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Persecution By Roman Catholics

By BRO. HERBERT MONEY
Missionary to Peru

The Huallaga Valley Presbytery of the Peruvian Evangelical Church, which comprises the congregations in the vicinity of Huanuco, was scheduled to meet in the village of Casca last April 27th. By way of preparing the ground for a demonstration of Roman Catholic intolerance towards the Gospel, the Bishop of Huanuco went out of his way the previous two weeks to give the villagers special instructions, the gist of which was that, since "error has no rights" and Protestants are in error, they should be treated accordingly. Having issued an appeal to violence, he assured his flock that they would be at complete liberty to beat up the heretics with-

out interference on the part of civil authorities and promised, moreover, that, in the event any of them got into trouble, he would intercede on their behalf.

The Church Bells Ring

As is the custom in the provinces the Sub-Perfect of the province was duly notified of the Presbytery meetings and the delegates met for the opening worship service at eight o'clock the evening of the appointed day. Everything went off quietly and by ten o'clock all the brethren had retired to their lodgings. It was about this time that the stillness of the night was broken by the church bells loudly clanging the emergency alarm. A fanatical mob soon gathered, carrying

sticks, stones and fire-arms and, to the accompaniment of revolver shots, proceeded to beat up all the Protestants they could find. The meeting house was broken into and its inmates brutally assaulted. The kitchen was ransacked and an attempt was made to burn the building down. Fortunately this was thwarted by the matches failing to ignite.

The Mob Takes Charge

The mob then attacked the building where the provisions for the convention were stored. Although the entrance to this place was strongly barred from within, they succeeded in forcing an entrance. Among those lodged here was Pastor Santiago Gomez, a graduate of the

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FOR THE NEW YEAR

Just now, before our eyes is placed
A page most white and fair,
And when this year from us has passed
What shall be written there?

Upon it, we with eager hand
Might write a schedule there
With joy and love for every month,
And days most bright and fair.

'Tis true, we'd write upon this page
The words of faith and prayer
And deeds of love to those in pain--
But lo! a voice we hear.

A hand that's pierced now holds a pen
Ah, wilt thou trust it there
Upon this page to write His plan,
For you this coming year?

"Tis better that thou knowest not
The path that lies before,
For then I'll lead thee by the hand,
And thou shalt trust Me more."

So now, we bow our heads in prayer,
These words shall be our plea--
"Oh Holy Saviour, write for us,
The plan that pleaseth Thee."

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How Shall Christians Live For Christ In This Present, Evil, Ungodly World?

By L. D. KENNEDY
Ripley, Tennessee

A preacher in Texas once offered an evil proposition to a fellow Christian—too shameful for me to describe — saying, "What harm will it do? You and I are both Christians, and nothing that a Christian does is charged against him."

Brethren, I wish to be plain: such a spirit as he manifested plainly labels one as an enemy of the Cross of Calvary! That is exactly what Paul calls it in Phil. 3:17-20. Listen: "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the ENEMIES OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST: whose end is DESTRUCTION, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things."

I know that the ground of our salvation is altogether the free Grace of God. Also, I believe

as strongly as any one that when one is truly born again and justified, he has everlasting life and is, therefore eternally secure.

But to me, one of the most wicked and horrible things in the world is for a person to profess belief in the wondrous doctrines of Grace and the Security of the Saved while at the same time living a evil life! "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? GOD FORBID." (Rom. 6:1-2). "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." (Tit. 2:11-12).

Those who "rightly divide the Word of God" will not preach the doctrine of Grace as giving license to sin and licentiousness; rather, they will joyfully proclaim it as "the doctrine which is according to Godliness." (I Tim. 6:3). "While

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LECTURES ON "THE TRAIL OF BLOOD" TO BE GIVEN IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI

Dean T. P. Simmons, of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Columbus, Ga., is to give his lectures on "The Trail of Blood" in Clanton, Ala., March 9-11, beginning on Friday night and concluding on Sunday night. For this engagement he is to be with Eld. S. P. Gray, who, before the date for the lectures, hopes to accomplish the establishment of a new, independent Baptist church in Clanton. The superintendent of the textile plant in Clanton has graciously granted to Brother Gray the privilege of using the church building which belongs to the plant.

Perhaps about the time this announcement reaches our readers Brother Simmons will be fulfilling another engagement with the lectures. This one will be with Pastor John W. Duggar and the Parkview Baptist Church of Laurel, Miss. The probable date for this engagement is February 9-11.

