

## Chas. T. Alexander Appreciates The Message Of TBE



Charles T. Alexander

Bro. Charles T. Alexander, one of God's noblemen — a true veteran of the cross — a real defender of the Faith, writes his appreciation of recent articles in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Brother Alexander, though in his 80's, and growing old gracefully, is still active in the service of our Lord. That he is loved (Continued on page four)

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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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## Are Christians Under Obligation To Keep The Law?

We are dealing with a question now about which there is very great confusion. By "law" we mean the law given through Moses. This involves the ten commandments and the legal and ceremonial observances that grouped about these commandments. The question that we are concerned about mainly is: Is Christianity a system of mixed law and grace?

Back in New Testament times, certain Jews who claimed to be believers, attempted to mix law and grace. They wanted to tack Christ and His teachings onto Judaism as a sort of patch. And the first conflict that ever arose in Christendom was the conflict over this question. Paul wrote Galatians especially to combat the idea that Christians must keep the law of Moses. The first council ever held in

the history of Christianity, was held to talk over this matter. An account of this council is found in the fifteenth chapter of Acts. Let us note the outstanding things in this chapter:

1. Jews from Judea come to Antioch to try to insist the law on Christians. (See Acts 15:1 and 5.) They were teaching that circumcision was essential to salvation, just as some teach today that baptism is essential to salvation. Same principle.
2. Paul and Barnabas are sent to Jerusalem to talk with the apostles and church about this. (v. 2, 3).
3. Judaizers start the contention. (v. 5-6).
4. Peter's testimony concerning how Gentiles had been saved. (7-11). He says the following things:

(1) The Holy Spirit had

shown unmistakably that they had been saved without the law. (v. 8).

(2) Purification of the heart is through faith — not works. (v. 9).

(3) The law was a yoke — something that no one was ever able to keep. (10). The law was given to show man that he was hopelessly lost, and helpless.

(4) Salvation is by grace anyhow—not of law. (v. 11).

5. Paul and Barnabas then relate how rank, raw, Gentile sinners have been saved — people who had never heard of the law of Moses. (v. 12).

6. Then James shows that this was in accord with the eternal plan of God as revealed in the Scriptures. (v. 14-18). He here clearly states the plan of God for this age. Note—

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## Editor Visits With The Saints Of Richwood, W. Va.



Harry Simms

On Monday evening, January 23, the editor visited with Pastor Harry Simms and the Riverside Baptist Church, of Richwood, W. Va., and preached to a large congregation on "The Sins Of The Saints."

Bro. Simms is a great Christian character, whom to know is but to love, and who is wielding a tremendous influence for (Continued on Page Four)

## Thank You, Beloved Friends For Your Kind Remarks

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Am inclosing my check for \$20.00 for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I feel that it is the greatest witness to "thus saith the Lord" of any Christian periodical of today, and only when we go to our heavenly home will it be revealed as to the spiritual influence which it has manifested in this wicked world of today.

J. H. KAIN,

West Cape May, N. J.

"We look forward to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and it has become a rivalry as to who gets it first."

MR. AND MRS. ADKINSON, Lexington, Ky.

I enjoy reading The Baptist (Continued on page four)

## ECCENTRIC WOMAN LEAVES 32 ROOMS OF TREASURES

Mrs. Linda Belle Titus Knox, 94, a widow who lived in a small room on the third floor of the house at 1500 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, died November 9, 1949. She was known as a purchaser of antiques.

After her death, the administrator of the estate found a 50 year old accumulation of valuable chinaware, paintings, and unopened crates and trunks crowding the ceiling of more than a dozen, dust-filled, unlighted rooms.

Twenty more rooms full of antique furniture have been found in a River Forest mansion which Mrs. Knox purchased in 1932.

A fortune in hidden diamonds was unexpectedly discovered in the false bottom of a trunk.

Desks revealed \$5,000 in cash and \$22,000 in uncashed checks and money orders. Mrs. Knox kept several hundred dollars in postal money orders so long that they became unredeemable. She

wrote to Washington to exchange them for a treasury check, but kept the check so long that it can no longer be cashed.

Many uncashable checks are older than the ten year statute of limitations, and therefore void. The writers of others either have died or disappeared.

Before criticizing the widow for not making real use of all her riches, if you are a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, ask yourself this question: "What real use am I making of the room after room of spiritual treasures to be found in the Holy Scriptures?"

The Bible contains: The mind of God, the state of man, the

### Mused Uncle Mose

Dey's er lot o' fellers dat can crack de whip ovah somebody, but dey's mighty few dat can put dey necks in de yoke.

way of Salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Christ is the grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.

