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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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### THREE REASONS WHY I'M A BAPTIST

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You will notice that the subject says, "Three Reasons Why I'm A Baptist." There seem to be many and varied reasons for people being Baptists. One claims to be a Baptist because she married a Baptist and she joined the Baptist Church to be with her husband. This is a poor excuse for being a Baptist.

Another claims to be a Baptist because the Baptist Church was more convenient to attend than the other churches, or because all the family for generations have been Baptists.

I believe people should be Baptists because of conviction—a conviction based upon the Word of God. For this reason I have chosen as my subject "Three Reasons Why I'm A Baptist." These reasons may not be the same for being a

Baptist, but I can assure you that you can have no better reasons than these.

I. THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO GOD. The Bible teaches that every man is responsible for his own conduct and life. This is taught in II Cor. 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in His body, according to that he hath (Continued on page two)

### Many Names Will Be Removed Immediately From Our Mailing List

As much as I hate to do it, there'll be lots of names that will be taken off our mailing list after this issue.

This is in accord with our announcement of the last three issues.

Sometime ago, as stated heretofore, our mailing list was stolen and we do not know now when any subscriptions expire. For the last several weeks, we've been sending many papers after the expiration date of the same, which has been at a tremendous cost. Accordingly, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has showed a steady loss for the past three months. I've had to put approximately \$400 personally into it which I can't continue to do.

Therefore, it is only a matter of economy as well as efficiency that we bring our mailing list up to date.

On page four, a coupon has been provided for your benefit, and for ours. Many have taken

advantage of it, for which we are most thankful. Still many others have failed to do so, and unless we hear from these immediately, I must assume our paper is not wanted any longer and this will positively be the last issue they will receive.

I don't want to lose a single name. I would much rather continue sending it to all 15,000 of our subscribers. However, I can't afford to continue the paper without your help, and further I don't want to trouble you with our paper if you don't want it.

May I make a last appeal to you. Fill in the coupon NOW and send in your renewal TODAY. Regardless of how well I know you, I'm not sending another issue if I fail to hear from you. I feel that you need the message of this paper and I know I need your prayerful and financial support. Let's not part company. Please let me hear from you by return mail.

### Even If They Were Peter's Bones, What Difference Would It Make?

The most sensational report ever to come out of the Vatican was the announcement in a special dispatch to the N. Y. Times of last August 22, that what are believed to be the bones of the Apostle Peter have been discovered in a crypt below the main altar in St. Peter's. The story was related by the "Times" special correspondent, Millicent M. Cianfarra, although she stated that all who knew about the alleged discovery were bound by an oath of secrecy not to confirm or deny it. Only Pope Pius XII and half a dozen high Vatican officials were reported as knowing the secret. But as is usual with news items from Vatican sources, confusion was created the following day by an AP dispatch from Rome quoting another Vatican source which described the story as a "fantasy."

For several months previous, Pope Pius XII had been hinting of such a discovery, and an official announcement of it was expected to be made at the inauguration of the "Holy Year" which opens on Christmas Eve. For nearly 1500 years, the Roman Catholic Church has been claiming that Peter, "Prince of the Apostles," had been the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, that he founded the Roman Church and was martyred in Rome under the Emperor Nero and bur-

ied in Rome under Vatican Hill. There is no proof of this from the New Testament, which, however, tells of Paul's journey to Rome and Peter's ministry among "the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia" (I Peter 1). Exhaustive searches by archeologists have been made in vain down the centuries to find even one inscription in the Catacombs and other ruins of ancient places in Rome that would indicate that Peter at least visited Rome.

Now comes the announcement that his bones had been resting all through the centuries in a plain burial urn less than twenty feet below the pavement of St. Peter's. Since the discovery, the bones are said to be closely guarded by the Pope himself in a private chapel next to his study.

There is no doubt that if sufficient evidence is produced to make this discovery seem genuine (Continued on page four)

### MORALS GETTING WORSE AND WORSE

If one wishes to take a look into the mouth of hell, he need not go to Hawaii and watch Maunua Loa belch out its rivers of molten lava. That is all physical. For we have something ten thousand times worse all around us here in "the good old U. S." It is a most fearful moral abyss, growing wider and deeper every hour!