These lectures, using J. M.

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Judge Collier Greivously Errs When His Court Meddles In Baptist Church Affairs

IN the IRONTON SUNDAY NEWS under date of November 19, 1950, the decision of Judge James Collier as to the legal difficulties of Myrtle Tree Baptist Church (near Ironton, O.), was printed. As might be expected, this decision was in favor of the worldly heretics who had brought suit against those who were contending for the Word of God. The article as it appeared in the Ironton paper is as follows:

WOMEN SHOULD HAVE VOICE IN CHURCH, COURT DECIDES

Judge James Collier ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in the case in common pleas court of J. W. Wiseman, et al, as trustees of Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Arabia, against Joseph Willis, et al. The case was filed to determine if women should have a voice in church affairs or should keep silent.

The custom for many years was to have women take part in voicing opinions but defendants instituted a ruling that women would have no voice in church matters.

Since plaintiffs are trustees of the church, they have a right to prosecute a case against intruders or trespassers, or those who attempt to usurp wrongful authority over church property, the court found.

Plaintiffs charged that defendants and others broke into the church

building, conducted meetings in which they advocated a doctrine different from that of the Missionary Baptist Church. The doctrine was that no women should be allowed to speak or pray in public.

Defendants claimed they did open the church but denied meetings of a different doctrine from that of Missionary Baptist organizations was instituted.

Judge Collier ruled and set out the following:

"Each Baptist Church operates as a self governing body and is different in that respect from many other denominations. Each individual Baptist Church still retains the right to be self governing, therefore, Myrtle Tree Baptist Church had the right to decide for itself whether they would follow the practice of permitting women to have equal rights with men in church affairs, or, whether they would compel the women to keep silent in church."

The question had been argued for many years by the congregation according to the court. After considerable dissent among the members, the matter was put to vote July 8, 1950, according to Rev. Jerry Bruce, who presided and acted as moderator.

There were 28 members of the church in favor of following the practice and custom of more than 100 years to allow women full voice in church activities. There were 25 members of the church who voted to follow the admonitions stated in First Corinthians, chapter 13, verses 34 and 35, in which St. Paul says:

"Let your women keep silence in the churches for it is not permitted unto them to speak but they are commanded to be as the Lord's church"

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APPRECIATED LETTER

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We gave some copies of your paper to a colored preacher. He was so enthusiastic about some of the articles that he used the sermon for his church. A couple of his deacons said that if the message were true, they couldn't be deacons. We gave some of the papers to a woman in Algiers, and she has taken them to people in the county, where we could not get to. The paper has been one great pleasure. We eagerly look forward to it in the mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Reinwald
New Orleans, La.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"MODERNISM EXPOSED BY THE SCRIPTURES"

"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."—Jude 3b.

Well—What is a Modernist? A modernist is not one who does certain modern and questionable things. But rather he is one who does not believe fundamental truths upon which the entire structure of true Christianity is based. The Apostle Paul, in prophetic sight, sees the rise of modernism, perhaps

not far from his day, when he says in 2 Timothy 4:3, 4: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables." Here then are religionists who do not affirm, but largely deny, the basic and primary truths of the New

Testament type of religion. Look at some of their denials.

1. MODERNISTS DENY THE PLENARY AND VERBAL INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES.

By "plenary" we mean the ordinary dictionary meaning, "entire, absolute, unqualified"; and by "verbal" we mean "literal, word for word." Modernists deny that the Bible is in-

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THANK YOU

I have received your paper for sometime. It is an enjoyed, welcomed guest at our home. I have great respect for you as a Baptist preacher, and I'm sure that I'll meet you here or over there some day. I am aware of what the Scripture says about a flattering tongue, but I can say in the face of it that I wish there was a John R. Gilpin in every town where there are young preachers like myself.

We are studying Matthew in our S. S. What would you suggest as my next help to the Bible in the way of exposition.

Thank you,
J. E. Pierce, Pastor
Samoset, Florida

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OUR NEEDS

"Trust the Lord and tell His people."

For several months I've had an ever increasing desire to print an eight page paper each week, instead of a four page one. Hundreds of our subscribers have asked for a larger paper, and believing it would be pleasing to the Lord, I want to do so.

There is not a week that passes but what we have to omit good articles which we would like to print. However, for lack of space, many must go unprinted. With an eight page paper, this would not be so.

In order to increase the number of pages, we must have more printing equipment, particularly another linotype (the machine with which we set our type), and a larger press.

