

"Friendships cemented together with sin do not hold."

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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 Responsibility Is Laid Upon Parents In Rearing Children?

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Perhaps no subject that we could study would be of more practical importance than this. However, the "puzzling" question is not so much what the Bible teaches, as how to get people to do what they know the Bible teaches. Before you parents go further, ask, "Am I willing to try to obey the Scriptures in this regard?" Also it might be well to ask if you are ready to try to discredit these things that shall be said just because you want to justify the wrong course that you have pursued in the way that you have

let your own children go. What many a boy or girl needs is a "papa" or a "mama." They don't have one. They have just a "thing" with a twine string in their back where a backbone should be. Let us ask some questions as follows:

Why the thousands of children with no religious training—on the streets and never in Sunday school or church? Answer: Parents who neglect their duty.

Why the thousands of children of church members crowding the shows and getting their education from the devil? Answer: Parents who lack

sense and religion and a backbone.

Why is infidel teaching, near nudity, petting clubs, dancing and things of that sort allowed to go on in schools without anything being said against them? Answer: Parents who have little moral and spiritual concern, and who lack any courage or conviction.

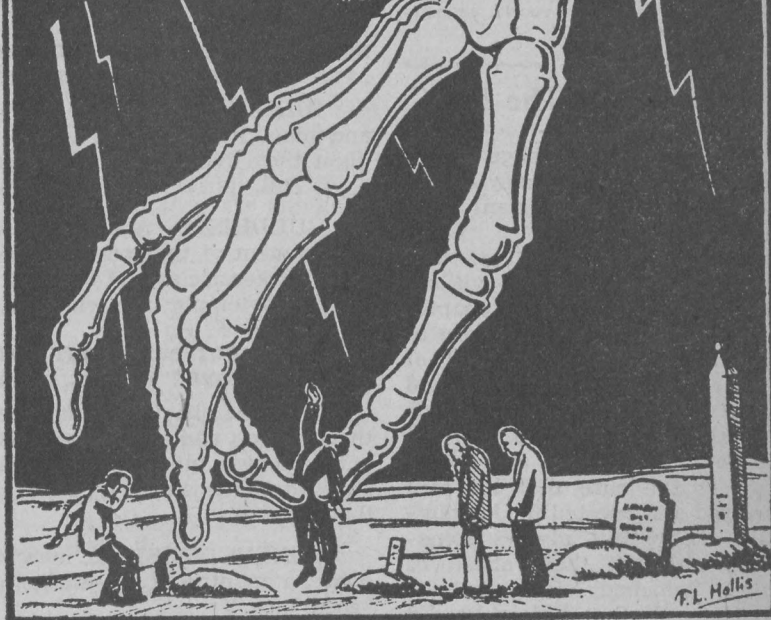
What does the Bible say about parents and children?

We give a few things from the Bible—sufficient to show us the truth:

AS TO TRAINING. (Proverbs 22:6) Note—"as it should (Continued on page four)

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

Heb 9:27



Baptist Progress Of Texas, Unlike Ben Bogard's Paper, Believes In Election

To say that you believe the doctrine of Foreknowledge, Predestination and Election, is, to some who call themselves Baptists, equivalent to saying that you believe that some are born saved and some are doomed to everlasting punishment and there is nothing that can be done about it.

I have heard some accused of believing that infants are in hell not over a span long. I have talked with many who believe the doctrine of election and I have never talked with any person who believes that infants are lost.

To say that you believe the doctrine of election, is, to some who call themselves Baptists, equivalent to saying that you are a Hardshell and there is no need, no place for preaching, as well close the doors of churches and all go fishing because it is all fixed any way.

Why will people talk this way? Because they jump at a

conclusion and the conclusion they reach is without foundation and those who believe the doctrine are accused of believing things they do not.

Some Baptists do not seem to know that the doctrine of election is a fundamental Baptist doctrine and has always been. It is one of our articles of faith. All the way back, as far as we have Baptist Declarations of Faith, the doctrine of election is set out.

Let us study the article on election as recorded in Pendleton's Church Manual. "We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign (Continued on page four)

WHY I AM A BAPTIST

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"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."—1 Pet. 3:15.

I couldn't tell you all of the reasons in one message why I am a Baptist. If I were to do so, we would be here many, many hours. However, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, I am going to give you some of the outstanding reasons why I am a Baptist.

Our text tells us to "be ready (Continued on page three)

Mused Uncle Mose

Pahson say some times de Lawd call 'im to anudder fiel 'cause He got somp'n dar He want 'im to do, an' den some times He jes' gib 'im anudder fiel 'cause he cain' do no good wha' he is.

