

It is good to learn of our weakness if it drives us to lean on His strength.

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Shall Christians Observe Christmas Or Special Days?

By ROY MASON
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Are we commanded to observe Christmas? NO!

Under the ceremonialism of Judaism many feast days and fast days were observed, but in the New Testament order, little stress is laid upon days. To some in Paul's days certain days had a holy significance, so he laid down an important principle. (See Romans 14:5-6). One person might celebrate the day of their conversion for instance, but the day would not be meaningful to another person.

Much day observance is dis-

couraged by Paul. He found the Galatians swamped with such observance, and note what he said. (Gal. 4:10). The more corrupt and perverted Christianity becomes, the more laden with "days." Catholicism is a good example of this. And we greatly err when we observe EASTER for it bears a heathen name and supplants the Bible resurrection day. We err when we observe Halloween for the whole thing is heathenism from beginning to end. We err when we observe MOTHER or FATHER'S DAY, for that means that we take the Lord's day and give it, to father or mother.

What About Christmas?

We have no command or New Testament example for observing it, and most of the things that cling around Christmas are from heathenism. HOWEVER, there is no harm in our having a special time to celebrate the birth of Christ. Probably Dec. 25th is not the time of his birth, but however that may be, we may well set apart a time to remember this in a special way. BUT in commemorating the birth of Christ, we need to keep our eyes open that we may not lapse into heathenism.

We fall into the ways of the (Continued on page four)



If You Are At Ease in Zion, You Need To Read And Heed

By VANCE HAVNER

There is no better evidence of genuine faith in an individual Christian than a passionate desire to make Christ known to others. There is no better proof of the true Church, but we live in a day of good tidings and hold our peace. The redeemed of the Lord do not say so. We are like Arctic rivers frozen at the mouth. The church is dissipating her devotion on a thousand concerns, dribbling her energies on secondary issues. We have so many irons in the fire that none of them are hot. We need not only consecration, but concentration to our main business of evangelism.

We have heard of a lighthouse keeper who was supplied with a certain amount of oil with which to keep his light shining, but with the best of intentions, he loaned some of it to a fisherman for his boat, and some more he gave to a villager for his lamp. Thus he dribbled his oil here and there. One night a fierce arose. Ships went (Continued on page four)

The Problem Of Amusements

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This matter and every matter of this nature can be settled from the Christian's point of view by CERTAIN PRINCIPLES. Note that I say "Principles" and not "Rules" or "laws." We must be willing to accept the eternal principles which are given to us rather than create or make laws which are transient and human. I verily believe that God has given us these principles and shall therefore proceed to list five of them.

Principle Number One

PERSONAL JUDGMENT — A SENSE OF BALANCE BETWEEN WORK AND AMUSEMENTS.

It matters not what form of recreative amusement is engaged in, this is always a necessary principle. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," is true. But it is also true that all play and no work renders one useless, sensual and char-

acter-less! The amusements engaged in by the Christian are for the grinding of the ax so more wood can be chopped and not for the destruction of the ax! Perhaps no better verse could be used than Paul in speaking of this matter in I Cor. 9:25, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is TEMPERATE in all things."

Principle Number Two

PERSONAL QUESTION — DOES THE AMUSEMENTS RECREATE OR DISSIPATE?

Having a good time is not always recreative. Their design and outcome must be to build up the whole man. Take your body which contains all that you are, as a matter for consideration. If they really recreate one may feel that, all other things considered, he is on safe ground. BUT IF THEY DISSIPATE then the principle will not allow the matter to be indulged in. For the saved person his body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. "If any man

defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple are ye." I Cor. 3:17. Then we read in I Cor. 6:19, "What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you... This means that the whole matter must be viewed SPIRITUALLY.

Principle Number Three

THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE must be taken into account. A discussion of this may be found in Romans 14:22-23. Thus we read, "Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. HAPPY IS HE THAT CONDEMNETH NOT HIMSELF IN THAT THING WHICH HE ALLOWETH. And he that DOUBTETH IS DAMNED IF HE EAT because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is NOT OF FAITH IS SIN." This principle should bring one to his knees in search for a conscience VOID OF OFFENSE TOWARD SELF. The expression "whatsoever is (Continued on page four)

Northern Baptist Apostasy Should Be A Warning

By an overwhelming majority, the Northern Baptist Convention in session in Boston, May 24, voted to change its name to the American Baptist Convention, to become effective as soon as a certificate could be filed with the Secretary of State of New York.

Bro. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., was elected President of the Convention. His election was regarded by some of the delegates as a step toward union with the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is no secret that the Northern Baptist Convention has been disintegrating for the past half century. This "falling apart" came about because of ecclesiasticism and modernism. Practically all of the truly scriptural churches have gone into the formation of new conventions, joined other existing conventions or have just ceased cooperating with the convention and are just known as "Independent."

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE BLAMELESS LIFE"

"Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—I Thes. 5:22,23.

If you read carefully this Scripture of which our text is a part, you will find that this was a prayer that Paul was uttering in behalf of the saints at Thessalonica, and thus of us. He prayed, beloved, for these saints at Thessalonica and for us that we might have a three-fold preservation—body, soul, and spirit.

Let me say in passing that I believe man is trichotomous. That is, man is a three-fold being. He is body; he is soul; and he is spirit. To say that I believe it is one thing, but to establish it from the Word of God may be just a little more difficult. However, I think I can do so.

We read:

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."—II Cor. 5:1.

Our earthly house is this body. Therefore, beloved, the

body is the seat of our earth consciousness, or our world consciousness. Through this body, this earthly tabernacle, I am conscious of this world in which I live.

Then, beloved, the soul is the seat of self-consciousness. I'd never know anything mentally if it were not for my soul.

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

—Psa. 43:5.

You talk about having the (Continued on page two)

PAPAL FOLLY

Pope Pius XII descended deep in the Vatican grottoes to consecrate an altar over what he believes to be the final resting place of the first pope—Saint Peter.

The solemn, private ceremony took place after long years of excavations.

Following the consecration, the Pope celebrated the first mass at the shrine, whose stone includes slabs from the original basilica built by the Emperor Constantine in 537.

Then he descended with architects and archeologists to the lower level where Saint Peter is believed to have been buried. There, the Pope knelt in prayer.

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CARD PLAYING

The attention of this matter is drawn toward the "Playing Cards" which have gone under several names with the various use made of them. They ORIGINATED in 1392 as an invention for King Charles of France, who was insane! IT HAS BECOME THE GREATEST INSTRUMENT OF GAMBLING in the world with the exception of HORSE RACING. In fact more people engage in this matter of gambling than horse racing but the stakes are not as high. The "NARCOTIC" condition of the mind of the people who play habitually is not healthful either for the mind or body. ANYTHING THAT AFFECTS BODY AND MIND falls (Continued on page four)

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"The Blameless Life"

(Continued from page one)
blues, being disquieted, cast-
down, perplexed. That is your
mind, beloved. That is the
soul. While the body is the
seat of our world-consciousness,
the soul is the seat of our men-
tal-consciousness.

At the same time, the spirit is
the seat of our God-conscious-
ness. Listen:

"The Spirit himself beareth
witness with our spirit that we
are the children of God."

—Rom. 8:16.

Therefore, beloved, it would
appear from these three verses
that the body is the seat of our
world-consciousness, the soul is
the seat of our self-conscious-
ness, and the spirit is the seat of
our God-consciousness. I know
the world through this body. I
know that I am alive and that
I am existing through my mind,
which is the soul. I know of
God through the spirit. When
Paul wrote to this church at
Thessalonica, he prayed for
them that they might be pre-
served blameless—body, soul,
and spirit—that the whole tri-
chotomy of man might be en-
tirely preserved blameless be-
fore God.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BE
FAULTLESS.

