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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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## What Is The Difference Between Body, Soul, And Spirit?

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That there is a distinct difference, and that body, soul, and spirit, are three different things is made plain in Scripture. For instance read—I Thess. 5:23. Here the three are spoken of separately. Heb. 4:12 speaks of them as divisible. Let us take a brief glance at a human being:

1. HE IS A BODY. In this he is like the animal creation, for this body lives on the chemicals supplied by the earth. His body gives him "world consciousness."

2. HE HAS A SOUL. The soul is the seat of sensations, feelings, desires, likes and dislikes, affections and will. We have these very much in common with the animals. It is the soul that gives us "self-consciousness."

3. HE HAS A SPIRIT. This is what differentiates him from the animal creation. God can not be known by body or soul, but by the spirit. Hence it is the spirit that gives "God consciousness."

So man is a TRINITY, and as such is an illustration of God. When the Bible speaks of man as made in the "image" of God, we believe that this is one sense in which this is true.

### Some Things Taught Concerning The Spirit of Man

1. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." (Prov. 20:27). It is this that is set aglow when the Lord regenerates. The Spirit of God bears witness with "our spirits that we are children of God."

2. The spirit of a man is incapable of finding out anything about God in an experimental

sense, apart from divine revelation. (I Cor. 2:10-12). It says in I Cor. 2:14 that "the natural (Greek word means "soulish") man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God." Man's spirit is like an unlighted candle until the Spirit of the Lord illuminates it.

3. A Christian is spiritual only as he is ruled through his own spirit BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD. If ruled by his body or his soul he becomes a slave to appetite and emotions.

4. Wisdom which is not from above is spoken of as "earthly, sensual (Greek word is "soulish") devilish." (James 3:15). That is why the modern scientific theories like EVOLUTION is so far off.

5. If one's spirit has not been touched by the spirit of God, he is "none of His." (Rom.

## ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

*Another Year is dawning, dear Master, let it be,  
In working or in waiting, another year for Thee.*

*Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;  
Another year of gladness, in the shining of Thy face.*

*Another year of progress, another year of praise;  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;  
Another year of training for holier work above.*

*Another year is dawning; dear Master, let it be,  
On earth or else in Heaven, another year for Thee!*

—Frances Ridley Havergal

8:9). So then, being a Christian isn't a matter of being "good" or doing this, that, or the other. It is a matter of having been born of the Spirit of God. Conversion is a necessity.

6. In the resurrection our bodies shall not be "soulish" bodies like they now are but spiritual. Read I Cor. 15:44. When it says, "It is sown a natural body" the Greek says, "soulish" body. But it is raised

a SPIRITUAL body. That does not mean that we will be "ghosts." A spiritual body is not necessarily a spooky, misty thing with no substance, as most people think. Christ's body was a spiritual body when he arose, and he could be seen, felt, heard. Yet he was not limited by time and space as we are. Gravitation was no hindrance and he appeared or disappeared at will. (Continued on page four)

## Religion In The News Presents Story Of Gross Catholic Ignorance And Superstition

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### —THE STORY—

I know that quoting at length a long article is not considered the best form of editorial writing, but in order that my readers may get the whole story firsthand, I shall, with apologies, make the rule.

The headlines ran as follows—"Communist Baptized—But 'Twas Too Late." "Chinese Red's Hair Not Yet Dry When Executioner Wafts His Soul."

Then, this tragic story—"The Society for the Propagation of the Faith tells this one in its Mission News:

"A group of Communists rounded up by the Chinese Nationalist Army wanted to join the Catholic Church, but the

military officials took no chances...

"The Nationalist commander, himself a Christian, went to the regional priest and told him, 'A Communist wants to be baptized.'"

"Does he know anything about our religion?" asked the priest?"

"We have taught him the essentials."

"Very well then, I'll see him."

"You should not come, Father," said the commander. "It is very dangerous. We will baptize him ourselves."

"Very well, if he is ready and willing, but do it quickly."

"It is useless to do it quickly, Father. He MIGHT COMMIT ANOTHER SIN AFTERWARD and we don't have the time to instruct him in going to confession."

"Then what are you going to do?"

