

We shall have all eternity to celebrate the victories, but we have only the few hours before sunset to win them.

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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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A Helpful Bible Study As To The Mark Of The Beast

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"And He causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their forehead." Revelation 13:16.

The Beast will not appear until the world is ready for him. The Mark of the Beast will not be worn until the Beast manifests himself. The world is rapidly preparing for the Beast, and the Mark of the Beast, is being foreshadowed by the many acts of the many governments of the world today.

The purpose of this article is to acquaint people with the teaching of the Scriptures on this subject, and to call attention to the ease with which the people are falling in line with

the things that are leading up to the reception of the Beast and his Mark.

The Beast. Who is the Beast? Is he a person, a system of teaching, or an empire? Each of these theories have some advocates. There are some who believe the Beast to be a System of Teachings, such as Communism, Fascism, and Nazism; others believe the Beast to be an Empire, for instance, but a careful study of the Scriptures will convince us that the Beast is a person.

There are certain things said about the Beast that could not properly be said about a System of Teaching or about an Empire. Let us note some of the things that are said about the Beast that could not properly be said about a System of Teaching or about an Empire: Daniel 7:3, says: "And four

great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another." In the 17th verse of the same chapter he says: "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth." These two verses tell us that beasts symbolize kings or rulers.

Revelation 13:8, tells us that people will worship the Beast. It would hardly be proper to say that people would worship a System of Teaching or an Empire, but it would be perfectly proper to speak of men worshipping a king or ruler.

Revelation 19:20, tells us that the Beast will be cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone, but it would be strange to say of a System of Teaching or of an Empire that either one was cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Continued on page three)



"Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." — Mt.19:9

What Constitutes The True Worship Of God?

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There is a lot of misunderstanding about the worship of God. Many have the idea that they are worshipping God if they condescend to drop in at church once in a while. And many who come to church with regularity, do not really worship.

Hindrances To Worship

1. The hurry and confusion of this busy age. We are living in such a swift moving time, that in this hurry of life, many don't get quiet long enough to think of God and the soul. Many hurry to church and hurry away, and take no time to get quiet before God.

2. The noise and confusion of modern church services. This is a serious detriment to real

worship. People blabbing — whispering — rustling around. We ought to have more reverence and less noise in our services.

3. The mechanical trend of religion. Religion has been mechanized and regimented by means of organization and standards until the worship has about been organized out of it. Ritualism is bad enough, but one can better worship God in the chant of a ritual than in the clatter of church machinery.

4. Thoughtlessness. Often people go to church to "see and be seen" instead of to worship God. They note the hats, the dresses, the suits, and listen avidly to the latest snatch of gossip. Where is the worship of God in all this?

5. Critical spirit. Some come with a critical attitude. The

preacher's sermon was poor. The choir seemed sleepy. The solo was a flop. Nobody shook hands with ME. (Get that word "ME"). Where is the worship of God in all that?

6. Desire for amusement and entertainment. Musical programs, plays, programs—all of that is religious vaudeville, and takes the place of the show. Churches are more and more social institutions set for the amusement of people, rather than religious institutions designed to promote worship.

What Is Worship?

It involves deepest reverence, respect, veneration, adoration as concerns God. It is the reaching out of the soul Godward. In worship we are occupied with God. It is a spiritual exercise. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him,

MUST worship Him in SPIRIT and in truth."

Some suggestive Scriptures: Exodus 4:31; 24:1; 33:16; 34:5-8; Joshua 5:13,14; 2 Chron. 7:3; Nehemiah 8:6.

Merely reading the Bible, listening to a sermon, praying, singing—is not worship. In prayer we are occupied with our NEEDS; in thanksgiving with our BLESSINGS; but in worship we are occupied with HIM.

Preparation For Worship

One cannot rush with muddy feet into God's presence. Read Ex. 3:5 and Joshua 5:15.

The Influence Of The Worship Of God

The tendency is to conform the worshipper to the thing that

is worshipped. If a vile thing is worshipped, then one tends to become vile. That is the reason many are "earthly, sensual, devilish." (cf. Psalm 115:8). Peoples who have worshipped crocodiles, bugs and animals have ever been a degraded people. Many people virtually worship an automobile. Sunday morning finds them out shining up their "god." There are lots of "gods" worshipped by the American people other than the true God.

Worshippers of Jehovah — worshippers of the true God — are changed into his image. (See 2 Cor. 3:18).

One of the most neglected things on earth is the true worship of God. The devil succeeds in finding all sorts of substitutes, and he slips them over on us if he can.

"The Church That Jesus Built" To Be Printed

Here is good news for all our readers, in view of the fact that Roy Mason's book, "The Church That Jesus Built" will soon be reprinted. Although it has gone through eight editions, it has been out of print for several years, and in this period when it was not available, we have literally had hundreds of requests for it.

Arrangements are now made for the reprinting of it and it should be ready for mailing very shortly. It will sell for \$1.00 postpaid and will contain the same number of pages as formerly published. In other words, the original content of the book will not be abridged in any way.

I am sure that our readers have been greatly benefited

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The First Baptist Pulpit

"SOME BIBLE EXHORTATIONS FOR WORLDLY CHRISTIANS"

(Read 1 Corinthians).

We have just closed a great revival meeting here within our church. As I look backward across the nearly twenty-two years that I have been pastor of this church, I feel that I can speak truthfully when I say that I consider it the greatest meeting by far that we have ever had. From the very depths of my soul I thank God for His goodness to us in these past two weeks.

It is primarily for the benefit of those individuals who have recently professed faith in

the Lord Jesus Christ that I speak this morning. At the same time, I would like for all of you to follow closely with me, for I am sure that God will have a blessing for you too in the exhortations that I bring to you from the Word of God.

I think, beloved, that the most worldly church that is spoken of in all the Bible was the church at Corinth. In view of the fact that we today as God's people have such a battle from the world and the world pulls so strongly against us—in view of this fact I felt that I ought to take the exhortations that Paul gave to this worldly church at Corinth and give to you those exhortations.

I

YOUR PRESENT STATE.

If you are saved this morning, whether you have been baptized or not, whether you are a member of this church or not, whether you are a member of any church or not,—if you have been saved, you have experienced a definite call from God. In the Bible, beloved, many times God tells us that those of us who are saved have

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Shall This Paper Be Eight Pages Weekly?

Many of our readers have manifested such an interest. Only a very few have voiced any disapproval. We therefore, are led to believe that the majority of our readers want such, and I definitely believe it is the will, and leading of God.