The cost of these will run nearly \$6,000.00. This seems like a lot of money, but in view of the number of subscribers we have, it would necessitate only a small gift from each to make this larger paper possible.

Frankly, I believe that there are at least 60 individuals and churches who could contribute \$100 each to make this enlargement possible. (The editor has had to go down into his jeans to the tune of \$400 this past year, in addition to contributing gratis better than forty hours of work weekly in order to keep the paper in the mails.)

In view of this, I do not hesitate to ask my friends who believe in this written ministry to have a financial part in making it possible.

Every contribution which we receive within the next thirty days is going to be held separate from all other money, for enlargement purposes. I feel definitely certain as to the response of our readers. I am sure that within a short time you'll be receiving an eight page paper every week.

Who'll be the first to make a contribution in this respect? If you can't send but one dollar, send it, remembering that what none of us can do alone, all of us together can do. May God lay this burden of enlargement upon your heart as He has on mine!

MAYBE YOU COULD HELP US

Do you have any small tools about your home which you are not now using? Well, how about letting us make use of them for you?

In order to keep our machinery in repair we need both socket and open end wrenches, screwdrivers (all sizes), chisels, pliers, and other small machinist's tools. We also need a small jig saw, band saw, and cut-off saw for use in mounting our cuts.

I'm not asking you to buy

The world has lost many a good blacksmith by their having become preachers.

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED SONGS AND SINGING

CHRISTIANITY alone produces the condition of life which liberates the soul in a song. Its wealth of truth, its glorious deliverance from sin's fetters, and its unnumbered hopes create songs and the spirit of praise to sing them. Paul sang in prison though his body was bruised and aching.

BRAHMANISM. Ancient Aryans possessed a moderately pure collection of hymns. They were composed, much as were the modern Christian hymns, in ascribing attributes to their deities, confessing their own shortcomings, and in seeking deliverance from the mental torture and fear over their sins.

THE PRESENT MOMENT IS DIVINELY SENT. THE PRESENT DUTY IS THE MASTER'S WILL.

HINDUS. Many of the Hindu hymns are so immoral that they are not allowed to appear in print in civilized lands. There is but little chorus singing among the Orientals. A man sings alone accompanying himself with some stringed instrument. Often the crowd joins in the refrain. Max Muller says: "Large numbers of the Vedic hymns are childish in the extreme—and unworthy of deity."

BUDDHISM. Gautama's strict views of moral conduct and his ascetic practices to prevent arousing emotional passions, made him denounce the exciting songs and dances of the Nautch girls, which the Brahmans were and are so fond of in their recluses, where, he said: "They lived on food provided by the faithful."

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TAKE THY PLEASURE HERE IN THIS WORLD AND AFTERWARD REIGN WITH CHRIST.

TAOISM. The songs of China are from the theater or the idol temple, which excludes them from use in Christian homes. They are usually sung with a strong nasal sound and chanted, which becomes very tiresome to an Anglo-Saxon. On one occasion, priests chanted the same three lines for seventeen minutes.

CONFUCIANISM. The music of China is pentatonic, the fourths and sevenths being omitted. This strange system, combined with the untrained native voice, causes grief to an aesthetic ear whenever compelled to listen to it. The children readily learn Western music under careful training.

GET IN TUNE WITH THE INFINITE, BUT KEEP IN TOUCH WITH HUMANITY.

ZOROASTRIANISM contained many expressions of worshipful praise in hymns addressed to various beings of good nature. To Homa for his miraculous power, to Ahuramazda and to various angels. These hymns were fragments of ancient Iranian epic poetry kept by the bards.

PARSEEISM. Hymns are interspersed with prayer and sacrifice in the Parsee service, which occurs daily, beginning at midnight—the hour at which the spirits of darkness exercise their highest power. The service lasts until morning.

BY EVERY LIMIT WE PUT UPON OUR SYMPATHIES, WE BECOME LESS LIKE CHRIST.

SHINTOISM. Worship is observed by individuals, singly and alone, who pray in silence. Singing is found in the performances of the temple theaters, and is a weird drawl. The singing recounts some ancient historic narrative. Temple beggars go from door to door, singing the brave deeds of their gods, and receiving gifts to support the priests.

MOHAMMEDANISM. Music is generally held to be contrary to Mohammed's teaching. Once, on hearing music, he put his fingers in his ears and went another road. In spite of this, the Arabs are fond of music and love their improvised songs. Mohammed despised poets because a woman once wrote satirical verses about him.

any of these to send to us, but it may be that you have such which you are not using (maybe they are even in your way) around your home. We'll be most grateful to use these for you for God's own glory.