Why neglect so wonderful a Book as the Bible?

## How Widow Saved A Murderer From The Electric Chair

While 35-year-old Carmine (Charlie) Petillo was on trial for murdering Frank Faletta, 35, over a \$20 debt, he offered to plead guilty to second-degree murder, which does not carry a death penalty.

Judge Samuel Leibowitz of King County, New York, turned to the widow of the murdered man and said the decision was in her hands as to whether he accepted Petillo's plea to the lesser charge.

"I feel two wrongs can't make a right," Mrs. Faletta said in a quivering voice. "Frank is gone. Sending Charlie to the electric chair won't bring Frank back. I feel sorry for his (Petillo's) poor mother. I know what it is to lose someone. He'll have to answer to God for what he has done."

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### A NEW EDITION

A new edition of "Sinners In The Hands Of An Angry God" is being published by Elder I. W. Rogers of Hickory, Ky., and will be available through him within the next few days.

This is the great sermon that was preached by Jonathan Edwards — years ago. So profound was the impression made when it was preached that sinners are said to have clutched the benches as if they were already sliding into the pit of Hell itself. One minister interrupted the service to say, "But Mr. Edwards, is not God a God of mercy too?"

Brother Rogers has printed several editions of this sermon and is doing the cause of Christ a great service by keeping it in print.

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "WHY I CAN NOT ACCEPT THE POPE'S INVITATION"

"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.

Here is a text which tells us that we ought to be ready at all times to give a reason for what we believe. I don't think a man has very much business saying that he is a Baptist if he can't give a Scriptural reason for being one. Frankly, beloved, I don't think an individual has

any business saying that he is an atheist, or an infidel, or an agnostic; if he can't give a mighty, mighty good reason for his position. I know that no Christian has any business claiming to believe any portion of the Word of God if he can't give a "thus saith the Lord" to substantiate what he believes.

As the majority of you know, last week the Pope, in a radio broadcast, urged everybody to come back to what he calls the "one true church." Those of us who live in this hemisphere,

who failed to hear the radio broadcast, got it on the rebound when it was rebroadcast here in America and still later the following day when it was printed in nearly every newspaper in the country.

As far as I am concerned, beloved, the Pope has my permission to issue any invitation which he wishes. I am glad that we live in a country where there is the freedom of religious thought and expression. I am glad that he has the privilege of extending such an invitation to (Continued on page two)

### WHAT TIME IS IT?

THE TIME OF UNCERTAINTY  
"For man also knoweth not his TIME" Eccles. 9:12.

THE TIME OF AWAKENING  
"Now is high TIME TO AWAKE out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we (first) believed" Rom. 13:11.

THE TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO SEEK THE LORD  
"It is TIME TO SEEK the Lord" Hosea 10:12.

THE TIME OF USEFULNESS  
"Redeeming the TIME because the days are evil" Eph. 5:16.

THE TIME OF SALVATION  
"Behold NOW is the accepted TIME; behold NOW is the day of salvation" II Cor. 6:2.



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## "Why I Can Not Accept The Pope's Invitation"

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everyone to return to what he calls the one true church. In fact, beloved, I'll give him a greater privilege than what he is willing to give me, for the Pope isn't willing to give to me the freedom of expression. He isn't willing to give to me the same privilege that I am willing to give to him. I think that I can prove this to you. Let me read to you a statement from Pope Leo XIII, in which he says:

"It is never permitted to grant freedom of thought, writing, or teaching, and the undifferentiated freedom of religion, as so many rights which nature has given to man."

Then to quote from the Catholic Encyclopedia, which I have in my office:

"The church has been and still remains intolerant of all other religions. She regards dogmatic intolerance not alone as her incontestable right, but also her sacred duty."

I certainly don't agree with either of these statements. I certainly don't believe that the Catholics are the only people who have the right to express themselves religiously, yet, beloved, that is what both of these statements that I have read actually mean. When Pope Leo XIII made his utterance and when the Catholic Encyclopedia wrote that which I have just read, they might just as well have put it in plainer language and said that all Baptists and all Protestants and all Jews and all dissenters from the Catholic faith have no right to ever lift their finger or open their mouths against Catholicism. I certainly don't agree with them.

The statement that the Pope made last week is nothing more or less than a part of the widespread propaganda of the Catholic church to turn the world Catholic.