To date we have about \$1000 toward the cost of this enlargement. We need fully \$5000 more to do so. One dollar from each of our readers would more than take care of our needs. Practically all our readers can contribute this amount, while many could give much more. May it please God to lay this heavily upon your heart today!

For eleven years as editor I've done my best. Now I must depend upon you and God to do the rest.

"Christian Exhortations"

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experienced a call from the Lord.

"For ye see your CALLING, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But GOD HATH CHOSEN the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty."

I Cor. 1:26,27.

In lots of churches, people make professions of faith without ever having a call from God. Maybe it is some zealous church worker that goes back into the audience and "button-holes" an individual and drags that person to the front and gets some kind of a profession of faith. That person, beloved, has had a call from man and not from God.

If you are saved, yours is a genuine call from the Lord. It is like the call that God gave to the Apostle Paul, when Paul says:

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and CALLED me by his grace."—Gal. 1:15.

I always like to make it clear that if you are saved, you have experienced a call from the Lord. You haven't been saved because of your own human intellect. You haven't been saved because of the emotions of the flesh. You haven't been saved because you thought yourself that it would be better for you to be a Christian than to be a sinner. You have been saved, beloved, because you have experienced a divine call from the Lord.

However, though that be true, at the same time let me remind you that you still have an old carnal, depraved, devilish, fleshly nature. I don't tell anyone that the day he is saved that he gets rid of his old carnal nature, for if I did I would be telling you a lie, and would be telling you that which this Bible absolutely contradicts. The Word of God makes it clear that when God saves you, He doesn't take the old nature out of you. He just puts a new nature in you. You have the same old nature you have always had, and it is going to hang on and last just as long as your flesh lasts.

Listen to Paul's experience, when he says:

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

MARRIAGE

CHRISTIANITY gives marriage a place of honor, and commands husbands to love their wives and not to be bitter against them. It also commands that the wife see that she reverence her husband, because they twain are one flesh, they are made in the image of God and their union symbolizes the union of Christ and His Church.

BRAHMANISM. The claim favoring child marriage is that it promotes morality, but the reverse has proven to be true. It has also produced multitudes of child widows whose sufferings have been intolerable. The marriage ceremony is elaborate, lasting for weeks, and is very expensive, often plunging the poor parents into debt for the rest of their lives.

WHEN THE DEVIL COMPLIMENTS YOU, YOU ARE A FLAT FAILURE.

HINDUS. Child marriage is one of the remaining great curses in India. An unmarried girl over twelve years of age is a disgrace to herself and parents. The contract for marriage is made by the parents without the children's knowledge. If the boy dies, the girl cannot remarry, and remains under the curse of having caused her husband's death by offending the gods in some way.

BUDDHISM. Gautama won so many to celibacy that the people complained: "Gautama is breaking up family life." "A wise man should avoid married life as if it were a pit of burning coal." "Celibacy was obligatory on monks and was necessary for the direct path to Nirvana." He said that a man must be free, if he would gain supreme perfection in wisdom.

THEY THAT WOULD NOT EAT FORBIDDEN FRUIT SHOULD KEEP AWAY FROM THE FORBIDDEN TREE.

TAOISM. Marriage preliminaries are tediously carried on by a "go between" who is often bribed into deceiving either or both parties, who do not see each other until the wedding. Sometimes the girl becomes so saddened over her disappointment, and the evil treatment she receives, that she commits suicide.

CONFUCIANISM. The marriage customs of the Chinese vary with the habits, conditions and locality of the wide empire. The failure of Confucianism to recognize the sanctity of the marriage bond is one of its great marks of weakness. The procreation of sons for ancestral worship is the chief object of marriage.

TEMPTATION IS A MAN'S CHANCE OF FLYING HIS COLORS FOR CHRIST.

ZOROASTRIANISM. Children in Persia are betrothed when the parents find a suitable companion. The "fire priest" then decides if the match is a suitable one and when the young people reach the proper age, he appoints the wedding day.

THE PARSEES have secured a special legislation for themselves, in India, regulating the age of marriage at fourteen. Child marriage was formerly practiced, but the growing appreciation of educated boys and girls caused the age to be changed.

WE ARE TEMPTED, NOT IN ORDER TO BE RUINED, BUT IN ORDER TO BE MADE STRONG.

SHINTOISM. Marriage in Japan, heretofore, has been loose and sometimes even without ceremony. It rested upon the official registration of the couple as husband and wife, which was often entirely omitted. The new civil code, which is a result of Christian teaching, throws a safeguard around domestic relationships. Marriageable age is 17 years for boys and 15 years for girls.

MOHAMMEDANISM allows each Moslem four legal wives at one time besides concubines. They may exchange wives, but must not marry idolators, a mother, a daughter, a sister, or an aunt. One may marry his own wife after divorcing her, but after a second divorce he cannot marry her a third time, until she has married another and has been divorced by him.

law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

—Rom. 7:18:25.

Here is a passage of Scripture which every child of God needs to understand. You need to understand that you have two natures. You have the same nature that you inherited from your mother and father, and you have the new nature that you received as a gift from God. Beloved, there is a warfare that is going on between those two natures.

Paul was a saved man for thirty years when he wrote this epistle to the Romans. He had written the most of the New Testament at the time when he declared that in his flesh dwelt no good thing. He makes it clear that he has a fleshly nature and a spiritual nature, and that there is a warfare that goes on between them. He uses a simple illustration to explain this.

In the days of Paul it was customary to oftentimes chain a corpse to a prisoner so that the arms of the corpse were chained to the arms of the prisoner. Their legs were chained together which would bring the face of the corpse right before the face of the prisoner. Wherever the prisoner went, the corpse went too. If he lay down, if he sat down, if he tried to eat, whatever that prisoner did, that corpse was with him. That dead body was right with that prisoner wherever he went.

Paul had seen this and he uses it as an illustration of his fleshly nature, for he says:

"Who shall deliver me from the BODY of this death?"

—Rom. 7:24.

Paul likened the new nature that he received from God to the prisoner, and he likened his old nature to that dead body, or that corpse which was chained to the prisoner.

Christian friends, regardless of how long you have been saved, you are still carrying around an old dead body. That old flesh of yours will cause you trouble; it will cause you grief; it will cause you heartache; it will cause you a lot of sorrow because your flesh is just as devilish and as depraved and as filthy today as the day that you were saved. There has been no improvement in your flesh.

II

SOME OF PAUL'S EXHORTATIONS TO CHRISTIANS.

