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Here's The Story Of Repentance—Both True And False

By Roy Mason
Tampa, Florida

We have been asked to deal with this topic, and it should prove helpful to all, for there is much confusion and misunderstanding on this subject.

WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT

It is not being sorry that one has been caught. In the Scriptures we read, "the sorrow of the world, worketh death." This is the sorrow people have when they are caught in their sin and crime. Probably every criminal in every penitentiary has this kind of repentance. But if turned out, they would go and do something as bad or worse.

Bawling and crying and taking on is not repentance. A lot of the altar and mourners'

bench taking on is no deeper seated than the tear glands and vocal cords. We have seen this sort of thing during revivals and in a few weeks the mourners were back into their old habits. Sorrow is not repentance anyhow. The Bible says that "godly sorrow worketh repentance." (See 2 Cor. 7:8-11). Sorrow however is an element in repentance and must precede real repentance. No one repents of a thing until they are sorry it happened.

MEANING OF THE WORD REPENT

Greek word means, "to change one's mind." The thought of sorrow and change of purpose is in the word. We might express it like this: "Re-

pentance of sin is such a sorrow for sin and abhorrence of sin — such a change of mind about it, as leads the sinner to turn away from it with all his heart." Let us note some usages of the word. (Job 42:5,6; Luke 10:13; I Thess. 1:9; Acts 26:20).

REPENTANCE ON PART OF UNSAVED SINNER

The sinner must in every case repent of his sin. He must with changed mind and attitude, turn from his rejection of Christ, his attempts to save himself, his wrong doings. And —he must turn unto Christ, receiving Him as the One who died to pay his sin debt. For involved in salvation is turn-

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A MESSAGE EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD READ

What IF the Baptists should teach and believe that all who were not members of the Baptist Church were lost, doomed and damned — outside of the Baptist Church there is no salvation?

What IF the Baptists should teach and believe that the heads of Baptist churches could give non-Baptist countries to Baptist politicians and compel all citizens to support the Baptist churches and ministers?

What IF the Baptist churches taught and believed all Baptists were Baptists first, and citizens second?

What IF the Baptists demanded recognition and support for their churches and institutions from the state authorities and tax funds?

What IF the Baptists organized themselves into a block of votes and demanded preference above all others in political circles?

What IF the Baptists had a history of bloody persecutions for 1500 years and had never tolerated other religious bodies in countries where they dominated—and continued it until this day?

What IF the Baptists should insist on controlling major po-

litical parties, labor unions, Supreme Courts, and law making bodies?

What IF the Baptists taught and believed that none but Baptist ministers could perform a marriage ceremony — and that no other marriage was real?

What IF the Baptists taught and believed that all others were living in adultery and that all others but Baptist children were illegitimate?

What IF the Baptists required all non-Baptists before marrying a Baptist to sign papers of agreement that all children born to such union would be Baptists —thus requiring non-Baptists to swear away the religious liberty of unborn babies?

What IF the Baptists should claim every Baptist born baby at the cradle and baptize it into the Baptist Church—thus stealing from the baby its right of religious liberty?

What IF the Baptists should teach and believe that when a Baptist preacher spoke — he spoke ex-cathedra—it was the voice of Jesus Christ?

What IF Baptists dominated immigration quotas and all the displaced persons work in Europe and consistently brought

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Ben Bogard's Concubine Assists Him In Laying Cornerstone Of His New Building

Ben Bogard made the following announcement in his paper of March 10:

The cornerstone was laid at the Missionary Baptist Seminary, 3300 block on Asher Ave., at 2 o'clock, March 8, by the Masonic Grand Lodge of Arkansas.

Dr. C. N. Glover of Sheridan, a member of the Seminary lecture faculty and past grand master of the Masonic lodge of Arkansas, acted as grand master at the ceremony, and C. Lester Hanna, grand master, served as deputy grand master. Other members of the ritualistic party were . . .

Then in his paper of March 25, he had a three column picture of this cornerstone laying, showing those taking part in the ceremony, with their shirt tails hanging out. Under the

picture, the captain read:

The cornerstone was laid for the Educational Building of the Missionary Baptist Seminary March 8. It is called the Guthrie Memorial Building and is in honor of the first president, Dr. J. Louis Guthrie. The ceremony was by the Grand Lodge (Masonic) of Ark.

From left to right—Dr. L. D. Foreman, president of the Missionary Baptist Seminary and pastor of Antioch Baptist Church; Dr. C. N. Glover, vice president of the Seminary and weekly lecturer; Mr. C. Lester Hanna, grand master of the Masonic lodge. Dr. Foreman was the orator at the ceremony; and Dr. Glover, who is a past grand master of the lodge, was grand master. (Continued on page four)

WORLDLINESS OF CHURCHES

"Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." —II Tim. 3:4.

