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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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Easter, Good Friday, And Catholic Holy Days

Since "Good Friday" is a Roman Catholic invention, and Roman Catholics do not believe in public schools, why should our public schools close down for "Good Friday"? Now don't tell me that it is out of respect for the dead—Christ who died on the cross. He is NOT DEAD, remember: "Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."—Rom. 8:34.

A few facts about Easter:

1. It goes to paganism for its

origin. No responsible person will contend that Easter had its origin in the Bible.

2. It goes to the pope for its date. It does not come on one certain day each year. Easter may vary as much as 35 days—in March or April.

3. It goes to the barnyard for its accessories—eggs and rabbits. It has rabbits laying highly colored eggs. Even Darwin did not carry his evolution that far.

A few questions about Easter:

1. Can one work for Jesus

Christ using the tools of paganism?

2. Can one worship God in error and falsehood? (Jno. 4: 23.)

3. What do rabbits, colored eggs and funny hats have to do with celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

4. What will the brethren do next? Will they take on "Holy Week" (some have already)? Will they, next year, go all the way to observe Lent?

Observation:

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"She's very religious. Parades to church every Easter, rain or shine."

"Mused Uncle Mose," Now Ready For Our Readers Is Really A Wonderful Book

"Mused Uncle Mose," is the title of a sixty-four page book, which is a compilation of the sayings and wisdom of "Uncle Mose" as previously printed in The Baptist Examiner.

For years, "Uncle Mose" has appeared as an anonymous contribution. However, the author is my good friend and college mate, Eld. Buell H. Kazee of Morehead, Ky.

For the benefit of our readers of the colored race, let me quote from the Foreword of the book:

The Negro people have no better friend than the author of this little book. From reflecting upon them, he takes this opportunity to honor them by presenting a character who demonstrates their uncanny ability to see through sham and hypocrisy, and to express their conclusions in a summarized brevity which is also a part of their unique ability.

"Uncle Mose" is the sharp-eyed janitor down at the First Church of Littleton, U. S. A. From the pastor's study out to the extremities of the parish he knows exactly what is, no matter what it looks like, and expresses it in a manner which enables him to avoid a "bop" on the nose.

Such characters are real among our Negro friends, and it is with the most sin-

cere appreciation of them that we present this little volume.

Buell H. Kazee
April 4, 1951

Personally I consider this a remarkable book, and am glad to have been privileged to originally print these sayings in this paper and now to print them in book form.

On the beautiful yellow cover, printed in two colors—blue and crimson—is the illustration which appears on page three of this issue. Inside there are twenty-one of these full page drawings. In all, there are considerably more than 200 of Uncle Mose's sayings.

The price of the book is \$1.00 postpaid and is surely worth every penny of it. Every reader should order a copy at once, and then as you read it, you can see yourself and your church in the ridiculous light in which you appear in the eyes of "Uncle Mose."

If the philosophy of "Uncle Mose" were heeded in America today, it would bring about a real revival in your home, church and individual life.

Send your order direct to us and it will be filled at once.

THE CAMPAIGN TO ENLARGE THIS PAPER IS PROGRESSING IN A VERY FINE MANNER

Our campaign for the enlargement of The Baptist Examiner is progressing very nicely, with a good start toward our goal, and for this, we praise God and take courage.

We have in hand today \$1,250 to apply on the purchase of the linotype and press. Every mail brings additional gifts, so this amount is slowly but steadily growing. Many friends have promised help at a later date, who have not as yet been able to make any contribution. (One of these is a promise of \$500).

Accordingly, we look forward to the time when we can get our new machinery. The Linotype Company has informed me that they can deliver the new linotype on April 27. I only wish I could tell them to do it, for we need it badly. However, we must have an additional \$2000, before we can do so. May it please the Lord to lay it upon the hearts of many of our readers to respond immediately in this respect.

We have many good things in store for our readers and as soon as God makes it possible, we'll be sending an eight-page paper to you each week. Brethren pray for us!

Roy Mason
Tampa, Fla.

What Does The Bible Teach About The Faithfulness Of Christians To Their Lord?

One of the greatest Christian virtues that can ever be named is FAITHFULNESS. One of the greatest lacks in church life, and in the Christian life is the lack of FAITHFULNESS. We appreciate faithfulness, in regard to the things we deal with. Suppose you had a starter on your automobile that worked one time, but failed you the next time—sometimes worked—sometimes failed—would you be content with it? Our Saviour is set forth as a Faithful One. Let us note—Rev. 19: 11; 21:5; 22:6; Heb. 2:17; II Tim. 2:11; I Thess. 5:24; II Thess. 3:3.