Another Editor Shows That He Too Believes Bob Jones To Be An Enemy To Baptists

We hear a lot about the Federal Council of Churches and modernists being enemies to Baptists but we don't hear much about Interdenominationalists or some so-called Fundamentalists being enemies to Baptists. A few years ago an organization by the name of the "National Association of Evangelicals" came into being. Just as the modernistic churches were in the Federal Council of Churches, so the Evangelicals were to be in the National Association of Evangelicals and this organization was to combat the error and leadership of the Federal Council of Churches. Some four or five years ago we received an announcement that the National Association of Evangelicals were to meet in Detroit in a downtown church building. The advertisement gave a list of well known outstanding men as speakers. We were talking about this with Brother Z. E. Clark and we decided that we would go one afternoon and see what we could

learn. When we got there a preacher whom we did not know was giving a devotional. Then we heard stirring messages by Dr. Harry Ironside and Dr. Harry Yaeger and then Dr. Bob Jones was introduced. We had heard of Dr. Bob Jones and his Bob Jones College of Cleveland, Tenn., but this was our first time to see or hear him and we settled back expecting to be fed and thrilled. He told us about Sam Jones' steamboat that did not have enough steam to whistle and run at the same time. Then he told of his college in Cleveland, Tenn., and how that he told the Baptist students that came to his college not to repeat the word "hath" in John 3:36 a half dozen times (putting emphasis on the word "HATH" loudly) when they were quoting it to the boys who do not believe in the security of the believer. In other words the Baptist students were to soft pedal the doctrine of the security of the (Continued on page four)

THISTLES AND SIN

Years ago there was not a single thistle in the whole of Australia. A Scotchman who very much admired thistles thought it a pity that such a great island should be without that marvelous and glorious symbol of his great nation. He therefore collected a packet of thistle seed and sent it over to his friends.

Well, when it was landed the officers may have said, "Oh, let it in; is it not a little one? It is only to be sown in a garden."

Aye, yes, it was but a little one; but now whole districts of the country are covered with it, and it has become the farmer's pest and plague. It was a little one, but it would have been a blessing if the ship that brought that seed had been wrecked. Take heed of the thistle seed; little sins are like it.—Spurgeon.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"WHAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DONE FOR THE LOST"

(Read Romans 5:1-11).

If I have one desire tonight, it is that I shall make the Word of God just as plain to you as the ABC's. If I can, I want to present the plan of salvation so simply that everyone that is here shall be able to grasp the truth that Jesus Christ died for our sins.

I like the words of that hymn which says:

"I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do."

That hymn, beloved, expresses the sentiment of your pastor's soul in your behalf. I do love to tell the story. For over twenty-one years it has been a joy to speak out from this pulpit the blessed story of everlasting life, and tonight, beloved, I want to tell it to you again, so simply, so plainly, and so pointedly that everyone that is here shall see the truth that Jesus Christ has died for your sins.

I

THE CONDITION OF THE UNSAVED.

If you will turn to this fifth chapter of Romans, which I have read to you this evening, you will find that the Apostle

Paul describes the condition of the unsaved. He uses four figures of speech to give to you a complete description of the status of the unsaved.

We find the first of these expressions in the sixth verse, when he says:

"For when we were yet WITHOUT STRENGTH, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."

Sinner friend, that is your status tonight. It doesn't mean that you are without physical strength. Many an individual that is as strong physically as the heavy-weight champion in the pugilistic world, is a spiritual invalid in the sight of God. (Continued on page two)

BRICK-THROWERS

Bricks. It's fully about bricks. You'd think it would be easier to lay them than to throw them. But I've seen a lot of church members in my evangelistic career who could throw a ton of bricks at a preacher when they didn't have the strength, or time, or disposition to lay a dozen and help build a church. It is so easy to pass on a few good hard bricks of fault-finding, or criticism, or discouragement, or pessimism, or something else so they will hit the preacher right over the ear instead of taking a few bricks of hard work, cooperation, faithfulness, optimism, prayer, and laying them right along the side of his bricks where they will count.

I am wondering if all the church members shouldn't join the bricklayer's union and let the brick-throwers' union go to smash and smitherines!

"Christ And The Lost"

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I tell you, beloved, many a man who is a physical giant is a spiritual pigmy.

The Word of God says that the unsaved man is without strength. In the fifth chapter of John, Jesus tells the story of a man lying by the pool of Bethesda. For years he had been lying there, always hoping that he would be the first to get into the pool and thereby get the cure that his soul desired and coveted for his physical body, but always somebody else got there ahead of him. Somebody always got into the pool first before he did because he was without strength.