Paul's first exhortation is an exhortation to growth. Listen:

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?"

—I Cor. 3:1-3.

Notice that Paul refers to these Corinthian Christians as babes in Christ. There isn't anything that you love more than you love a baby. Go back to the time when God gave you a little bundle of happiness and you held your own flesh and blood within your arms. There was a joy and a happiness to know that that was your child. There isn't anything sweeter than a baby, but, beloved, you expect a baby to grow. What a sorrow it would have been if that babe had continued physically a little dwarf or had mentally failed to develop. There is nothing more beautiful than babyhood but there is nothing much more repulsive than continuous babyhood.

Our Lord Jesus Christ likens those who are saved to babes in Jesus. There isn't anything sweeter spiritually than a babe in Christ Jesus—somebody that has just been saved who doesn't know anything about the Bible nor anything about the teachings and the deeper meaning of God's Book, someone who has just begun to take his first infantile steps with the Lord. There is nothing much sweeter than to see that one develop in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

But suppose that babe in Jesus fails to read the Bible, fails to get the proper food, fails to hear the Word of God from the pulpit, fails to grow, and just remains a babe spiritually all through life. As repulsive as a babe is that fails to grow physically or mentally, even more so is a babe in Jesus that fails to grow. I expect to see people read the Bible. I expect to see them feed on the Word of God. I expect to see them come to the place that they can talk to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer. I expect to see them develop as children of God—not in a day, not in a week, not in a month, but I expect to see growth, just like you see a baby grow.

That is Paul's first exhortation — an exhortation to you that are saved to grow as a child of God ought to grow.

Paul's second exhortation is

an exhortation to build.

"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy: for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

—I Cor. 3:10-17.

Beloved, if you are saved, you have a perfect foundation which is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. After we are saved seemingly God appears to retire from the scene and leaves it to his children to do the building. He says that there are six materials with which you can build—gold, silver, and precious stones, which won't burn; wood, hay, and stubble, inflammable materials which will burn. I don't think that there is even any individual that uses all gold, silver and precious stones. Neither do I think that there is any individual that uses all wood, hay, and stubble. Rather, beloved, the most of us build our life temple as a composite of these different materials.

Now what would you think of a builder of a house who after putting in a perfect foundation and laying a course of good solid stone upon that foundation, if later he would put in some wood? Then building of above that he would place some gold and then above that would put some hay, or wood, or stubble? You would say that a man surely would be crazy to build his house that way.

Brother, sister, that is the way you and I, in the main, build our life temple in the name of the Lord Jesus. The day that the Lord Jesus saved you, the foundation was put in. Everytime you come to church, everytime you are faithful in your attendance in God's house, everytime you pray, everytime you read your Bible, everytime you do what the Lord wants you to do, you put in the gold, silver, and precious stones. Did you ever lose your temper? Did you go some place that you had no business to go? Did you do something that you shouldn't have done? If so, then you have put in a layer of wood, hay, and stubble. Beloved, by your staying away from the house of God when services are going on, you are putting in wood, hay, and stubble; whereas by coming to God's house and worshipping the Lord, you are putting in gold, silver, and precious stones.

Beyond, Galipolis, Ohio, is a house known as "The Crazy House," not because the inmates are mentally upset, but because of the appearance of the house. The man who built it was a contractor. Every place he worked he brought home some materials for the building of that house. I couldn't begin to tell you how many kinds of brick and how many styles of weatherboarding there are in it. There

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MISSIONARIES
IN BRAZIL

Eld. J. F. Brandon
Eld. and Mrs. Billy Parrott
Eld. and Mrs. L. M. Smith
Miguel Ibernion
Cicero Bicipo
Maio Dutro
Eufrasio Soraes
Francisco Santiago
John Dias
Zacharias Nunes de Abriu
Gabriel Seraphin
(Portuguese Language)

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Eld. and Mrs. M. E. Lewis
Miss Marguerite Hallum

Don Simon Guima
(Spanish Language)

IN COLUMBIA

Jose Tomas del Castillo
(Spanish Language)

Missionary Smith's Report Of The Work Reminds Us Of Work Reported In The N. T.

Dear Brother Overbey:

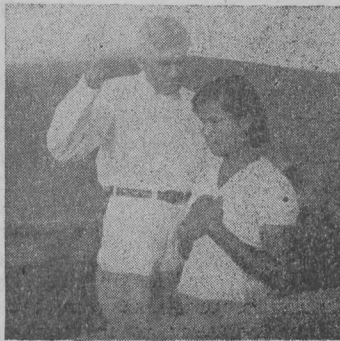
The drafts were received the 6th (March) and we are very thankful. Last month has been a great month of work. Two more preaching points were added to the other three. This one already mentioned in Park Amazon and the other is in Casuarinha, another of the suburbs of Manaus. (This word means "Little Waterfall".) In all I have five preaching points in three different parts of the city. We visited over 600 homes with the Gospel and an invitation to come to hear the Gospel preached. These numbers cannot be exact because the pastor doesn't give a report and so I can only give the report of the number that Evangelists John Dias and Walter Fernandes and I have made. Our tracts are few and hard to get. Each house got a Gospel and over 600 were distributed. There were 802 persons talked to personally about their soul's salvation. We have held 20 meetings this past month (February). The pastor held the same number and I preached 17 sermons this past month, twice in the church, one time to over 130 people gathered in and around the church house. Our biggest attendance to our services (outside work) was 65 people one night at Casuarinha. The highest attendance at the Park was 35 and the average there was 28. The average for

all services was 30.

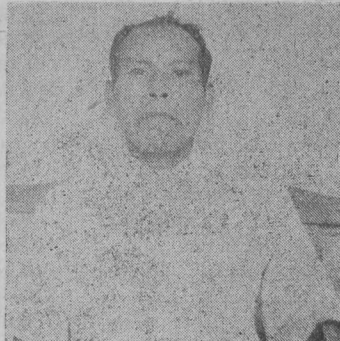
Soul Saved At New Preaching Point

We had one conversion in Casuarinha the last Saturday night of the month, making two conversions for the month. One girl has told us when we visited her house that she was going to make a public profession of faith this next Monday at the service in the Park. The Lord is with us and the Devil is working. A total of 56 sermons were preached by the workers of BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS in Manaus last month. Brother Overbey and friends of B. F. M., I am not exaggerating a bit when I say that our mission is doing five times the work of any other mission in Manaus. We have five more sermons and meetings on the average per week than any other. A word to all the supporters of B. F. M. Every cent of your offerings to B. F. M. is most deeply appreciated and greatly needed, but we need more givers and greater givers for His work to continue and progress. Truly B. F. M. in Amazonas is "looking up." Pray for it to continue so and give out of your heart to support it. Enclosed in this letter is a copy of a telegram from Oscar Braga, Brazilian pastor of the First Baptist Church in Codajaz, farther up the Negro River from (Next page, column one)

PICTURES REPORT HALLUM'S WORK



Missionary R. P. Hallum baptizing Diana Vela on Sunday, March 4, 1951. This is a good example of what your mission offerings are accomplishing in Peru. In the October issue of this paper a letter from Marguerite Hallum told of a visit by Marguerite and Mrs. Hallum into the Vela home and how that six children from the Vela home come to Sunday School. Personal calls, teaching and preaching the Word are blessed of the Lord to the salvation of the lost.