Catholic Persecution

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Peruvian Bible Institute. After receiving a terrible beating, he was driven to the local jail and locked in a filthy cell into which two other believers were later thrown.

Doing God's Service

Having been informed of the whereabouts of the pastor, Priest Victoriano Huaytan hastened to the jail, and, by the light of his lantern, recognized Senor Gomez and thrashed him most brutally. The Roman Catholic parishioners were invited to join in but they soon

tired and desisted; the priest continued his abuse until the pastor was left lying unconscious in a pool of blood.

That this outburst of priestly violence was no momentary effervescence of zeal is clear from Huaytan's words as he showered blows upon his prostrate victim. "Wretched villain from Pachas," he muttered, "I'm your shadow. I've always followed you. I've loved you. Didn't I stop your propaganda in Huariaca? Didn't I make you read the Government decree at the Police Station? Didn't I see you also at Panao? What are you doing here?"

Out of the Depths

When he recovered consciousness, Santiago was in a sorry plight and his companions were little better. Nevertheless, as they prayed and sang praises to God, they were conscious of the presence of Another with them "like unto



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the Son of God." It is not surprising therefore that their keepers were discomforted and one of them openly expressed his regret at having taken part in such brutal and unprovoked violence in the name of the Christian faith.

Before They Call I Will Answer

It was just as things reached this point that help arrived from an unexpected quarter. Messrs. Adrian Lofsted and Fred Kowalchuk, missionaries of the Christian and Missionary Alliance stationed at Huanuco, had set out some days before in the mission pick-up for the town of Pucallpa on the River Ucayali. Blocked by heavy rains and impassable roads, they were forced to return and, in the good providence of God, reached the vicinity of Cascay as the party of brethren who had escaped from the village, arrived at the highway enroute for Huanuco to inform the Police of the disturbance. They took the brethren to Huanuco, lodged the complaint, and with a party of six troopers under the command of a lieutenant, rushed to the prison. Gomez and his companions were immediately released and taken to the hospital, while the ring-leaders of the disorders were arrested and taken to the jail.

Mercy and Justice

Pastor Gomez was placed in the hospital but since it is customary in Latin America for such institutions, even those under State auspices, to be run by Roman Catholic religious orders, any inmates who do not see eye to eye with the Roman Catholic Church are marked out for anything but Christian treatment. In spite of his left leg being totally disabled and seemingly fractured near the knee, Senor Gomez did not receive the professional attention which his condition demanded. Five days after admission his leg had not been X-rayed nor had the extent of his other injuries been determined.

The Police report, which was a straight-forward account of the happenings at Cascay, was duly presented to the Court. The Bishop, however, was as good as his word. He evidently succeeded in persuading the judicial authorities to minimize the seriousness of the disturbance, for, instead of proceeding with the case, the judge gave an order for the release of the accused. The latest news is that Huaytan is suing the Evangelicals for assaulting him and attacking his church. Where Roman Catholicism prevails, it can do no wrong, black is white, and error has no rights!

A man may be at his wit's end, but he need never be at his faith's end.

Court Meddles

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mandated to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."

The defendants later claimed that three who voted to follow the old custom of allowing women to speak were not members of the church, which, if true, would have resulted in a tie vote and therefore the old custom would be maintained. Judge Collier ruled as he did since the other side would not have shown a majority of votes, anyway.

In view of the fact that the editor and other of his friends have preached both in the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church and at homes in the community, it seems quite appropriate that we review this situation, the decision of Judge Collier, and that we notice also what the Word of God has to say in this respect.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

When Brother Joe Willis, a layman moved into the community of the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, he associated himself with that church and on finding that there were members of the church who were interested in the deeper things of the Scripture, he began to attempt to teach them accordingly. He invited the editor to come to his home on several occasions and thus the editor preached to Brother Willis, his family, his neighbors, and his friends who gathered for these home services. Still later, Brother Austin Fields was invited to come to the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church and conduct services. In all this time Brother Willis continued to teach the Word of God both in his home, by private conversation, and in every church service when opportunity presented itself.

To be sure, the teachings of Brother Willis were different to the practices of the church through the years. This church had practiced the mourner's bench, had advocated equality of the sexes in the church services, practiced alien immersion and open communion.

