coming,
But hasten His heralds to greet.

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thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity."—Acts 8:20-23.

Beloved, no man will live forever just because of his religion.

Notice a third example of an individual of this type within God's Word, even Paul himself. Paul was a religious man before he was saved. There is no man in Russell tonight who is as religious as Paul was before he was saved. He was so religious that when he killed a Christian, he thought he was serving God. He was so religious that he kept the law implicitly, thinking thereby that he was serving God. Listen to him after he was saved:

"But what things were gained to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."—Phil. 3:7-9.

I say to you tonight, beloved, that no man can live forever who lives only for this world, and neither can he live forever on the basis of religion without Jesus Christ.

III

WE HAVE GOD'S PROMISE AS TO HOW TO LIVE FOREVER. The answer is right here within the Word of God. Listen:

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF GOD ABIDETH FOR EVER."—I John 2:17.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN."—Mt. 7:21.

It is highly conspicuous to me that I have already read a portion of each of these Scriptures in proof of other thoughts which I have mentioned thus far. Both of these Scriptures tell us that the only way a man can live forever is for him to do the will of God.

Let me ask you a question. Are you doing God's will? The Bible says that this is the only way that you can live forever. Maybe you will say, "I just don't know. What is His will?" If you want to know what God's will is, you will get the answer right here in the Bible. The fact of the matter is, beloved, anything that you want to know you can get the answer in the Bible. If you want to know what it is to do God's will, listen:

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and BELIEVETH ON HIM, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:40.

Now, brother, sister, do you want to live forever? You say, "Surely I do, Brother Gilpin. I want to live forever. I want to be able when I close my eyes on this life, to open them in a fuller life beyond. I have eternity in my heart. I want to live forever. How can I?" Beloved, you can't live forever by keeping the law, you can't by religion, you can't by living for this world, but you can live forever by doing the will of God, and His will is that you believe on Jesus Christ whom God sent

to give to you everlasting life.

There are other Scriptures which tell us this same truth. Listen:

"He that BELIEVETH ON HIM is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

"He that BELIEVETH ON THE SON hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and BELIEVETH ON HIM that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and THAT BELIEVING YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE through his name."—John 20:30, 31.

Do you want to live forever? You don't live forever by anything that you do, nor by living for this world, nor by religion, but, beloved, you can live forever by trusting Jesus Christ who died on Calvary's Cross to pay the sin debt that you and I stand guilty of in God's sight.

Notice again:

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH in him shall receive remission of sins."—Acts 10:43.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and SHALT BELIEVE in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."—Rom. 10:9, 10.

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."—Heb. 9:12.

Beloved, Jesus gives us eternal redemption. You can join the church but you don't get any kind of redemption at all. You can try to work out your own salvation but you don't get any redemption, yet, beloved, when Jesus Christ went to Calvary's Cross He paid for all of our sins, and by paying for our sins He has worked out for us eternal redemption by His death.

In Conclusion

Do you want to live forever? Certainly there isn't a man or woman within this house but what wants to live forever. How can you? You can't do it yourself. The church can't do it for you. The preacher can't do it for you. My brother, Jesus Christ says that the man who does His will, will live forever, and His will is, that you believe on Him whom He has sent, that you might have everlasting life.

Do you believe on Him? Are you doing God's will? You say, "I thought I was doing His will. I've quit my meanness and I've changed a lot of things in my life. I thought I was doing His will." Listen, beloved, His will is that you receive His Son and depend fully, implicitly, and wholeheartedly upon His Son who paid for your sins on the Cross of Calvary. Are you doing His will tonight? If you are, you are saved. If you are trusting Jesus Christ fully tonight as

your Saviour, depending on Him and Him alone, you are saved and will go to Heaven when you die. If you aren't trusting Him, then receive Him now. The Word of God says:

"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.

Oh, may God's Holy Spirit tonight speak to your heart and to those of you who want to live forever, may the Lord give you the revelation of His truth, that by trusting in Jesus you can live forever with Him. May God bless you!