That man certainly and surely illustrates the spiritual condition of the unsaved. That man was physically without strength, and what was true of him physically is true of everyone of Adam's fallen descendants spiritually. Listen:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

—John 6:44.

Can't you see beloved, that man is absolutely without strength, so much so that nobody can come to God unless the Father draws that man to the Lord Jesus Christ? If you will notice the descriptive epithets that our Lord uses in telling us man's condition, you can't help but be convinced that man is spiritually without strength before God. God tells us in His Word how the unsaved man is dead and lame and halt and deaf and withered. I tell you, beloved, when you read these descriptive epithets whereby God tells us what man's spiritual condition is, we are brought face to face with the fact that man is spiritually without strength, and no unsaved person can take one step toward God unless the Father Himself draws him by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostle Paul gives us another characterization of the unsaved, for he says in this same sixth verse that the unsaved man is **UNGODLY**. Listen:

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the **UNGODLY**."

This word "ungodly" doesn't mean immoral, nor does it mean, sinner friend, that you are as bad as the Devil wants you to be. Rather it means that you have no room for God within your life. Beloved, that is your condition tonight as a sinner. You have room for this world and for all the pleasures this world offers to you, but you haven't any room for God. As it was when our Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem, there was no room for Him in the inn,

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED SUPERSTITIONS

CHRISTIANITY strongly opposes superstitions, as they are mere fancies given the place of facts. This eliminates faith and makes life to be controlled by uncertainty, which is contrary to every element of Christianity.

BRAHMANISM. Their particular stress is to "eat correctly, drink correctly and marry correctly," and all manner of evil results may come from the neglect of these commands. They are all their lifetime subject to bondage.

NONE WHO HAVE TASTED OF THE RAVISHING DELIGHTS OF DIVINE PEACE WITHIN WILL PART WITH IT FOR THE PLEASURE OF SIN

HINDUISM. They believe there are 8,400,000 human, animal and plant lives through which man may transmigrate. Day and night they live in fear of "ghosts, omens, signs, the evil eye, evil days, evil spirits, devils and haunted burning grounds."

BUDDHISM. A common water snake is believed to be the embodiment of the god of the floods, so when the rivers overflow, these snakes are sought out and worshipped. Even Li Hung Chang went to a temple into which one had crawled and worshipped it.

PEACE CANNOT BE BOUGHT WITH ALL THE WORLD'S RICHES NOR GIVEN BY THE GREATEST MORTAL PRINCE

TAOISM. The Chinese superstitions concerning Feng-shi are the strongest and most numerous of all. In fear of this mysterious, yet unknown influence, they have demolished churches, torn up railroad tracks and driven foreigners off the walls of the cities to their homes.

CONFUCIANISM. A merchant, on opening a new store, explodes a quantity of fire-crackers to drive away evil spirits and give "good luck."

THE PEACE OF THE SOUL CONSISTS IN ABSOLUTE RESIGNATION TO THE WILL OF CHRIST

ZOROASTRIANISM. When a person dies, a dog is brought into the room. If it will look into the dead person's face, it is a good omen, and if not, it is a sign of bad luck. The dog accompanies the deceased body to the "tower of silence."

A **PARSEE** on sneezing, snaps his thumb and finger and says, "Go away, devil; go off where you belong." On lighting a lamp or a fire, all the family turn toward it, clasp hands in prayer, and say, "Sahibji," "Salaam," a term of greeting between friends.

BLESSEDNESS IS PROMISED TO THE PEACE MAKER, NOT THE CONQUERER

SHINTOISM. A mirror is often carried in dark woods or places where spirits are feared, as it is believed the mirror will frighten them away. By paying a sen or two, to priests at the shrine, you can draw a lot which gives good or bad luck.

MOHAMMEDANISM. "When Mohammed's parents were married," it is said, that "200 Koreish girls died of broken hearts, and on the night Mohammed was born all the sacred fires of the Parsees went out, all the idols in the world fell over, and the river Tigris overflowed its banks."

and, beloved, there is no room for God within your life tonight. If I, or if some person who is deeply consecrated to God and who desires your salvation, were to sit down beside you and were to talk to you about the Lord Jesus Christ, you would be uncomfortable and you would want to get away from that conversation just as soon as possible. Why? Because you are unsaved and you haven't any room for God within your life.

We have other Scriptures where the Apostle Paul calls the unsaved person **ungodly**. Listen:

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the **UNGODLY** and the sinner appear?"—I Pet. 4:18.

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of **UNGODLY MEN**."

—II Pet. 3:7.

Beloved, listen to me tonight, if you are unsaved, with no place for God in your life, having no desire for God within your life, but rather having a desire to be free from the things of God, the Word of God tells us that God has a place of perdition in store for you.