Back in 1946 I clipped this quotation from the Catholic Gazette, which is published in Europe:

"We shall never be satisfied until the Catholic Faith is expounded from every pulpit in the land, and every parish church in the country not only has the essentials of Catholic worship, but is marked also by those outward things which mean so much. We are not prepared to accept any other ideal. We do not mind going slow if necessary. But one thing we can never do is to accept a lower ideal than that, or to accept terms of union with other bodies as would delay, or make impossible that ultimate reunion with our Catholic brethren throughout the world."

This is a part of their propaganda today—to make the world Catholic.

About two years ago they began running a series of advertisements in a great number of daily and monthly papers in America, being sponsored under the name of "the Knights of Columbus." Those advertisements

## Catholic Position



## Baptist Position



## THERE IS A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE

were nothing more or less than Catholic propaganda, to turn everybody to the Catholic church.

Beloved, this statement which I have just read from the Catholic Gazette shows that their desire is that everybody shall become a Catholic the world around. I don't blame them for having that desire. I might say that I have a desire, too, beloved, and that is that everybody shall not be a Catholic. The fact of the matter is, I have a still greater desire—that is, everybody that shall be saved shall be a Baptist. Beloved, I am going to do my part in lifting my voice to turn everybody, first of all, to the Lord Jesus Christ that he might be saved, and then to guide and instruct him in the Word of God that he become, not a Catholic, but a Baptist. If I had the ability to do so, I'd make a Baptist of every man that I come in contact with from day to day.

Now, beloved, let me give you some reasons why I shall certainly refuse the Pope's invitation to return to what he calls the "one true church."

### I

INSTEAD OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BEING THE ONE TRUE CHURCH, RATHER IT IS AN APOSTATE CHURCH AND IS NOT A TRUE CHURCH.

In Romans 1:8 we read:

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world."

That is what Paul wrote to the church at Rome about the year 60 A. D. This church at Rome in 60 A. D. was a Scriptural church. In fact, beloved, it was so Scriptural that their faith was spoken of throughout the whole world. It wasn't any Roman Catholic church when Paul wrote this letter and addressed it unto this church. It was a sound, Scriptural, orthodox, New Testament, Baptist church.

There isn't a doubt in my mind, beloved, from the study of history, that the church at Rome in 60 A. D. was an orthodox, Scriptural, Baptist church. In fact, beloved, it was the outstanding church of Paul's day. However, after Paul's day and after the early church fathers had died, little by little, error crept into that church until eventually that church which was sound and Scriptural and which Paul commended since their faith was spoken of throughout the whole world—that church ultimately apostatized and turned away from the faith to the extent that finally about 251 A. D. other Baptist churches withdrew the hand of fellowship from the church at Rome. I mean to say, beloved, that the church at Rome was no longer recognized as a Baptist church. It had been thus recognized heretofore. It had been the greatest and the most outstanding church. Little by little error and heresy and heterodoxy

came in until finally all other Baptists had to withdraw fellowship from this church at Rome, and that church at Rome eventually evolved over a period of the next 300 years into the Catholic church so that, beloved, by the year 600 A. D., the church that Paul referred to as the most orthodox church in his day, had become the foundation of Catholicism.

Now, beloved, would you call that the "one true church?" The Pope's invitation is for everyone to return to the one true church. Would you call it a true church when it is an excluded church and when all other Baptists about the year 251 withdrew fellowship and refused to have anything further to do with that church? Would you say that it was a true church? I tell you tonight, my beloved friends, instead of it being a true church, it is an apostate church. It is a false church that is the outgrowth of their many heresies and their departure from the Word of God.

I'll grant you, beloved, that it seems mighty strange that a church could be so sound and so solid and so Scriptural that it would be spoken of as "your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world," and then a few years later, that that church get so far from the truth that all other Baptists refused to have anything at all to do with it, yet that is the story of the Roman Catholic church.

I say then, beloved, for my first reason, I most courteously, yet frankly, decline the Pope's invitation to return to the "one true church," because his church isn't a true church, but an apostate church that doesn't deserve the name of church in the light of the Word of God.

### II

THE CHURCH WHICH THE POPE INVITES ME TO RETURN TO IS FILLED WITH ERROR AND HERESY.

I hurriedly note several of the outstanding heresies of Catholicism.

1. The Catholics must buy their loved ones out of purgatory. That was adopted by the Catholic church by the Council of Florence in 1434 A. D. Every student of history can check the date. It didn't begin in New Testament times. It isn't a part of the Bible. It was adopted by the church as a man-made procedure almost 1500 years after Jesus had established His church.