Is This What We Want?

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"In Russia there is one automobile to every 252 persons, while in America there is one to every 4."

Americans, with all our faults, we have a good country. Let us work for her, vote intelligently, and pray that America might remain the land of the free.—Selected.



Foster Father

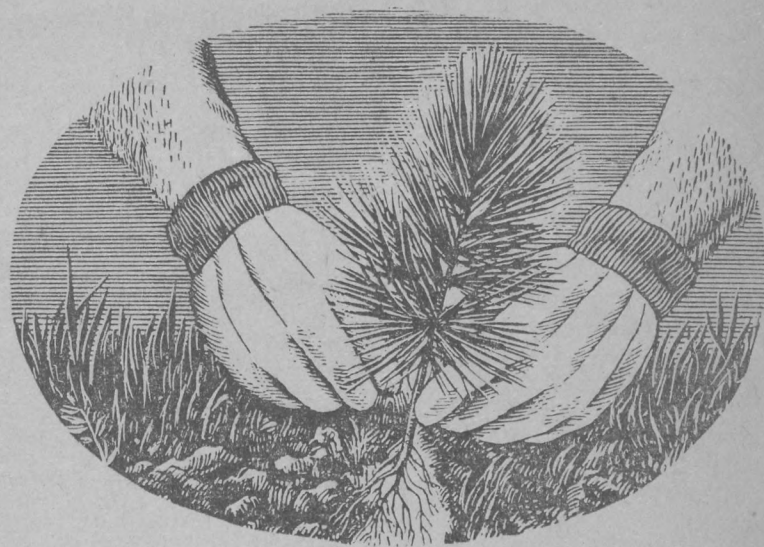
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man, as a Man, just a man and no special creation but a moral man and a normal human being.

I believe that Joseph was a good workman, and put his goodness and his honor into his work, and did his work well, and all around Nazareth and that section of the country, one could have found folks who would witness to this fact. Many people lived in homes he had built and they were built well and were durable. They stood the storms and the tests of time. They gave entire satisfaction. Today we need more honor built into the work of our autos, our airplanes, our ocean ships, our railroad bridges, our houses, or necessities of life. A story was told me by a certain salesman and successful business manager, who was a member of one of my congregations, relative to a company, who were contracting for the construction of a certain bridge. The specifications were submitted. Their price was the lowest. They secured the contract. This contract was placed in the safe of the company at the office. Another man than the one who had secured the order and submitted specifications, walked into the office knew the combination, and opened the safe and took the specifications away and in a few days returned a different set of specifications than called for. In this way there was to be a profit made that other bidders could not compete with if they were honest and lived up to the supposed requirements. This is a type of modern dishonesty. America needs honest workmen; honest business; honest industries. I say we should remember Joseph just now as a just man; the honest workman; the men of God, selected for the world's greatest job, namely to teach, to develop the world's greatest man; to care for the Divine Babe.

Joseph was more than a good man. We note another strong and outstanding trait of his character; he was courteous and kind to women; he was in an unusual manner, AN HONORABLE LOVER; some men who are seemingly honorable in everything else, come short on morals. Joseph played square. He guarded the home and the honor of the world's most wonderful young woman. He did not

OUR INFLUENCE



Seedlings like this, planted by woodland owners, will produce tomorrow's trees. The man who plants may never reap, but his deed will live to bless unborn generations.

SO WITH THE INFLUENCE OF EACH OF US.

An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came at evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim.
This sullen stream had no fear for him,
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You're wasting your strength with building here;
You never again will pass this way.
Your journey will end with the ending day.
You've crossed this chasm deep and wide.
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his cold gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I've come,"
He said, "There followed after me today,
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
He too must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."

balk or back up at her unusual religious experience, but believed in her faith and her vision. He did not tamper with her affections. He did not break his engagement. It was a promise that was final. The world today needs more followers of Joseph in regard to love affairs, engagements and marriage vows. Too many cheap novels make serious and sacred things frivolous. If twentieth century men were as honorable as Joseph, there would be no college widows. There would not be as alleged, 500,000 recruits for the great white slave trade of America each year. In many ways this first century carpenter has our modern men stopped; as a good man, as a good workman, and in regard to his relationship with the women.