Paul goes further and tells us that every unsaved person is a **SINNER** in God's sight. Lis-

ten:

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were **YET SINNERS**, Christ died for us."—Rom. 5:8.

Notice how these expressions grow with descriptive power. First he says that you are strengthless and then he says that you are **ungodly**. Now he says that you are a sinner. Beloved, that is what you are. God never said that men make mistakes or that men have failed, but God speaks plainly and calls you a sinner. Every person outside of Jesus Christ is a sinner. Listen:

"For **ALL HAVE SINNED**, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:23.

"For as by one man's disobedience **MANY WERE MADE SINNERS**, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."—Rom. 5:19.

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

—John 8:7.

Brother, sister, listen, there isn't a man that can ever pick up a stone to cast at another in view of what God said. We are all sinners in God's sight. I don't say, beloved, that you have made mistakes. Our Lord never said that. I don't say that you have failed in many respects. Our Lord never said

that. But I do say that you are a sinner. You sin willfully. You sin morally. You sin and rejoice in it from day to day. Why? Just because of your nature—in view of the fact that you yourself are a sinner by nature before God.

Notice another of these descriptions which Paul gives. In the tenth verse we read:

"For if, when we were **ENEMIES**, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, We shall be saved by his life."

Paul is saying now that you are an enemy to the Lord Jesus Christ. Can you imagine that to be so in your life? You say, "Brother Gilpin, I go to church, and I even go to prayer meeting. You couldn't say that I am an enemy of God." Or you might say, "I never did do anything against Christians and I've always supported Christianity. You couldn't say that I am an enemy."

Beloved, that is just exactly what God says you are. He says that every person outside of Jesus Christ is an enemy to God Himself. Can it be possible that as long as you haven't brought your will into submission to the will of God, and as long as you are in your sins, and as long as you stand unrepentant in God's sight, that you are actually recognized as an enemy of God? That is exactly what the Word of God says.

Let's notice these four expressions. God says that you are without strength, that you are a sinner, and that you are His enemy. Beloved, I am not complimenting you one particle when I read these Scriptures, but I am telling you truthfully what God says concerning your spiritual condition.

II

WHAT HAS CHRIST DONE FOR US?

Beloved, the amazing part of the grace of God is that God would do anything for us. In view of the fact that we are without strength and **ungodly** and a sinner and His enemy, why should God save such an individual. Why should God do anything for us? I ask you, my brother, sister, why should God ever save a man that is His enemy? Why should God ever save a man that is a sinner? Why should God save a man that is **ungodly**? Why should God save a man who doesn't have strength enough to come to God? Beloved, I want you to see what God does for us in spite of our condition. Listen:

"But God **COMMENDETH HIS LOVE** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."—Rom. 5:8.

Isn't it wonderful that God loved us in spite of our condition? It is a mighty hard thing to love some people who are inclined to be your friends, because of an unlovely disposition which those individuals might have, yet think of loving one who was definitely **ungodly** and who is your enemy. That is what God did. I'll never be able to understand the love of God as long as I live within this world. I have tried many, many times to understand why He loved me so, and always, after I reasoned the matter for a period of time, I come back with as blank an expression as when I began. I say to you tonight, it is beyond me to understand why He loved me so.

Aren't you glad tonight, beloved, for the love of your friends? Aren't you glad for

the love of those of your family? Aren't you glad for the love of those who help make life a little bit easier here within this world? I tell you tonight, beloved, I am glad for all of these but I am glad above all else for the fact that God loved me when I was still a sinner.

The Bible tells us that Christ not only loved us but that He **DIED** for us, for we read:

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die."—Rom. 5:7.

Come with me to Calvary and stand beside the Cross and see Him pouring out His blood 1900 years ago. I tell you, beloved, when you stand and observe Calvary and see the Lord Jesus as He died for your sins, you just can't understand why it should be so. In view of the fact that you are without strength and **ungodly** and a sinner and His enemy, yet to think that Jesus Christ died for your sins.

Suppose tonight that somebody might come into your home in your absence and kill your baby and your wife, and burn up your house, destroying all your earthly possessions, and later that one were apprehended. When that individual would plead guilty to what he had done, you, in turn, would go into the courtroom and stand up and plead for mercy for that individual. You say, "Brother Gilpin, a man could hardly do it." I'll grant you that, beloved, but Jesus Christ did more than that. The Son of God, after proving us guilty and demanding justice to fall upon us came before God, not only pleading for our redemption but gave Himself that He might die in our place and keep us out of Hell.