Notice, beloved, I do not say
that it is possible for you to be
faultless. Paul never prayed
thus. He prayed that you might
be blameless. The fact of the
matter is, you are not faultless.
You may be blameless, but you
are not faultless. If I were to
say to you that you were fault-
less, that would mean that I
would say that you are sinless,
and God knows, beloved, that
you are not sinless, for there is
plenty of sin in everyone of us.
"The thought of foolishness is
sin: and the scorner is an
abomination to men."

—Prov. 24:9.

If there were no other verse,
this is enough to show me that
I am not sinless and therefore
I am not faultless.

The Apostle Paul shows us
that we are far from faultless,
for he says:

"For that which I do I allow
not: for what I would, that do I
not but what I hate, that do I.
If then I do that which I would
not, I consent unto the law that
it is good."—Rom. 7:15,16.

The Apostle John presents
the same truth to us, for we read:

"If we say that we have no
sin, we deceive ourselves, and
the truth is not in us. If we
confess our sins, he is faithful
and just to forgive us our sins,
and to cleanse us from all un-
righteousness. If we say that
we have not sinned, we make
him a liar, and his word is not
in us."—I John 1:8-10.

You cannot read these verses,
beloved, without the realiza-

If you make no mistakes, you'll never do anything. If you make too many you'll lose your job.

tion that you are not sinless.
You certainly are not faultless
in God's sight.

I remember several years ago
reading one of Spurgeon's ser-
mons in which Spurgeon said
that he knew a man for years
that was an unusually good
man. He said he thought that
man was faultless and sinless
until one day he heard the man
say that he was, and he
knew right then that the fellow
was neither faultless nor sin-
less.

Whenever you find someone
who says that he is faultless and
that he is sinless, you can know
right then that he isn't.

I only wish that I could say
that of myself and tell the
truth. I only wish that you
could say it. I only wish that
you could stand up before this
congregation and say that you
never lose your temper and tell
the truth. I know that if you
were to say it, you would lie. I
only wish that you could stand
up and tell this congregation
that you never had an evil
thought, but if you were to say
it I'd know that you were ly-
ing. I'd know that you weren't
telling the truth. I would to
God that everyone of us might
be able to stand before God and
man and say, "I am living a
perfect life every day. I don't
even know what sin is." Be-
loved, I wouldn't want to hear
you say it, because I'd know
you were lying if you did.

I say to you, brother, sister,
no individual in this world can
be faultless.

I'll never forget the old bro-
ther that I talked to some years
ago who said, "I haven't sinned
in word, thought, nor deed for
fifteen years." When I heard
him say it, under my breath I
said, "You are lying right now." I
imagine that if I were to talk
to him today, I would talk
above my breath so that he
could hear it.

II.

WE CAN BE BLAMELESS.

While it is impossible for a
man to be faultless and sinless,
on the contrary I do say that it
is possible for any Christian to
be blameless. The Word of God
tells us this to be true.

"And the very God of peace
sanctify you wholly; and I pray
God your whole spirit and soul
and body be preserved
BLAMELESS unto the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ."

—I Thes. 5:23.

"Who shall also confirm you
unto the end, that ye may be
BLAMELESS in the day of our
Lord Jesus Christ."

—I Cor. 1:8.

"That ye may be BLAME-
LESS and harmless, the sons of
God, without rebuke, in the
midst of a crooked and per-
verse nation, among whom ye
shine as lights in the world."

—Phil. 2:15.

I don't know of any Scripture
that ever lifts me more than
this last one, when I realize that
I am walking every day in a
crooked and perverse genera-
tion and that God wants me, in
the midst of this crooked, per-
verse world, to shine as a light
for Him, and to be blameless in
the midst of such a world.

I say, beloved, you can't be
faultless and sinless, but you
can be blameless, and I will
give you an illustration to show
you what I mean.

Let's fall back upon a scene
of domestic bliss. Here is a
mother who has toiled all day.
She is tired. The children have
gotten on her nerves and she
has had a hard day looking af-
ter her family. When night
comes she picks up her baby—
her youngest—and puts that
child to bed. Then she drops
down to do a little needlework
before she too retires. As she
takes up the needle and a few

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED TREATMENT OF THE POOR

CHRISTIANITY stands far ahead of any non-Christian re-
ligion or unbelieving organization in the world in its care of the
poor. It has given the pattern, the motive, and the impetus to
all efforts for the needy. The heathen lets the poor suffer and even
kills them, until Christianity shows them their duty.

BRAHMANISM presents no balm to poverty. Religious and
social customs are so rigid that families are plunged into debt for
life by a marriage or a funeral. Merciless money lenders prey
upon people and shyster lawyers urge on any breach of friend-
ship to get a case in court. Travelers are often left to die, if their
caste is not known.

HE THAT WOULD SAVE HIS LIFE FROM ANY POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE
WILL LOSE HIS BEST POSSIBILITY.

HINDUS. The average income of a laborer in India is \$1.50
per month, and 60,000,000 are said to go to bed hungry even in
prosperous years. Famine mows down these famished people
rapidly. Caste is so binding that even the dying refuse food from
one of another caste. People are very slow to help the needy.

BUDDHISM teaches:—"Give to him who begs, though it be
but a little." The poor in China and Siam are held in a species
of slavery for debt and children of the poor are sometimes sold to
pay debts. The motive for any assistance is, that the act may
lay up merit.

THERE IS NO FAILURE MORE DISASTROUS THAN THE SUCCESS THAT
LEAVES GOD OUT OF THE BARGAIN.

TAOISM. To relieve the poor of the expense of the inter-
ment of children, the Chinese government provides towers out-
side the cities where dead infants may be placed. If dying beggars
are found at one's doorway, they are shoved on to the next place,
notwithstanding the Taoist sacred book teaches men "to feed the
hungry, clothe the naked, bury the dead."

CONFUCIANISM. To be poor at home is not counted poverty,
but to be poor on the highway, away from home, will cost a man
his life. A man may drown in sight of a crowd and no one move
to rescue him. Unwillingness to assist others, without pay, is a
trait of the unsaved Chinese.

IF YOU WOULD WIN BACK SUCCESS, FOLLOW YOUR BACK TRACK
AND MAKE THINGS STRAIGHT WITH GOD.

ZOROASTRIANISM. Acts of philanthropy are inculcated,
because, since life is a warfare between good and evil, every
generous and unselfish act throws its influence toward the final
overthrow of evil and the ultimate triumph of good.

THE PARSEES provide for their poor better than any other
non-Christian people. They strongly resemble the Jews in their
care of their own race. They even contributed to the Sanitary
Commission during the Civil War in the United States.

A REAL MAN IS NEVER BEATEN. DEFEAT, INSTEAD OF BEING THE
END, IS BUT A STEP IN HIS EDUCATION.

SHINTOISM grew up during a period when the shogun and
the feudal lords controlled things to such an extent that the com-
mon people could not count their lives as their own. Their whole
policy bordered on the "survival of the fittest." A life sacrificed
in a chivalrous cause was something to be greatly admired. The
care of the poor did not burden the public conscience. It was a
matter between relatives only.

MOHAMMEDANISM. The hospitality of the Aram is a well
known fact, yet it runs by rule and lasts only a few days. Arabs,
whose history runs red with the blood of murdered slaves, and of
secular and religious bloodshed, cannot be expected to show much
real heart pity for those in need. Gifts are usually to gain merit.

stitches are made, the work
falls in her lap and she drops
to sleep in her chair. She has
a little girl some eight or ten
years of age who senses the sit-
uation. Her mother is asleep
and is worn out. Here is some
work that needs to be done.
While her mother is asleep she
will take the needle and finish
what her mother has begun.
While her mother sleeps that
little girl takes that needlework
from her mother's lap and be-
gins to work with it. What
stitches she takes! They were
not straight. They were not
uniform. They are far from
perfect. If you would examine
those stitches you would find
that they are far from faultless
but, beloved, that little girl is
blameless in the sight of her
mother and in the sight of God.
Her work isn't faultless but her
heart is blameless.