An honorable lover makes a FAITHFUL HUSBAND, and Bro. Joseph was both. He not only by working evenings after doing his day's work for others, constructed a home, I imagine, humble and like those used by common folk of his day, but he provided for the comforts for the expectant Mother, and in cooperation with God's providence, made a wise arrangement for the future; he was a working man with calloused hands and perhaps awkward and probably a bent frame, but he outwitted the diplomatic King Herod, the old fox. Joseph was strategic, Joseph was long headed. He was a farsighted man, shrewd, keen, level headed. He planned a way and protected the world famed infant to be, in a manner that make the shrewdness of our most able lawyers sink into insignificance. In the hands of Old Joe, the most important Babe ever born was

safe, and God knew he would be.

A MAN OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT: It is not enough for a man to be a good man. It is not enough for a man to be a good workman. It is not enough for a man to play square with the women. These are taken for granted, it is expected as a matter of fact everyday practice among men to come short of it is a sad catastrophe, for rich or poor young or old. It is also not enough for a man to take care of his family and provide for a home. A man is not complete, well rounded, fully developed to his highest. He is not at his best unless he has a knowledge of God and can discern God's providence, and His great purposes in the shaping of the destiny of mankind. Joseph was keen in spiritual matters. He not only discerned the secrets of state and of the King's maneuvers, but he discerned the leadings of God. Joseph knew his relative place in the program of the ages. God knew Joseph as one man who would have a good clean homelife, free from race suicide, free from any degenerate or depraved conditions, a normal atmosphere, free from false notions of life, or of yellow religionisms, a home occupied by honest and sincere individuals, practical and industrious. To these worthy reliable folks God gave the greatest honor. God does not reveal Himself to the insincere. God evidently did not trust the leading politicians of the first century, with the



"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."
Matthew 9:37,38.

Meaning Of Mt. 16:28

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ishness and loss. More exactly, the meaning is that for you to enjoy everything the world offers, and to waste your life so you shall have no reward for the future, means loss. That such is meant is made plain by verse 27. Then in connection with His words about His coming again, Jesus makes the remark contained in our Scriptures—verse 28.

What He didn't mean:
Evidently He did not mean that His kingdom would come to consummation right away. It has not.

Evidently He didn't mean that that the disciples should live until He came again. They have not. Then what did He mean?

A Picture Of The Kingdom In Miniature

Jesus meant that before some of them died, they should see a vision of what His kingdom would be like at its coming. They should have a miniature glimpse of that kingdom. This is made plain by the following verses, beginning with 17:1.

What Happened?

Jesus took "some of them"—Peter, James, and John up on a mountain, and there they saw Him as He will be when He comes in His kingdom—transfigured, glorified.

They saw Moses—representative of all of the saved of the olden dispensation, down thru the dispensation of the law (v. 3).

They saw Elijah—representative of the era of the prophets, and all of the saved of that long period (v. 3).

In other words, in the Kingdom of Christ which is to be set up here on this earth, there will be the Lord Jesus, glorified, in charge. With Him will be the saved of all of the dispensations—law—prophets—and dispensation of grace.

A Question

The disciples having seen a glimpse of the future kingdom, in surprise remarked "It is supposed that before this comes to pass Elijah must return to earth." This idea was based on Malachi 4:5. Jesus answered

that Elijah would come (v. 11). (We believe that Elijah shall be one of the "two witnesses" of Revelation.) But Jesus indicated that this promise had already had a partial fulfillment in John the Baptist (v. 12-13).

Years later the Apostle Peter remembered this mountaintop experience, and he refers to it (2 Peter 1:16-21).

Foster Father

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purposes of the centuries before them.