All over the world false church organizations and even Baptist Churches are catering to the flesh in an effort to "hold the youth." Swimming parties, dances, card games, and movie parties are being used in the effort to hold the young people —BUT FOR WHAT?

Ten years ago I was shocked when I learned that a S. S. teacher of the First Baptist Church of Ceredo, W. Va., took

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Mused Uncle Mose

Ol' prophet 'Ijy, he po' watah all ober de altar so de peoples 'ud know dat de Lawd sen' down de fiah; but we so 'fraid de Lawd cain' do it no mo' dat we got to heave an' set to make de altar sizzle a little so de Lawd can get off to a good staht.

Editor Enjoys A Good Revival With A Small Church And Great Pastor In W. Va.

From Monday, April 10, to Thursday, April 20, the editor was himself spiritually refreshed as he ministered to the saints of the Big Creek Baptist Church near Wayne, W. Va.

Big Creek is a very small church but is composed of some of the greatest Christians the editor has ever been privileged to meet. Pastor Woodrow Brumfield is one of the best Baptist preachers living. Being true to God's Word in every particular, he is as sound a preacher as I have met in all my ministry.

Five professed to be saved and asked for baptism—all grown women. Thank God for these and the strength the meeting brought to the church.

Big Creek was close enough for the editor to drive from home to the services each evening. On account of our paper and printing shop, it is exceedingly hard to get away for meet-

ings at a distance, but he welcomes invitations close to home.



Eld. Woodrow Brumfield

HOSPITAL GRANT ROUSES N. C. BAPTISTS

—After voting at an earlier meeting to accept federal and state funds to help pay for building an addition to the Baptist Hospital at Winston-Salem, the general board of the Baptist State Convention called on the hospital board of trustees to hold the funds in abeyance.

The board, meeting here, asked that the hospital make no disposition of \$697,356.00 accepted from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission until the Baptist State Convention meets again.

The "abeyance" resolution was approved after various Baptist groups and individuals throughout the state had protested the acceptance of public funds as a violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

May God bless you and your work and all your helpers.
E. B. Ruby, Chaplin, Ky.

BANK REPLACES DESECRATED BIBLE

The Central Bank and Trust Company of Denver has replaced the pulpit Bible torn up by vandals. The Bible, property of Westwood Baptist Church, along with an American flag, had been destroyed in the most satanic orgy in Denver police annals several months ago.

T. Arthur Williams, assistant cashier of the bank, gave the following reasons for the bank's action: "When vandals desecrated Denver's Westwood Baptist Church, the officers and directors of the Central Bank and Trust Company, like the vast majority of Denver residents, were horrified. Citizens from all walks of life rallied to help the church wipe out the marks of vandalism. The Bank's officers unable to lend personal assistance in the rehabilitation work, felt that the replacement of the pulpit Bible, which had been torn to shreds, would be

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"THE NEW BIRTH—THE GREATEST CURE FOR CRIME"

By ELD. S. DAVID SIKES
Evangelist

Text: John 3-7 "Ye Must Be Born Again."

The following statement is from The Press:

"While we are considering Efficiency of Machinery and reduction of taxes it might be well to keep in mind that CRIME in the United States costs the citizen twice the amount of his income tax. If those that escape were apprehended the cost would be doubled." It has also been stated that the United States now leads the world in crime. Or there is more crime in the United States according

to the statistics than in any other country.

While we believe in law and order, law enforcement and civil proceedings, we do here state that the most effective cure for crime is The New Birth according to Jesus who said in the words of our text, "Ye Must Be Born Again."

If Jesus didn't mean what He said, why didn't He say what He meant? He was speaking to one of the scholars and leaders of His time and I am glad that He gave this text to him as otherwise we might have thought it applied to the substratas of society. If these words had been spoken to the woman at the well who had

four or five husbands instead of Nicodemus, the professor of Israel, we might have thought it applied to the slums, not the intellectuals of any age. It was not spoken to Zacchaeus, the man who later made restitution because he had cheated so many. But it was given to the Teacher and intellectual man of that day. There is no class that is exempt from this Almighty Must.