When she awakens, her mo-
ther puts that work away real-
izing what her little girl had
done while she was asleep. Ten
years pass by and that little
girl grows up. She has taken

a course in home economics at
home under her mother's su-
pervision and has learned
something about sewing. One
day her mother unfolds this
piece of needlework and the
girl looks at it and says, "Who-
ever did that kind of work?
What ugly stitches! How ridi-
culous! Who did it?" The mo-
ther says, "You did it. When
you were a little girl before I
taught you how to sew, one
night as I slept you made those
stitches." When the girl learns
that it is her own work, she
says, "Mother, weren't you very
cross with me?" and the mo-
ther says, "No, you did the best
you could, and I couldn't be
cross with you." That little
girl now grown says, "But Mo-
ther, I am ashamed today to see
it."

Brother, sister, if God were
to take a transcript of the best
day that you or I ever lived in
this life and were to record it
and in a thousand years from
now would show us that trans-
cript, we would be ashamed of

it. It certainly wouldn't be
faultless. It certainly wouldn't
be sinless, and I imagine the
you and I would say, "O God,
how could you love me when I
lived like that? Then as the
mother would say to that little
girl, "You did the best you
could," God perhaps would say
to us, "You lived up to the best
to the best of your ability."

That is what I mean, beloved,
by being blameless. You can't
be sinless. You can't be fault-
less, but you can be blameless
—body, soul, and spirit—in the
sight of God.

III

WHAT KEEPS US FROM
BEING BLAMELESS.

There are several things, be-
loved, that keep us from being
blameless. If you have an un-
forgiving spirit, you will never
be blameless. I wonder today
do you find it hard to forgive
people who do you wrong? Do
you find something down in
your flesh that is resentful and
somehow like Shylock you are
greedy for the day to come to
exact your pound of flesh in re-
turn. Beloved, you will never
be blameless in God's sight with
an unforgiving spirit.

Known sin keeps you from
being blameless. The Word of
God declares that he that
knoweth to do good and does
it not, to him it is sin. Is there
any known sin in your life?
Known sin will keep you from
being blameless.

Sin of any kind will keep you
from being faultless. When you
know that there is sin in your
life, you know you can't be
blameless in God's sight.

We raise the Devil with the
Holy Rollers, with their infer-
nal, persistent lying about sin-
lessness, and, beloved, you
ought to. On the contrary, you
and I could live a whole lot bet-
ter than what we do.

If there is known sin in your
life, you are not blameless.

Again, if there is some Bible
teaching that you know is in
the Book, yet you refuse to be
obedient to it, you can't be
blameless.

I heard a man say something
ago concerning the matter of
women keeping silent in church
churches that he didn't care
it is in the Bible, he didn't be-
lieve it. I will say this of any
body that will make a state-
ment like that, if he does say
he is saved, I don't believe it.
I just don't believe a saved man
will talk like that about the
Word of God.

Brother, sister, if there is any
teaching that you know is in
the Word of God and you refuse
to obey it and be obedient un-
to the Word of God, you can't
say you are blameless.

Take the matter of tithing.
I have always practiced it my-
self and I have always insisted
upon God's people doing so.
Thank the Lord for a church
where I am sure that there are
more tithers proportionately
than any church on the North
American continent today.
Through the years, beloved, I
causing you to see the truth
and in developing you in the
matter of tithing, I have made
some folk "scorching" mad.

I remember just now one in-
dividual who said, "I know the
you read it out of the Bible
I don't like for you to do it."
Don't tell me, beloved, that that
man will ever be blameless.

As to the teaching of the
Lord concerning baptism, even
saved man ought to be baptized.
If he has an opportunity, he
should be baptized. Here is an
individual who says that he is
saved but he doesn't follow the
Lord in baptism. That man, be-
loved, isn't sinless. We know
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Read Smith Letter Of Modern Day
Persecution Of Baptists By The Catholics

Manaos, Brazil
October 22, 1950

Dear Brother Overbey:

As I haven't gotten the first part of this letter off I will include what happened last night (Saturday, October 21). For two weeks the Southern Baptists have been having their jubilee, the 50th year of the preaching of the Gospel in Brazil, also the 50th year here too. This last week there has been an ex-priest preaching (a converted Catholic priest). Friday night he preached over the radio from the First Baptist Church here in Manaos, on how he was converted and why he left the Catholic Church. Of course, all the priests heard how he exposed the errors and false doctrines of the priests. He told everything. Well, this would not have been quite so bad I guess had not the Catholics been having an annual event of their church also, called "Nossa Senhora de Nazare" (Our Lady of Nazareth). Well, last night the biggest event of this last week of the festivities, they invited all believers to assemble in a great square in front of the Normal School, the

largest open space in town. The ex-priest was going to preach. The Catholic priests were all mad about the sermon he had preached on the radio the night before, so they decided to put a stop to it by killing the ex-priest. They organized their people into a great mob of something over two thousand and attacked the group. Three priests in plain clothes were heading the mob. These three had swords to use to kill the ex-priest. When the pastor of the church in Constantinopolis, a section of Manaos, began to make the opening address and introduce the speaker, this great mob of over two thousand bore down upon the small group of around five hundred, with stones, sand and dirt, just like they did in Paul's day, and stoned the whole group. The pastor that was doing the speaking at the time was struck in the head with a large stone, breaking his skull in. He immediately realized what was happening so he began to shout with all his force that he had (he was on a platform high above the ground with the ex-priest and the Southern Baptist missionary and some others) (Next page, Column One)

BRO. MITCHELL LEWIS
AND WIFE



Brother Lewis and family were with Bro. John R. Gilpin and the saints at Russell, Kentucky for three nights Thanksgiving Day week and the First Church at Russell in a special Thanksgiving Day offering gave \$574.58 to help send the Lewises to Peru. The Harmony Baptist Church in Detroit also had a Thanksgiving Day service and the offering was \$125.35. How many other churches will join these two in special offerings for sending out the Lewises?

General Outlook Of B. F. M. Very Good,
As Parrotts Plan Their Return To Brazil

Brother Smith has written two letters advising that if we are to send out any missionaries soon to get them there before the first of the year, 1951, because of the change in administrations, etc., which we can not go into detail here and now. He advises that if the Parrotts are to be returned that the passport and visa should be renewed at once and that they leave to arrive before January 1st, 1951. The Parrotts met with the directors of the mission on Tuesday, November 7th, in the home of Brother Alton Morgan in Lincoln Park, Michigan, and the matter was discussed fully and at length and prayerfully. The Parrotts have apologized both privately to all the brethren that they have been able to see and also publicly in church and asked that they again be accepted as missionaries and returned to Brazil. He stated that they listened to the Brazilian doctor instead of the Lord. After prayerful consideration and long deliberation it was unanimously agreed to accept them and send them out before the end of December, 1950, if possible to do so. The passport has been sent to Washington for renewal and as soon as it is received it will be sent or taken to the Brazilian Consul in Chicago to be re-vised. All of the directors were not able to be present but those not present had said beforehand that they were willing to agree to and abide by what those present decided which made it unanimous. The Parrotts were in Brazil for about six months and got a fairly good knowledge of the language and are now in good health and should, the Lord willing, be of great value to the work there. The work in Brazil has long been suffering because of lack of help. We still have only one couple there (the Smiths). We need at least four couples there as soon as possible, so that the work at Manaos and also the work in the Acre territory can both be carried on. The Lord willing the Lewises will soon go to Peru which will make two families there (Hallums and Lewises). Brother George Starling and wife from Florida (from the South Side Baptist Church in Winter Haven) have made application and are visiting the churches in and around Detroit getting acquainted, etc. It may be that they can go on a tour (Next page, Column One)