Marks Of Unfaithfulness Among Church Members

1. Erratic church attendance. Some join a church and seem to think that if they drop in once in a while and pay the church a little call, that is quite enough. Such members aren't worth "their salt." What would happen if all church members so acted? Churches would go out of business. People take church membership less seriously than employees take any business.

Searching question: How many services of your church have you missed this last year? How many little lies have you originated to excuse your absence? That is what most excuses are.

2. Erratic giving.

Many members give like subscribing to a magazine. They hand out a little "dole" once in a long while and that is all. No faithful accounting with God concerning the money He lets them have. How much have you robbed God of this past year? Since you became a Christian? Do you say, "I don't miss tithing very much?" If you miss it any, you are a thief in God's sight. Just face the truth: thief and robber. A God robber! Would you rob the very One from whom you get your breath? (Read Malachi 3). If withholding of the tithe on the part of Israel was God robbery, then such is worse for Christians, for we have so much more to be grateful for than they had.

3. Erratic life.

Is a soldier faithful who will slip over into the enemies' line and help the enemy fight against his own comrades? (Ponder that question well and don't answer too quickly.) Listen: When any member of a church slips into the theatre, they have crawled over into the lines of the enemy and are helping to defeat the cause of Christ as represented by their church. When you put one nickel into any of the worldly things that are of the

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"SEVEN WOMEN HOLDING ON TO ONE MAN'S COAT TAIL"

"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."—Isa. 4:1.

"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

—Mt. 16:18.

Every few days I hear someone say, "One church is just as good as another." In saying

this, the individual uses logic that he would not use elsewhere in life.

Before us are two tables of food. One is loaded with all good things, both in and out of season. On it is fried chicken, strawberry shortcake, and other delicacies that makes one's mouth water. In contrast, on the other table there is jail food—beans, bread and water. Now, if one table of food is just as good as another, you sit down and eat the food that was prepared for jailbirds and I, in contrast will eat the fried

chicken that has been prepared for the preacher.

You see, beloved, you don't use that logic that one table of food is just as good as another, and if that be true, then surely there must be a difference so far as churches are concerned.

Let's use another illustration. Here are two girls. One of them is beautiful. She has a beautiful face, a beautiful figure, and beautiful manners. She is talented; she is refined; she knows how to keep house and how to make a home. In con-

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WHISKEY RASCALS AND THEIR AD COPY

These four suggestions are enclosed with copy for newspaper liquor ads sent out by a national advertising agency:

1. Sports page preferred.
2. Copy must be kept away from other liquor advertising.
3. Copy must be kept away from stomach-distress advertising.
4. Copy must also be kept away from news items on drunken driving, death notices, church items, anti-liquor articles, etc.

THE HEATHEN MARCH OF DEATH

Let the heathen march in single file at a brisk walk before you—every hour enough will pass to populate a town of 3,600. Hour after hour from noon till midnight, from midnight till noon, months and years, that procession will move on. Nay, it will never end for by the time one generation has passed another stands ready to take its place.

IT IS THE MARCH OF DEATH! And every second a

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"Seven Women"

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trast, the other is ugly. She has no talent, not an ounce of good manners; she can't cook, neither can she make a home. Now to follow the logic that some would offer, if one woman is just as good as another, then you take the latter, but I'd suggest that you not let your present wife know that you chose her on that basis.

Let's look at it from the standpoint of two houses. Here are two on the same street. They perhaps rent for the same money. One is a hovel while the other is a mansion. Now, if one house is just as good as another, you can choose that hovel but I'd like to have the mansion.

You see, beloved friends, the logic that a man uses when he says that one church is just as good as another, is a logic that he doesn't use any place else in life. We know that there is a tremendous difference concerning two tables of food, or two women, or two houses, and in like measure we also know that there is a tremendous difference so far as churches are concerned.

I have absolutely no respect for the man who says that one church is just as good as another. To be perfectly honest, I'd think more of a wild boar turned loose in town, or a pole cat in my parlor, than I would of the man who could see no difference in one church over any other church. Such an individual is a brainless, insensible, ignorant, pussyfooting mollycoddle and I am frank to say that I have absolutely no respect for him and have no desire to even attempt to have fellowship with such an individual.

Two drunks were standing on a street corner, in an argument. A third individual came by and noticing these two arguing, said, "What is the trouble?" One of them pointed to a street light and said, "My buddy says that it is the moon and I say it is the sun." Then he turned to the fellow who had interrupted the argument and said to him, "You arbitrate. Tell us, what is it?" This third individual looked at the two men who were arguing and on seeing a pair of brass knuckles glistening in the hand of one, and noticing a knife in the hand of the other, and realizing that he didn't weigh but just about half as much as either of these individuals weighed, he said, "You will have to excuse me, gentlemen; I'm a stranger in this community."