Don Manuel Arycari of Mapa - Rio Nanay. This is the brother in whose home Brother Hallum was holding services when a Seventh Day Adventist came and interfered with the meeting by wanting to tell about his heresy. With his outboard motor and canoe Missionary Hallum winds his way up the Nanay River to this brother's home and there in the interior of Peru he preached the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the lost natives. Another example by picture of how your mission offerings are used to reach the lost in South America.

STOLEN CHURCH TO RETURN TO B. F. M.

ONE OF THE CHURCHES TAKEN AWAY FROM BRO. BRANDON IN 1939 VOTES UNANIMOUSLY TO COME BACK INTO BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS.

Lourenco M. Smith, Rua Bellem, 446 Manaus Amazonas:

"I communicate to you sir what was done and accepted unanimously, your invitation as we recieved in your house by me personally. Sincerely Oscar Braga First Moderator."

Interpretation — We accept your invitation by unanimous vote to come back into your mission work, that is, Baptist Faith Missions.

Two Important Announcements As To Future Plans For Enlarging Mission Work

HELPFUL CHANGES IN THE MAILING OF THE MISSION SHEETS

This sheet you are reading is called the MISSION SHEETS. It is edited by Hafford H. Overbey, who is the secretary of Baptist Faith Missions. We began this sheet with one page mimeographed in January 1942. Later we began to have it printed and then about four and one-half years ago we enlarged it to the present size and Bro. John R. Gilpin began to print the MISSION SHEETS as the MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. If you are a subscriber to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER this is headed the MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT. We mail out over a hundred bundles of this paper to the various churches, etc., so if you get it that way it is headed the MISSION SHEETS. Bro. Gilpin prints the paper for us and has been sending them to us by parcel post to Detroit, Michigan, then we place so many in each envelope and mail them out to the various churches. Beginning with last month, March issue, Brother Gilpin will be mailing out the MISSION SHEETS direct from Russell, Kentucky. This will save double handling and enable you to get the paper at least one week earlier than before.

MISSION SHEETS TO BE ENLARGED TO FOUR PAGES

Now with several missionaries who write of their work for you to read we will need more space to print letters from all of them. Brother John R. Gilpin is planning on enlarging THE BAPTIST EXAMINER from four to eight pages. When this is done, we will enlarge the size of the MISSION SHEETS from two to four pages and that without any extra cost in the printing bill. To enlarge these papers, Brother Gilpin needs another linotype machine and a large rotary printing press. These cost lots of money and he does not have it. So if you would like to see THE BAPTIST EXAMINER increased from four to eight pages and the MISSION SHEETS increased from two to four pages, then you can help by sending Bro. Gilpin an offering toward the purchase of the needed equipment. This will be money well spent and will help us to give you more news about missions without any extra cost. May we suggest that you send Brother John R. Gilpin, Russell, Ky., an offering today to help buy this equipment? H. H. Overbey, editor of the MISSION SHEETS.

Bro. Mitchell Lewis And Wife Are About Ready To Leave For Mission Field In Peru

We are hoping that by the end of April that Brother Lewis' things will be on the boat and on the way to Peru. Then about two weeks later he and his family will fly from Miami, Florida to Lima, Peru and be there to meet the boat with their baggage, etc. It is a big job to get a missionary family off to the foreign field. It is also an expensive job. Every time you make a move there is a fee or cost of some kind. There is the cost to buy and pack the necessary things, then there is the cost to ship by freight to the port for shipping on the ocean steamer, then there is the cost for boat freight and then

cost through customs and then freight cost from the port on the other end to the place in the interior. Then there is the cost for entry permit, passports and visa and then the cost for transportation to Miami and then the cost by air to Lima, Peru, and then the cost to fly into the interior to Iquitos. Several have helped towards this cost, but we need a lot more than has been given. May the Lord lay it on the hearts of many to send the Mission treasurer, Elder Z. E. Clark, Box 648, Paducah, Ky., a special offering to help out in this extra expense.

GOD WITH US

In this life, missionaries are often separated from persons or things that could contribute to their personal comfort, but it is precious to know that nothing shall be able to "separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." God's love is unaffected by our faults and failures. Read in Romans 8:38,39 of this love that cannot change or die.

GRACE CHURCH INCREASES OFFERING

Grace Baptist Church, Baseline, Michigan, Brother Eugene Clark, pastor, has increased their offerings to Baptist Faith Missions from 3 per cent to 10 per cent of their total tithes and offerings received. If other churches will do this we will soon be able to send out the other missionaries who are ready and waiting to go.

Native Missionary Writes As To What The Gospel Is Accomplishing In The Interior

Dear friends and Bro. Lawrence: I am writing you this letter to give notice of the work here. We have had meetings every night this month. I made a trip up the upper Jurua river. I preached the gospel to 1,000 souls. I visited all the Brothers and all were in peace and working. We had two conversions here. There are many things here that can be worked out only with your arrival, and depending upon how you believe on these matters. I hope dear Brother that you aren't aggravated with me; but bring an outboard motor with you if it is at all possible. The work needs it very much. I know that it will be a day of much happiness, the day of your arrival. Received the money for the month of February and we are very thankful. All the Brethren are waiting anxiously your arrival and pray to this end. With embrace and with the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:18. Miguel Ibernion. P. S. I made a trip in the work of the Gospel on the upper Jurua river and didn't take many pictures for I don't have a camera nor films. I got this one which I send. (Bro. and sisters in Christ, the Lord's

work here in Brazil is progressing and growing by leaps and bounds in our hands. Pray for it as you do your own work and homes and the Lord of the harvest will be pleased with His people. L. M. Smith).