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## TELEVISION

In thousands of homes today people are looking into television screens, watching news telecasts and entertainment of one kind or another. Television is no longer a dream or an experiment—it is a reality. Its manufacture, promotion, and operation constitute big business, and while it is still somewhat of a novelty, it will not be long before television is as common and as much a part of everyday living as electric appliances, the automobile, the airplane and the radio have become.

It is quite obvious that television or a discovery of a somewhat similar nature, may have a part to play in fulfilling Bible prophecy. Not many years ago the scoffer would ask, "How is it possible that the dead bodies of the two witnesses, of Revelation 11, will be seen lying in the streets of Jerusalem by people all over the world?" Television has rendered the problem elementary.—Our Hope

## A \$1500 Reward That Has Been Offered To The Catholics But Never Claimed By 'em

Thousands of copies of the following leaflet have been distributed for the past twenty-eight years in North America. And the writer has never been called upon to pay a single reward. Frequently Roman Catholics have taken the leaflet and with great confidence have said—"I shall secure a Bible, and be back in a few days for my reward." They have either not returned or have returned only to acknowledge that the doctrines of their church cannot be upheld by Scripture.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture proving that we ought to pray to Mary.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Virgin Mary was born without sin.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture

to prove that Saint Peter had no wife.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that priests ought not to marry.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that Saint Peter was Bishop of Rome.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the Pope is the Vicar of Christ or the successor of Saint Peter.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that priests can forgive sins.

\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that the wine at the Lord's table ought to be taken (Continued on page four)

## A STRANGE SERVICE

CROWLE, England—The boys from the White Hart, the Fish Mongers' Arms, and eight other saloons recently went to the village church on Sunday.

The ten pub-keepers and their 250 regular customers turned out for a service which the vicar arranged especially for them and nobody else, so that it would not interfere with their bartending and beer-drinking. It started at 2:30 p. m., right after the bars closed for the afternoon. Each pub had its own pew.

The vicar, the Rev. H. D. Speakman, made the rounds on Saturday night, had a few beers, and explained the plan.

"The pub and the church are close together," he said. "Both stand for refreshment and good fellowship."

The Rev. Mr. Speakman, who is 50 and was once an infantryman, said he hoped to repeat the (Continued on page four)

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD"

"And account that the long-suffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction."—II Pet. 3:15, 16.

When Mark Twain, the famous American humorist, and

his daughter were touring Europe, he was received with open arms and was given a royal welcome in every country and town that he entered. When he was in London he was received at Buckingham Palace by King George V, and then when he went over on the continent of Europe he was entertained by the president of the French Republic in Paris. Thus it was in every country that Mark Twain entered—it was one royal welcome after another awaiting him. It was while he was being entertained by the president of

the French Republic in Paris that there came a message to him from the Kaiser, then emperor of Germany, inviting them to come to his palace at Potsdam that he too might welcome Mark Twain. You can imagine how a sixteen year old daughter would react, hobnobbing with the royalty of Europe and enjoying all the honors that were being heaped upon her famous father, Mark Twain. This sixteen-year-old daughter that was traveling with him was sent into (Continued on page two)

## "WE'RE CRAZY"

The former president and now a director of the Federal Council of Churches, Geo. A. Buttrick, writes a book in which he practically asserts that those who claim to believe in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures are off in the upper story. Says he:

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to 'believe every word of the Bible' really mean it. That avowal held to a flat logic, risks a trip to the insane asylum."

You see where that puts the Lord Jesus Christ who asserted (Matt. 5:18) divine inspiration to the jots and titles of the words!—Prophecy

Ed. Note: Just remember, this is one of the special lecturers who has spoken to the (Continued on page four)

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## "Things Hard To Be Understood."

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ecstatic jubilation when they received this message from the Kaiser of Germany, and she leaped up and said, "Daddy, this is a wonderful tour; there doesn't seem to be anyone left for you to get acquainted with now but God."

Beloved, I wonder this morning if you are acquainted with God. If I have a purpose for this service this morning or if I ever have a purpose for any service that I ever conduct, it is, beloved, that you might become acquainted with God, through Jesus Christ, His Son.