THE MODERN MYSTERY is now before us for consideration. It is the mystery of life. Christ said "I am come that ye might have life and that ye might have it more abundantly." Life is the greatest theme of the (Continued on page two)

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"The New Birth"

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world's greatest speaker. It is the biggest theme in the book of that Saint and Evangelistic writer, John. Life is the greatest mystery of all mysteries. We can only trace the mystery of life back to God. God gave life and He is the author of it. He holds the patent on it. None can reproduce life. A scientist can create a kernel of wheat or an egg but the wheat won't grow nor the egg hatch.

JESUS said "Ye must be born again." Birth is the metaphor used here and taken from physical life to illustrate a spiritual truth. It is taken from the beginning of life which is a mystery. Life is a mystery, both its beginning and its ending, birth and death, none can explain. We accept the fact of life though we can not explain the mystery. The birth is the beginning of life. The New Birth is the beginning of our spiritual life. "Ye must be born again." A former university president once said, "Education is the greatest thing in the world." Professor Drummond once said, "Love is the greatest thing in the world." JESUS, the peerless speaker of the centuries, said, "Life is the greatest thing in the world, "Eternal Life" is not a mere endless duration of time but a kind of life, a quality of life. A life rich in joy, love, peace, and the kind that passeth all understanding.

The mysteries we can not explain but the thrills, the throbs, the experiences we can tell about and preach about. Religion is life and not a mere code of morals. Morals is the result of the New Birth and the New Birth is not the result of Morals.

THE NEW BIRTH is the cause of Reformations. A revival was behind the greatest reformations.

Evan Roberts, while working in the coal mines in the old country, responded to the call of God. He went home and washed up and put on clean clothes and went to the services. He was mightily used of God. A great revival swept over Wales. One of my singers was in Wales at the time and assisted in this world renown Revival by playing the pipe organ in some of those services. The results were more than space here will enable us to tabulate. But the jails were empty for weeks afterward. The courts had nothing to do. Crime ceased because the people of those communities were held in the spell and the charm of the gospel. They were saved from criminal conduct of every kind. They were as a normal community should be.

There is no asset so great to any state or nation as the work of a great religious revival—A community cleaning—A home

helping, church cleaning, awakening, and quickening revival.

Revivals are behind reforms. They were in Martin Luther's time, they were in John Knox's time, they were in John Wesley's time. They are now when given a chance. Allow me to ask, has religion been tried yet in this present depressing, indifferent, immoral, crime committing age?

PHILANTHROPY is the result of the New Birth. Giving a biscuit to a tramp or a bed to a needy person, that is all well and good but it is not Salvation, Conversion or New Birth. That is philanthropy. A man may in this age of greed, graft and dishonesty, bleed his victims to get money. He may then build a public library and a Church, and put on it a sign-board, which reads, "Erected to the Glory of God and for the benefit of men" and men may sit upon its steps or live within a block of it who could starve and freeze and the brownstone or brick walls of that structure would not warm nor feed them. That is a sort of post mortem charity. New Birth is back of true charity, and it is back of true philanthropy, and all good works. Let us put first things first.

A MYSTERIOUS PROCESS

It is an indisputable fact and an irrefutable experience. There are things we know to be true that are otherwise inexplicable. The Niagara River flows from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario and on its way falls several hundred feet. This river rapidly flowing down its course leaps over a precipice of 166 feet down into a whirlpool below. This river accumulates a power when harnessed that furnishes power for light, heat, and transportation for the City of Buffalo and western New York. None can



ELD. DAVID SIKES

explain electricity. Who can deny the power of electricity? We have sense enough to believe in and recognize the power of electricity. We apply it and use it.

JESUS said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, but ye cannot tell from whence it cometh or whither it goeth." We believe in the fact of the wind even though we cannot see it. We see the wind mills run and watch them do their work. We follow in the wake of a great cyclone, and note the destruction of crops, herds, homes, cities, and we note the power of the wind. We can not deny it. Yet we can not explain it nor see it. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a mighty rushing wind. There were hundreds born again. It was a mighty Revival that stirred Old Jerusalem, the wickedest city of the then known world. It worked wonders, and miracles, and was back of reforms.

When God sends a man to the lion's den He goes there with him.

We may not understand the Spiritual Birth, still we believe in it, experience it, we recognize the power of it. It is the cure for crime. It converts the criminal. It causes the bootlegger to empty out his bottle of bootleg booze and fill it up with baby's milk. It took Jerry McAuley from Sing Sing Prison and put him at mission work down in New York. It has changed the life of vicious criminals, it has cleaned festering spots of slum districts of our wicked cities. It has worked among cannibals of the Fiji Islands and brought about Church steeples and school houses and civilization. It is the cure for crime.

Some folks say that a revival costs money, well, how much does it cost to prosecute one criminal who should have been converted before he committed the crime?