(This letter was translated from Portuguese by Brother Smith. It is another example how your mission offerings are being used of the Lord for the reaching of the lost with the Gospel. Ed.).

Missionary Baptists must either evangelize or fossilize.

TWO MISSIONARIES ANXIOUS FOR BRAZIL

We have two missionary families, the George Starlings and the Royal Calleys, ready to go to Brazil as soon as we have the money to send them and pay their salaries. We need more churches and individuals to support this work and larger offerings from those who now support it regularly. Why not send an offering today?

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.

REMEMBERS B. F. M.
IN HIS WILL

Brother J. Oscar Pierce, who remembered Baptist Faith Missions with \$1,000.00 in his will. Thus his money is used to win souls for Christ after he has gone home to Heaven. May the Lord bless his relatives and lead many others to do as he has done.



Smith Letter

(Preceding page, column two) Manaoas. (This was work started by Brother Brandon and taken away from him in his absence.) Others and I have prayed for this a long time, and the church has voted unanimously to come back under the watch care of our mission, because of the neglect of them on the part of the S. B. M. I pray you in the name of the Lord to take notice of this and realize what it means and Him who sees all. Pray also that the other four churches taken away from Brother Brandon will follow this one. It is a fact that the S. B. M. does not visit them and neither do they receive any support. This means that we will need more workers and the money to support them. We could use at least five more native missionaries now and later on ten will be too few if the Lord leads like He has been doing. Received a very interesting letter from Miguel Ibernon the last of February. Will translate it for the MISSION SHEETS. He sent a picture of a group he preached to in the upper Jurua River territory. A priest from Nassa Senhora de Nazare church went to the house of the woman where we preach in Amazon Park and told her that it was prohibited to have meetings in her house and that it would have to be stopped. She said that if he knew the Truth of the Word of God he would know that the preaching of the Gospel wasn't prohibited and that God gave command for it to be preached to every creature in all the world. She told him that she would have the meetings there as long as it was God's will and that the will of the people didn't matter to her. The priest then said that he would build her a new house and give her new clothes and all the money she needed if she would stop the meetings but she refused his offers. Then he wanted to know where this missionary lived that dared to come there to his parish and preach these "Protest-

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East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill. (Young People)	\$ 5.00
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	8.30
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	31.07
North Side Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	33.64
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Oak Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	82.63
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	11.30
Maranatha Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	10.49
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	45.87
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	283.90
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (For Lewises trip)	160.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	70.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	38.60
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	24.00
Friendship Baptist Church, Lincoln Park, Mich.	23.20
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	5.35
Bryant's Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	23.90
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.)	5.00
Fenton Road Baptist Church, Flint, Mich. (B. Y. P. U.)	5.00
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	55.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	23.32
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	8.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	13.75
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	140.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	27.91
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	15.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	24.22
Mims Baptist Church, Mims, Fla.	10.00
Micanopy Baptist Church, Micanopy, Fla.	16.05
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	31.98
Second Missionary Baptist Mission, Pennington Gap, Va.	2.39
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky. (B. T. U.)	17.22
South Side Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	64.80
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	17.15
Fish Springs Baptist Church, Carderview, Tenn.	3.22
Big Creek Baptist Church, Wayne, West Va. (Jr. Class)	3.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	48.60
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (For Lewises passage)	2.00
Park Hill Baptist Church, Pueblo, Colo.	50.00
Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	20.00
United Baptist Church, Muncie, Ind.	10.00
The Bible Baptist Church, Burnsville, N. C.	42.77
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	20.04
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	34.95
Cleaton Baptist Church, Cleaton, Ky.	50.00
Ahava Baptist Church, Plant City, Fla.	45.00
Danleyton Baptist Church, Flatwoods, Ky.	5.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	95.35
Harmony Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (for adding machine)	15.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky. (Young People's Bible Class)	9.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	3.14
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	13.13
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	130.34
Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	6.95
Detroit River Association, Detroit, Mich. (W. M. S.)	15.53
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Junior Sunday School Class)	5.00
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	49.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Elder John Brandon, Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
J. E. Reynolds, Chattanooga, Tenn.	5.00
R. E. Adkinson, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
R. E. Adkinson, Lexington, Ky.	10.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	15.00
Mike M. Bailey, Hood River, Oregon	3.00
Mrs. William L. Stephens, Orlando, Fla.	2.00
Fred Saulsbury, Jeffersonville, Ind.	10.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, New Jersey	10.00
Luther R. Upton, McLeansboro, Ill.	10.00
Miss Georgia Brandon, Benton, Ky.	50.00
R. C. Talley, Kossuth, Miss.	20.00
T. D. McMillen, Murray, Ky.	5.00
R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.	5.00
Elder J. R. Smith, Eminence, Ky.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Marrs, Hampton, Ky. (for the Lewises passage)	2.00
Total	\$2,298:06

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. Address all offerings to:

Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer, P. O. Box 648, Paducah, Kentucky

ant heresies" (he thinks we Baptists are Protestants). She told him where I lived. This was one of the American priests that have come to Brazil because of the contract for co-operation for fifty years between the Catholic churches in America and Brazil. He went around to all the houses and forbade each one of the people that he encountered to go to the meetings there. I don't think

he will have much influence on the people because they are very liberal minded as it is against the Brazilian constitution to forbid one of his choice of religion. We have religious liberty here in Brazil just like in the States, but most of the people are so ignorant that anyone can tell them anything and they will believe it. All of the church is coming over to visit the meeting Monday night, the

B. F. M. AT WORK IN INTERIOR BRAZIL



A gathering at a preaching point on the upper Jurua River. In a letter from Miguel Ibernon in this issue he tells of a journey up the Jurua River and he sends this picture. This is an example of how your mission offerings are being used in the far interior of Brazil in the Acre Territory.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR LEWISES PASSAGE

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Friends in Jackson, Mich.	10.00
Richard Poore, Washington, D. C.	20.00
Mrs. Ida C. Bryan, St. Albans, W. Va.	5.00
Macedonia Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.	28.00
Mrs. James Meadows, Towanda, Penna.	10.00

JANUARY

Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	3.00
Mrs. Lillian Barker, Covington, Ky.	1.00

FEBRUARY

Robert Jordan, Jr., Louisa, Ky.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	2.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	505.00
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	3.00

MARCH

Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	2.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	160.00
Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Marrs, Hampton, Ky.	2.00
Total for Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., and March	\$1,456.83