## I

My text tells me THAT THERE ARE PARTS OF THE BIBLE THAT ARE HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD. To be sure, all the Bible is hard to be understood by the man that is unsaved. An unsaved person can understand the history of the Bible and he can understand the geography of the Bible and he can understand the literature of the Bible, but no unsaved man can really understand the Bible spiritually. Therefore, the Bible is a hard Book for the unsaved. Listen:

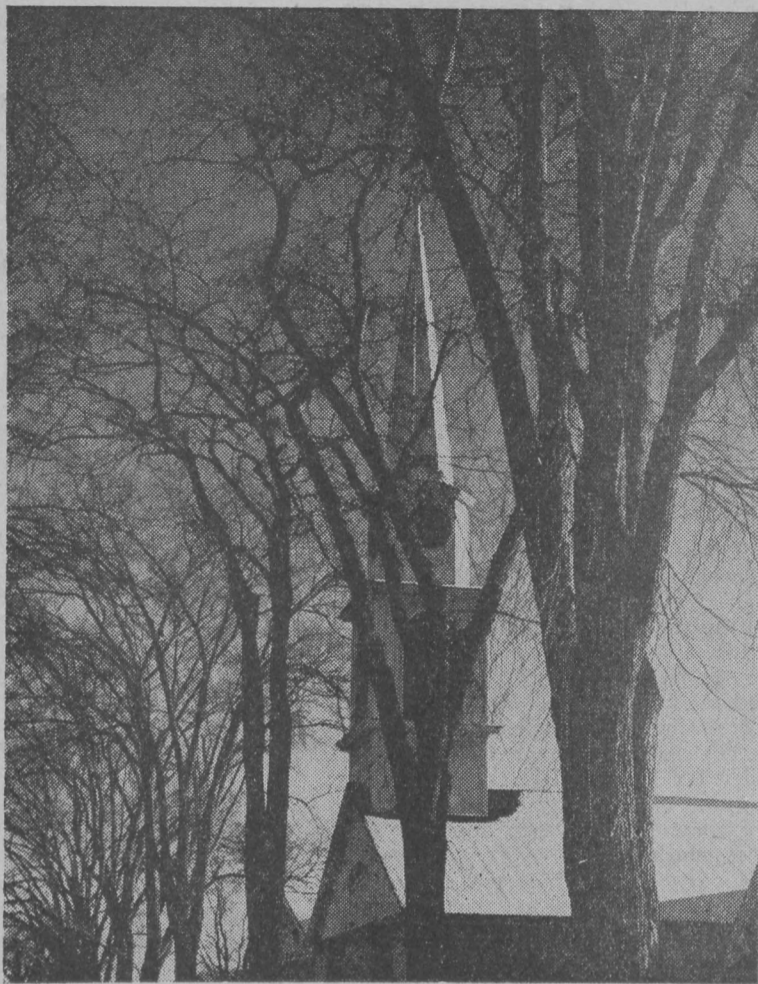
"But the natural man RECEIVETH NOT the things of the Spirit of God: for they are FOOLISHNESS unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—I Cor. 2:14.

Paul refers to the unsaved man as a natural man and he says that the things of God are just foolishness unto him and that he can't understand them because they have to be spiritually discerned. Since the unsaved man has not been saved and the Spirit of God has never come to abide in him, therefore the unsaved man can't discern spiritual things.

I say, beloved, the Bible to the unsaved man is always hard to understand. Even after you are saved there are some things in this old Bible that are mighty hard to understand, for example, the entire book of Daniel and the entire book of Revelation. I have preached from Daniel verse by verse and I have preached from Revelation the same way many times since I have been your pastor, yet, beloved, I say to you that I have pored over and studied over and prayed over these books time without end, and even now there are still portions of these books that I am not positive as to their interpretation.

There are some things that are definitely hard to be understood. Take for example Matthew 24 and 25, where our Lord Jesus is talking about His second coming. So far as I am personally concerned, I have not

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE



(Written by a fourteen-year-old boy)

Each time I pass a church  
I stop to make a visit,  
So that when I'm carried in  
Our Lord won't say, "Who is it?"

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."—Hebrews 10:25.

"Why is the house of God forsaken?"—Neh. 10:25.

"Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."—I Samuel 20:18.

been overly sure about everything concerning these chapters. Or take that passage in II Thess. 2, where the apostle Paul is talking about the man of sin—the Anti-Christ. While I think that parts of that chapter are obvious, there are some parts of it that, to me, are still hard to understand. I go back to Matthew 5 to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, to what is commonly spoken of as the Beatitudes, and will say to you that of all the Bible, that is the hardest part of all for me to understand. I'll take the book of Daniel, the book of Revelation, the second chapter of II Thess. and Matthew 24 and 25 with all their difficulties—I'll take those hard chapters and books and verses and will try to offer an explanation with less worry than I can offer an explanation of the Beatitudes of Matthew 5. I am being perfectly frank with you when I say that, though I have studied through the Word of God considerably, there are some things that are yet hard to understand.

## II

THERE ARE SOME DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE WHICH BECAUSE THEY ARE HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD, ARE OFTEN TWISTED AND PERVERTED AND MISAPPLIED, with the result that the greatest of spiritual damage is done thereby.

Take, for example, the doctrine of election. It is taught here within this Bible. Anybody that says "I don't believe the doctrine of election" is speaking prematurely, for if I were to ask that man, "Do you believe the Bible?" he would

hold up his hand before God to say, "Certainly, I believe the Bible," yet he might say on the spur of the moment, "I don't believe the doctrine of election." Beloved, it is right here within God's Word and every man who believes the Bible, though he might not understand all he knows about the doctrine of election, believes the doctrine of election.

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

Now, beloved, this is election. God made a choice before the foundation of the world and if you are a saved man this morning, it is because primarily God chose you in Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world.

Listen again:

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

I say that the doctrine of election is taught here within the Word of God, but it is one of those things which is hard to be understood, and because it is hard to be understood, it is often perverted and twisted and corrupted.

A preacher friend of mine several years ago sent me a little card which he had had printed. It was a picture of a ballot—a ballot like you would use if you were to go to the polls to vote. It said, "God votes for you, the Devil votes against you." There

was a place opposite the Name of God where the X had been written and there was a place opposite the name of the Devil where the X had been written to show that God was voting for you and the Devil was voting against you. Underneath this was written these words; "You cast the deciding vote." Beloved, there are a lot of preachers who would think this was true, and there are a lot of laymen who would think that this was definitely true, that God casts one vote and the Devil casts another vote for you and that you untie it by your vote. Listen, beloved, the deciding vote isn't cast by you, but the deciding vote was cast by God before the foundation of the world.

That is how the doctrine of election is perverted.

I was talking with a man several years ago and he was telling me of a conversation which he had had with a Hardshell Baptist. He said that this Hardshell Baptist continually referred to the elect, and he said, "Now, Brother Gilpin, who are the elect?" and he said, "I'll answer it for you. The elect are those who believe." I said, "No, brother, you are wrong. The elect aren't those that believe, but rather, those that believe are the elect." Listen:

"And as many as were ordained to eternal life, believed."—Acts 13:48.

Now who believed, beloved? Those that were ordained to eternal life. Therefore this elderly friend of mine was definitely wrong when he said that the elect are those that believe. This just shows us how this doctrine of election is perverted.

I was talking to another man just a few days ago. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I have got the doctrine of election all summed up like this. I want you to listen and see if I am right about it." He said, "It is like this: God looked now and knew that I was going to believe, and He saw that you were going to believe, and He saw all the others that were going to believe, and therefore God elected us to salvation." He said, "Is that right?" I said, "Brother, you are just 100 per cent wrong. What kind of election would that be, God just knowing that we were going to believe, therefore God chose us."

Beloved, that is just one doctrine, but this shows us just how the Word of God—how some of these things that are hard to be understood, have been perverted and twisted and destroyed and corrupted.

Let's notice the doctrine of depravity, which is likewise hard to be understood.