Let me say that there is no finer high type Christian man than Brother Joe Willis. He has the respect of his friends and acquaintances, and all who know him, know that he is a consistent Christian. In the course of time the Word of God taught by such a godly man caused certain of the members of the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church to realize the wrong of doctrinal heresies that they had been practicing for years. Thus a little group composed of Joe Willis and his family, Oliver Robinson and his family, Jim

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HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake.

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away,
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break;
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make.
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

—A. M. Overton

Word.

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be an abomination."—Prov. 28:9.

Judge Collier, even if he is saved, will never be able to pray again acceptably unto God until he rights the wrong which he has committed. Listen:

"But ye have SET AT NOUGHT all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I WILL NOT ANSWER; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord."—Prov. 1:25-29.

What a position for a judge to find himself in—siding with the heretics and thus putting himself outside the fellowship of God. If he goes to church next Sunday and is called upon to lead the congregation in prayer, up in glory God will be laughing at him. When trouble comes his way—perhaps sickness in his home, or death, or tragedy, instead of the power of God to be his, all he can get in return for his prayer will be God's mockery. By siding with the worldly heretics of Myrtle Tree Baptist Church he has shut himself up to a prayerless life and has sealed Heaven against hearing the cries of his heart.

GOD'S WORD

In spite of the action of the Myrtle Tree Baptist Church and irrespective of the decision of the judge, the Word of God still stands. Listen:

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law, And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."—I Cor. 14:34,35.

When J. W. Wiseman, who filed suit against Joe Willis, and his friends are in the grave,—when Judge Collier's hand that wrote the decision against the Word of God has decomposed within the ground,—and when Myrtle Tree Baptist Church building has rotted to the ground, the Word of God will still be true. The vote of the church can't change it. The decision of Judge Collier can't change it. The action of the trustees of the church can't change it. The Word of God shall last forever.

"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."—Psa. 119:89.

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."—Mt. 24:35.

Brother Joe Willis and his friends are martyrs today just as truly as the martyrs of the Dark Ages. They have stood for the Word of God at a tremendous price to themselves. In the eyes of the world they are defeated, yet in the eyes of God they have a marvelous future awaiting them in Glory. Jesus said:

"Whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called GREAT in the kingdom of heaven."—Mt. 5:19.

Judge Collier has written his decision; this editor has analyzed it and written his analysis; the case is closed until the day that God reviews it at the judgment. What a day of shame for Judge Collier and the heretics whose side he has espoused. But

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faith in the free grace and offered pardon of the Gospel puts peace and joy into the heart of the believer, it is no less fitted to produce purity and holiness." (A. Booth).

Again, I say, we do violence to the Scriptures if we do not hold a proper balance of truth. Take for instance Ephesians 1:4. Many in their arguments never get past the first clause there which teaches the glorious doctrine of eternal election. But there is more to this verse: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, THAT WE SHOULD BE HOLY AND WITHOUT BLAME BEFORE HIM IN LOVE." The same book which tells how by Grace, God fore-ordained us unto salvation, clearly states that He has also BEFORE ORDAINED that we should WALK in GOOD WORKS. Now "walk" means more than to merely believe and argue—it means to PRACTICE DOING!

Those who really believe the doctrines of Grace will be very sin sensitive. They will not be content with loose morals or the scandalous in their lives. Although they will earnestly contend that good works are not necessary to salvation, they will just as strongly maintain that they are absolutely necessary to answer various important purposes, both in the sight of man and God. "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou AFFIRM CONSTANTLY, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. THESE THINGS ARE GOOD AND PROFITABLE UNTO MEN." (Titus 3:8).

The knowledge of being eternally secure (in which a 'saved' person rejoices) will never prompt him to "take his fill of sin" or "live as he pleases." Some say, "If I believed once saved, always saved, I'd go sin as much as I want to." Brother, we sin MORE than we want to! The Christian hates sin. Whenever he discovers himself sinning, it vexes his heart and causes him to mourn inwardly. He will never be satisfied with

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Carroll's chart, trace the continuity of Baptist churches back to New Testament days. They are based on facts now recognized by leading Baptist historians, such as John W. Christian. Brother Simmons is professor of Church History in the Southern Baptist Bible Seminary, and uses "A History of the Baptists" by Christian as a text. This book is published by the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptists at Nashville, Tenn., and is considered authoritative.