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

11th (March). This will be the next meeting. Pray that the Lord will have His way in His work here. We know that the Lord is with us because Satan is working. None of the other Baptists or any other denomination does this kind of work holding "tent meetings," so the Catholics are satisfied for them to stay in their churches, but when one goes out into the byways and the highways and the hedges to bring them into the feast of the Gospel of salvation of souls, they call them heretics and prepare to fight them. This is the age old method of the Catholics which has never succeeded. Where one preacher or believer was killed, 100 arose up in his place. We have had them to yell out while we were preaching—"That's a lie"—and tell us to shut our mouths but we would quote the verse of Christ's words if we were to cease "even the stones would cry out" in praise of our Saviour. Now is the opportunity to give the Gospel to these people here, and also our sweat, blood and tears and whatever else the price might be. Even the Devil can't stop the preaching of the Gospel of salvation to those that sit in darkness! If God gives me health, the Gospel will be preached wherever I am in Brazil until the Lord sees fit to take me home to rest. Pray for us with all your hearts and not only pray but give of your means. We need very much

people with the will of heart to give especially to the support of more native missionaries because the need is so great and there are already some who are qualified and wanting to help that we cannot pay. If we could put on another worker to work with me, the one we now have could work in another part or in the interior. I need him so much with me that I cannot spare him unless I had another to take his place. Billy has been sick with malaria for two weeks. He has been in bed nearly all the time and Jerry has it too. They have moved to their house down the street. The rest of the family are getting along very well. Verna is feeling a little bad, but I began to doctor her day before yesterday and she is already feeling better. Barbara Jean is "Boazina," very well. I will close for now. Have more that I would like to write but it can wait until another time. The Lord bless you all.—Lawrence Smith. (This is another example of how your mission offerings are used to the preaching of the Gospel to the lost in South America.)

**DID YOU SEND
A MISSIONARY
OFFERING
LAST MONTH?**

"Christian Exhortations"

(Continued from page two)

are no two windows in the house alike, no two doors the same size, and I am sure that inside and outside that it has been painted with fifty colors of paint. Everytime I pass by, to see it, I think of my life's temple which I am building upon the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ. I expect as God looks down and sees this poor servant of His, that his life's temple in the sight of God looks more crazy than even that crazy house beyond Galipolis. What is true of your pastor, beloved, is likewise true of you.

Our Lord says that some of these days He is going to try that house. He is going to burn all that will burn and He is going to have a reward for what is left. What we do which is pleasing to the Lord is going to stand, and when He burns it over, all the wood and hay and stubble will be destroyed, for which there will be no reward.

Beloved, you and I ought to be mighty careful how we live lest we defile the temple of God. I am convinced that a child of God ought to live mighty close to Jesus Christ. I am convinced that a child of God ought to be mighty careful where he goes and with whom he associates. I am convinced that a child of God ought to stay mighty close to Jesus, lest by what he does, or by what he eats, or what he drinks, or what he partakes of, or what he participates in, lest thereby he defile the temple.

Paul's third exhortation was to glorify God. Listen:

"What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

—I Cor. 6:19,20.

Brother, sister, if you are saved, you are saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I don't care what church you are a member of, or whether you are a member of any church. If you are a saved person, you are my brother and my sister in Christ Jesus, and you are such because the price of the blood of the Son of God has been paid. That was the price that was paid for us.

Therefore, in view of the fact that we have been bought with a price, Paul says that we ought to glorify God, both in our body and in our spirit. God's Son has paid a tremendous price for us by giving Himself, and we ought to glorify Him.

Have you been bought with a price? This doesn't mean whether you have joined a church, or whether you have been baptized, or whether you have made a profession of faith. This Scripture goes far deeper than that. This Scripture talks about a price that has been paid. If you have been bought with a price, then the exhortation is to glorify God in your body and in your spirit.

This last week one of our critics said, "Brother Gilpin says to join the church and let him baptize you, and live any kind of a life that you want to and go to Heaven when you die." The man to whom he said it replied, "Did you hear him say that?" "Well, no, but . . ."

The man to whom he spoke said, "My brother, I have gone there nearly twenty years and I think I know what he said. I think that I can say to you that there is no individual that says that God's people are to glorify God more than he."

Beloved, it isn't a matter of

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO CHURCH!



"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—Proverbs 22:6.

joining a church and being baptized and living any way that you want to live. If the Lord Jesus Christ has saved you, he has an exhortation for you, and that is to glorify God with your body and with your spirit.

Paul's fourth exhortation was an exhortation in behalf of weaker Christians.

"But when ye sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend."

—I Cor. 8:12,13.

The people at Corinth had a peculiar problem which you and I don't have today. Idolatry was rampant in Corinth. Meat was offered unto the idols and of course they didn't dare waste the meat. They sold it then through the butcher shops. They are like the modern Jew who on the day of atonement takes his chicken and confesses over that chicken his sins and then kills the chicken and thus eats his sins back into him. These people at Corinth didn't dare throw the meat away that they offered in sacrifice to the idols. Instead, they would bring that meat into the butcher shop and sell it, and of course it found its way into Christian homes. These Christians wrote to Paul and asked him about eating the meat that was offered to idols. Paul's reply to them was that it was not going to hurt them but if it would cause their brother to be offended, then they were not to eat it. In other words, this is an exhortation to us in view of our weaker brethren.

You say, "I don't believe that there is anyone much weaker than I." Beloved, there is. There are many that are weaker, and the kind of life that you live may have its influence upon a weaker brother or sister in Christ.

It might not hurt you to go to a picture show, though I think any child of God would be better off not to go. It might not hurt you to smoke a cigarette, though I think any child of God would be better off if he never smoked. Frankly, beloved, I say that it is an insult to God for any individual to smoke, and I say it from this standpoint. If an architect were to build a house and were to have all the smoke come out of the front door, it would surely be a slam on the architect. I don't think God wants smoke blown out of the front door of

your mouth. If He wanted smoke to come from your body, I think He would have put a smoke-stack where He put your head.

I don't say, beloved, that it is going to hurt you to do these things, but there is somebody following you. There is some weaker brother behind you and Paul says that if you cause your brother to offend, you ought not do these things.

I am reminded of the fellow over in Cincinnati who filed suit for a divorce. When the judge asked him for his grounds, he said that his wife insisted on keeping a billy goat in their bedroom. He said, "Judge, I think that is sufficient grounds for any man to get a divorce." The judge then asked why he objected so strongly to the billy goat. He said "Judge, can you imagine the odor from that billy goat shut up there in our bedroom?" The judge said, "Why don't you open the window?" to which the man replied, "What! and let all my pigeons out."