Some folks say that a revival takes money out of a town, well, how much money does a circus take out of a town? How much money does a show take out of town? One show manager told me that he took \$29,000 out of one town in less than a week's time. I say that some folks are so stingy that the wrinkles on their faces grow into the shape of dollar marks (\$) and their faces are already the shape of an old money bag.

THE NEW BIRTH AND BUSINESS. There are some who say that religion is not business like—that religion should be business-ized. They say it is backward because the business of today needs to be religion-ized. Business needs Christianity more than Christianity needs business methods. There is too much crookedness in business and politics today and I say that Christianity doesn't need any of that kind of business methods. Too many business men are becoming nothing but chilled steel and brains without a heart or a soul development.

I say that the business of any town or city is benefitted by a revival of religion. Allow me to refer to one revival campaign which was conducted down in Pennsylvania by a personal friend of mine, the late John A. Davis, Evangelist. A tabernacle was erected in three days' time which seated twenty-five hundred people. Thirty churches united in this campaign. While this campaign was under way, a man who one or more years previous to the beginning of this revival in this city had broken into a home as a burglar and in getting away struck a woman down, but only succeeded in getting \$2.50, came into the city again and attended the meetings. He was impressed with the power of the Spirit and was later under conviction of his sins. He went from the meeting, and walked to the house he had previously broken into as a burglar and rapped on the door. The same woman came to the door. He gave her all the money he possessed which was \$1.50 and then confessed that he was the man who had struck her down. He then went to the police and gave himself up. This is a true story which can be proved today. I say that a revival cures crime and converts the criminal and it helps business. Allow me to further illustrate. In this same revival campaign in this Pennsylvania city, after the revival ended in the course of the weeks, there were more than two thousand dollars worth of bad debts paid up by those of that city who were listed as deadbeats and whose debts had been outlawed. I say a revival affects business. I say that business needs a revival of Christian Religion of that type today.



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THE CHURCHES NEED A REVIVAL. There are too many members who are only white washed and not washed white. Too many church members never were born again as by their fruits ye shall know them, saith the Bible. Too many have their names on a church book whose names are not evidently on the Book of Life. I had as soon my name would be on a board fence or a billboard as on a church book if I were not right with God. The churches need more than mere organization alone. Churches need more than budgets and millions of money to save this reckless crime committing race of citizens today. The church needs more than plausible entertaining discussions of the world's needs. They need consecration to Christ. They need a revival of religion that will get many of their members born again and give their church power to save society. Too many preachers are either sipping pink teas, or eating fudge when they should be preaching Bible facts. Churches are only a means to an end. Their job is to help Christ who said He came to seek and to save the lost. If the Church lays down on the job of revival work, of soul saving, then the Evangelistic parties and other bands of believers will get up where the church laid down and God will honor His teaching, "Ye must be born again."

The one greatest need in our country and the world today is for a soul saving, crime curing, church building, society cleaning, sweeping, nationwide, Revival of Christianity, that will spread like a great forest fire from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Oregon—from New York City to San Francisco, Calif.—from Washington, D. C., to Los Angeles, Calif.—from Savannah, Ga., to San Diego, Calif.—from Minneapolis, Minn., to New Or-

leans, La.—in other words, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pa-

SOME SHORT SHOTS FROM SIKES'S SERMON

We can not cure a balky horse by painting the barn.

The only way to put better fruit on the tree is to graft in, for instance, pears in the place where thorny apples once grew.

A man can not be saved by just being good any more than he can lift himself over a fence by taking hold of his boot straps.

A lion is not made a lamb by a forest ranger or a circus trainer, a burglar is not made into a saint by prison bars; it takes a D. L. Moody and a Bible on the job.

If you educate a young man only you give him all the more power to be clever in his meanness. If you get him born again he has all the more culture to use for CHRIST and His good work.

The New Birth is not turning over a new leaf; it is beginning a whole new book.

The New Birth helps the drunkard empty his bottle of booze and to fill it up with baby's milk.

New Birth isn't a new suit of clothes and respectability—it is a new life. There is many a black heart behind a white shirt.

You can't purify a well by painting the pump or the well house.

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north to the Gulf of Mexico in the south.