Well, beloved friends, that may be an easy way to get out of a situation without taking sides, but as far as I am concerned I am not that type. I

CHRISTIANITY AND NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS COMPARED

POLYGAMY

CHRISTIANITY does not permit polygamy. Jesus said: "They twain shall be one flesh."—Mark 10:8. On mission fields it is sometimes permitted if the parties were married before they understood the teachings of Christianity on the subject. This spares the later wives from inevitable lives of shame.

BRAHMANISM. There are "much married" Kulin Brahmans who sell themselves as husbands to innumerable wives whose friends pay a good round sum for the privilege of having daughters married to such exalted connection. The Brahmans are the highest caste in the land.

MANY A MAN WHO IS ELOQUENT BEFORE A LARGE CONGREGATION IS DUMB BEFORE A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL.

HINDUISM licenses both polygamy and polyandry and recognizes eight different kinds of marriage. Krishna, one of the most popular of Hindu gods, is said to have had 15,000 wives. Since Hindus deny their wives the right to remarry, the tendency to polygamy is doubtless diminished. A second wife is not often taken while the first wife is yet living.

BUDDHISM. Polygamy among Chinese Buddhists depends upon their position, wealth and choice. The poor usually have but one wife while the rich may have more. Some have concubines who are purchased but not married. The wife is considered much inferior to the husband and has but little to do outside the home.

WITNESSING FOR THE TRUTH IS NOT TRENCH WARFARE. MEN WHO STAND FOR CHRIST MUST STAND OUT IN THE OPEN.

TAOISM has not been entirely devoured by either Confucianism or Buddhism. It allows its priests to marry and its policy regarding polygamy is largely governed by the tastes of the individual. It exercises no disciplinary restrictions as long as the priests receive sufficient "filthy lucre."

CONFUCIANISM presupposes and tolerates polygamy. Ancestral worship is a great source of polygamy and much unhappiness in family life. "A wife who bears no son is a slave, while a mother with grown up sons is a monarch." The second wife occupies an inferior place and may be but little better than a slave, unless she has sons while the first wife has none.

HE WHO IS PURE BY THE BLOOD OF THE SON OF MAN, SHOULD ALSO BE PURE FROM THE BLOOD OF THE SONS OF MEN.

ZOROASTRIANISM furnished a presentably clean line of teachings for domestic life and, where religious liberty has been granted, its homes have been above those produced by other non-Christian religious systems. Plural wives were permitted only in cases of barrenness.

THE PARSEES in Persia are sometimes polygamists where they have wealth enough. Among those in Bombay monogamy is the rule. Their home life seems to be as happy as is to be found among any heathen people. A man and his wife may be seen walking or riding side by side in Bombay, and enjoying each other's companionship.

IT IS STRANGE HOW SOME CHRISTIANS CAN WITHHOLD FROM THE WORLD WITHOUT COMPUNCTION, THE BEST NEWS THAT EVER CAME INTO IT.

SHINTOISM is asleep along all moral lines. Christianity in Japan has disestablished concubinage and through individual missionaries, the Y. W. C. A., and W. C. T. U., disorderly houses have been decreased and thousands of inmates set at liberty. Shintoism claims no authority over the moral faculties of its worshippers.

MOHAMMEDANISM boasts that its system of plural marriages guards them against pesthouses. This is disproven by the fact that purity among young men and in the home is wanting. There is a system of contract marriages in which women are passed along from one temporary husband to another. The position of woman fell through Mohammed's teaching.

have to take sides on most any question that comes up. Frankly, long ago, I took my stand for the church that Jesus built.

Several years ago near the post office, I saw two large dogs in a fight. A little fox terrier with a stump tail came running up to observe the fight. He barked first on one side and then on the other, wagging his tail fast enough to lift his hind legs off the ground. As I watched him biting and barking first on one side and then on the other, I was reminded that there are a lot of "bob-tailed straddlers" in our Baptist ranks today who are just switching around first on one side and then on the other.

Every once in a while I hear someone talk about what he would be if he were not a Baptist. Well, beloved, if I were not a Baptist, do you know

what I'd be? Well, I'll tell you, beloved, I'd just be a Baptist, for that is all that I could be.

Now in view of this introduction, let's come directly to our text in Isaiah.

"And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."—Isa. 4:1.

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LET'S NOTICE, FIRST OF ALL, THE PRINCIPLE LAID DOWN BY THIS TEXT.