Missionary Hallum Persistingly Keeps At
The Job Of Evangelization In Iquitos, Peru

Iquitos, Peru
Nov. 8, 1950

Dear Brother Overbey:

The two checks, numbers 6264 and 6265, reached us in due time. Don Tomas' check is being sent to him. Relative to your opinion about the work we are doing, I am glad that you are able to see that we are doing something worthwhile. Frankly I sometimes think that we are seeing so little results of our work, but I am encouraged in

the truth that all will be saved whom the Father has given to His Son. I don't see how Armians can keep courage to stay on a field like this. I have not made any itinerary trips for a month or more on account of low water. There are many sandbars on the small rivers, also I have waited for some repairs for the motor to come from the States. There is no agency here for the make of motor that I have, and every part has to be ordered from the U. S. I am having a wall built around the church house to keep intruders out. Don Simon Gaima has been making his regular itinerary visits to the places that he visits to preach. He reports a person accepting Christ once in a while. When he is not occupied otherwise he does colporter work in Iquitos. Our number two adversary religiously is the Adventists. One of their propagandists was here last week. His announcement was like this: "Great World Orator will realize conference at Napo y Samanez O Campo, subject: Hydrogen Bomb and the destiny of the world." But the name Adventist was not mentioned. His talk was supposed to be illustrated by pictures of some kind. I don't believe so many attended as did the other special meetings they have had. The Adventists never

BRO. J. F. BRANDON
RELAYS NEWS HE HAS
RECEIVED OF WORK
IN CRUZEIRO DO SUL

Carville, La.
October 30, 1950

I received a letter from the pastor of the church in Cruzeiro do Sul (Miguel Ibernion) and thought I had better pass it along for publication. They all are well and they work with a greater animation than at any time since I left there. Recently there have been three conversions and one reconciled. Also there is another dear brother who lives a small way down river, who for sometime has been disciplined, he also came and requested reconciliation. I am sure they will grant it because he went out with his wife who seems to have never been converted, but he is a good man. (Next page, Column five)

NOTICE

Brother Z. E. Clark, Treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions, has moved from Cannelton, Ind., to Paducah, Ky. Please send all offerings for the mission work to his new address, which is:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK,
Box 648
Paducah, Ky.

Marguerite's Help In Getting All Things
Ready For Lewises Is Deeply Appreciated

Iquitos, Peru
October 28, 1950

Dear Brother Overbey:

Your letter of October 23rd was received last night. We were glad to hear from you and to get the application (for entry permit into Peru) for the Lewises. It is being forwarded to Lima today. I have also requested the latest information on what can and can not be brought into the country as equipment. The regulations are changed from time to time and we want the latest so as to not give the Lewises the wrong steer. We hope that the application will be taken care of promptly, and we are praying to that end. We received a letter from Brother Lewis at the same time and will get the information they request to them as soon as possible. Father is rather busy this morning, but I am starting a long letter to them, and he will write too. He is not one for giving precise details though, so I will try to take care of that end of it. Will send you a copy as requested. We certainly are very happy at the prospects of their coming. We have been praying that the Lord would direct them as to where He would have them be ever since Brother Clark (over a year ago) told us of their interest in the mission field. Surely He is directing and will open

the way. "Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him"—Psa. 37:7. Have you inquired about a consulate in Detroit, or is the nearest one in Chicago? (We have checked and there is a Peruvian consulate in Detroit. H. H. O.) I am pretty sure that the permit will be sent to the Peruvian consulate nearest you. I imagine that information will be needed. (It has been sent. H. H. O.) even though they have not asked for it as yet. Yours in His service, Marguerite Hallum.

SMITH GOES TO
CRUZEIRO

About noon Tuesday, November 14, we received the following cablegram from Brother Lawrence Smith in Manaos, Brazil:

"Will be leaving 11 a. m. the 14th. Ask all the brethren to be praying for the trip. Tickets bought." Lawrence Smith.

This is a trip from Manaos by plane to Porto Velho and then by plane to Rio Branco and then from there he hopes to be able to get passage on the Brazilian government plane that makes two trips a month to Cruzeiro do Sul in the Acre Territory where the work is being carried on by the native workers since Brother Brandon returned over a year ago. This (Next page, Column four)

THANK YOU,
BELOVED

Brother I. W. Rogers is the editor of THE FAITH AND SOUTHERN BAPTISTS and Brother E. P. Alldredge is a contributing editor. Under the heading "SHALL WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM?" Bro. Alldredge quotes a letter from a brother who wants to know about where to send or designate his foreign mission money, etc. In his reply Brother Alldredge says in part: "There are plenty of places one can send his gifts to missions and to seminaries that have no connection and no sympathy with modernism, unionism and apostasy." Then Brother Alldredge gives the name of Baptist Faith Mis-

(Next page, Column five)

NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY
1210 E. Grand Blvd.
Detroit 11, Mich.

Parrott To Brazil

(Preceding page, Column 5) and visit churches throughout the U. S. before going to Brazil and get more churches and people acquainted with the work. We also have two applications from two families to go to Alaska as missionaries. Brother Bill Pettitt and wife went to Alaska and taught school for the U. S. government to the Eskimos and stayed two years before returning last summer for summer school. They are now in Alaska teaching for the third year. Also Brother Chester Randolph and wife and two daughters want to go to Alaska as missionaries. We also have a letter from a native Baptist evangelist in Nigeria, Africa, begging Baptist Faith Missions to send a missionary to them and take over the churches there as they are of like faith as we are. This evangelist says that he has been reading about us in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER which carries the MISSION SHEETS once each month as the MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT of that paper which is so ably edited by Brother John R. Gilpin. Join with us in prayer for the Parrotts that if it be the Lord's will that they will be able to get to Brazil before January 1st, 1951. Also pray that if it be the Lord's will we may be able to open up work in Alaska and also Africa. Pray much.



Smith's Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) into the microphone, "We are here to preach the Gospel of the living Lord and Saviour of the world, and I will preach it until death." Then another stone hit him until he began to fall and a young man rushed upon the platform and held him to keep him from falling and with another man carried him to a car and took him to a home far from the scene and called the police guard. He was very seriously hurt and lost quite a lot of blood. He struggled until he lost consciousness, with the men who wanted to take him away, to stay there and keep trying to preach. The ex-priest was sitting in a chair on the platform and wasn't hit but immediately was whisked away in a car to a home where no one knew. Many people received wounds. One of our members was hit, a newly converted Catholic and a nurse in the Health Department, in the back on the kidney with a stone and was paralyzed and could not talk. Everyone was covered with sand and dirt. Only three civil policemen were there to keep order but the mob didn't pay any attention to them. They knocked one of the policemen down three times. They had to have orders before they could use their guns or clubs. The chief is the only one that can give this order and he was called and when he arrived he ordered the police to use their clubs but the believers cried out and said they wanted no fighting and for the chief to order them to stop. The governor sent the military mounted police to guard but they were sitting on their horses with their arms folded just looking on and would