Brother Simmons is available to churches for these lectures. He may be contacted by writing to Box 629, Columbus, Ga. Baptists everywhere need to be grounded in the facts of Baptist perpetuity. These lectures do this. They also show the solid, scriptural foundation of all Baptist doctrines and practices. They contain the necessary vaccine against unionism, alien immersion, and open communion. They give Baptists backbone, stamina, and doctrinal integrity.

what a glorious day for those who are not ashamed to contend for the whole Word of God!

self until he is like Christ, even as He is pure. This will never fully come until after he is glorified, but it remains the believer's hope!

The person who lives as a servant of Satan under the dominion of sin, although he is able to argue with his lips the doctrines of Grace and professes to love them, is really destitute of the faith of the gospel. Such ones are described in I John 2:19, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."

So regeneration not only kills us to the guilt and penalty of sin: it kills us to the pleasure and love of sin! As A. J. Gordon well put it: "If we regard the doctrine of sinless perfection as a heresy, we regard contentment with sinful imperfection as a greater heresy." Read that again, please.

Regeneration is more than a negative act of God; it is essentially positive. Although Christ finds His people entirely destitute of holiness and even of every desire for it, He does not leave them in that state after forgiving their sin. Positively, He produces in them a sincere love to God and a genuine pleasure in His ways. Their faith will work by love. (Gal. 5:6).

Holiness of heart will manifest itself visibly in holiness of conduct, for out of the heart are the issues of life. (Prov. 4:23). "But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation." (I Peter 1:15).

"I would not work my soul to save;
That work my Lord hath done.
But I would work like any slave
From love to God's dear Son."

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Arner and his family, and Emery Arbaugh and his family continued to carry on the work of the church while the heretical element of the church practically dropped out of the services.

In the course of events the church decided to study the book of I Cor. and elected Bro. Joe Willis as teacher. They got along fine until they came to the fourteenth chapter, and when Bro. Willis offered to step aside and invited the pastor, Milt Bruce, to teach that chapter, the pastor declined. He said:

"If it was me, I'd just skip that chapter in the study."

When six of those supporting the teachings of the Bible went to see Bro. Bruce, they suggested that the church follow the teachings of the Bible. Bro. Bruce declared, "The church won't accept the Bible, and if they did, I'd step out."

Brother Willis then taught the chapter as laid down in God's Word and which is plain enough for any individual with any spiritual insight to understand.

Following this, on July 8, 1950, a vote was taken. Every worldly heretical church member along with others who were not even members of the church and never had been, were gotten together in an effort to defeat the teaching of God's Word.

It is significant to note from July 8, 1950, the pastor, Milt Bruce, never came back to the services one time, nor did those who had voted as a whole, allowing women full voice in church activities. What a sorry state of affairs! It does look as though this heretical pastor would have remained true to the church. It reminds us how- ever, of the words of Jesus when He said:

"The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep."—John 10:13.

JUDGE COLLIER'S DECISION

In this decision Judge Collier

admitted the possibility that three of these who had voted with the majority were not eligible to vote. He further declared that this would have resulted in a tie vote and therefore the old custom should be maintained. Thus Judge Collier ignored the Word of God and followed the custom of men.

Some of these days Judge Collier is going to stand before another Judge and is going to have to give an account of himself for the decision which he has made in this case. I wouldn't want to be in his place when he answers to God for accepting the traditions of men and ignoring the Word of God.

If Judge Collier is a saved man (I don't know him personally — I understand he is an Episcopalian), then he is going to be a mighty small person in the kingdom of God. Jesus said:

"For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."—Mt. 5:18,19.

Judge Collier, in the light of this Scripture, by his decision cast his lot with the heretics of Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, and he and others of this church which are saved will be mighty "small potatoes" when they get to Glory. What a sorry picture of a judge who has sworn to uphold the law, who, instead of upholding the law of God by his judicial acts, sets it aside and places human tradition above God's law.

The laws of our land are based upon the Word of God. If Judge Collier can set aside this law which is so plainly stated within God's Word, then with just as great ease can he set aside any other law. If he has no regard for the law of God, surely he can have but little regard for the law of man.

It might be well for Judge Collier and others who may think that his decision is legitimate, to listen to what God says concerning them within His

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Modernism

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spired. In effect, Modernists say: "The Bible is but a collection of writings which represent man's best efforts and strivings after God. Much is out of date and useless to us, if not positively harmful. The intelligent man, therefore, culls from them those ideas which he finds helpful and of practical value today."

But Christianity affirms that the Scriptures are the infallible and authoritative revelation from God to man, in which God reveals Himself. Bro. A. C. Vincent, the president of the Maritime Baptist Convention, said in his New York Message (published in Maritime Baptist of December 28, 1949): "If the book we call the Bible is not reliable, then there is only one thing for Baptists to do and that is to go out of business. It is impossible to carry on if the foundation be destroyed."