Then let him look over the growth of crime and the wreck of marriages and homes in our nation as these are set out in Government statistics. Here is the way these items read:

#### Crime Rate Doubles In One Generation

In 1904 there were 69 convicts to 100,000 people in the U. S.  
In 1910 there were 75 convicts to 100,000 people in the U. S.  
In 1927 there were 85 convicts to 100,000 people in the U. S.  
In 1934 there were 100 convicts to 100,000 people in the U. S.  
In 1942 there were 125 convicts to 100,000 people in the U. S. (Continued on page four)

### How Mormon Polygamy And The Reign Of The Anti-Christ Are Connected

Condensed from "Mormonism Unmasked"

By DAN GILBERT

The practice of polygamy still flourishes in the "underground" or "underworld" of Mormonism.

As for the "sacred principle" itself, the Mormon Fundamentalists continue loudly to champion it.

Despite congressional action against polygamy the Mormon leaders supported the "open advocacy" of the practice as long as possible. Hundreds went to jail rather than give up the "right" to be polygamous.

In 1886, Congress passed the stringent Edmunds-Tucker law which aimed to destroy the whole financial and ecclesiastical system of Mormonism. It was only when the Supreme Court upheld this law and the overlords of the Mormon Church feared for the confiscation of their property and the disruption of their entire

worldly ecclesiastical domain in Utah that the Mormon leadership agreed to stop teaching polygamy as a religious duty and doctrine.

Why did they do it? Because they ceased to believe that "plural marriage" is right? Certainly not!

Consider the words of their "petition" for amnesty: "To be at peace with the Government and in harmony with their fellow citizens who are not of their faith, and to share in the confidence of the Government and the people, our people have voluntarily put aside something (plural marriage) which all their lives they have believed to be a sacred principle." (This was in 1891.)

But in 1886, President John Taylor announced a "revelation" to the effect that the "law of polygamy" remained the "law of heaven." In the light of the 1886 "revelation" the 1891 profession of "putting aside" polygamy appears to be a hollow pretense or insincere gesture. For the sake of preserving property or attaining "peace with the Government," men may cease to teach polygamy openly, but it still remains the eternal law of the Mormons and of the Mormons' God.

According to President Taylor, on September 27, 1886, the Lord Himself — together with "Prophet Joseph Smith" — appeared (Continued on Page Four)

### The First Baptist Pulpit

#### "WHAT A BELIEVER WOULD HAVE TO DO TO BE LOST"

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock."—Mt. 7:25.

As you well know, there are people in this community, as in every community in the world, who believe that a man can be saved, and later can be lost. I don't suppose that it is necessary for me to tell you that I am not of that class. I imagine that all of you who are present know that I believe and confidently preach that when God saves a man, He saves him for-

ever. However, this morning, beloved, I want to try, by God's help, to show you again the security of each believer who is in Christ Jesus.

As the old song says:  
"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

My desire, beloved, is to show you anew, that every one who

is in Christ Jesus is not only saved, but is secure in Christ who saved him.

For the benefit of those who might believe that a man can be lost after he has been saved, I approach this question in a new way, in that I want to show you what a believer must do in order to be lost.

I

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE MUST CLIMB UP TO HEAVEN AND TAKE FROM GOD THAT WHICH (Continued on page two)

#### TOO PERSONAL

The editor of a small weekly newspaper in a Nevada town was in need of some material to fill up his columns, so he had his compositor set up the Ten Commandments, and he ran them without making any editorial comment. Three days after the paper was published, he received a letter saying, "Cancel my subscription. You're getting too personal."  
—Christian Victory.

#### ALCOHOLISM

Then we would like to compare it with other sicknesses in seven respects.

"1. It is the ONLY DISEASE WHICH WE ADVERTISE to the tune of almost 130 million dollars annually.  
"2. It is the ONLY DISEASE WHICH WE PROPAGATE to the tune of 3 billion gallons of liquor consumed annually, or more than 20 gallons per man, woman, and child in the United States (Continued on page four)



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## Three Reasons

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done, whether it be good or bad," and again in Rom. 14:4 we read: "Who art thou that judges another man's servants? To his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand."

For this reason we do not believe in god-fathers, god-mothers, or sponsors who pledge and promise that others shall do or refrain from doing certain things. One person cannot repent for another, or believe in Christ for another, or serve God for another. Each individual must repent for himself, believe for himself and serve God for himself; hence, the individual's responsibility to God.

Because of this belief in the individual's responsibility to God, we reject infant baptism believing that the individual should decide for himself whether he is to be baptized or not. The same is true of church membership, etc. Baptists have been prevented from religious persecution because of this doctrine. They have suffered persecution, both in the old world and in the new; but they have a clean record as far as religious persecution is concerned.