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1950

Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	\$ 14.04
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	42.18
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	11.85
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	93.20
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	20.21
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	30.35
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Raiford Baptist Church, Raiford, Fla.	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	5.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	24.07
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	26.39
Pilot Oak Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	100.00
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	25.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky.	25.00
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va.	7.50
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, W. Va., Junior Class ..	1.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	49.83
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	61.20
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. Y. P. U.) ..	15.38
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	75.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association, Orma, W. Va.	4.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	27.35
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Central City, Ky.	13.44
Suwanee Furnace Baptist Church, Kuttawa, Ky.	47.51
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	12.54
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	13.82
Julian Baptist Church, Gracy, Ky. (Young People's Bible Class)	5.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	40.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	14.09
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	75.08
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	19.50
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	70.10
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (On the Lewises fare to Peru)	125.35
Bethel Baptist Church, Sugar Grove, N. C.	23.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church, Hazel, Ky. (L. B. Class)	5.00
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	13.56
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	43.40
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	4.85
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	59.98
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. (For the Lewises fare to Peru)	574.58
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	20.29
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	7.76
R. E. Adkinson, Nicholasville, Ky.	10.00
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Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	10.00
Mrs. J. R. Smith, Eminence, Ky.	5.00
Luther R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill.	10.00
Orville Ditchley, Grandview, Ky.	2.00
A friend from Worthington, Minn.	5.00
Mrs. J. E. Richards and Miss Kitty Bullington, Atwood, Tennessee	5.00
C. W. Howell, Columbia, Tenn.	3.00
A friend from Harrodsburg, Ky.	2.00
J. E. Reynolds, Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
L. W. Page, Lawley, Fla.	12.00
A friend from Worthington, Minn.	5.00
G. E. Duncan, White Plains, Ky.	50.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Heaster, Clintonville, W. Va.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Riemann, Cocoa, Fla.	10.00
R. E. Adkinson, Nicholasville, Ky.	10.00
Total	\$2,296.40

As the Lord leads you, send all offerings for mission work to the treasurer of this mission. It is best to send by check or money order. It is not safe to send currency in envelope. Place your return address on the corner of the envelope. Address:

Z. E. Clark, Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky.

Social offerings for the Lewises passage for November, 1950:

Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	\$125.35
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	574.58
Total	\$699.93

The above special offerings have been included in the regular report.

not protect the believers. The word used here to designate a Christian is "believer." The word Christian is not used by any but the Catholics. The result was that the Catholics overcame the believers and practically pushed them out of the square by force of numbers. Then they mounted the platform and began to light candles and made an altar (priests did this) for "Our Lady of Nazareth"

eth" and burned incense and began to shout "Viva Nossa Senhora de Nazare" when the believers began to shout, "Viva Jesus Christo." "May our lady of Nazareth live" and "May Jesus Christ live." Many Catholics were shouting "Morra Jesus, morra Jesus" or "Kill Jesus, kill Jesus" and the believers in Christ were shouting "May He live, may He live." This was very much similar to

the crucifixion of Christ—they wanted to crucify Him anew. I have noticed for sometime since I have gotten settled somewhat in the language, that there is much (on the part of Catholic church members) lack of confidence in the priests and it does not take much to break their faith, especially among the young people who are more educated. The Baptists for a long time have taught their members here and told the Catholic people here that in the years gone by the Catholic Church was a great persecutor of the Baptist believers, but the people saw it hard to believe. In this one occasion a multitude of those Catholic people who didn't have much faith in the priests were won to our side. I am not saying that they were saved now, but many will be saved because of this, just as it was in the days of persecution. This is but a continuation of the Catholic age old policy. I will state here that I wasn't there. It was a union meeting of all the churches in Manaos and I frankly did not want to have anything to do with it, so I didn't go. (Tuesday, October 24, I didn't get to finish.) To finish this paragraph I will say that 20 Catholic families came into the First Baptist Church of Manaos last Sunday night, the 22nd, as a result of the persecution. The paper said yesterday that many Catholic Church members were telephoning their priests protesting the action that was taken against Christian believers in the persecution by the priests. The priests caused it all and led the mob. The ex-priest preached last Sunday night at the First Baptist Church and the twenty families came saying that their eyes were opened on that occasion to the truth that the Baptists had been preaching all along, that the Catholics in times past had persecuted the Baptists; but the priests had all said that the Baptists were lying, that it was the Baptists that had persecuted the Catholics. The notice also, in the paper, said that the priests were saying that the Baptists were persecuting them by having this great meeting at the time of their annual celebration of "Our Lady of Nazareth" (or Mary). I think it would be good to read this in Harmony Church. It might help to stimulate more interest in the work. May the Lord's richest blessing rest upon the family and church. Continue to pray for us. Yours in His service, Lawrence M. Smith.

P. S.: I have reservations on a plane to leave Manaos for Porto Velho and from there to Cruzeiro do Sul the 31st of October. Please pray especially for this trip and for Verna who will be practically alone, because the Spieths are going home on furlough the 25th of October. The only Americans here will be almost strangers. (This date was later changed from October 31st to November 14th. See the cablegram in this issue. Brother Smith suggested that we read this to Harmony Church and we suggest that every pastor read it to the church he pastors.—Editor)



Smith Goes To Cruzeiro

(Preceding page, Column 5) is a trip into the far interior and Mrs. Smith and Barbara Jean are left alone in Manaos. Twice before Brother Smith started on this trip and both times he had to return because of plane trouble. He plans to be gone a month or two. Everybody please join in prayer in response to his cablegram. Pray for the Smiths and for a safe and fruitful journey.

Thank You, Beloved

(Preceding page, Column One) sions, Treasurer, Z. E. Clark, Box 648, Paducah, Ky. Thank you, Brother Alldredge, for this recommendation, and we trust that many will send offerings because of your article. Send \$1.50 to THE FAITH, Inc., Hickory, Kentucky, and get the paper for one year and keep up with the rottenness in the cooperative program as it is exposed from month to month.



Hallum's Letter

(Preceding page, Column two) identify themselves as such but use some catchy words to draw the people (their curiosity).

R. P. Hallum



Brandon Letter

(Preceding page, Column 3) There have been no conversions outside of Cruzeiro do Sul but all of the workers report that the work is in peace and progress. One of the women in the Morapirango church is thought to be a leper. I think it is true because it is in her family. She has two brothers who suffer from the malady. In fact the work is standing together in a most surprising manner. From the church in Amonha (where Cicero Bicipo labors) comes the most encouraging news but conversions. The worker at Campo de Santana is really a lover of the Lord Jesus. He has opened a number of preaching points and seems to be on the go all the time. However, the believers at Campo de Santana are not attending so well as they did for a long time. They think it is the reason there is no evangelist visiting them. I think so too. They have received their salary each month and express their gratitude for the cooperation. They seem very anxious for my return, but they are resolved to fight to the end regardless of that. I know the Lord is blessing them and will see them through. I am in touch with them by the Spirit, however, do not receive many letters. Will close with best wishes.

Sincerely,

J. F. Brandon



SPIRIT-WORLD TELEPHONE

John J. Williamson, founder of the Society of Metaphysicians, claims to have received messages from the departed spirits of Bell and Marconi, telling him how to telephone to the spirit world. "There is no reason why anyone cannot have a 'spirit telephone,' costing no more than \$20," he says.

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God's Word forbids communication with evil spirits (Deut. 18:10-12), and does not endorse or very often permit communication with deceased human beings. One exception was the case of King Saul, who insisted that the witch of Endor get Samuel on the "spirit line." God permitted the witch to see and talk to Samuel in person. Ordinarily the witch would have talked to an evil spirit, but God fooled her that time, because He wanted to rebuke Saul (I Sam. 28:7-20).

If you love God and want His blessing, stay away from seances, mediums, clairvoyants, fortune tellers, and spiritualists. They are an abomination to God.

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They who think they cannot wander will the soonest lose their way.