Now, beloved, if it had been Bible, why didn't Jesus put it in this early church? If it had been Scriptural, why didn't the Son of God put it into His church at the beginning? I tell you tonight, beloved, it is a man-made innovation. It is a heresy that is adopted by man and is not sanctioned by God. In fact, just the contrary is true. You talk about buying your loved ones out of Purgatory! That would mean to say that purgatory is a great and successful reform school for

all the incorrigibles of earth who wouldn't be corrected in time, but are corrected in eternity. That would be mighty nice, beloved, if there were just any truth in it. I don't know of anything that would be any more comforting tonight to some of us who have loved ones that we think died unsaved. Listen to God's Word:

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

Beloved, silver and gold will never be the means of bringing one lost soul out of the flames of Hell or out of the pit of Purgatory into the realm and bliss of the redeemed. In Luke 16 Jesus gives to us the story of the rich man and Lazarus. When Lazarus asked for a cup of water that from which he might get a drop to cool his tongue, the answer came back, "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," as if to say that when you go to Hell, you go there to stay. There is no getting out.

Now, beloved, when did this heresy of paying the way of your loved ones out of Purgatory begin? Not in the days of Jesus, nor was it started in the days of the apostles, but rather in 1434 A. D. It was started by a group of men at the Council of Florence.

2. The Catholics put a priest between God and man. They say that no man can be saved unless he comes by way of the priest. Listen to God's Word in contrast:

"For there is one God, and ONE MEDIATOR between God

and men, the man Christ Jesus."—I Tim. 2:5.

This verse tells us that there is only one mediator between God and man and that is, Christ Jesus.

I don't tell you that you have to come to a priest and confess your sins to him, nor do I say that you have to come to any individual and deal with that intermediary in order to come to God. Instead, this one verse tells us that there is one God in Heaven and man here on earth, and there is just one mediator to come between God and man, and that is Christ Jesus.

Once nearly twenty-five years ago, as a boy preacher, I sat up one night and talked to a Catholic girl until nearly two o'clock in the morning. She had heard me preach that night and didn't like some of the things which I had said, and she had asked the lady where I was staying if she might go home with her and talk with me that evening after the service. The lady with whom I was staying gladly granted her request, and when I got to the house that night, there sat that Catholic girl wanting to talk with me about the Word of God. I talked with her until about 2 o'clock. Finally, as a last Scripture, I read her this verse. She said, "Is that in the Catholic Bible?" I didn't have one then that I could read to her from, but I assured her that it was in the Catholic Bible just exactly as it was in the Bible from which I read to her. She said, "If that be so, then the whole system of Catholicism falls with that verse." She was 100 per cent right. Beloved, there is one God in Heaven, man down here on earth, and just one that can come between God and man—the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, brother, sister, let me pause to say that mother and father and preacher and priest and rabbi and friends may be of help to you in reading you the Word of God and telling you about Jesus, but there is just one that can take hold of you and can take hold of God and bring you and God together, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

3. The Catholics in their heresy put Mary above Christ.

Sometime ago I saw a picture, supposedly of a lost sinner seeking to gain access to God. Jesus was standing with a scowl upon His face and with a sarcastic expression all over His visage, and He was spurning the efforts

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## BROOKLYN DODGER STARS RECEIVE BIBLES



"Jackie" Robinson (right) and Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodger baseball stars, receive Bibles as they sign up as members of the New York Bible Society. The presentation was made by its vice-president, Harold B. Pretlove, on the occasion of the Society's one hundred and fortieth anniversary.



## PRIESTS LISTENING AT THE CONFESSIONAL

sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."—I John 1:8.

6. Let me briefly mention some of the heresies that have come into the Catholic church. Beads were invented by Peter the Hermit in 1090. Up to that time they didn't count beads and say a prayer on each one.

7. "Lent and Good Friday began in 998. Up to that time the Catholics didn't know what it was to observe forty days of fasting. Whenever I think of it, I think of that poor soul over here in Ironton who, two years ago, said she was going to give up something during Lent that would really hurt — she wasn't going to take a drink of whiskey all through Lent. That was her sacrifice for forty days. You know what Lent is, don't you? It is an attempt of an individual to suppress the desires of his flesh for forty days and thereby get enough piety to permit him to live like the Devil the rest of the year. That is what folk usually do who follow it.

8. Another heresy is that of worshipping in an unknown tongue, which was begun by Gregory I in 600 A. D. Paul says, "I would rather speak five words that can be understood than 10,000 in an unknown tongue," yet I have attended church services conducted by the Catholic church and never understood one word that was spoken.