We have known of people in the middlewest to motor forty miles to attend our revival meetings. We know whereof we speak, and again, we say—that the greatest boom that could come to this our fair and glorious land, is a REVIVAL. It is far greater than the influence of universities and colleges. It is the one thing lacking that would make this country complete. It would bring a new mood, a new joy, a new hope, a new love, a new life. The wicked would become righteous—the bad would become good—criminals would become Christians, and all the crimes of the category would not be committed. We have a cure for crime. Let us give Christ a chance. Bootlegging and lawlessness would be overcome. Cigarettes would go. Cigarettes would quit. Cuss words would become prayer words. We would have a new era. I have spoken in school houses, halls, churches, tabernacles of every size; I have spoken in the alleged to be largest tabernacle in the U. S. A. It is reported to seat 10,000 people. I have seen hundreds converted to Christ. I know there is a cure for crime. We need that cure today. Why not try it? the criminals I would say, BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BE SAVED. BE CURED AND DO IT NOW!

What If - - ?

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ship loads of nothing but Baptists to American shores?

What IF the Baptist war veterans organized themselves into a great nationwide Baptist war veterans organization and always colored their patriotism with their religion and bought whole pages in great magazines and daily papers to spread their Baptist propaganda and encourage another world war to further the interest of the Baptist Church?

What IF a country in Europe that had been slaves to the Baptist for 1200 years sought to throw off the Baptist yoke of oppression and separate church and state—should arrest a Baptist preacher, try him, and send

him to prison for treason?

What IF the Baptists should so control the press of the world as to make it appear this was a case of persecution and that America ought to go to war and have a million boys killed—to save the Baptist Church?

What IF the Baptists should dominate the movie world so that no picture would ever be shown of a church or minister—favorably—unless it was a Baptist Church or a Baptist minister?

What IF the Baptists should so dominate the press and commercial world that no paper or magazine would dare publish anything that reflected on the Baptist Church?

What IF the Baptists—in light of all these things—should always like a billy goat insist on being in the forefront—to be seen and heard—above all others and filled papers and radio on how they believed in religious liberty?

What IF the Baptists had enjoyed unchallenged control for 1200 years of countries like Spain and Portugal where religious liberty was never known—then preach religious liberty in this country?

What IF Baptists put themselves up as supreme and final in matters of religion, education, benevolence, culture—and great champions of civilization?

What IF the rest of the world should look at Spain and Portugal and see where for 1200 years Baptists had exercised unbridled mastery in all things and there find the finished fruit of Baptist doctrine?

What IF the Baptists when confronted with this comparison—should call with loud voices—their critics—bigots, intolerant, purveyors of religious prejudice?

What IF the Baptists created an imaginary place and called it Purgatory and used it as a money grafting device on their members, commercializing on the dead?

What IF the Baptists had their own cemeteries and would not allow others to bury in the Baptist cemetery, and charge rentals of their own people for burial tracts, and IF rentals were not paid, dig up the bones of their loved ones, throw them in the back alley, and re-sell the grave to another Baptist?

What IF the Baptists should call every other religious body narrow minded, bigot, and in-

tolerant?

What IF the Baptists should demand the passage of legislation in Washington that would give tax money to support Baptist schools, hospitals, etc., in violation of the Constitution which plainly decrees the separation of church and state?

What IF the widow of a great President, who had always been friendly toward the Baptists, should for conscience sake simply say that it was not right to give tax-money to support any sectarian project?

What IF every Baptist preacher in America should fire back and call this lady a bigot, intolerant and anti-Baptist, a purveyor of religious prejudice?

What IF the Baptists, every time the president of the Southern Baptist Convention should stomp his toe, have the stomach ache, or sneeze, insist that the daily papers put his picture on the front page to call attention to the great calamity?

What IF the Baptists should take the position that no one dare criticize the Baptists, about anything they do or say, anywhere, anyplace, not even question by implication any thought, word, writing, or deed of the Baptists?

What IF the Baptists should teach and believe that their ministers were immune from state prosecution, that they were princes of the church?

What IF a Baptist policeman or Baptist sheriff should arrest a Baptist preacher, and the Baptist Church should ex-communicate that official, which means he must go to Hell at death, would this not constitute treason? The officials would fear the church more than anything else.

What IF the Baptist churches should operate gambling wheels and encourage gambling inside their churches?

What IF Baptist preachers were constantly writing about the divorce evil and how to stay married when they were forbidden to marry themselves, yet insist that they were the best authority of the marriage question?

What IF, Baptist preachers forbidden to marry, in violation of God's Word (Genesis 2: 18), should affect a worldwide organization of their old bachelor preachers, who in turn would elect one of their old bachelor brothers head of their organization and call it the Baptist Hierarchy, and decree that

HOW JESUS CHEERS US



"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."—Heb. 13:5,6.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."—Rom. 8:28.

"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

—1 Thess. 5:17,18.

their head should be called holy father and decide among themselves that he was infallible?