"The Blameless Life"

(Continued from page two)
he isn't faultless, because none of us are thus. We know, furthermore, that he is not blameless because he is refusing to be obedient to the revealed will of God.

In the matter of church letters, I think that a person ought to move his church letter to a church that is sound in the faith. If he has to go one hundred miles to do so, he ought to do it. He shouldn't have that foolish, insane idea that because he moves to a community he ought to take his church letter there because there happens to be a Baptist church in name nearby. I have learned by patient experience that there are a lot of things called Baptist today that are a disgrace to the name Baptist.

Brother, sister, if there is a church that is standing for the Word of God and you are a Baptist, your letter should be with that church, and you ought to be trying, by the grace of God, to let your life count for God through that church. You will never be blameless as long as your church letter is miles and miles away and your influence isn't counting for God. Our Lord said to put your candle on your candlestick. The candle is your life and the candlestick is the church. I know of no better Scripture whereby to urge people to have their church membership in the place where they live than this.

I might go on and cite other examples. Suffice it to say that if there is any Bible teaching that you know is in the Word of God and you are refusing to be obedient to it, you certainly can't be blameless.

Again, maybe you need to ask somebody to forgive you. Maybe you have done somebody wrong—but who hasn't? What individual is there but what sometime in life, consciously or unconsciously, purposely or accidentally, has done somebody wrong? Brother, sister, you can't be blameless if you know to do good and don't do it. Self-will is a terrible thing. The Word of God pictures to us our own self-will. Listen:

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."
—Gal. 5:19-21.

I remember a Baptist deacon years ago when I was holding a revival meeting in a particular church, who said concerning another deacon who always sat on the opposite side of the church house, "I tell you I hate him." I am afraid that there is entirely too much of that kind of a spirit on the part of God's people today.

Beloved, you can never have the joy of knowing that yours is a blameless life if you need to ask somebody to forgive you, and don't do it.

I speak from personal experience in this respect. I can tell you, if I were to take the time, of one individual who was a burden to me for weeks every time I prayed. Beloved, there just wasn't any peace until I asked forgiveness on the part of the individual that I had wronged. I can say this, the wrong that I had done to that individual was more subconscious than it was conscious wrong, but it was a burden just the same. You can't be blameless when you need to ask somebody's forgiveness.

You can't be blameless if there is a refusal on your part to bow to the will of God.

"But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, SELFWILLED, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities."—II Pet. 2:10.

Brother, sister, you can't be blameless if you are refusing to bow to the will of God,—if you want to be self-willed. God wants people who will bow to His will. You and I can't please Him, you and I can never serve Him aright,—you and I can never be blameless in God's sight if we ourselves re-

fuse to be obedient to the known and revealed will of God Himself.

CONCLUSION

I wonder about you, would you like to be blameless? I wonder if you would like to be able to look up into the face of God and say, "O God, I do desire to be blameless. I don't expect to be faultless. I don't expect to be sinless, for as long as I carry about a fleshly body, I know that there is no possibility of that flesh being sinless and faultless. Lord God, I do want to be blameless. I want to live up to the light that You have given me. I want to do the best I can in your service."

I went in a building the other day where there was no heat. I stepped over to the radiator and felt of it, and it was cold as could be. I opened the valve and in just a few moment's time there was heat coming out of the radiator.

I wonder if maybe you need to open up the valve. Maybe you are not as holy as you ought to be. Maybe the power of God isn't generating in you and through you as it should. Maybe there is something in the way that has clogged the line. Beloved, open up the valve today and let the power of God pulsate in your life.

I used to know a professor over in Louisville who every year took a group of students to Palestine for the excavations that were carried on there during the summer. He was professor of physical geography and Biblical antiquities and it came in his line to go there every year to watch the excavations. One day as they were removing some rubbish and debris, a little spring burst forth and started to flow. That little spring had been closed up maybe for a thousand or two years but when they got the rubbish and debris from around it that little spring began to flow again.

It might be that there is some spiritual rubbish or some spiritual trash that has gotten in the way in your life. May the Lord help us to do a little excavating in our own souls that we might move out of the way any spiritual trash or rubbish that might be in the way that would keep the Spirit of God from flowing freely within our lives.

I want to be blameless. I'd like to be able to live everyday that when the day came to a close that I could look up into His face with the realization that I had done my best and that I was blameless in God's sight.

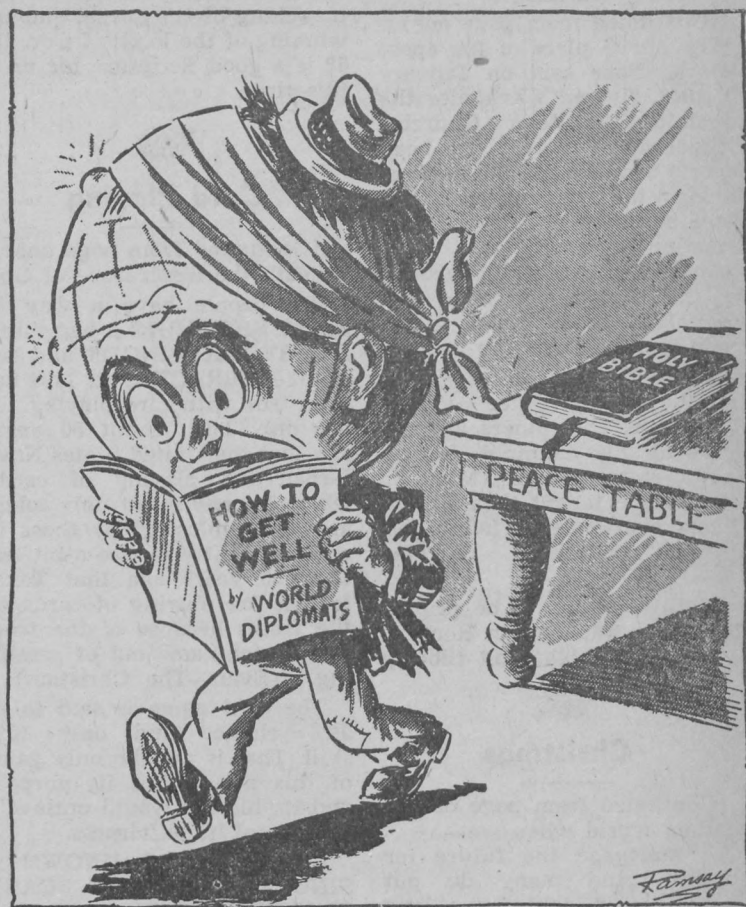
The old song says, "Take time to be holy." Beloved, it does take time. That is the reason why the most of us are unholy because we don't take time.

What would think of an airplane pilot over there in Korea who would go out to his plane in the morning and never check his gas, never check his motor, and never pay any attention to his plane, and who would start up and take off on a mission without any consideration to his plane? Beloved, you would know that he was a foolish pilot. You would know that that man was most foolish in what he was doing to think that he had enough reserve from yesterday to carry him through today.

Beloved, he is an intelligent person in comparison with the child of God who begins his day without reading the Bible and without prayer, and without looking to the Lord for spiritual guidance, and who tries to go through the day running on the spiritual strength left over from yesterday.

May God help you today to

OMITTING THE ONLY BOOK HE REALLY NEEDS



The Tremendous Cost, The Awful Curse And The Wonderful Cure Of Liquor

By W. B. DAVIDSON
Pastor Calvary Baptist Church
Tampa, Florida

This is a timely message — especially for this season of the year when gluttony, drinking, and licentiousness so completely characterize our nation.

"Shouldst thou help the ungodly and love them that hate the Lord?"—II Chron. 19:2).