Oh, brother, sister, listen to me tonight, Jesus died for my sins when I hated Him, when I was His enemy, when I was **ungodly**, when I was a sinner, and when I was strengthless and couldn't do anything spiritually. How wonderful that He should die for us.

In spite of our condition spiritually, I want you to notice that Christ not only died for us but the Word of God tells us that **HE KEEPS** us. Listen:

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be **SAVED BY HIS LIFE**."—Rom. 5:10.

That word "saved" means we are going to be kept from wrath through Jesus Christ.

Where is there a person that can keep himself? Where is there one that is saved that could stay saved if it were left up to him? Beloved, if you are depending upon yourself to hold out faithful to the end, you are sure of Hell.

This Bible becomes more precious to me as the days pass by, but I think, beloved, that of all the Scriptures in God's Book these Scriptures come to mean more to me daily. 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.

Doesn't it thrill your heart to know that the Christ that loved you and died for you that same Christ is keeping you from day to day? You don't know what circumstances will confront you this week. (Continued on page three)

"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"



"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father."—Matt. 10:29.

"Christ And The Lost"

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don't know what temptations will arise before you. Beloved, I know one thing, in spite of what I am or what I do or what temptations come before me, I know that the Christ who loved me and the Christ who died for me, is going to keep me day by day unto the end.

Notice also, beloved, that CHRIST GIVES US JOY, for we read:

"And not only so, but WE ALSO JOY IN GOD through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."—Rom. 5:11.

If you are saved, He has put the joy of joy within your heart.

If you are saved, you have something inside you to make you happy. I feel sorry for that individual who isn't happy. I feel sorry for that person who can't face his problems and difficulties in life with a smile of assurance upon his face and with the peace and happiness of God within his heart. Brother, sister, if you are saved, the Lord is going to make you happy. It doesn't make any difference what problems arise, you are going to be happy. It doesn't make any difference how many aches you have, you are still going to be happy. It doesn't make any difference how low you get as far as your morale is concerned, He still is going to make you happy. It doesn't make any difference how much you get the "blues" and how discouraged you get, you still have something on the inside of you to make you happy. It doesn't make any difference how low you get financially, He still is going to make you happy on the inside.

Beloved, it thrills my heart to read this Word of God and to hold up to you what God holds up to us, that man is a sinner, ungodly, an enemy, and without strength, yet, in contrast, God loved us, died for us, keeps us, and makes us happy.

Now, beloved, isn't that a wonderful Saviour? Don't I have a wonderful Christ to preach to you? Don't I have a wonderful Saviour to love each day myself? Don't I have a wonderful Saviour to present to lost sinners? Haven't I described to you your own condition tonight? Beloved, I have, at the same time, held up to you the Redeemer—our Lord Jesus Christ, as your Saviour. May God help you to see Him as your Saviour. May you trust Him and be saved now. May God bless you!



Why I Am A Baptist

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always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you." Every Baptist ought to be able to tell why he is a Baptist, and those who are not Baptists ought to have a reason why they are not Baptists.

I

THE FIRST AND FOREMOST REASON WHY I AM A BAPTIST IS BECAUSE JESUS CHRIST FOUNDED THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

I rejoice much, my friends, that we, as Baptists, have some things that other so-called churches do not have. There are some things that Baptists possess that other organizations called churches, just can not possess.

I declare unto you that we, as Baptists, have the Lord Jesus Christ as head and founder of our church. There isn't another church organization on God's earth that can say the Lord Jesus is the head and founder of their church. The Catholics have the pope as their head. The Lutherans have Martin Luther as their head and founder. As badly as they hate to admit it, the Campbellites must say that Alexander Campbell is their head and founder. As much as the Campbellites would like to claim that Jesus Christ is the head and founder of their church, they can't truthfully do so. They know only too well that Alexander Campbell was the founder and organizer of their institution that bears his name. The Hardshells, as much as I love them for some of the things they teach, must say that Daniel Parker is their head. The Presbyterians have John Calvin as their head and founder. The Methodists must go back to the Wesleys for their founder, while the Christian Scientists have Mary Baker Eddy as their founder and the Mormons must look to Joseph Smith.

So, beloved, there isn't a one of these denominations that can say that Jesus Christ is the head of their church. Baptists can go back across the centuries, yea, back across a period of nearly 2,000 years, and can say that the Lord Jesus Christ is the head and founder of our church. I tell you, beloved, it brings a joy to my heart when I tell you that we know and have the assurance that we have something to offer that no denomination on earth has to offer. We have Jesus Christ as the head and founder of our church.