I remember several years ago that I engaged in a religious debate here in Russell, and one night when we were discussing hereditary depravity—that men are born depraved with a sinful disposition—I quoted Psalm 51:5 where David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Beloved, this verse definitely says that every person has a sinful nature, even from the hour of conception. How anyone can take that verse and refuse to believe the doctrine of depravity is beyond me, for it plainly and unequivocally says that every man has a sinful disposition, not only from birth, but even from the hour of conception within his mother's womb; yet, beloved, that preacher said in answer, "I guess, Brother Gilpin, if I had been born in a potato patch, I would have been a potato." Just a wise crack to get around the Scripture!

Listen to me, beloved, this

doctrine of depravity may be hard to understand, but you can see the effects of it every day in your life and in the lives of the people with whom you associate. There isn't a day goes by but what you can see the effect of depravity.

I want to fall back this morning on an old experience of a long time ago. I was out in Chicago in 1934. I had been up in Canada and was on my way back when I ran short of money. I had a friend in Chicago and I knew that if I could reach him, he would be glad to assist me. He was in the Foreign Language Department of the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Company. I went to see him but he was out and they told me that he wouldn't be back until four o'clock. Downstairs on the first floor in the same building where he had his office, there was a big bank. I thought instead of waiting until four o'clock that I would go in and tell that banker who I was and get a check cashed. I went in and introduced myself and he didn't seem to be impressed with the fact that I was John R. Gilpin from Russell, Ky. It didn't seem to impress him one particle. He looked very coldly across the desk at me. I got out my billfold and a half dozen cards that ought to have served as identification, showing the various organizations with which I was connected, hoping that this would serve as identification. He said, "Mr. Gilpin, I don't doubt but what you are telling me the truth, but there isn't a day goes by but what somebody sits on the other side of this desk and tells me something similar to that, and I just have to draw the line of turning down everybody. I'm sorry but you will have to wait until your friend comes in at four o'clock this afternoon to get a check cashed." Now if you had asked the president of that bank if he believed in depravity, he might have said "No," but, beloved, he acted like he believed everybody was depraved. He acted like he had a conviction that everybody in this world was depraved and he was acting right from that standpoint, because, beloved, every one is depraved. Listen!

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

Some of you can remember when the old parsonage was standing where the back part of our church building is now. I used to live in it years ago. I remember definitely when John Jr. was less than three months of age that he would start crying at the top of his voice and when I would start upstairs to him, before I could get to him, he would stop crying to listen to see if I was coming. Now, beloved, if that isn't depravity, you please analyze it and tell me what it is. Everyone here who has ever had any children knows the same thing. I'll grant you, beloved, that depravity is a doctrine that is hard to understand, but it is taught right here in the Word of God. Men are depraved, born that way, conceived that way, and came into the world that way, so much so that Paul says:

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

Let's notice another doctrine which is hard to be understood—the doctrine of the quickening work of the Holy Spirit. Beloved, I believe that a man has to be born again to get to Heaven. You just mark it down this morning that here is one preacher who is old fashioned

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enough to believe that you have to have the new birth, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to get to Heaven. The idea of thinking that all you have to do is to join the church, shake hands with the preacher, and have your name inscribed upon some church record book is just so much tomfoolery. There isn't any virtue in my hand and all the handshaking you do with me can never save your soul, and all the joining of the church and subscribing to the ordinances will never save your soul. Beloved, you have to be quickened by the power of the Spirit of God. Listen:

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." — John 3:5.

Jesus was contrasting the fleshly birth with the spiritual birth. He said that there is a natural birth, which is a water birth. That is the way you get into this world. Then He said that there is a spiritual birth, whereby through the power of the Holy Spirit, you get into the kingdom of God. I can't explain it to you, beloved. I grant you that it is hard to understand, but it is in God's Word.

William Jennings Bryan said, "I can't tell you how it is that a red cow eats green grass, gives blue milk and yellow butter, but it is a fact." I can't tell you how it is that the Holy Spirit comes into your life and saves you, but, beloved, it is a fact. The man that has been saved knows that he has been quickened by the Spirit of God.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." — John 6:44.

Jesus says you have to be drawn by the Holy Spirit. It isn't the persuasiveness of the minister, or the oratory or the eloquence of the preacher. It isn't the dynamic appeal of the minister's personality, nor the influence of the congregation, nor is it because of the atmosphere that is generated in the church whereby you are saved. Beloved, it is by the power of

the Spirit of God that men are saved and born into the kingdom of God.