A FAITHFUL FOSTER FATHER: When God selects a guardian, he gets a good man. How many modern men would you select today, for the great business of rearing and protecting against jealous kings, such an important Child? What man would you select today, to build a home fit for the selfsame Child to be raised in? God ordered that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords should not come to a great palace, but to the home of a common man and a common woman, or to come at least into the walks and government of common life. His foster father was among the world's greatest characters. All honor, all eulogy to this Carpenter of Nazareth!

This Foster Father held in his arms the babe Jesus, and at that time, all the churches, all the denominations, all the creeds, doctrines and reform movements that have been worked out in these twenty centuries, were wrapped up in the bundle of Christ's swaddling clothes and nestled in the arms of Joseph. It was some responsibility for one man to hold in his two arms at once, and all in the frail, helpless infant body of a baby boy. When we see around us today, some children with depraved abnormal parents and suffering in the environment of unhappy homes, we turn cold and ask, does God care for children? I have great esteem and highest regard for the man who himself, childless, but prosperous, erected an orphanage for parentless and homeless children, and greater yet was the opportunity of the First Century Foster Father, whose divine guardianship was to train the One who in his great ministry said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHRIST by this man whose life was unique for his deeds, not creeds, not speeches, not his written oracles or orations, but for his work, his life. There is nothing written that we have on record ascribed to Joseph. But we know Christ had a good bringing up. The good teachings that Joseph gave to Jesus, was some contribution to the world. Could Jesus have taught Peter, could Jesus have taught John, could Jesus have taught the world as He has if Joseph had failed to have given him a good home, provided the good food and proper raiment and guided his young life in the right paths?

Again all honor, all eulogy, and may we not forget Joseph the Just, and would we have the New Testament at all, if Joseph had not accomplished his work?

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Seminary Compromises

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Lexington.

(2) The Louisville Council of Churches, with between 31 and 44 leading Baptist churches giving it their hearty support, both moral and financial. Here are some of the Baptist churches now leading the way in the support of this Federal Council agency: Walnut Street, Mount Lebanon, Shively, Crescent Hill, Twenty-eighth Street, Fifth Street, Little Zion, West Broadway, Grace, Highland, Broadway, Deer Park, Virginia Avenue, Shiloh, Second Highland Park, Victory, Ninth and O Streets, Okolona, Kenwood, Manley Memorial, Hazelwood, Immanuel, Beechland, Carlisle Avenue and seven others.

Happily not all of the Baptist churches in the Louisville area have gone into these unionizing organizations; but even so, we confess that this list was staggering and astounding to us. (See the *Church Council News*, February 16 and later dates).

(3) The Louisville Ministerial Association which is an active unit in these Federal Council organizations and in which the vast majority of our leading Baptist pastors at Louisville hold membership and give active support. (See the *Church Council News* files).

(4) The Kentucky Council of Church Women. Formerly located in Covington.

(5) The Louisville Council of Church Women, in which many of our Baptist women are quite

active, and some of them are leaders.

(6) The (old) Kentucky Sunday School Association, with active Field Secretary in charge.

The second astounding thing we learned was that our Louisville Seminary maintained the closest relations with these Federal Council organizations—our seminary professors often being the chief speakers at their special meetings or teaching classes in their seminars, or Church Leadership schools, etc. On the other hand, we learned that our Seminary regularly sought out the high officials of these organizations who came to Louisville on special visits and brought them before the student body of the Seminary and had them address the seminary. (See files of *Church Council News*, an official publication).

We had already known, of course, about the Seminary securing as special lecturers such modernists and radicals as Buttrick, Ferre, Edwin Lewis, Brunner, and Homrighausen—some of whom should be classed as downright infidels. But we had no idea, we repeat, that between 31 and 44 (my best authority said 44, including the Baptist women in the Council of Church Women) of our leading Baptist pastors and churches in Louisville had gone openly into Federal Council organizations, and that our Louisville Seminary was regularly and actively cooperating with all these organizations.