Turn with me to Matt. 16:18: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter (petros—a little rock), and upon this rock (petra) I will build my church." Literally, Jesus says: "Thou art petros, and upon this petra I will build my church." This petra refers to Jesus; thus the church is not built upon Peter or Peter's confession, but upon Jesus, the eternal rock.

To this Peter agrees, for we read in I Pet. 2:6: "Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded."

For a church to be the church our Lord founded, it must have three characteristics. First, it must have the right founder, which is none other than Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Matt. 16:18: "I will build my church." Second, it must be founded at the right time, during the personal ministry of Jesus, which was 30 or 33 A.D. Third, it must be founded in the right place, which is Palestine. There isn't another church organization on God's earth that has these three characteristics other than Baptists. They were all founded by the wrong man, at the wrong time, and in the wrong place.

II

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE JESUS PROMISED PERPETUITY TO BAPTISTS.

When Jesus established His church, He said: "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18). Beloved, I am not one bit worried about Baptist churches going out of business today. I am not one bit worried about Baptist churches ever ceasing to be in this world. Listen to Eph. 3:21: "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." Let Devil, demons, and man try as much as they have and continue to try to defeat Baptist churches. I say unto you, they never can.

I tell you, my friends, Baptists have something guaranteed to us that no other religious body in this world has. It is a guarantee by Jesus Christ Himself that Baptist churches will exist down through the ages.

Turn to Matt. 15:13 and listen to what Jesus says is going to happen to these false churches: "Every plant, which my Heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up."

As I look around at these man-founded churches, I thank God that Jesus has said that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against His church. For this cause I am a Baptist.

III

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE THE BAPTIST CHURCH IS THE ONLY CHURCH ON EARTH THAT HAS A COMMISSION GIVEN TO THEM BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Jesus said to His church: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19, 20). Jesus gave this commission to His church, and He didn't give it to anyone else. He gave it to them back there in the First Century while He was here on earth with them, just before He went back to Heaven. I am convinced, my friends, that the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is a commission to the church, to disciple men and women and baptize those whom they had disciplined into the church that Jesus founded. The only organization on earth that has the privilege of carrying out this commission that Jesus gave is a Baptist church. Other denominations just don't have a commission.

Who called the preachers of these false churches? I don't know, beloved, but God didn't. Would you tell me that God would call a man to preach Arminianism, and falling from grace, and salvation by works, and the second work of grace, and baptismal regeneration? Nay, nay, my friends, God never

called any man to preach contrary to His Word.

Jesus gave the commission to His church and told them to go preach the Gospel and convert men and women, and baptize them, and after you have converted and baptized them, teach them "all things whatsoever I have commanded you." In other words, teach them the Word of God. There isn't a denomination under God's Heaven that calls itself a church that believes and teaches the entirety of God's Word other than Baptists. I am glad that I can tell you on the authority of God's Word that we have a commission that no one else has. Any time you see a church other than a Missionary Baptist church, you can mark it down that they are going out without the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason I am glad that I am a Baptist.

IV

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTISTS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BAPTIZE GIVEN TO THEM BY JESUS CHRIST.

Baptists only can administer Scriptural baptism. When Jesus was here in the days of His flesh, He went to the Jordan River to the Old Testament prophet to be baptized of him. Why did Jesus go to John the Baptist? Why did He walk sixty miles across the hot desert sands to be baptized by John the Baptist? There were probably lots of Jewish rabbis in Jerusalem who would have been glad to have the honor of baptizing Him. I'll tell you why, beloved, he went to John. It was because that John the Baptist had the authority to baptize given to him by God. Listen to this Scripture: "And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." (John 1:33). How I thank God that when John baptized Jesus, that John, the first Missionary Baptist preacher this world ever saw, got that authority from God to baptize.

When Jesus Christ established His church, He gave to it the authority to baptize. Matt. 28:19 tells us of this: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." When Wesley, Campbell, Luther, and others started their organizations, which they called churches, they had no authority to baptize. If they have the authority, where did they get it? Who gave it to them? I say to you beloved, it wasn't Jesus Christ, for He gave the authority to baptize only to His church. These man-founded organizations never did have any authority to baptize, and never will. Any baptism other than Baptist baptism is worthless as far as God is concerned in the realm of baptism. If one has had any other baptism other than Baptist baptism he has had no baptism at all.

V

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTISTS HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO INHABIT OUR CHURCHES.

The only organization on earth that the Holy Spirit inhabits is a Missionary Baptist church. Beloved, this is something that is sweet to me to know. In Eph. 2:22 we have these words: "In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the

Spirit." Paul said that the church in the city of Ephesus was the residence of the Holy Spirit. So I say to you today, the Holy Spirit has his residence in the same kind of a church that he did back in the city of Ephesus, and that is a Missionary Baptist church.