What IF these old bachelor boys who never lived a normal life themselves, should undertake to regulate the lives of men and nations, stirring up wars among the nations at their own will and pleasure and demand that they be regarded as final authority on all matters of morals and virtue?

What IF these old bachelor Baptist preachers should decree that all who criticized them in any way were anti-Baptist, bigots, intolerant?

What IF these old bachelor Baptist preachers should so dominate the lives of their people from the cradle to the grave as to create a slavery in minds of their people, unparalleled in all history, and would teach their people to boycott all non-Baptists and vote only for Baptists in elections?

What IF the whole world, political, social, educational, and religious so feared these old bachelor Baptist preachers as to let them have their way at all times in all places?

What IF these same old bachelor Baptist preachers should forbid their people from ever hearing another preacher, under fear of ex-communication, then turn around and deliver long discourses on religious liberty and pose as disciples of freedom?

What IF Baptist preachers were forbidden to marry and vowed to live celibate lives, and always had large spacious houses and several housekeepers to help them live a celibate life?

What IF the Baptists appeared as the foes of political tyranny when for 1200 years they had themselves constituted the greatest religious tyranny known in all history?

What IF the Baptists expected all the world to accept them, their teaching, their history, their practices without question?

What IF Baptists claimed jurisdiction over the souls of its people, before they are born, as soon as they are born, all during their life and after their death? Can a human soul enjoy liberty within this tyranny?

Some Questions

Is it reasonable or scriptural for one man to exercise sovereignty over the soul of an-

other man?

Is it American, in keeping with the Bill of Rights, for one man or woman to swear away the religious liberty of an unborn baby?

Is it American, in keeping with the Bill of Rights, for one man or woman to steal the religious liberty of a baby as soon as it is born?

IF Baptists should be guilty of the above doctrines and practices they would be outlawed by all right thinking people in the world. Bigot, intolerant, religious prejudice are all pet words used by guilty men to escape further investigation.

Conclusion

Every redeemed child of God is, by virtue of the new birth, intolerant of evil. I am.

—A. A. Davis

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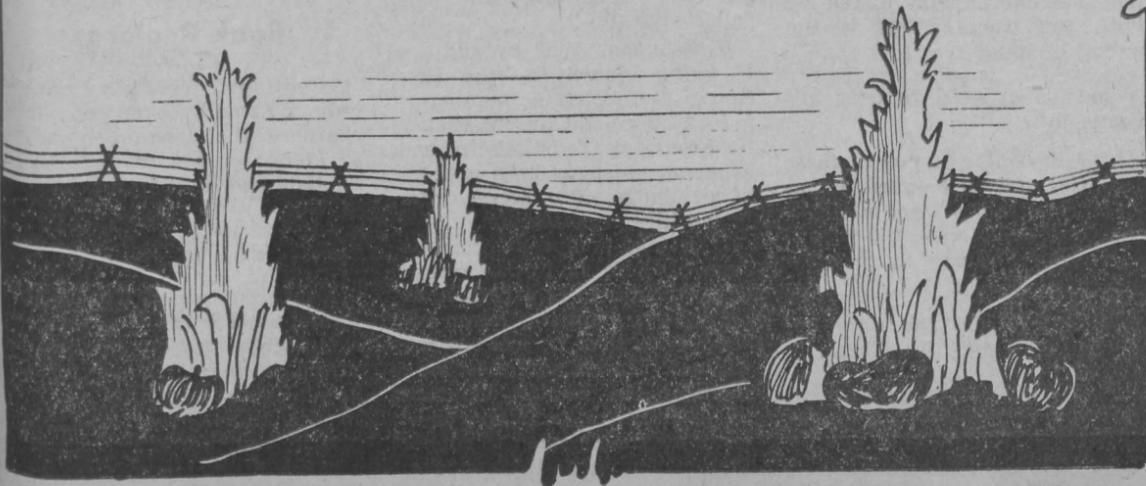
Mrs. Mayme Bodkin
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I greatly appreciate you and your work. May God bless you.