One of the darkest blots on American History is the record of the religious persecution of John Clark, Obadiah Holmes, and John Crandall, Baptist

preachers who were imprisoned and scourged for preaching the gospel and refusing to practice infant baptism (see Christian's History of Baptists, Chapter 21, Page 379-380).

Baptists have ever been the champions of religious freedom. They are responsible for the clause being inserted in The Constitution of The United States of America, which guarantees religious freedom. The clause reads as follows: "Congress shall make no law, establishing articles of faith, or mode of worship or prohibiting the free exercise of religion or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, or to petition to the General Government for a redress or grievances." (A History of the Baptists by John T. Christian, Page 392).

II. THE SCRIPTURES A SUFFICIENT RULE OF FAITH AND PRACTICE. Baptists hold that the Bible is the sufficient rule of faith and practice, in religious matters and refer to II Tim. 3: 16,17, which reads as follows: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," and II Peter 1:20, 21, which reads as follows: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. They believe this is sufficient authority for holding the belief that the Scriptures are a complete and sufficient rule of faith and practice in all matters pertaining to the worship and service of God.

Therefore, we reject all the Bulls of the Pope, Decrees of the Councils, and Traditions of the Elders. Baptists obtain all of their doctrines from the Bible which they believe to be the Word of God by Inspiration given; hence, we say, "If it's in the

Bible it's Baptist doctrine; and if it's Baptist doctrine, you'll find it in the Bible."

Baptists believe that there should be no addition, no subtraction, and no substitution for the Word of God. Therefore, we reject sprinkling for immersion, Open Communion for the Lord's Supper, and conscience and sentiment exalted above Scripture.

Baptists believe that three things are necessary to constitute Scriptural Baptism: namely, the *Proper Person*—a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ; the *Proper Symbol*—picturing the death, burial and resurrection of Christ; and the *Proper Authority*—a New Testament church. The lack of any one of these three facts fails to produce Scriptural baptism. Baptists believe that the proper observance of the Lord's Supper requires the *Proper Place*, the proper purpose, *Proper Participants*, as well as the proper elements. Eating bread and drinking wine does not necessarily mean that the Lord's Supper is being observed. Baptists demand a "thus saith the Lord" for their actions.

III. THE CHURCH A COMPLETE SELF-GOVERNING BODY. Baptists believe in the sovereignty of the church. They hold that the highest authority on earth is a local (there is no other kind) Baptist Church; that there is no authority on earth that supercedes a local Baptist Church. This association, the State Baptist Convention, or any board created by such, has no authority whatever over the government of a Baptist Church, which is a New Testament Church. Baptists hold (or believe) that one Baptist Church has as much authority to govern itself as another. The little church consisting of 12 members at the crossroads, has as much authority to determine the manner of its cooperation and the extent of its cooperation in the matter of government and practice as the First Baptist Church with thousands of members.

The Baptist Church recognizes Christ as its Head, the Bible as its rule book, the Holy Spirit as its leader, and missions as its mission on the earth. Baptists find no authority in the Scriptures for believing in a Universal visible or invisible church. The Scriptures tell us that a New Testament Church (which is a Baptist Church) is an organized body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ. He founded the first one and promised to it perpetuity (Matt. 16:18), and from that good day unto the present time and until the return of Christ, Missionary Baptist Churches will continue to exist on this earth.

The church that Christ founded was a Missionary Baptist Church for the following reasons: *First*, it was organized of Baptist material; *second*, it was given a missionary program; *third*, it was promised perpetuity; *fourth*, it is the only church in existence whose history can be traced back to the days of the Apostles.

Bro. George W. McDaniel, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and long-time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, and who is now with his Lord, had the following to say about the origin of Baptists

"To be well-born is to enter life with an advantage. Baptists are justly proud of their beginning—the New Testament. They have an ancient and Scriptural origin. Certain characters in history are named as founders

of various denominations. The Disciples began with Alexander Campbell, the Methodists with John Wesley, the Presbyterians with John Calvin, the Lutherans with Martin Luther, and the Church of England with Henry VIII. Not so with the Baptists. There is no personality this side of Jesus Christ who is a satisfactory explanation of their origin. The New Testament churches were independent, self-governing, democratic bodies like the Baptist churches of today. We originated, not at the Reformation, not in the Dark Ages, nor in any century after the Apostles, but our marching orders are the Commission. The First Baptist Church was the church at Jerusalem. Our principles are as old as Christianity, and we acknowledge no founder but Christ."