There are a lot of people that object to the other person's "billy goat" and still want his "pigeons" taken care of. What we need is to remember our weaker brother.

Paul also gave an exhortation as to the Christian's flesh.

"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

I Cor. 9:27.

Christian friend, does your body give you a lot of trouble? I'll never forget how I used to feel when I had been saved just a little while and I would see people do things, Christian people shouldn't do. I'd say, "When I have been saved as long as that person has, I'll not act that way." A short time ago as I went down the street, a woman came up on the other side with her head stuck up in the air, and she didn't speak to me. I just stopped and laughed as loud as I could. Back yonder I had said that when I had been a Christian a long time I wouldn't act like that, and here I was insulting that woman right out on the street.

Listen, beloved, this old flesh of ours causes us an awful lot of trouble. Paul said that he beat his body black and blue to bring his flesh into subjection. He didn't want to preach to others and then have God cast him off. He wasn't talking about his salvation; he was

talking about his service.

About four or five years ago, a Baptist preacher said concerning me that God was trying as hard as He could to put me on the shelf. Beloved, I'd like to find a shelf that God would have to "try" to put any man on. I have a feeling that God is a Sovereign God and He doesn't have to try to put anybody on the shelf. However in the last few years the preacher who made this remark, has been fired from three churches.

I say to you beloved, God doesn't put a preacher on the shelf because he stands up for the doctrines of God's Word. That was what this man complained about. He complained because I said that his baptism was irregular, since it was not with the proper Scriptural authority. Beloved, I say the same this morning, that no individual has been baptized until he has been baptized at the hands of a true Baptist church. God doesn't put a man on the shelf because he stands for the doctrines of His Word. God does put Christians, as well as preachers, on the shelf when they allow their flesh to control them.

Paul had been preaching for thirty years and he had beaten his flesh black and blue to bring his body into subjection, so that after having preached for thirty years, God wouldn't make him a castaway. What an exhortation to you who are saved, to live so that your flesh doesn't control you, lest you become a castaway in the service of the Lord.

There are many other exhortations which I might mention. I might give to the women the exhortation that when you come to God's house you ought to wear a hat, or a covering. I might give to you the exhortation that women are to keep silent in the house of God. I might give to you the exhortation that when a saved person marries, he ought never marry anyone except one that is saved. I might give to you the exhortation that when you eat or drink, you ought to glorify God. However, let's notice only one other exhortation that Paul gives — the exhortation of steadfastness.

Our Lord said something about sitting down and counting the cost, so that when you have begun a good work, that you might continue. He said also that any man that puts his hand to a plow and turns backs is not fit for the kingdom of God. Now Paul says:

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye STEADFAST, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."—I Cor. 15:58.

This word "steadfast" means "to be determined." Our Lord expects every saved person to be steadfast, determined, and unmoveable, standing for the things of the Lord.

There are lots of church members who remind me of a weathervane. On a weathervane, whichever way the wind blows, that is the way the arrow points. Likewise, whichever way the crowd goes, that is the way a lot of Christians go. They have no stability; they are moveable and unchangeable. They don't dare stand up for the things of the Lord.

As to one's living, lots of people are just "weathervane" Christians. If they are with Christian people they will stand up for the things of the Lord. If they are not, or if they are with people that will fluctuate and deviate from the principles of the Bible, they will go with the crowd.

Brother, sister, God doesn't want you to be that kind of a Christian. He wants you to be steadfast. He wants you to be unmoveable. He wants you to stand like the Rock of Gibraltar for the Word of God and for the teachings of the Bible. He wants you to take your stand for it and not be fickle, but continue to stand for the Word of God.

Oh, may I appeal to you, you who have trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour. May I urge you to take this old Book as the "sheet rock" of your Scriptural liberty, and may you find what it says, and stand on it, and be unmoveable concerning the things of the Lord.

May God bless you!



The Mark Of The Beast

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stone.

The Beast is the devil's counterfeit Christ! The devil has always counterfeited the work of God. The devil has offered a substitute for every doctrine in the Bible.

Note some of the devil's substitutes offered for the doctrines of God: For the "Seed of the woman" the devil offers the "Seed of the serpent," for the church of Jesus Christ the devil offers the synagogue of satan, for the doctrine of sanctification he offers sinless perfection, for justification by faith he offers justification by works, for regeneration he offers reformation, for the perseverance of the saints he offers apostasy; and for the Gospel of Christ he offers the social gospel. The Beast is the devil's christ offered as a substitute for the Christ of God.

Characteristics Of The Beast

The Bible sets forth certain characteristics of the Beast. These characteristics are sufficient to convince us that the Beast is a person rather than a system of teachings or an empire.

1. *The Beast is to be a supernatural person.* "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death (slain); and his deadly wound was healed—" (Rev. 13:3). The Beast is to have a false resurrection in order to counterfeit the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

2. *The Beast is to be a Jew.* Jesus Christ was a Jew and the Beast will come from the Jewish people. There is not an orthodox Jew on earth that would accept a Gentile as the Messiah; but the Jews will, to a large extent, accept the Beast as the Messiah. This, our Lord told the Jews when He was with them in the flesh according to John 4:43: "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not; if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."

3. *The Beast is to be a military genius.* He will have a combination of all the military genius of Caesar, Alexander the Great, and Napoleon. He will be the military leader of the world! The people will cry, "Who is able to make war with the Beast?" (Rev. 13:4). Nation after nation will fall under his military heel.

4. *The Beast will be an oratorical genius.* "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies—" (Rev. 13:5). In Daniel 11:36 we read: "And the king (evidently the Beast) shall do

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"The Church That Jesus Built"

(Continued from page one) and richly blessed by Brother Mason's written ministry in the columns of this paper. Well, here's your opportunity for further blessing.

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The Beast

(Continued from page three) according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done."

He shall be able to sway the multitudes by the power of speech. It has ever been true that the orator has been able to move people in a mighty way for good or evil.

5. *The Beast is to be a religious genius.* The world will worship the Beast "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." (Rev. 13:8).

The Beast will receive worship. He will be able to establish a world-wide religion, but his religion will be the very opposite of the religion of Jesus Christ. The religion of the Beast will be anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Bible. It will be the religion of the devil! He will set himself up as God in the tabernacle of God and demand worship. (Read II Thess. 2:3-4).