But from the first chapter of Genesis to the last verse of Revelation it is the Word of God. As the twentieth article of the Anglican Church terms it, it is "God's Word written." The Bible does not merely contain the Word of God; it is the

Word of God. Paul says: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God" (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible does not say that the thoughts of the Bible writers were inspired. No! But God gave them certain words to speak or to write which were inspired and this is the verbal inspiration of God's precious Word. "No prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." (2 Peter 1:21 Revised Standard Version).

Modernism disputes this. Liberal religion has torn from the Scriptures page after page, chapter after chapter, book after book.

But this precious Word of God will still lead the unconverted to the Saviour, as faithful missionaries will testify. The Bible has cleansing power to those who read and heed it. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy Word." Psalm 119:9. This Word of Truth clung to will keep from evil and the power of the evil one. "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee." (Psalm 119:11). Your inability to understand every chapter and verse at first reading does not disprove the inspired and infallible Word of God.

2. THOROUGH MODERNISTS DENY THE DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

They make bold to declare that the virgin birth is not fundamental to Christianity. "It is a biological miracle that our modern minds cannot use," says Harry E. Fosdick. But our faith rests not on modernistic teaching but upon the Scripture itself. There is nothing useless about the virgin birth to the one whose faith rests on the Scripture itself. The modernist may say that most of the New Testament is silent on the subject; that we have no account of it except in Matthew and Luke. But to such quibblers I ask: "How many times must the Bible tell you a thing before you believe it?" Pentecost was surely important to the Church, yet we are given only one detailed account of it. But the miraculous story of the virgin birth, of God come to earth is related by Matthew and Luke; while the other two Gospel writers prefer to dwell on the ministry of the Saviour in their accounts. And does anyone seriously doubt that Paul believed and preached the virgin birth?

A modernist who denies the virgin birth will not stop with that negation. The thorough modernist denies that Jesus is true God. Bishop F. J. McConnell, one time head of the Federal Council of Churches in America, has gone the whole

way in his query: "Is not this tendency to deify Jesus more heathen than Christian?" (from "The Christlike God," 1927).

It is unfortunate that not a little deception is practised by modernists. They use certain terms which have one meaning to them but quite another meaning to others. The unsophisticated and uninitiated supposes that when a speaker or writer calls Jesus "divine," or ascribes to Him "divinity," he really means to say that Jesus of Nazareth is the second Person of the Trinity. The truth is that such a conception may be furtherest from the modernist's thoughts. But no, the modernist means some pantheistic and metaphysical thought of God; something far removed from our understanding of these words.

It is now popular to put Jesus alongside Isaiah, Zoroaster, Buddha, Socrates and the rest. But Jesus is more than prophet or great man. Paul knew Him to be God, ascribing divine attributes to Christ, and actually called Him God (Rom. 9:5, Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:5 R. V., Titus 2:13 R. V.). Jesus Himself believed in His deity and proved it again and again. It was because He claimed deity that the Jewish rulers condemned Him and asked Pilate to put Him to death. When the crucified but risen Christ appeared to doubting Thomas, he cried: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28); and the adoration and worship was accepted by the Saviour.

3. MODERNISTS DENY THAT CHRIST'S DEATH WAS SUBSTITUTIONARY AND ATONING.

They repudiate the idea that the atonement affects God in His relation toward man. But man stands in need of a Saviour. Why? Because he is a sinner and, in his sinful condition, lost. Man fell into sin when Adam yielded to temptation. We have inherited that evil tendency to sin from him. As Paul writes: "There is none righteous, no, not one . . . For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:10, 23). Man needs a Saviour. Man needs to be born again! And Christ is the Saviour who can wondrously save. Isaiah spoke of Christ when he wrote: "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isa. 53:5, 6). Paul wrote confidently to the Corinthians: "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21). Cruel men took Him and beat and scourged Him, they mocked Him and spat upon Him, they defiled and defamed Him, and then they nailed Him to that cursed Tree at Calvary. And in His own body He bore our sins on the tree. We did the sinning; but Christ, the perfect One, paid the penalty of our sin on the Cross. He shed His life's blood there for you and for me. Read your Bible and see there the profuse references to the Blood of Christ—the atoning, sacrificial Blood of our Substitute outstretched on the awful Cross. (Heb. 9:22, 1 Peter 1:18, 19; 1 John 1:7).