To be a Baptist is a great privilege as well as a great honor. Baptists should take the matter of church membership more seriously, and they should serve with greater zeal the Head of the Church to which they belong.

"Faith of our fathers! living still In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:

Oh how our hearts beat high with joy

Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers! holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!"

## "To Be Lost"

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HAS BEEN ALREADY HID IN JESUS CHRIST.

"For ye are dead, and YOUR LIFE IS HID with Christ in God."—Col. 3:3.

I don't know of a safer place for a child of God to be hid than in Jesus Christ, and for a believer to be lost, that believer would have to climb up to Heaven and take away from God that which has been hidden in Jesus Christ. You know as well as I that no individual will ever be able to do that. You know, beloved, how utterly impossible it would be for any individual to take out of the hand of God that which has been hidden in Christ Jesus.

## II

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE MUST FURTHER TAKE HIMSELF OUT OF THE HAND OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT of my Father's hand."

—John 10:27-29.

Believers are in the hand of God and, beloved friends, for a believer to be lost, that believer would have to take himself out of the hand of God Himself. Actually that would make man bigger than God. It would make the believer stronger than the Almighty. It would mean that a man could take himself out of the hand of Him who made him, and fashioned him, who saved him, and who has kept him every day since he has been saved. You know as well as I that it would be an utter impossibility for any man to take himself thus out of the hand of God.

There is another Scripture in this respect which, to me, is quite forcible. Listen:

"Behold, I have GRAVEN THEE UPON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS; thy walls are continually before me."

—Isa. 49:16.

The word "graven" is the word for "tattoo," which would tell us that we are tattooed into the palms of the hands of God. Do you know how a man can get a tattoo mark off of his body? It is a mighty painful process, but it can be done. A skilled surgeon, with a scalpel, can cut out that flesh, and by thus cutting it away he can remove the tattoo mark from the body. Brother, sister, listen to me this morning, you and I and every child of God have been graven upon the palms of God. We have been tattooed unto him. Beloved, the only way that we can get out of the hands of God would be to have ourselves cut away from the hands of the Almighty. If you are inclined in the least to believe that a man can be saved and then be lost, then you must realize that in order for a believer to be lost, he must take himself literally out of the hand of God, which is an impossibility.

## III

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE MUST STOP CHRIST FROM HIS HIGH PRIESTLY INTERCESSION.

Christians friends, do you realize that the Lord Jesus Christ is interceding for you today? Well, beloved, He is not only interceding for you today, but He has interceded for you every day since you were saved.

I suppose that in fully 90% of the letters which I get, the writer will say, "Pray for me." I am satisfied that many, many times I never pray for them because the cares of life and the press of duties keep me from remembering the fact that they have asked me to do so. I thank God this morning that Jesus Christ never forgets us and that the Son of God always, every day, intercedes as a High Priest for us.

"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. 7:25.

Have you had any problems this past week? Have you come to the place where the road was pretty rough and the load a little heavier? Well, if you haven't had such an experience this past week, you have had at some time. I have sat here on this rostrum waiting to preach and looked out in the audience and I've seen individuals that I knew had had more burdens the week before than they were able to bear. Beloved, I am glad to say this to you today, regardless of what burdens you have had this past week, and irrespective of what is before you in the week to come, I am glad that at the right hand of God is my Saviour and my Lord, making intercession for the children of God.

Beloved, for a believer to lose his salvation he would have to get up yonder in Heaven and put an end to the High Priestly intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ. As long as my Lord lives and as long as the Son of God continues to exist, He will be in the presence of God to intercede for us; and as long as He intercedes for us, our salvation is secure.

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## I AM WAITING

I am waiting for the dawning  
Of the bright and blessed day,  
When the darksome night of sorrow  
Shall have vanished far away;  
When forever with the Savior,  
Far beyond this vale of tears,  
I shall swell the song of worship  
Through the everlasting years.

I am looking at the brightness--  
See, it shineth from afar--  
Of the clear and joyous beaming,  
Of the "Bright and Morning Star";  
Through the dark, grey mist of morning  
Do I see its glorious light;  
Then away with every shadow  
Of this sad and weary night.

I am waiting for the coming  
Of the Lord who died for me;  
Oh, His words have thrilled my spirit,  
"I will come again for thee."  
I can almost hear His footfall  
On the threshold of the door,  
And my heart, my heart is longing,  
To be His forevermore.

--Sel.



I don't believe Blind Bartimaeus, when he had received his sight, went fishing the next Lord's day.