My doctor here in town and I attended a funeral service in Ashland several years ago. After the service was over, every word of which was spoken in Latin, and not one word which he or I understood, I said to him, "What did you think of it?" He said, "Pretty good show, pretty good show." That was just about what it was. We didn't understand any of it but it was a pretty little three act show—one act upon the high part of the rostrum, one act down on the second part, and the third act down around the casket when they walked around the casket with a light, lighting the poor soul into Purgatory.

9. Another heresy is that of the Auricular Confession which was started by Pope Innocent III in 1215.

Let me ask you, would you like to tell me or any other human being the innermost secrets of your heart? Can you imagine yourself, in your right mind, within the confessional box, with an old bachelor there on the other side of the partition from you with as many sins to be atoned for as you have yourself? When he puts his ear up to that peep hole in the confessional box, then you whisper through it and tell him the secrets of your life. I challenge you, beloved, to find anything like it in the Word of God. I challenge you to find any place in this Bible where God says for you to confess your sins to any earthly individual in hopes that you will get victory over those sins and forgiveness thereby. Beloved, the Catholics never even thought about it until 12:15 A. D.

I have mentioned to you some nine of these heresies of the Catholic church. If time would permit, I could mention to you twice as many more, yes, three and four times as many more. How could I accept the Pope's invitation to return to the one true church when his church is made up of the innovations and the inventions of man, which are nothing more or less than heretical when viewed in the light of the Word of God.

### III

#### THEY DON'T ALLOW YOU TO READ THE BIBLE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Let me read to you a little quotation:

"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 strengthen 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 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 whirlwinds and tempests whereby we were almost swept away. And in fact if anyone examines it diligently and then contrasts therewith the practice of our church, he'll perceive the great discordance and that our doctrine is utterly different from and often very contrary to it, which if the people understand, they will not cease their clamor against us till all be divulged and then we shall become an object of universal discord and hatred. Wherefore, even these few pages must be put away but with considerable caution, lest so doing should raise up greater uproars."

This was what three Roman Catholic bishops told the Pope as to the best way to cause Catholicism to prosper—do away with the Bible and do not let the people read it.

Beloved, do you know what causes Baptists to prosper? It is for them to read the Bible. I try to get every member of this church to read his Bible every day. I urge every man to get a Bible and in 1950 read it every day.

Beloved, I wouldn't want to be a member of a church that wouldn't let you read the Bible. In the first place, I wouldn't be at home without my Bible. I think often of that poor soul who several years ago told Brother Mac Rudd that if they wouldn't take away my Bible I couldn't preach a lick. Beloved, he told the truth. The only thing that I have to preach is this Word of God. I wouldn't want to be a member of any church where they wouldn't allow you to use the Bible and where the Word of God was forbidden to the members thereof.

### IV

#### THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS GOING TO BE DESTROYED ONE OF THESE DAYS.

We read: "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."—Mt. 15:13. There is going to be a great rooting-up some of these days. I don't know when it is coming to pass except that when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back, and He is coming, He is going to uproot all these false churches and is going to destroy everything that hasn't been planted by the Son of God Himself. Surely as there is a God in Heaven, today, Catholicism wasn't planted by the Lord and it is going to be rooted up by Him.

That isn't the only Scripture that I would cite to show that Catholicism is going to be destroyed. Listen:

"And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."—Rev. 17:16.

If you will read the entirety of this seventeenth chapter of Revelation, you will have a picture of the old whore and her harlot daughters. The old whore

is Roman Catholicism and the Word of God says that she is going to be destroyed and they are going to make her desolate and naked and shall eat her flesh and burn her with fire. That means nothing more or less than destruction.

I am ready to grant, beloved, that it doesn't look like Catholicism is being destroyed today. It is true that you can't pick up a paper but what you see something about Catholicism. That is man's way of building up what man has done. God tells us what the final outcome will be as to Catholicism, and I am willing to take my stand on what God says and wait for it to come to pass. 1900 years have passed since this passage of Revelation was written and it hasn't been fulfilled yet. Some people think that because time has passed by and it has been so long, surely it will never be fulfilled. I say to you, beloved, if God has kept His word concerning all the rest of this Bible, He will keep His Word concerning this passage of Scripture.

Some of these days Rome is going to be destroyed. I wouldn't want to be a member of a church which is going to be destroyed. The Word of God says that she is going to be burned with fire—completely destroyed. Some of these days that is going to take place.