This message is delivered in behalf of the truth, and is a protest against the most abominable evil that confronts the American public today. We are speaking for the boys, girls, men and women of America who believe in a square deal for all. I am speaking against the evil that has wrecked more homes, destroyed more happiness, damned more souls, and blighted more lives than any other evil on the earth—I am speaking against John Barleycorn and all of his brood.

THE COST OF LIQUOR

When the advocates of licensed liquor were seeking to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment, they told us that legalized liquor would reduce taxes and help us pay off our debts. Those who said these things waxed eloquent in painting a wave of prosperity in this country such as we had not had for years and years; and the sad thing about the matter was that some people were deceived and voted to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment.

What are the facts in the case? Instead of legalized liquor reducing taxes, it increased them. Revenue that was promised if the liquor was allowed to be sold legally, has never got around the corner. We are told that it costs the federal government \$60 to collect \$10 from the liquor interests.

When a person under the influence of liquor kills another,

realize that if you are going to live for the Lord and be blameless in God's sight, you are going to need fresh supplies every day from the Lord.

May God bless you!

consider the cost to the state of trying that person in the courts of the land and if the person is convicted and sentenced to prison, consider the cost to the state of maintaining this prisoner. He must be clothed, fed, provided medical attention, and provided guards to prevent him from escaping. This does not take into consideration the anguish, sorrow, and suffering on the part of the family of the murdered man and the family of the one who committed the murder.

If it's money that we hope to get, through legalized liquor, then why not legalize all forms of evil? We could increase our revenue by legalizing rape, theft, and murder. Just say to any Negro or white man, "If you will pay a certain license, you may rape any woman you desire." Say to any man, "For a certain sum of money, you may steal anything that you see. By obtaining a license you may murder any person you desire to remove from the earth." Horrible? Yes, but licensing liquor is horrible! The Cost of liquor is great!

Legalized liquor has increased drinking. "The Voice," a paper published in behalf of temperance, says: "Drinking conditions among young people were never so serious before."

At the Keely Institute, there has been an increase of 80 per cent of women patients from 1933-1938. Of this number, 80 per cent of them are housewives. From 1935-1938 more women patients have entered this institution for treatment than have entered it for the last thirty years. (These figures were taken from "The Voice").

THE CURSE OF LIQUOR

Intoxicating liquors used as a beverage are a curse. The Bible says: "No drunkard shall enter the kingdom of heaven." If the old drunkard goes to hell, then the man who made the

TWO LAMBS

Though beautiful, perhaps, the fruit
Upon the altar reared by Cain;
But sad, alas! 'twas by the hand
Of man, and e'er to God
It spoke in vain.

By Abel was a spotless lamb
Shorn, offered up, yes sacrificed
Upon the altar of our Lord;
And pleased was he, our Father God,
It spoke of Christ.

What was this wondrous picture for?
To show to us the only way
Our God had found to save the soul,
To cleanse the heart, to make us whole,
Take guilt away.

And so we see Christ as the Lamb
Slain, sacrificed, our Savior Lord;
Upon the Mount of Calvary,
Redeeming you and even me,
By blood outpoured.

--Eva Gray

Papal Folly

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The burial place of the apostle, the Pope said on January 30, 1949, "is and was under the cupola of Saint Peter's Church." Since then there have been reports of more specific findings during the excavations, but there has been no Vatican confirmation of them.

An inspection of the grottos by the diplomatic corps and journalists is expected to be made soon. Then the grottos will be opened to the public.

If the Apostle Peter was the "first pope," the others are not following his example, for he was a married man (Matt. 8: 14); and he taught that all believers constitute a "holy" and a "royal" priesthood. (I Peter 2:4-9).

It still remains to be proven that Peter was ever in Rome.

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Christmas

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heathen world when we—

1. Mortgage the future for present. And many do put themselves in debt for a long time to come, in order to give beyond their means.

2. "Give to get." That's what some do. That's not giving—its barter! Many give because, "They gave me something last Christmas."

3. Observe Christmas in a way that harms the cause of Christ. Many celebrate with a big drink. Others dance all night. Others revel and carouse, and the Christmas holidays always take a great toll of human life because of this. Fancy a man or woman getting drunk to the "glory of God."

4. Blow in the Lord's money on Santa Claus. Thousands of dollars that would ordinarily go into the support of the gospel and the propagation of the work of the Saviour, is diverted into gew-gaws and jim-cracks at Christmas time. Churches and missions suffer a great let down at the Christmas season.

5. Give to everybody else and leave Christ out. Whose birthday is it supposed to be anyhow? Suppose you have a birthday and friends gather at your home and everybody receives a gift but you—would that be fitting? (Yes—"fitting" enough that you would feel like having a "fit.") That's how lots of people do the Lord at Christmas time.

Have a big Christmas show in the Church and turn the Lord's house over to Santa Claus. That's what happens every Christmas, all over the land. Christmas. Trees. Christmas can-tatt-as, and various kinds of musical burlesques take the place of the preaching of the gospel.

What Should We Do?

We ought to keep our sanity at Christmas time, and act like Christians instead of heathens. This will involve:

1. Gift-giving with the right motive, and within our means.

2. Refusal to embezzle the Lord's money, but the practice of tithing as usual.

3. A special gift to Christ and his work. Surely we ought not leave him out.

4. Unusual faithfulness in attending services, realizing that there is special need of this at this season.

5. Adoption of the motto:

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"Business As Usual," at our church. (That business is the preaching of the gospel and the winning of the lost). I Cor. 15: 58 is a good Scripture for us at this time.

Card Playing

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beneath the displeasure of God.

But people have a way of FIRST SHUNNING a bad thing, then TOLERATING IT and last of all EMBRACING it. This has been true with card playing. It has only been about 50 years ago that the United States Navy forbade the playing of cards, which later was not only tolerated but embraced by those in command. It was also a bit less than 50 years ago that Texas forbade the playing of cards on the trains because of the fracas which came out of gambling. (Evan—The Christian).

The card game is said to be 90% chance and only 10% skill. That is not the only game of this nature but its purpose and its history would outlaw it because of its unfairness.

I have NEVER KNOWN A SINGLE HABITUAL CARD PLAYER WHO WAS AT THE SAME TIME LIVING ALL OUT FOR GOD AND WHO WAS A WINNER OF SOULS! Thus on the principles of God's glory, Christ's approval, and the influence on others, this must fall beneath the ax!—Smith.

Northern Baptist

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The extent to which the Northern Baptist Convention (as such) has sunk is evident in the fact that a union with the Christian Church (Campbellite) has been contemplated for the past few years. Union with the Campbellites would not be as large a "catch" for the Northern Modernists but would be a club which they might wield over the heads of some "weak-kneed," "cottonstring-back-boned" "whippersnappers" in the South (most of whom came from the Northern Baptist Convention by way of the Federal Council's crusade).

If Southern Baptists take that esslesiastical liberal group into their fold, you can look for the "handwriting on the wall" and instead of "The Light of Liberty" "Ichabod" will be written over our Convention.

Every true Bible-believing pastor and church should speak out in no uncertain terms against any proposal to unite Northern and Southern Baptists.—The Baptist News.

Amusements

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not of faith is sin" means whatever one cannot do with a perfectly good conscience that is directed by the Bible by which comes that faith (Romans 10: 17) is sin. ONE CANNOT HAVE A DOUBT AND A GOOD CONSCIENCE AT THE SAME TIME. The way we put a question mark about these matters is conclusive that we are in doubt and to doubt removes faith and when faith is removed IT IS SIN!