H. S. Robinson
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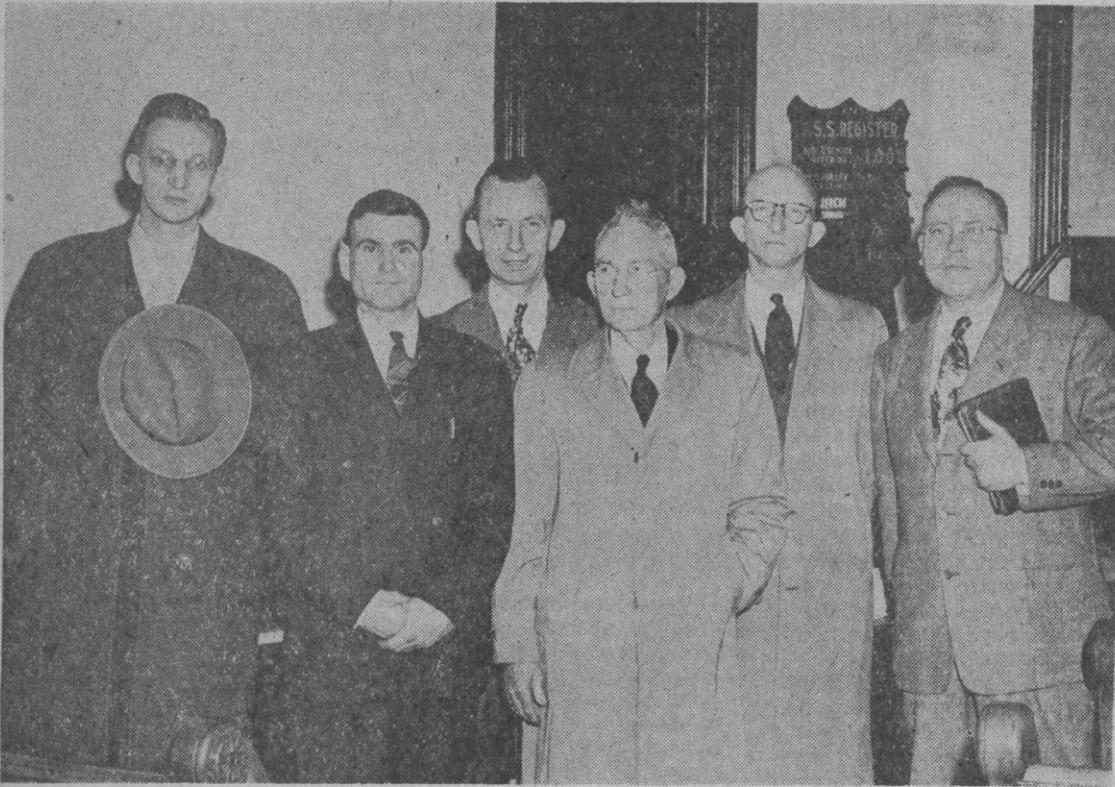
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COUNCIL WHICH ORDAINED BROTHER JAMES ECKLES

EDITOR GILPIN CONGRATULATES BRO. ECKLES



These Kentucky, West Virginia, and Ohio preachers drove 300 miles each way to assist in the ordination of Bro. James Eckles on March 20, at Rochester, Penna.

Reading left to right, they are: Eld. Hollis Spurlock, Greenup, Kentucky; Eld. Woodrow Brumfield, Fort Gay, W. Va.; Eld. T. P. Simmons, Coal Grove, Ohio; Eld. W. B. Cornutte, Louisa, Kentucky; Eld. Don Pemberton, Wurtland, Kentucky; and the editor, Bro. Gilpin.

Bro. Morris, pastor of the Madison Street Baptist Church of Rochester, Penna., where the ordination was held, asked that we bring good sound Baptists for the ordaining council and it was a joy to have these brethren accompany the editor there.



After his ordination on the evening of March 20, Bro. Eckles was warmly congratulated by Editor Gilpin in view of the splendid knowledge of God's Word he indicated when being examined by the council.

Repentance

(Continued from page one) ing from and turning unto. (See I Thess. 1:9). Genuine repentance and saving faith always go together—like the two sides of a coin.

REPENTANCE OF A SAVED SINNER

When a person turns to Christ, then Christ assumes that person's sin debt, and settles it—past—present—future. "Our Saviour Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from ALL iniquity." Now many have a warped conception of this, and assume that Christ pays for our past sins, but that we must take care of the ones committed following conversion. This is a strange mixture of justification by Christ plus works. The truth is, Christ becomes the surety for all our sins that we have or ever shall commit.