#### IV

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE WOULD HAVE TO BREAK THE SEAL WHEREBY HE HAS BEEN SEALED UNTO THE DAY OF REDEMPTION.

We are told that each believer is sealed in God. Listen:

"And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are SEALED unto the day of redemption."—Eph. 4:30.

A seal on a box car is a guarantee that the contents of that car is going to be delivered safely to its destination. Only a person with the proper authority can affix the seal and only a person with the proper authority can break the seal. The seal is a guarantee.

Listen to me, Christian friends, you and I are sealed by the Holy Spirit of God and that sealing guarantees that one day you and I are going to be delivered home to glory. All hell can't break that seal. The Devil can't break it. Beloved, for a believer to lose his salvation, that believer himself would have to break the seal of God whereby he has been sealed unto the day of redemption.

The Word of God tells us how long it is until the day of redemption.

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."—Luke 21:28.

This tells us when Christ comes again, that that will be the day when the body will be redeemed just like the soul has already been redeemed. When the Lord saves the soul, He seals that soul to keep it until the day of redemption, that is, until the time that He saves the body. Then, beloved, both body and soul will be saved when Jesus Christ comes.

I thank God this morning that we are saved and we are safe and we are secure forever in Jesus Christ. For a believer to be lost, that believer would have to break the seal whereby the Holy Spirit has sealed him in Christ.

#### V

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE WOULD HAVE TO DESTROY THE SUN FROM THE SKY BY DAY AND THE MOON FROM THE SKY BY NIGHT.

Did you ever stop to realize that the sun and the moon are signs whereby you and I can know of our security in Jesus? Psalm 89 tells us of the covenant which God the Father made with God the Son before the foundation of the world. In that covenant the Son promised to die for the elect remnant which was given him of God the Father. God the Father promised, or covenanted, with the Son that He would keep secure all those for whom the Son should die. Listen:

"My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven."—Psa. 89:34-37.

Beloved, when God the Father and God the Son made this covenant concerning our salvation before the foundation of the world, God said this covenant

would be as binding as the moon and the sun within the skies. In other words, when a man can climb up in the skies and take the sun out by day and the moon by night, then a believer can take himself out of the hand of God. Then and only then can a believer lose his salvation.

I think of these poor, misguided, untaught fellows who teach falling from grace and who tell you that you can be saved today and lost tomorrow. I think of them often, beloved, and wonder what that individual would do if I were to hand him a big stick and point him to a ladder and say to him, "There is the sun. Go up there and knock it out of the skies; and when night comes I will give you a stick and you can go up there and knock the moon down." When he has taken the sun out by day and the moon by night, then let him preach falling from grace, or apostasy; but until he does so, thank God, a man that is saved is saved forever.

#### VI

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE WOULD HAVE TO BE STRONGER THAN THE DEVIL.

"He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."—I John 5:18.

The Devil can't touch that new nature which God puts inside of us. He can touch our bodies and he can worry our flesh. How you worry and fret over the things of this life and how the flesh causes you problem after problem! I tell you, beloved, the Devil can get a hold on our flesh, but this Scripture tells us that he can't put as much as his little finger on that new nature that God put inside us the day He saved us. For a believer to take himself out of the hand of God, he would have to be stronger than the Devil. He would have to be able to do what the Devil can't ever do, for the Devil can't touch that new nature that God put inside us the day He saved us.

#### VII

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE WOULD HAVE TO DO WHAT GOD WON'T DO.

There are a lot of things in the Bible that God won't do. He won't forget your work and your labor of love. We are told in the book of Hebrews that He won't forget that which you have done.

Beloved, here is a most precious promise as to something else that God won't do:

"And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM THEM, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me."—Jer. 32:40.

Sometimes we turn away from the Lord. There isn't a person here this morning who is a child of God who hasn't backslidden time and time again. You have lost the joy of your salvation. You have lost that happiness that effervesces within your soul. But, beloved, there is one thing certain, though we have turned away from the Lord, He has never turned away from us. For a believer to be lost, he would have to do what God Himself won't do. God won't turn away from the believer.

#### VIII

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE WOULD HAVE TO PROVE THAT JESUS CHRIST AND THE BIBLE LIED IN ALL THE PROMISES CONCERN-

#### ING SALVATION.

Listen:

"But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which SHALL NOT BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER."—Luke 10:42.

"He that believeth on the Son hath EVERLASTING LIFE: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH EVERLASTING LIFE."

—John 6:47.