This doctrine of the quickening work of the Holy Spirit is hard to be understood, and because it is hard to be understood, it is often twisted and perverted and corrupted.

Out here near Grayson, Ky., several years ago, a preacher, in the middle of one of his sermons, got down and looked underneath the seat and said, "I don't see anything of Him." He ran to the other side of the church and repeated the performance and said, "I don't see anything of Him." He ran back to the end of the church building and looked under a third seat and said, "I don't see anything of Him." He came back up to the rostrum and said, "Do you know what I was looking for? I was looking for that thing the Baptists call the Holy Spirit." That man, beloved, didn't believe in the quickening of the Holy Spirit and because he didn't, he took Scriptures which are hard to be understood and instead of praying over them and poring over them and studying them until he did understand them, he made light of, and ridiculed the Word of God.

Let's look at another of these doctrines which are hard to be understood. I believe in justification by faith, through grace, without any works or effort on the part of man. It is taught right here in the Word of God. Listen:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." — Eph. 2:8.

The doctrine of justification by faith is twisted around worse than any doctrine in the Word of God. Sometime ago right here in Russell, on a Methodist bulletin board, were these words: "The Steps of Salvation: repentance, faith, Jesus, a good life, and holding out faithful to the end." A friend said to me, "Brother Gilpin, you Baptists haven't anything to boast of in that respect." He said, "Did you see your Adult Sunday School Quarterly for the last quarter?" Of course I hadn't, we don't use the quarterlies here. He brought me a copy and in that Sunday School quarterly of our Baptist denomination had crept in the same error and the same heresy

that was on this bulletin board here in Russell. The only thing was, they had it in the form of a ladder, in this Sunday School quarterly and entitled it, "The Ladder of Salvation." I just wondered afterward if perhaps that Methodist preacher here in Russell hadn't gotten hold of a Baptist Sunday School quarterly and copied it. It doesn't make any difference where he got it or where the Sunday School quarterly got it, it is wrong. Beloved if you are saved, it is by grace, through faith, without any work on your part. If ever you get to Heaven, it will be because Jesus Christ paid the sin debt in full on the Cross of Calvary.

I don't know any better way to illustrate that than this. As I said last Sunday night, do you believe that if you were to quit going to church, and were to quit praying, and were to quit reading your Bible, and were to quit acting like a Christian ought to act generally, do you believe you would be lost? Now be careful and think before you answer. Somebody will say, "Of course I'd be lost." No, beloved, you wouldn't be lost; you are lost already. That just shows that you are depending upon something you are doing yourself instead of trusting the finished work of Jesus Christ. I tell you, my brother, if you are depending upon anything that you do yourself, to that extent you are not fully depending upon Jesus Christ and you haven't been justified by faith.

Here is another doctrine which is hard to be understood — the doctrine of the security of the saved. I am positive that when the Lord saves a man, He saves him forever. I don't believe, beloved, that there is any Scripture that can be brought to bear upon this question that would show that a man can ever be lost after he was saved. The Word of God tells us just the contrary. Listen:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." — Rom. 8:38, 39.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand." — John 19:28, 29.

In the light of these Scriptures how can anyone say that a man can be saved and then lose his salvation after he has been saved? I'll grant you, beloved, it might be hard to understand, but it is God's Word.

A few weeks ago I picked up a young lady here in town, who was waiting for a bus. I always try to witness to people when I have the opportunity. This girl and I were riding along and I asked her if she was saved. Oh, yes, she was saved and she was a member of the church and she was praying every day that the Lord would help her to hold out faithful to the end. That just didn't sound right from a saved person. It sounded like a good, religious person that was honest and sincere, but she wasn't talking my language. You say, Brother Gilpin, is there any difference in a person being religious and being saved? There certainly is, brother. You can have all the religion in this world and be a stranger to the grace of God and salvation. I quoted this girl John 10:28, 29 where Jesus said that no one is able to pluck them out of His

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

I do not know, I cannot see  
What God's kind hand prepares for me,  
Nor can my glance pierce through the haze  
Which covers all my future ways;  
But yet I know that o'er it all  
Rules He who notes the sparrow's fall.