### V

#### THE POPE HIMSELF NEEDS TO BE SAVED.

A few weeks ago I read a statement that he made whereby he said that there was no salvation outside the Catholic church. He went on to say that if a man is to be saved, that it must come by being a Catholic—in other words, salvation by church membership. Beloved, I don't believe in salvation by church membership, even in a Baptist church. There are a lot of Baptists on the road to Hell and there are a lot of Baptists in Hell tonight who were members of a Baptist Church here on earth. I don't believe in church membership for salvation and when the Pope says that there is no salvation outside the Catholic church, I know that he himself needs to be saved.

Beloved, if he didn't believe it he certainly wouldn't have said it. Would I want to be a member of a church where the head of that church was an unsaved man? If his followers believe what he says—that salvation is only to be had through the church—then his followers are unsaved. Let me make it clear tonight about salvation. There is just one way to be saved and that is by Jesus Christ. No man is saved because he is a Baptist. No man is saved because he is a member of any church. No man is saved by being baptized. No man is saved by the good that he does. No man is saved by quitting his meanness. Beloved, there is just one Saviour and that is Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross 1900 years ago.

We read: "And without shedding of blood is no remission."—Heb. 9:22.

Beloved, God has never forgiven any man's sins in this world apart from the death of Jesus Christ at Calvary. You can join all the churches in this world and die and go to Hell. You can be baptized by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, (Continued on page four)



a church hallway at Atotolco priests with bored expressions listen to confessions. Penitents sit in confession boxes on the other side of the wall, speaking through apertures.

#### "Why I Can Not Accept The Pope's Invitation"

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of the lost sinner while Mary, according to this Catholic picture, was endeavoring to placate His wrath that that sinner might come to God. I looked at it and thought how far it was from the truth to put Mary above the Lord Jesus Christ.

I went on to read the article that accompanied the picture, and this was their explanation: "Wouldn't you come nearer doing something because your mother asked you to do it than you would otherwise?" Now that is a good human approach by way of reasoning. The article declared that if Mary, the mother of Christ, were to ask Christ to do something, that it would come nearer causing Christ to do it than otherwise.

Beloved, Mary was only the human vehicle whereby Jesus Christ was brought to this earth. The Bible never did say that Mary was above other women. It merely declared that she was blessed AMONG women. She was nothing more or less than the human agent whereby Jesus Christ came to this world, and to put Mary above Christ is, to me, nothing short of blasphemy.

4. The use of Holy Water is another heresy that began about the year 1000.

Several years ago I was down at Greenup one day and a man used the expression that he feared a certain thing worse than the Devil feared Holy Water. It was a new expression to me and I asked myself, "Does the Devil fear Holy Water?" What is the difference between a little water here which a preacher has prayed over and a little water, here which hasn't been prayed over? One is no more holy than the other. Beloved, listen, if Holy Water had been of the Lord, it would have been designed by the Lord Jesus Christ and found in the Bible. Yet it isn't found in the Bible.

It wasn't found until 1100 years after the Son of God was born in Bethlehem. It is an innovation—a man-made innovation.

Several years ago a girl in the church of which I was then pastor was dying. She was dying in a Catholic hospital in Cincinnati. I was there with her father, waiting for her death. A Catholic neighbor was there within the room and when this girl was just breathing her last, he pulled a bottle from his pocket and sprinkled the contents on the father, on myself, on the girl, and on everything in the room. He thought that that Holy Water which had been blessed by the priest would aid that poor individual who was dying as she passed from life to the grave.

Beloved, I repeat, if Holy Water had been of God, you would have heard about it in the Bible. Since it isn't mentioned in the Bible, I say that it is nothing more or less than an invention of man and a heresy of the Catholic church.

5. The infallibility of the Pope is another great heresy of Rome.

In the year 1870 the Catholics learned that if the Pope had his coat on that he couldn't make a mistake, but if he took his coat off he was capable of sinning and making a mistake the same as anybody else. Beloved, it took them a long time to learn that. In fact, they didn't learn it until 1870. That is only about 80 years ago that it came into existence. If any individual could live perfectly with his coat on or with his coat off, isn't it strange that the Lord didn't tell us in the Bible? Instead, beloved, we read within the Bible that there isn't a just man within the world that doeth good and sinneth not. Isn't that sufficient to tell us that the Pope sins when he has his coat on or his coat off? The Word of God tells us that it is impossible for any individual to live above sin. Listen:

"If we say that we have no



## "Why I Can Not Accept The Pope's Invitation"

(Continued from Page Three) and die and go to Hell. You can turn over a new leaf and you can make New Year's resolutions by the bucketsful and die and go to Hell. I tell you, beloved, there is no salvation through the preacher, no salvation through the church, and no salvation by your efforts. The only salvation that I know anything about is what this Word of God says. Listen:

"Christ died for our sins."—I Cor. 15:3.