6. *The Beast is the devil's Christ.* The Beast receives his power and authority from the dragon who is the devil. (Read Rev. 13:2,12:). The Beast will be energized by Satan, perhaps he will be the devil incarnate in order to imitate Christ, who was God incarnate.

7. *The Beast is to be an executive genius.* The Beast will be able to carry out his plans. He will have an able assistant in the person of False Prophet. The False Prophet plays an important part in the program of the Beast.

Nations Are Becoming Mark Conscious

There is not a nation in the world today that does not have its mark or symbol, or both. In symbols they are bestial, for they have chosen either a beast or bird of prey, or both to represent them. Consider this fact alone and you will be impressed with the truthfulness of the statement that nations are becoming mark conscious.

The nations of earth have chosen either a ferocious beast or a bird of prey as their insignia. The United States has the eagle; England has the lion; Russia the bear; China has the imaginary dragon; Mexico has the eagle reinforced with a serpent reclining on its breast;



Germany has an eagle with two heads; India has the elephant. Each one has a beast or a bird of prey as its insignia. This shows that the nations are beastly in their thinking and in their actions. Literally, there is no such thing as a Christian nation on the earth at the present time—there has never been one, and there never will be one until the Lord Jesus Christ returns to this earth and sets up His kingdom and rules over it.

Here in the United States we are being prepared for the mark of the Beast with the many rationing books and the requirement that we display certain signs upon our cars, etc. It is only another step from displaying it on the windshield of the car to having it stamped upon our right hand or our forehead! This may sound foolish to some, but not to those who have made a study of the subject herein discussed.

Not many days ago we saw a cartoon picturing a woman in a grocery store seeking to purchase some groceries. The clerk said to her, "Show me your ration book." How much this reminds us of the passage in Revelation, which says: "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." (Rev. 13:17).

Consider the great number of men and women that are working at public works and are compelled to wear a number and their picture pinned to their coat, hat, or shirt. This, within itself, doesn't mean anything; but it is breaking down all prejudice against accepting the Mark of the Beast when the time comes to receive it. We repeat, that the Beast will not manifest himself until the world is ready for him; but are we not rapidly reaching the place where we will welcome him as a Saviour from hard times?

The Mark Of The Beast

What is the Mark of the Beast? There are many interpretations of the Mark of the Beast. Not all of them are true to Scripture.

Some have taught that the "observance of Sunday" is the Mark of the Beast. No one can study this passage of Scripture and then accept this interpretation. The Mark of the Beast is to be a visible mark, placed in a conspicuous place—in the forehead or in the right hand.

The Mark of the Beast is a visible sign which enables those who wear it to trade and traffic. Those who do not wear it will not be permitted to "buy or sell." Of necessity, it must be a visible sign; otherwise, how could those who receive the Mark be distinguished from those who do not receive it?

Cain had a visible mark placed upon him to protect him from man or beast. His protection depended upon the fact that man or beast could see the mark and spare him. Read the account as recorded in Genesis 4:15, and see if this is not the facts in the case: "And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should slay him." If the mark placed on Cain was sufficient to prevent men from slaying him, is it not reasonable to believe that it was visible? Why should the Mark of the Beast not be visible?

In the days of long ago, slaves were marked in such a manner that any who saw them could know that they belonged to a certain person. The mark was a visible one.

Cattle are marked and branded with a visible mark, and people who are familiar with the marks and brands can ride the range and distinguish the different marks on the cattle and tell to whom they belong.

Those who receive the Mark of the Beast will be distinguished from those who do not receive it by the visible mark that they shall wear in their right hand or upon their forehead. The Mark of the Beast will be a distinguishing mark. It will distinguish between the devil's people and the people of God. The worshippers of the Beast will wear the Mark of the Beast. It will be a distinguishing mark as well as a mark of damnation.

The Mark Of Destruction

The result of this Mark will be destruction for those who wear it. Those who receive it will be marked for hell! Rev. 14:11 says: "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb; and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Those who refuse the Mark of the Beast and refuse to worship his image will be slain, "As many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." (Rev. 13:15), but physical death is nothing compared to spiritual death.

According to the Scripture there will be multitudes who will accept the Mark of the Beast and worship his image rather than suffer the penalty for refusing. There will be little objection offered by a great multitude, because of a lack of knowledge of the consequences of accepting it.

The Constitution of the United States of America guarantees to us religious freedom, but we fear that this generation will see much of this freedom taken from us. We see signs of it in many things. The method of collection of the Victory Tax is a direct violation of the separation of the church and state. We are not opposed to the Victory Tax, but we are opposed to the method of collecting it. We do not believe that the churches should be made collection agencies of the government. We are committed to a free church in a free state and any infringement upon this right is to be looked upon with suspicion and fear.

Christians in other days have suffered, bled, and died for Christian liberty and for the separation of church and state. We may be called upon to follow in the footsteps of our fathers. If so, may God give us grace and courage to do it in the same spirit that they did.

We fear that under the plea that this is abnormal times, our people will fail to watch and guard the priceless liberty that is ours in the matter of religious freedom. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Our government must not infringe upon the right of religious freedom, even in the time of war. America has been blessed of God because she has respected the rights of every man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. In the words of another, we say,

"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."

Reward Offered For Dissatisfied Tithers

Santa Ana, Calif. — There's \$100 on deposit in a bank here which can be claimed by anyone. Anyone, that is, who tithes for one year and finds that God does not keep his promise to take adequate care of the giver. In five years there have been no claimants.

The Eld. DeWitt Safford, who deposited the money, recently renewed the offer and promised to include the five years' interest.

A tither is one who gives 10 per cent of his income to the church. Safford reports his church has 178 tithers out of a communicant membership of 481. None of them, he says, has shown an interest in his \$100.

ARE YOU A SKEPTIC?

"Well, my good woman, what is it?" said a skeptic to a woman who approached him.

"Ten years ago," she said, "I was left a widow, with eight children utterly unprovided for and nothing to call my own but this Bible. By its direction, and looking to God for strength, I have been enabled to feed myself and family. I am now tottering to the grave, but perfectly happy, because I look forward to a life of immortality with Jesus in heaven. What has your way of thinking done for you?"

"Well, my good lady," rejoined the lecturer, "I don't want to disturb your comfort; but—"

"Oh, That's not the question," interposed the woman; "keep to the point, sir. What has your way of thinking done for you?"

The infidel endeavored to shirk the matter again; but the feeling of the meeting gave vent to applause, and the infidel had to go, discomfited.

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