VI

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN THE FINALITY OF THE BIBLE.

Beloved, Bible doctrine is Baptist doctrine from beginning to end. The Bible is the final word of authority among Baptists. Baptists hold to no creed, no articles of faith, and no by-laws except the Bible.

There isn't a denomination on earth that accepts the Bible as final authority other than Baptists. All denominations try to change God's Word to suit their false doctrines. However, the Bible is final. Hear the Word of the Lord on the finality of the Bible:

"And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more." (Num. 22:18).

"Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." (Prov. 30:6).

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." (Rev. 22:18,19).

I insist, beloved, with all true Baptists, the Bible is the final authority.



Woodrow Brumfield

VII

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN SALVATION BY GRACE, APART FROM WORKS — ALL ON GOD'S PART, AND NOTHING ON THE PART OF MAN.

Baptists believe that salvation is of the Lord. It originated in His great omniscient mind before the world was, or before man was ever created. I say to you, beloved, that before there was any sin, God set forth in His omniscient mind the plan of salvation whereby man could be saved. Listen to God's Word:

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."—Rev. 13:8.

Beloved, this Scripture tells us of God's Lamb, who was slain in the mind of God from the foundation of the world for the sins of all God's elect.

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"There is nothing like a grace-filled disposition for putting the devil to flight."



Bringing Up Children

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go (not "in the show").

AS TO NURTURE. (Ephes. 6:4) Note—"nurture of the Lord" (not nurture of the devil, by subjecting them to the "midway" of a carnival).

AS TO TEACHING. (Deut. 6:6-7).

Bible samples of parental failure in bringing up children: Eli, the good man, who was so easy with his sons that he let them grow up and go to the devil. (Read I Sam. 2:12-17 and 22-25 and 34).

Samuel, another good man who weakened when he advanced in age, and let his sons grow up dissolute. (Read I Sam. 8:1-5).

Nadab and Abihu sons of Aaron, who were not dealt with strongly, and who were destroyed by the Lord. (Read Numbers 3:4).

Where and how parents fail with their children:

To be sure, parents are not always able to make anything worth while out of their children. Sometimes they will grow up wicked despite all efforts made, but not usually. Every parent should ask, "Have I done my best to set the right example; give the proper teaching; furnish the right environment; demonstrated the proper strength of character; placed the proper safeguards around my child?"

Parental failure is often seen in the following:

Failure to ingrain in the child antagonism against the enemies of God and the home. Teach your children to abhor the juke joint. Point out that it is a devil den. Never lose an opportunity to show its evil. Instil in them a great hatred of the movies by showing continually the evil fruits of them. You can from infancy so talk and teach against the evils of drink, movies, gambling, cursing, dancing, cards, and things of that sort that the very mention of these will arouse a sense of opposition in the minds of your children. Trouble is that instead of this, parents introduce their children to these things very often, or else assume a very friendly spirit towards them. That is why thousands of young people say, "I don't see any harm in these things." No won-

der! Parents have never tried to point out the harm. Perhaps the greatest—the very greatest failure along this line is the failure of parents to teach their children to "abhor" the evils of the world. This is exactly the way to 'handle this problem—instil hatred of these evils from childhood.

By failing to back up their pastor in his opposition to things that are wrong.

Often the influence of the pastor's teaching and preaching is nullified for the children, by the parent who raises some objection to what he has said. Often parents get in the objective case about something they don't like about the pastor, and they have some things to say derogatory to the pastor. In other words they do some loose talk around their children. Thereafter the children come to hold in disregard his preaching and teaching, no matter how true to the right and to the Word. Often this stands in the way of the salvation of young people, and helps them on the way of worldliness and sin. Parents simply cut off their nose to spite their face when they do a thing of this sort. They reap in their own families the fruit of their pastoral criticisms. Personally, we have always found young people teachable. Most trouble has been with parents undercutting the teachings we have brought.

Election

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goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable: that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of His mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence."

I have quoted the entire article that all may know that Baptists believe the doctrine of election. If there are members of Baptist churches who do not believe the doctrine, they are not, to that extent, Baptists. Some say, "I believe the doctrine of election, but I don't believe like some." If you are a Baptist you believe it as Bap-

tists believe it.

Let us break the article down and see what it says. 1. Election is the eternal purpose of God. It is the purpose of God and it is eternal. According to this purpose, He saves, by grace, sinners. Sinners are not born saved, nor are people eternally doomed and damned. But God has a purpose which is eternal according to which He saves sinners.