I know the Hand that hath me fed  
And through the year my feet hath led;  
I know the everlasting arm  
That hath upheld and kept from harm.  
I trust Him as my God and Guide  
And know that He will still provide.

So at the opening of the year,  
I banish care and doubt and fear,  
And clasping His kind hand, essay  
To walk with God from day to day,  
Trusting in Him who hath me fed,  
Walking with Him who hath me led.

Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned.  
A hand divine hath set thy bound.  
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring  
Fresh blessings from my God and King.  
The Old we leave without a tear,  
The New we hail without a fear.

—Author Unknown

hands. She said, "That's right. I've got to hold out faithful to the end." I said, "It doesn't say so in that verse." I quoted it to her again. She said, "Providing you hold out faithful, that's true." We had gotten down to Greenup by that time and I just reached down in my pocket and pulled my Testament out, and said, "You just read it for yourself and tell me if it says 'providing you hold out faithful to the end.'" She said, "It isn't there, but that is what it means." Beloved, I prefer to take what it says and not what you think it means. That's how this doctrine of the security of the saved is perverted.

I went over to the round house one day several years ago and preached to the colored boys. After the service was over and I had started to leave, one of the white men who had listened in and who was a good friend of mine and a Methodist preacher, came up to me and put his arm around me and said, "Brother Gilpin, I believe the doctrine of the security of the saved just the same as you do." I said, "Good for you, I'm glad you do. You didn't believe it the last time I heard you preach." He said, "I believe in eternal life." I said, "Just what did you say, again?" He said, "Whenever we get out in eternity we have eternal life." I said, "Brother, you are not talking the language of the Lord Jesus Christ," and I turned to John 17:3 and gave him Jesus' own definition of eternal life. Listen:

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent."

Eternal salvation isn't something that you get when you get into eternity but, beloved, if you know Jesus Christ as your Saviour, right now, not when you get into eternity, you have eternal salvation. I am ready to grant you, beloved, that it is perhaps hard to be understood but nevertheless it is God's Word and it is in God's Book.

### III

WE SHOULD STAND FAST

FOR THESE THINGS THAT ARE IN GOD'S BOOK. Even though they are hard to be understood, it is up to you and me to believe them and preach them and to contend for these things of the Word of God. We have a distinct message, beloved, to stand fast for these great truths of God's Book. It is our business to believe them and to contend for them day by day.

I often think of the times when Texas was endeavoring to secure her freedom from old Mexico and I think today of that experience at the Alamo which proved the metal and showed the courage of some of Texas' sons. A little less than two hundred men were at the Alamo in Austin, Texas, where they were surrounded by the Mexican soldiers. The man in charge took his sword and started at one end of the building and drew a line with his sword all the way down the center of the building to the other end. He said to the men, "All of you who want to flee, you can now do so. You now have the opportunity." He said, "All of those of you who want to die with me that Texas might go free, step over this line. He stepped to the other side of the line and without a moment's hesitancy, every able bodied man within the room stepped over the line to the other side. Over here lying on a cot, dying with a half dozen wounds in his body, was David Crockett. He said, "Boys, pick my hat up and put it over on the other side of the line." They did so. He said, "Pick up my cot and put me over on that side of the line that I might die there too." Only one woman escaped from the massacre of the Alamo to tell the story while every man within that building was killed by the Mexicans that day.

Beloved, what we need today as Baptist people is a spiritual determination like that to stand for the Word of God and the teachings of God's prophets. (Continued on page four)

## OUR GUIDE

By Vincent E. Bennett



The shepherds saw an angel,  
The wise men saw a star,  
But what have we to guide us  
When we have wandered far?  
We have His Word so precious,  
And He has made this plain—  
If we would find the Saviour  
Our God will guide again.

## "Things Hard To Be Understood."

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Oh, would to God that we could just draw a line and put these great truths of God's grace on one side of the line and say, "I'll stand to the end. God giving me grace, I'll stand for these great truths of God's Word that are often twisted and perverted—I'll stand for these and all the balance of the Word of God."