Beloved, these are the promises of our Lord. Every child of God knows that Jesus Christ told the truth. For a man to preach that you can be saved and then be lost, that man would have to prove that the Son of God lied in these promises. Furthermore, he has to prove that the Bible lied all the way through as to the promises concerning our salvation.

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having FORGIVEN YOU ALL TRESPASSES."—Col. 2:13.

"Who gave himself for us, that he might REDEEM US FROM ALL INIQUITY, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."—Titus 2:14.

I tell you this morning, Christian friends, for a believer to be lost, he would have to prove that the Son of God lied in every promise that He gave about salvation and he would have to prove the Bible lied every time it speaks of the removal of our sins and our transgressions.

#### IX

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE WOULD HAVE TO SELL HIMSELF AGAIN.

The Word of God tells us that the sinner was one day sold under sin and was bought by the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Forasmuch as ye know that 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 Pet. 1:18,19.

Beloved, if you have been saved, you have been bought by the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, you no longer belong to yourself. This is what Paul meant when he wrote to the Christians at Corinth, when he said:

"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."—I Cor. 6:20.

Beloved, you have been bought by the Lord Jesus Christ and you no longer belong to yourself. If you can be lost after you have been saved, you would have to have your owner's consent to sell yourself again. This, we know, is an utter impossibility, for when Jesus Christ bought you, He didn't buy you for resale, that he might sell you again. Rather, He bought you for His own precious possession forever. Listen:

"To REDEEM them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."—Gal. 4:5.

The word "redeem" as used here, is the Greek word "ex-

agorazo," which means that it is bought with the understanding that it is never again to be sold. Listen, brother, sister, you have been bought once by Jesus Christ, and for you to be sold again you would have to get your owner's consent, which is impossible. When Jesus Christ went to Calvary He bought you with the understanding that you would never again be sold.

Thank God, when a man is saved once, he is saved forever. When a man becomes a child of God, He can never again be sold into sin.

#### X

FOR A BELIEVER TO BE LOST, HE MUST PROVE THE WORD "EVERLASTING" CAN HAVE TWO DIFFERENT MEANINGS IN THE BIBLE.

If you will turn to the Word of God, you will find that the word "everlasting" is used forty-three times to qualify the life we have in Christ. Let's notice also how else it is used.

In Mt. 25:46 it describes the punishment of the wicked.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

In Rom. 16:26 it describes the character of God's existence.

"But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith."

In II Tim. 2:10 it describes the duration of Christ in glory.

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

In II Pet. 1:11 it describes the duration of Christ's kingdom.

"For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Now, beloved, if the word "everlasting" is used forty-three times to qualify the life we have when we believe on Jesus Christ, it does mean everlasting salvation in the sense that it cannot end.

In order to preach "falling from grace," you are going to

have to prove that it has two meanings,—and that is utterly ridiculous. It is sheer nonsense. It is positive absurdity. If the word "everlasting" means "everlasting" when you talk about the character of God and the duration of Christ's kingdom and the duration of Christ in glory, and if it means "everlasting" and "eternal" when you talk about the punishment of the wicked, then surely the word "everlasting" means "eternal" when we talk about the salvation which is ours in Jesus Christ.

I tell you this morning, for a believer to be lost, he would have to prove that the word "everlasting" has two meanings within the Bible.

#### CONCLUSION

Beloved, whenever any individual can do all these things, then he can preach "falling from grace," but until he is able to do so, he has no right to ever lift his voice to talk about being saved once and then being lost after he has been saved.

I am glad this morning that I can present to you a Saviour who not only saves, but keeps. I am glad to tell you of Christ who went to Calvary and who died, not for a part of your sins, but for all of them. I am glad to tell you of a Christ who poured out His life's blood at Calvary to pay for all of your sins. Oh, may you believe on Him, and having thus believed, may it be a sweet morsel to you as you go about your daily tasks just to fall back upon this, that you are secure in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!



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I like your stand against the isms and man-made churches and for that reason I have made many enemies because I have endeavored according to the ability God has given me to take the same stand with you.

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#### IT MAY BE THE LAST

It may be the last of the years quickly flying,  
It may be the last year when the Master will come,  
When the land of the holy, for which we are sighing  
Will burst into view—the Father's glad home.

It may be the last of earth's checkered story  
The last of the desert, the furnace, the thorn;  
The last, too, of service in weakness, then glory;  
The Lord will have come, the Star of the morn.