2. The eternal purpose of God is "Perfectly consistent with the free agency of man." God does not save man against His will. He does not, as some have said, take man by the hair of his head and drag him into salvation. God, by the power of His Spirit, moves upon the will of man so as to secure his voluntary obedience to the gospel.

3. It comprehends, all the means in connection with the end. God uses means, primarily, the gospel, in the salvation of sinners, those elected. He does not save apart, independently of, but in connection with, means. God foreknew, predestinated and elected a people out of the family of mankind, to save. He has ordained and uses, the means that He has appointed, to accomplish His eternal purpose.

4. Election encourages the use of means in the highest degree. The believer in election is zealous, active, earnest in preaching, praying, testifying, pleading, and in every scriptural way tries to win the lost to Christ. He is assured that God will bless the means that He has appointed to the salvation of the lost.

Why do we discuss such subjects as election? Because our people, especially the young, should know what we believe, how and why.—Baptist Progress

Why I Am A Baptist

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God's Word teaches us that everyone that ever was saved, or those who are yet to be saved, were in the mind of God to be saved from the foundation of the world. "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Rom. 8:29).



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"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).

In order to save those whom God chose unto salvation, He gave Jesus Christ, His Son, to die for us and shed His blood for our redemption. Before you or I could ever come to Christ for salvation, the Holy Spirit had to wither our fleshly nature and bring us to a knowledge of our sins. Without the withering work of the Holy Spirit, none would ever be saved. The Holy Spirit withers us through the preached Word. The Word of God is the Holy Spirit's sword. Listen:

"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." (Eph. 6:17).

Hebrews 4:12 tells us how sharp this sword is:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."

It is with this sword the Holy Spirit brings us to a knowledge of our sins. It is God who gives us faith to believe in Jesus Christ to the saving of our souls. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8,9). It takes all three Persons of the God-head to promote our salvation: The Father predestinates our salvation, the Son propitiates, and the Holy Spirit regenerates. So we see, beloved, that salvation is all of grace on God's part and nothing on the part of man.

VIII

I AM A BAPTIST BECAUSE BAPTISTS BELIEVE IN A ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL SALVATION.

Over and over again in God's Word the believers are assured of everlasting salvation. The life that Christ gives to each believer is eternal and never ending. Jesus does not promise salvation to those who trust Him for ten, twenty or thirty years. He does not promise salvation for even a life time, but, thank God, He promises salvation for time and eternity to those who believe. Hear the words of our Saviour: "And I give unto them eternal life; and



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they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:28).

I don't see how anyone with common intelligence could read this Scripture and doubt the eternal security of the saved.

CONCLUSION

Beloved, in closing I remind you that Baptists have been here since the days of the Lord Jesus and His apostles, and they will be here when He comes a second time. They have existed through the ages, through trials, persecutions, and tortures, to brutish to describe. Their trail can be marked with blood. Beloved, I am not ashamed to tell the world that I am a Baptist. I am not ashamed to tell the world that it is the only church Jesus Christ founded. I am not ashamed to tell the world that all denominations on earth were established by man.

"Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath bro't me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home."

JEHOVAH WITNESS FOOLISHNESS

Say the Witnesses, "If a man one lays the 'Scripture Study' aside, even after he has used them, after he becomes familiar with them, after he has read them for ten years—if he lays them aside and ignores them and goes to the Bible alone within two years he goes into darkness." On the other hand, if he reads these books and does not read the Bible any for two years he will still have the Light of the Scriptures." Watch Tower Magazine, Sept. 15, 1910.

Bob Jones

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believer at Bob Jones College when talking to the "Church of God" (Holy Roller) boys. The he told of the "Church of God" organization in Cleveland, Tenn., and sang their praises and defended their doctrine of living without sin, and then ridiculed the Southern Baptists of Cleveland, Tenn., because of their fight against the "holy rollers" and their heretical doctrine. I came away with a sad heart. Instead of Bob Jones fighting modernism and the Federal Council of Churches he was wanting all the "Evangelical Churches" to get together in an organization called the National Association of Evangelicals, and seemed that he thought it could best be done by his ridiculing the doctrines held dear by Baptists. Yet he is only too happy to get the Baptist students he can for the school and to get all the Baptist money he can get. Then he sends out to de-Baptist all the Baptist students. It seems that the more of the Baptist preachers that come out of the Bob Jones School the more Baptist in name only. They are more interdenominationalist than Baptist in most cases. Bob Jones seems to have a zeal for the Lord and to be interested in evangelism and we have nothing to say against that. But we have a right to express ourselves on his heresy and we condemn it with all we have. Teaching to observe the things (indoctrinating) is just much a part of the great commission as the part to make disciples. Lots of people who are Baptist money are enemies of Baptists.—Light and Shield