I wonder this morning, beloved, about you. Are you saved? If you are, then thank God. Oh! what promises we have for which to thank Him! If you are not saved, then receive Jesus Christ, for He is the only way. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God." May you receive Him and be saved today and then may you stand boldly for all His Word.

May God bless you!



## "We're Crazy"

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students of the Seminary. Don't say that you want to stand for God's Word if you ever make one more contribution to the Cooperative Program, which in turn supports the Seminary.



## A Strange Service

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affair a year from now. "Next year," he added, "I want a barrel of beer for the congregation after the service."

Could anything be more tragic? This is certainly not what Paul meant when he said that he wanted to be all things to all men, that he might win some.



## Body, Soul And Spirit

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And—"we shall be like him."

Much of the time we use the term SOUL, when what we mean is SPIRIT. The Adventists sometimes offer a sum of money for anybody who can show a passage of Scripture which says that the "soul is immortal." That stuns and dumbfounds many and they are led off. But while one cannot find such Scripture, it is certainly taught that the spiritual part of man persists after the death of the body. After all, we are not sticklers for terms. The essential truth is that after the body dies there is a living, conscious entity that survives and that goes—if one is saved—into the presence of God. Else the "rich man" of Luke 16: would not have been conscious after death; Moses would not have been with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, and Paul would not have said, "Having a desire to depart and be with Christ."

And after all we can find out, there remains much mystery about body, soul, and spirit, and their relationship to each other. Some day we shall understand.



## Unclaimed Reward

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\$50 REWARD to any one who will produce a text of Scripture to prove that any man is safe who delays the salvation of his immortal soul. "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." (Mark 8:36).

\$1,500 REWARD to any one who will produce the required texts of Scripture on the above questions. Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of Me." (John 5:39).

The Holy Scriptures are the only infallible source of truth that God has revealed for our salvation, and the only and absolute rule of faith. As a religious guide they are clear and complete. It is therefore the sacred duty of every man faithfully to use this means which God has provided to learn the way of salvation.

## Religion In The News

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do? Is he not to be executed with the others tomorrow at sunrise?"

"Yes, Father, he is. But as soon as the band has finished

playing, I shall baptize him."

The commander returned later with a smile on his face.

"Well, how did everything go?" asked the priest.

"Very well, Father. I stood next to him and when the music stopped, I baptized him and before the water was dry on his head he already was in the other world. HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO DAMN HIS SOUL."

## —THE TRAGEDY—

First of all we find ourselves face to face with a glaring inconsistency. The tremendous anxiety on the part of the commander and the priest to have this man baptized before he died, and then, the apparent satisfaction that he had died so quickly after his baptism that he did not have time to damn his soul.

Roman Catholicism believes that baptism is essential to salvation.

In the official book, "The Catholic Christian Instructed," page 30, we read:

"Q. What are the effects of the sacrament of baptism?"

A. "It washes away original sin, in which we are all born by reason of our first father Adam. It remits all actual sin, which we ourselves have committed both as to the guilt and pain. In fine, it lets us into the church of God, and makes us children and members of the churches."

Hence, the reason for their great anxiety to have the man baptized. His salvation depended upon it.

However, if baptism assures salvation according to the above quotation Catholics believe, why should they worry about the man ever again being lost?

Of course there is but one answer to the question. If my faith were only centered upon water baptism, I, too, would worry about the certainty of my salvation.

On page 151 of "The Catholic Christian Instructed," we read: "According to the works which each man has done in the time of his mortal life, according to the state in which he is found at the moment of his departure out of this life, he shall certainly re-

ceive reward or punishment from God. Hence it evidently follows that as by this rule of God's justice, they that die in GREAT AND DEADLY sins, not cancelled by repentance, will be eternally punished in hell; so by the same rule, they that die in LESSER or VENIAL sins (which is certainly the case of a great many) will be punished somewhere for a time, TILL GOD'S JUSTICE BE SATISFIED, and this is what we call purgatory."

## —THE TRUTH—

What a tragedy that men cannot see that God's justice has already been satisfied once and for all. Not by the future suffering of human beings, but by the past suffering of Christ, of which suffering every true believer is a partaker—"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of CHRIST'S sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding Joy" (I Peter 4:13).



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