Those who don't see this think that for every sin the Christian commits, he must get individual forgiveness for, or else be lost. And some assume that if a person commits some great offense and gets struck down before it is repented of, that he goes on to torment. What a perversion of the plan of salvation! That puts our safety up to us—and conditions it upon our repenting separately for every sin. The truth is, the blood of Christ covers every offense that we shall ever commit, if we trust to it. Every sin is already paid for. This raises an important question:

Why should a saved person repent? Because the new nature, and the indwelling Spirit of God will impel him to. And in order that he may be restored to fellowship with God. Sin in the life of a saved person does not destroy relationship

but it does destroy fellowship. Your child can disobey you and still remain your child, but such disobedience injures your fellowship with that child. The child repents and asks forgiveness—not in order to be reinstated as a child, but to get back on right terms with you. Only as a Christian lives with no known sin unconfessed and unrepented of can that Christian have a life of full blessing and happiness. Every truly born-again person knows the unhappiness of God's frown. "Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Worldliness

(Continued from page one) all her S. S. class to the movies on Sunday afternoon, provided they came to S. S. in the morning.

Out at Hood River, Oregon, the press quotes:

Schedule Card Party

A card party for the benefit of the Riverside Community Church Sunday School will be held Wednesday, April 19, at 8 p. m. in the Library hall of the Hood River County Library under the sponsorship of the Riverside Evening guild..

Canasta, Bridge and Pinochle will be played. Prizes will be awarded and light refreshments will be served.

Here are church members gambling to raise money for the church. Can you beat that?

The same paper tells of the activities of the Methodist pastor on Sunday evening. We quote:

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Coe Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hendricks were hosts at an en-

joyable dinner Sunday evening, welcoming Mr. and Mrs. George Coe on their return from their four month's trip back east. Baskets of white and bronze chrysanthemums made the rooms lovely. The table was adorned with an artistically arranged centerpiece of jack o' lanterns and forsythia and tall orange-colored tapers. The guests, who spent the evening at bridge and canasta were the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Place . . ."

Here is a so-called church which does not have a prayer meeting during the week and no evening services on Sunday. However, the pastor of the Synagogue of Satan spends the Lord's Day evening playing cards.

At Beckley, W. Va., a Community-wide Leadership Training School was held recently. In the class on social life, instruction in dancing was given. Worse than all else, Phil Jenkins, pastor of the Tucker Memorial Baptist Church, of Huntington, W. Va., was the teacher of the class.

Well, any way you turn, East, West, North, or South, this is the drift of the day. The wrong at Pergamos (Rev. 3:12) was that the church was mixed up with the world. This is the wrong of today.

God's own need to hear His voice:

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."—II Cor. 7:1.

"Abstain from the very appearance of evil."—I Thess. 5:22.

"Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

Ben Bogard

(Continued from page one) A concubine is a woman a man lives with or visits regularly to whom he is not legally married. Hagar was Abraham's concubine. Solomon had 300 of them.

In II Cor. 11:2, the Bible says: "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." The Lord Jesus is not married yet. He is only espoused or betrothed, and the wedding will only take place when all those who compose His Bride are saved and gathered unto Him.

The Lord Jesus is no polygamist. He has no concubines. Paul told the local Baptist Church of Corinth that he had betrothed them to Christ. There are three essentials for any person being a member of the betrothed of Christ. (1) He must have the Holy Spirit in him. (2) He must be a member of a local Baptist Church. II Cor. 11:2 wasn't spoken to Christians in general, but to the members of a local Baptist Church. (3) All the betrothed must be "chaste virgins."

This means that in addition to being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and being a member of a local Baptist Church, that to be a part of Christ's betrothed, a person must not be a member of any lodge, club, secret order, or worldly organization.

If a man keeps another besides his wife, that other woman is a concubine. If a person belongs in a Baptist Church and six lodges, then he has six concubines. That is why most lodge members in Baptist Churches do nothing for their church—it takes all their money to support their concubines—their lodges.

The man or woman who be-

longs to a lodge is untrue to his church in the same sense a man is untrue to his wife if he has a concubine. The time he gives to his lodges ought to be given to Christ and His Church. The money spent on lodges ought to be spent on Christ and His Church. The love and affection they lavish on their lodge ought to be lavished on Christ and His Church.

No man can serve two masters. No man can have a secret meeting with his concubine and be true to his wife. No man can be true to Christ and His Church with his love divided between his church and his concubine.

Since Brother Ben has had his concubine assist him, I imagine he'll be buried by his concubine too. When he gets to Heaven his head will be bowed low with shame because his entrance into Heaven was from the presence of a concubine and his last earthly act was to insult the betrothed of the Lord Jesus.

Won't that be hard on Brother Ben and all other lodge Baptists who have been traitors to Christ and His Church?

Bank Replaces

(Continued from page one) only a small token of their share of the community effort to atone for the damage these vandals had done to this church of God."

I get your paper, The Baptist Examiner. I thank God we have a preacher in you who is not afraid to take a stand for the great Baptist doctrines as given in the Bible. May God bless you in your work.

A. F. Maddox
La Grange, Ky.

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