We are not saved by the Law, our Good Works, or by Ordinance or Sacraments. Church membership does not save. But we are saved by our acceptance of Christ and His vicarious, efficacious atonement on Calvary! Christ gloriously saves

every repentant sinner who comes in faith believing and accepting the Saviour!

Modernism would interpret blood to mean life. And so they say with a straight face: "The life of Jesus Christ cleanseth us. . . ." Since, they say, the Blood means Life the two words may be used interchangeably. But that is not so—that is changing God's Word to suit one's self and theology. Modernism would do away with the Blood of Christ and substitute good works, etc. But there is only one way of salvation and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other Name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

4. Christianity is religion of the miraculous and the central miracle is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. BUT WITH THEIR USUAL DISLIKE FOR THE MIRACULOUS, MODERNISTS DENY THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF THE SAVIOUR.

Look at the early ministry of this miracle working Christ. The Lord Jesus performed miracle after miracle during His stay on earth. I have heard Modernists explain away the miraculous feeding of the five thousand as recorded in Matthew 14:13-21. The unselfish gift of the little lad of his small lunch to Jesus, they said, so touched all those who had brought lunches that they immediately followed his example and gave their lunch to the disciples to be shared by those who had not brought theirs. The possibility of the miraculous or of Christ being able to supply their need is immediately ruled out.

Our Saviour knew His primary and ultimate mission on earth. It was not only to live a glorious life of ministry but to die sacrificially and vicariously for us on the Cross. "Thou shalt

call His Name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21).

Paul says: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. . . . He was buried. . . and rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (1 Cor. 15:3, 4). If Christ be not risen then is our faith in vain and our preaching is in vain; we are still in our sins and the glad hope of immortality is but a transient and idle dream. But Christ did rise from the dead even as He said He would. His resurrection body was of flesh and bones (Luke 24:39) and in this body He was seen and recognized on many occasions following His victory over death and the grave.

He sat down to a meal with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-35). The risen Lord prepared a meal for seven disciples who had gone fishing. (John 21:12). In the upper room, eight days after His resurrection He appeared and told doubting Thomas to touch the print of the nails in His hands and to thrust His hand into His side and be not faithless but believing. (John 20:27).

But mark you, modernism does not believe in His bodily resurrection. Modernism speaks of an anemic spiritual resurrection of works and influence. They say that even as the great men of the ages live on in their deeds and works so Christ was resurrected to live forever in His works and deeds. How far from the truth of God's Word.

The resurrection of Christ from the dead is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. It is mentioned directly more than one hundred and four times in the New Testament. Do away with the bodily resurrection and what do you make Christ but an imposter, one who told the truth, false leader of the blind, a charlatan. But you cannot do away with the resurrection of Christ so easily. All the Rome and Jewry had to do to dispel forever the resurrection story of Christ was to have produced the dead body of the Saviour. But that they could not do!

And this crucified but risen Lord. (Who ascended) is coming back to earth one day. The angels said: "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11). And this precious belief of the second coming of Christ to earth is denied by every modernist, to his eternal shame.

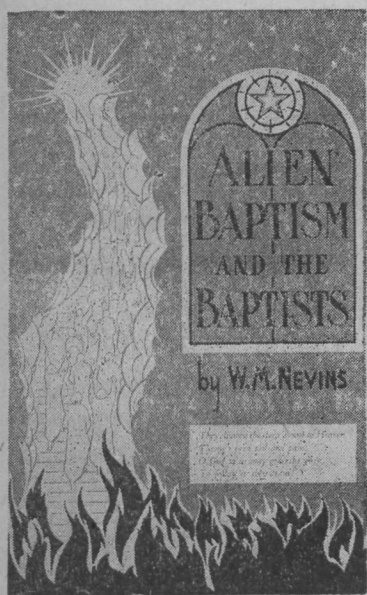
5. MODERNISM, A RELIGION OF DENIALS, HAS NO THRILLING MESSAGE OF SALVATION.

But what does true Christianity say about salvation about redemption? Well those who heard the Pentecostal Sermon by Peter were so convicted in their hearts that they cried: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Peter then gave the glad tidings: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:37, 38). And when the Philippian jailer exclaimed: "What must I do to be saved?" Paul said: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:30, 31). This wondrous Christ the Saviour that I would present to you, dear reader, urging you to accept Him as your personal Lord and Redeemer.

Are there any Modernists in our town? If there are any such people as I have described there are. May God save them and bring them the light of the Gospel!



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