It may be the last time on earth to awaken,  
To finish the story of sorrow and toil,  
Oft feeling unloved, neglected, forsaken,  
Of treading in pain earth's thorn-covered soil.

It may be the last time, the daily cross choosing,  
The footprints of Jesus retracing below,  
Earth's glitter and glamour, so tempting, refusing,  
Companionship with the unseen One to know.

It may be the last! Then all mystery ending  
In radiant light from the sunshine of God!  
And, oh, what a welcome, as we are ascending!  
'Twill more than make up for the difficult road.

--Max I. Retch



# Ideas For The Hell Box

The Hell Box is where all discarded metal—printer's mistakes and errors—is thrown, to be melted and remolded.



Popular misconceptions of religion that are deadlier than yesterday's type.

## "ONE MUST BE PERFECT TO BE SAVED"

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This is another misconception which is taught especially by "Holy Rollers" and they are many. The idea is that the old nature is eradicated and that they live without sinning. This idea is one for the "Hell Box" also.

Nowhere in the Bible is it taught that the old nature is eradicated in this life. In fact the opposite is taught. In Romans 7:14-25 Paul tells about his two natures and of the trouble he had with the old nature, and this was twenty-five years or more after Paul was saved. Paul likened the old nature to a dead body or corpse being tied to him and cried out that he was a wretched man and asked the question who would deliver him from the dead body or corpse or old nature. How can one be perfect when he still has the old nature?

The ones who teach this heresy teach that one can live without sinning. Solomon said in his prayer of dedication in I Kings 8:46, "For there is no

man that sinneth not," and Eccl. 7:20 says that there "is not a just man upon the earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." Now how can one man be perfect and sin? And the Bible says that there is not one man in all the earth that doeth good and sinneth not.

I John 1:8 says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." How can a man be perfect and deceive himself? How can a man be perfect and not have the truth in him? So the person who says that he has no sin does not have the truth in him.

I John 1:10 says, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him (Jesus Christ) a liar, and his word is not in us." So we see that a man who says that he has not sinned makes Christ a liar, and that Christ's word is not in him. Now how can a man be perfect and make Christ a liar? How can a man be perfect and not have Christ's word in him?

When a man is saved he gets a new heart and a new spirit, or a new nature, Ezek. 36:26.

When a man is saved he is a partaker of the divine nature, II Peter 1:4. This new nature, this divine nature does not sin, I John 3:9. But the old nature continues to sin. Paul says, "For I know that in me (that is in my flesh) (the old nature) dwelleth no good thing."

It has been our experience: that the ones who claim that they are perfect and live without sinning are the very ones to get angry when the truth is presented to them. Sometimes they get angry enough to fight. How can one get so angry at a person that presents the truth to him and still be perfect? Christ Jesus is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption, I Cor. 1:30. We get to heaven on the righteousness of Christ and the righteousness is imputed to us by faith without works, Romans 4:3-6. Not by works or righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us." Titus 3:5. So we will have to throw the misconception of the "Holy Rollers" into the "Hell Box."

## Mormonism

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peared to give him this "revelation": "My son John, you have asked Me concerning the new and everlasting covenant (of plural marriage) . . . I, the Lord, do not change, and My word and My covenants and My law do not, as I have heretofore said by My servant Joseph: All those who would enter into My glory must and shall obey My law. And have I not commanded men that if they were Abraham's seed and would enter My glory, they must do the works of Abraham (practice polygamy)? I have not revoked this law, nor will I, for it is everlasting and those who will enter into My glory must obey the conditions thereof; even so, Amen."

Standards of Christian decency are collapsing. Divorce and "companionate marriage" are openly practiced, with scant if any condemnation. As the moral collapse reaches a climax, there will be a concerted drive to re-establish polygamy. The doctrine will be openly taught and flagrantly practiced.

There will be a "revival" of Fundamentalist Mormonism—the teaching, preaching and practicing of polygamy in the name of religion!

### WHY THE ANTICHRIST WILL ESTABLISH POLYGAMY

Wicked men are never content with one kind of vice. They demand every evil which the imagination is able to conceive or summon from the pit of hell.

In the days of Noah they were not content with polygamy. They practiced the vice of sodomy, as well.

In the returning days of Noah, evil men will not be content

with the system of "free and easy" divorce; they will demand polygamy, as well.

The women—not content with the shameful fruits of fornication—not content with the system whereby they are forbidden to marry—will clamor for the institution of polygamy. As we have seen in prophetic Scripture, seven women will cry out for the name of one man in "mass marriage."