I thank God that for nearly twenty-one years I've had the privilege of holding up to this congregation this blessed truth, that the only way of salvation is the Lord Jesus Christ. I have said that you can be a member of a church and be baptized and still be lost. On the contrary let me say this, that you can trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord in your heart, and even if you are never baptized and even if you are never a member of any church you are going to Heaven when you die. I am glad tonight that Jesus is the only Saviour and I rejoice in Him.

As we bring this service to a close in this last church service of this year, I am glad, beloved, that I can say to you that the only hope I have and the only hope I can offer you is the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Trust Him, believe Him, receive Him, and live for Him.

And after you are saved, read your Bible and join a Missionary Baptist Church—the kind Jesus established when here in His flesh. Stay away from the old whore and her harlot daughters—Rome and the Protestant Churches that have come out of her. If you read your Bible, it will lead you definitely to a Baptist Church and away from all others.

May God bless you!



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### Visit To Richwood

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the Truth in his community. He and his church were just "made" for each other as the church loves the Word and Bro. Simms loves to preach it.

It was a genuine joy to have other preachers in the service including Bro. Craft of Widen; Bro. Jones of Kanawha Falls; and Bro. Music of Gauley Bridge. Thank God for Bro. Simms and these brethren who stand like a stone wall against the inroads of modernism.

The editor and those who accompanied him were entertained in the home of Bro. and Sister Browning with a most delicious evening meal, and had it not been for most pressing duties at home the next day, it would have been a real joy to have fellowshiped and rested with them that evening.

How I do thank God for the

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"And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran, and cried, and fled."—Judges 7:21.

privilege of ministering to His own! I count it a joy to go to any church for such a service (we drove nearly 400 miles on this trip), regardless of distance—anywhere to be of service to my Lord.

### Christians And The Law

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(1) God is calling out a people for His name. (v. 14).

(2) After the full number has been called out, Christ will return. (v. 16).

(3) He will set up the Davidic Kingdom again. (v. 18). Furthermore all of the elect of God will be saved, and God will work out His plans which are eternally known of Him. (v. 17-18).

#### The Verdict Of The Church Council

The verdict was that Gentiles are not obligated to keep the law. (v. 19-20).

They were asked to do three things:

1. Abstain from idolatry.  
2. Abstain from impurity of life.

3. Abstain from eating things strangled and improperly bled. (v. 20). This last was in order to keep from offending the Jews and rendering them inaccessible.

#### Circular Letter Sent Out

Note this letter as it occurs in verses 22-29.

Hosts of people—like the Adventists for instance—do not know that this ever took place. Christians are under the teachings of Christ. He did not say "teaching them the law." He said, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." And this involves the principles contained in the ten commandments (except that of the Sabbath) for we find the substance of the commandments given over again. But not as a way of life—not to be saved—but because we have been saved. Salvation is by grace—not by law, in whole or part.

### Widow Saves Murderer

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The Judge called the prisoner before him, and said: "You ought to get on your knees and kiss the hem of the skirt worn by this good woman. Every morning and every night in your cell in Sing Sing you ought to thank God you met such a kindly person. Remember, Petillo, she saved you from the electric chair."

The prisoner was held for sentencing of not less than 30 years in prison. The judge said Petillo has a cancer which will kill him before he is eligible for parole.

We agree with the judge that for deliverance from death in the electric chair, Charlie Petillo should be devoutly thankful to Mrs. Faletta, and daily thankful to God.

How much more thankful should every believer be to God for deliverance from His righteous judgment against his sins! And how profoundly thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for our sins and thus made it possible for those who believe on Him, not only to receive a lighter sentence, but to be completely acquitted. "For by Him all that believe are justified from all things" from which they could not be justified by the law of Moses. (Acts 13:38-39). O come, all forgiven ones, "Let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." (Psalm 95:6) —Now



### Charles T. Alexander

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by the church of which he is a member is attested by the fact that of recent date Pastor Craig and the members of Gaston Avenue Baptist Church gave him a love offering of over \$400.

Concerning THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, he says, "I do enjoy your fearlessness and fidelity to the faith in every issue of your (no, 'our') paper. Wish I could know you face to face."