New State And Local Councils

During 1947 and 1948 new state councils under the Federal Council and its six affiliates were organized in Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, New Mexico and Tennessee, giving the following summary:

39 states have inclusive (completed) councils of churches.

2 states are in the process of organization—Mississippi and Utah.

2 states have home missions conferences—Nevada and Wyoming.

4 states have councils of church women only—Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Louisiana (the women are ahead of the men).

In this same period, twenty new local councils with full time (paid) leadership were established. Among these were Kenton County, Ky., Miami, Fla.; New Orleans, La.; Saint Petersburg, Fla., and San Jose, Calif. (See pages 67-72 of *Biennial Report of the Federal Council*).

We have understood that the State Council of Churches in Mississippi has been completed since this report was filed.

In addition to the foregoing, Dr. J. Quinter Mille reported to the Federal Council at its Cincinnati meeting in December 1948 that there are now six state councils in the Southeast—Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky. (See page 152 of the 1948 *Biennial Report of the Federal Council*). Since that time, as already noted, Tennessee and Mississippi have been added, making eight state organizations in the Southeast.

The Federal Council's New Members

Among the new members of the Federal Council, our people in the Southern Baptist Convention will be especially interested in two—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson of the Third Baptist Church of Saint Louis and Dr. E. H. Pruden, 3209 Ordway Street, Washington 8, D. C.—both of these being representa-

tives of the Northern Baptist Convention—but also affiliating with the Southern Convention. We are so glad for both these brethren; for both of them have been working hard for many years at the job of carrying the Baptists of the South into the unionizing organizations of Apostate Christianity; and now our people will perhaps understand their clever maneuvers.

Then, we must not leave out two distinguished Southerners who have been made alternate members of the Federal Council. These are Dr. F. B. Thorn, Box 1622, Wichita, Kansas—who went from the Second Baptist Church in Houston to the First Church (Northern Baptists), Wichita, Kan. The other is Dr. E. B. Willingham, 4212 Eighteenth Street, N. W., Washington 11, D. C. Dr. Willingham bears a most distinguished Southern Baptist name, but he has long since departed from the faith of his distinguished father and will doubtless feel quite at home in the Federal Council (See pages 326-32 of the 1948 *Biennial Report of the Federal Council*).

Those Special Lecturers

GEORGE A. BUTTRICK
Ordained a Congregational minister but, since 1921, a Presbyterian minister and since 1927 pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. He is a past president of the Federal Council of Churches. He is the author of some outstanding books. Some two years ago he was the special lecturer at the Louisville Seminary. On page 18 of his book: *Great Themes of the Christian Faith*, he makes use of this language:

"Jesus was not a sinner. He had done nothing to incur God's wrath; and if God dealt with him as if he were a sinner, then we must say of God (as a cynical Frenchman did say) 'Our God is my devil.' Never was Christ more at one with God than in the sacrifice at Calvary."

Now compare that with Paul's statement in 2 Cor. 5:21. See also Matt. 27:46 and Ps. 22, also Isa. 53:6-10.

E. G. HOMRIGHAUSEN
Who is he? He is the chairman of the Department of Evangelism for the Federal Council of Churches. See his report on pages 73-80 of the 1948 *Biennial Report of the Federal Council of Churches*. This is the man who was one of the specially invited lecturers at the Louisville Seminary. Now get Homrighausen's book, *Christianity in America*, and turn to page 121 and read. This is a statement found there:

"Few intelligent protestants still hold the idea that the Bible is an infallible book; that it contains no linguistic errors, no historic discrepancies; no antiquated scientific assumptions; nor even ethical standards."

One of the most notable men recently invited to deliver the Gay Lectures to the Louisville Seminary was Dr. Nels S. Ferre. His lectures have been published in a book bearing the title of *Pillars of Faith*. On page 96 will be found this language:

"Even now the Holy Spirit wants to write gospels—fearful men who no longer dared to live in the Spirit froze the records of the past... Even now there can be letters written to the churches that speak with authority."

"I think THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is one of the best papers I ever read."

Laverne Meredith
Louisville, Ky.