We are now entering a period of moral chaos which parallels our political and economic chaos. The rising rate of illegitimacy and abortion are evidences of the moral ruin being brought in our midst.

Abortion is the desperate device resorted to by the girl or woman who shrinks from the approach of unwed motherhood.

Divorce is making a chaos of family relations!

Upon this scene of social, moral and political chaos and religious confusion the Antichrist will burst with his artificial glory and pretentious claims to dominion.

He will promise the perfect answer to every human ill.

Posing as a great religious and moral leader, as well as a great military and political hero, he will institute a "new order" among men. Who can doubt that polygamy will be his "answer" to the desperate marital and moral situation? Intent upon degrading the human race to the lowest level, Satan is eager to direct the institution of this system of domestic debasement.

The ardent propagandists of "Mormon Fundamentalism" are preparing the way for this innovation of the Antichrist. They boast that they are making many new "converts" to the doctrine of polygamy.

The editor of the pro-polygamy Mormon Fundamentalist publication "Truth" had a letter

published in "Liberty" magazine which defended the practice of polygamy. Here are the reactions of some of the readers:

From Virginia a woman wrote: "It (polygamy) lessens adultery and illegitimacy, to say the least. I feel it will better posterity as to human relationships."

From Hawaii a man wrote: "I have read the newspaper and magazine accounts of your religion and marriage beliefs, and am writing to tell you that I approve of them, and to offer my sincere admiration to you and your people, for living as you believe."

The above are two "enthusiastic comments" of "new converts" to Mormonic polygamy.

In the face of the revival and spread of this horrible evil, the Christian believer is led to look up fervently with these words of prayer upon his lips:

"Come quickly, Lord Jesus."

## St. Peter's Bones

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ine, a great victory will be claimed by the Roman Catholic Church—one of the greatest in its history. Bones and relics have always been an important part of the stock-in-trade of the Roman Catholic religion. But till now, no relic was had of St. Peter, who is claimed to be the founder and first pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Whether or not these are the bones of St. Peter, they will provide a great attraction to pilgrims visiting Rome for the "Holy Year" of 1950, and increase the number of devout Roman Catholics who will make the pilgrimage to Rome this year to see and venerate them.

But after all, what do some bones matter? The important thing is, does the Church of

Rome teach the same Gospel that Peter taught? The New Testament contains (in the Acts and in Peter's own two epistles) what the Apostle Peter taught about Christ and salvation. Succession from Peter should thus be claimed, not by those who say they have discovered his bones, but by those who teach the full Gospel as he did—the Evangelical teaching of salvation by grace through faith. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Peter 3:18).

## Moral Condition

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### Divorce Rate Doubles And Doubles

The World Almanac, 1948, shows increase of divorces as compared with marriage as follows:

In 1900 there was 1 divorce to 12.7 marriages.

In 1910 there was 1 divorce to 11.3 marriages.

In 1920 there was 1 divorce to 7.5 marriages.

In 1940 there was 1 divorce to 6 marriages.

In 1947 there was 1 divorce to 4.4 marriages.

And the reports for 1950, when we get them, will show one divorce for every 3.5 or maybe every 3 marriages. If the Social Gospelers ever do intend to get busy saving human society, what are they waiting for now?

—The Baptist Challenge

## Alcoholism

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States.

"3. It is the ONLY DISEASE WHICH WE LEGALIZE to the tune of 337,000 retail liquor permits in drug stores, groceries, hotels, and wherever our women and children must go for the necessities of life.

"4. It is the only DISEASE WHICH WE COMMERCIALIZE, the annual drink bill being close to 9 billion dollars.

"5. It is the ONLY DISEASE WHICH IS VOLUNTARILY SELF-IMPOSED. Not one of the four million excessive drinkers, most of them alcoholics, in America, ever became an alcoholic without wilfully taking a drink and continuing to drink. This is not true of any other sickness.

"6. It is the MOST DEADLY OF ALL DISEASES for it destroys, as Jesus said in Matt. 10:28, 'both soul and body in hell.' No other sickness, however malignant, can kill a man's soul. But the disease of alcoholism will and does, as evidenced by the estimated cost of crime in the State of Massachusetts alone, resulting from liquor, of 61 million dollars in one year, to say nothing of the intangible by-products.

"7. Finally, we are glad to say this is a DISEASE WHICH IS CURABLE for all who wish to escape its malignancy. Thank God, there is a remedy for this disease available to all. There is no incurable case in the sight of God.

—The Southern Baptist College News.

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