May God give Bro. Alexander many more years in His service is our humble prayer! His letter follows:

The Baptist Examiner:

Dear Brother Editor: You publish so many unusually fine articles that I cannot express my appreciation for each one as they are too numerous to make that possible. But in your issue of the 14th you have an article on "The World Famed Foster Father" by Eld. S. David Sikes that so stirs and feeds my soul that I must write you about it. I have also written him as author. I wish I had another issue of that paper so I might clip and keep the article, but it so paged that one cannot clip and place the whole in my scrapbook. Can I have another copy?

I pause just here to say to you, that I have known intimately E. P. Alldredge from the years of his student life in Baylor, and I have never known one single false or crooked step he has taken in all these years. Knowing him as I do, I can easily believe everything he has written concerning the present down-grade slide of our denominational orthodoxy. Much of this I have seen already. It was my good fortune to study parliamentary law under Bro. Kerfoot, and at the time he was writing his textbook. His parliamentary law is now the adopted authority of the Southern Baptist Convention. I must say, with a feeling of sadness, that I have never read such a mess of utter violation of the principles involved in the actions that took place on the platform that day when Alldredge offered his proposed amendment to the Convention's own constitution. All that effort could mean was to crystalize the three times unanimous declaration itself and give it a permanency of standing. That done, the question of fellowship with the modernist cult and its product, the plea for "organic church union," could never bob up again to distract and consume the time of the convention. The action to "lay on the table" does not kill any motion, but only keeps it as an item to be called up again. If the convention actually wanted to kill the proposition, why did it not so express itself by vote of the convention as a whole? All its action means by laying it on the table is only to preserve the proposition for future action when it shall be called up again for final action. Or was there such a confusion in the determination to shelter beneath the Convention's wings the growing coterie of halfbreed orthodoxy as viewed from the real historic standpoint of Southern Baptists? Why the sacrifice and the compromise when the great outstanding and upstanding masses of our Southern Baptists churches will yet arise, and, if so provoked, tell the convention itself where to head in? Our real Baptist democracy, that is rooted and grounded in the openly expressed will of the masses, is the only way of an easy solution of all of our denominational problems. I am still a Baptist Democrat, and there is no place for the toleration of the modernist cult, in any of its forms or organic divisions that are sheltered now under the wing of that ecclesiastical monstrosity, the "Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." Open honesty demands an apology to E. P. Alldredge who, for a quarter of a century has rendered, so loyally, the great service for Southern Baptists and the Baptists of America as well. After more than sixty-two years in the pulpit ministry in Texas, and in five other states as well, I am still proud of our great orthodox fellowship and its loyalty to the

Word of God throughout the world. Right is right and sometimes it takes courage to stand out in the open, and declare heroically the uncompromising faith that was given to the saints for all time until Christ comes again.



### Kind Remarks

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Mrs. Katherin Creasy, Cabin Creek, W. Va.

I keep very busy but I've always managed to read every issue of The Baptist Examiner.

Mrs. Arthur Davis, Ironton, Ohio.

You are busy for the Lord, and you are encouraging and helping in a great way. Papers like the Baptist Examiner need to be read by the public.

J. E. Hartman, Marmet, W. Va.

I enjoy The Baptist Examiner very much and look forward to receiving it. It has been a blessing to me. I am past by 79th milestone and I shall continue to read The Examiner as long as I live.

Emma La Dow, Cincinnati, Ohio.

I am still praying for you! May the Lord continue to use you in His work.

J. F. Thomas, Benhams, Va.

I read The Baptist Examiner and get much good from it. May the Lord bless you in your work.

E. D. Allen, Bellepoint, W. Va.

I have read your paper, The Baptist Examiner, for the past ten years and I appreciate it so much.

Mary Smith, Camp Dix, Ky.

The Baptist Examiner is the soundest paper we ever read and we like it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Keith, Dublin, Texas.

I am a subscriber of The Baptist Examiner and I enjoy this great weekly Bible message.

W. L. Shepherd, Renick, W. Va.

I have been a reader of your paper, The Baptist Examiner, for years. It has been a wonderful help to me and has made of me a much stronger Baptist.

Mrs. Jess Cole, Amandaville, Ky.



### TO A CHRISTIAN

You call Me the Truth  
Yet believe Me not;  
You call Me Master  
But do you obey?  
You call Me Lord  
And serve Me not;  
You walk not after Me  
Yet call Me the Way.

You call Me the Life  
Yet live Me not;  
You call Me King  
But give Me not My due;  
Oh! then is it  
Any wonder, Christian,  
That the world  
Cannot see Me in you?

—Kathryn Walker