Principle Number Four

THE CHRISTIAN'S INFLUENCE ON OTHERS... THE PRINCIPLE OF EXAMPLE. This matter is stated in I Cor. 8:13, "Wherefore if meat make my brother offend, I will eat no flesh while the world stand-

eth, lest I make my brother to offend." The buying of meat and the eating thereof which had been offered to idols was considered by the young Jewish believers as sin because they had not become strong and mature enough to separate in their thinking the direct working of GRACE FROM CEREMONIES. So Paul said, "No meat" if it causes him to stumble. Then THE DISCUSSION OF THIS IS CARRIED ON IN Romans 14: 14-21. Nobody has a right from any source whatsoever to engage in anything that would hurt another person. So powerful is this principle that in verse 15 Paul said, "But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, NOW WALKEST THOU NOT CHARITABLY, DESTROY NOT HIM WITH THY MEAT FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED." A person must face the far-reaching effects of a personal indulgence that has so many hazards.

Principle Number Five

SUBMITTING ALL FOR CHRIST'S APPROVAL... DOING ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

First, we look at Col. 3:17, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS." That means that I am to seek HIS APPROVAL in all that I do and if I cannot get His approval then it must be ruled out of my life entirely. And it must ever be remembered that one cannot get His approval on anything that CAUSED HIS DEATH... meaning lusts! But in I Cor. 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink or WHATSOEVER YE DO, do all to the glory of God." We are to do only that which will bring pleasure to God! Only that which will allow Him to be glorious in and through us, must be allowed by us. It is only this way can we live up to "Let your light so shine before men that THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN." Matt. 5:16.

Now here are the principles:

Personal Judgment — a sense of balance.

Personal Question — do they recreate or dissipate.

Christian Conscience — no doubts tolerated.

Christian Influence — power of example.

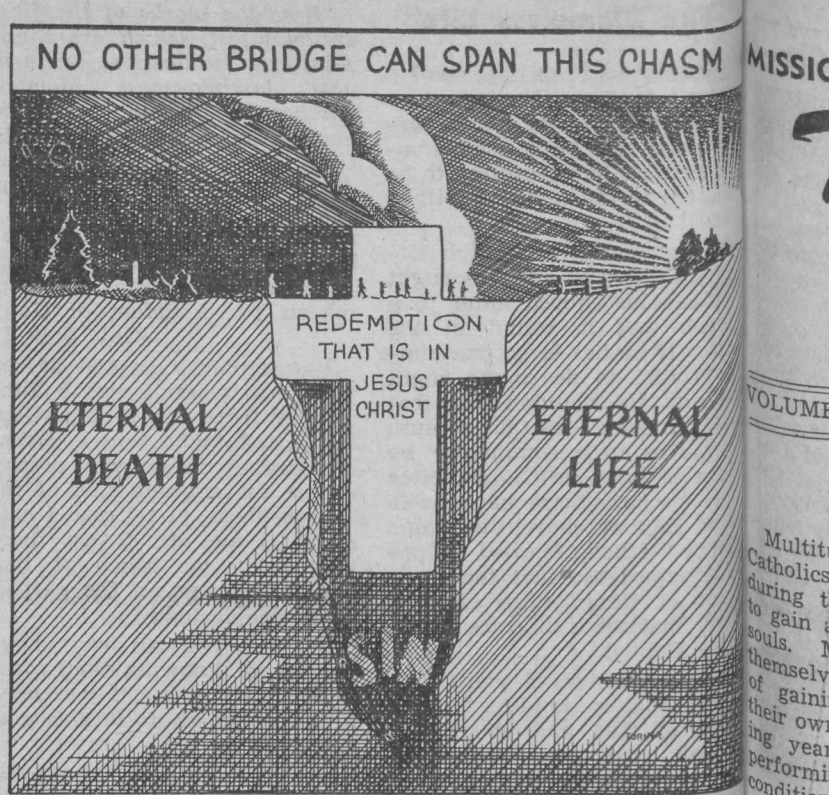
Christ's Approval — living to God's Glory.

Let us examine the amusement question in light of these principles with honesty and a desire to be nobler, more powerful in life and to attain to greater usefulness before God.

At Ease In Zion

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down and lives were lost, because the oil gave out in the lighthouse, and the beacon failed to shine.

The church has wasted her oil these days on causes, some of which may be worthy enough in themselves, but she has forgotten that "dark the night of sin hath settled, loud the angry billows roar; eager eyes are watching, longing, for the lights along the shore." We are failing lost men and women because we have neglected our main business of sending out the gospel of light. The crisis of this hour will never be met by clever little talks on current events and by cookie-munching



in church basements. How selfish we are to stuff ourselves with gospel truth, while multitudes have never heard.

"When the disciples served the loaves and fishes to the thousands they did not keep feeding the front row — they reached the last man on the back row. Shame on us that we gorge ourselves while millions starve for lack of the gospel!"

Our Lord's marching orders were to "go into all the world" making disciples. How slow we have been from the start. Even the Jerusalem saints, at the very outset, began to settle at the center, so that God had to send persecution to scatter them to the circumference. We cannot sit huddled over our own coals in smug mutual congratulation societies behind tons of bricks. If we do not invade the circumference, the circumference will invade us.

We are saved to tell others. May God awaken us from our ease in Zion, our playing around with a multitude of little things, until we stop majoring in the minor and minoring in the major. Any church whose business is not God's business will soon be out of business.

Liquor

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liquor and the man that sold it to him should go along with him; but what about the fellow who voted that the old drunkard should be privileged to buy and drink it? He should go along too.

The liquor traffic is a curse. It deals in souls, in bodies of men, women and children. This is why it is such a great curse — its material is the lives and the souls of men and women.

The raw product of the saw-mill is logs; the finished product is framing, ceiling, and siding to erect buildings. The raw product of the cotton gin is cotton from the field; the finished product is suits, coats, dresses, etc. The raw product of the saloon, the liquor traffic, is men, women and children; the finished product is murder, thieves, gamblers, liars, prostitutes, and finally souls damned in hell! The liquor traffic takes our boys and girls, men, and women in the prime of life; and when it is finished with them, they are ruined in body and soul.

The liquor crowd said, "We will galize liquor and we will get rid of the jook-joints, the speakeasies, etc. but, my friends, who owned the jook-joints, the speakeasies? Did not the liquor crowd own them? Certainly! The people who are opposed to liquor did not own them! The "Wets" have bought the jook and legalized liquor."

We are told that there are more girls working in liquor joints in America today than are enrolled in all of our colleges, academies, and universities. Think of it — a greater number of the future mothers of America are selling beer and wine and whiskey than are going to schools of higher learning. What can we expect of the next generation whose mothers have been subjected to the temptations of liquor and its accompanying evils?

Has the liquor traffic ever united a broken home? No, but it has broken many. Has it ever built a church, employed a missionary to spread the gospel among the lost? No, but it has sought to hinder the gospel of Christ in its mission of mercy and grace. Has the liquor traffic ever built a hospital or an orphanage to care for the afflicted and homeless? No, but it has become afflicted and made orphans through the direct influence and efforts of the liquor group!

Several years ago, the liquor group in one of the larger cities of Florida placed an advertisement in one of the daily papers of that city. At the bottom of the advertisement the words "God bless America" were placed! Can you imagine anything more sacrilegious and hypocritical? The very idea of a business so damnable, despicable, destructive, and degrading requesting God to bless the very thing that it is seeking to curse! One of the ways whereby God can bless America, is to close every place where liquor in any form is sold for beverage. Can this might be done! Every Christian in America should pray to this end.

THE CURE FOR LIQUOR

The cure for liquor lies in the grace of God. The old drunkard is no more able to break the habit of drink than the leopard is able to change his spots. The hope of the drunkard is regeneration; and this is the work of God! The drunkard needs our prayers.