The seven women represent churches; the man spoken of represents the Lord Jesus Christ. Seven is the Jewish number of completion. This is the picture then of all churches that have come into existence since the days of the Lord Jesus

Christ. I am sure that you would agree with me this morning that any church that has come into existence since the days of Christ cannot be the church of Christ, for two reasons. First of all, it cannot be the church which Christ built because it was not in existence at the time of Christ, and in the second place, it cannot be the church which Jesus built because it did not come into existence until several centuries later. Keeping these two principles in mind, let's notice the genesis of a number of the leading denominations of the world today.

Logically, we would start with the Catholics. About 250 A. D. the churches in and about Rome began to exercise authority over other local churches. Furthermore, they began to practice baptismal regeneration—that is, that one is regenerated in the waters of the baptism. These two heresies caused division. Other churches outside of Rome didn't like the idea of Rome acting as an overlord. Furthermore, they didn't agree with these churches as to the heresy of baptismal regeneration. Because of these differences, there came division, so that the churches in and about Rome were excommunicated, or excluded, from the fellowship of other Baptist churches.

In 337 Constantine, the Roman emperor, died and after his death his territory was divided between his three sons. Wandering vandals, Goths, Visigoths, Huns, and Teutons from Germany and Russia swept over the land and surely showed their disrespect for the religion of Constantine. They did not care for the messages that were delivered through the churches and in order to hold the religion of Rome together, the unscrupulous leaders of the church of Rome began to play upon the imagination and the superstition of the uncivilized savages from northern Germany and Russia. In order to overawe their imagination they used candles mysteries, pageantry, beads, and the claim of spiritual power for their preachers. All these heresies were not derived from the Bible but rather were gotten from ancient Babylon. Xmas, Easter, and all the heresies that Rome brought into their worship between 400 and 500 A. D. were heresies that had been in vogue in Babylon eight hundred years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. They were merely brought over from Babylon into Roman Catholicism and were made a part thereof to overawe the imagination and the superstition of these barbaric peoples.

Ridpath, world-renowned historian, says:

"The Holy See at this time made the discovery that the presentation of moral truth and obligation to the barbarian imagination was less effective than splendid shows and gilded ceremonies. She, therefore, adopted pageant instead of moral exhortation, and converted the barbarians with spectacles." (Vol. 4, P. 520).

Of course, these churches that had been excluded by Baptists in the year 251, who had adopted baptismal regeneration and who now had baptized the paganism of Babylon into the ritual of their churches—of course these churches ultimately developed into the Catholic church. Listen to what Ridpath says again:

"This epoch in history should not be passed over without reference to the rapid growth of the Papal Church, in the close of the sixth century and the beginning of the seventh. Most of all by Gregory the Great, whose pontificate extended from 590, to 604, was the supremacy of the Apostolic See asserted and maintained. Under the triple title of Bishop of Rome, Primate of Italy, and Apostle of the West, he gradually by gentle insinuation or bold

assertion, as best suited the circumstances, elevated the Episcopacy of Rome into a genuine papacy of the Church. He succeeded in bringing the arians of Italy and Spain into the Catholic fold, and thus assured the solidarity of the Western Ecclesia." (Vol. 4: P. 14).

Thus you can see, beloved, as to the origin of Catholicism. From that date of 590 A. D. Catholicism has been a world power and has been recognized as a world church.

Then came the Dark Ages. From 590 down through 1500 A. D. no one was in power but Catholicism. Truly it was the Dark Ages as far as religion was concerned. However, let it be remembered that that group which had excommunicated the Catholics and had declared non-fellowship for the churches in and around Rome—that small group still remained faithful to the Word of God, even though they suffered bitter persecution through the Dark Ages. Even though their numbers were cut off time and again by persecutions on behalf of Rome, still they persisted and survived through the Dark Ages.

Now let's notice the first Protestant church—namely, the Lutheran church. When Martin Luther was in school at Erfurt between 1501 and 1505, he read his Bible. In fact, he read it very religiously when he was in school. As a result thereof he became quite familiar with at least the letter of the Word of God. Even though he didn't know anything about the Spirit of it, he knew at least something concerning the teachings of the Book. Later, he became a teacher at the University of Wittenberg, but before he became a teacher he decided to make a journey to Rome, hoping that he might be saved. At Rome he started to scale the stairs of St. Peter and as he climbed those long stairs on his knees, saying a prayer first on one knee and then on the other, suddenly a verse of Scripture which he had remembered reading when in school at Erfurt came to his mind—namely, "The just shall live by faith." Martin Luther didn't need to pray any more. He didn't need regeneration. He didn't need church membership for salvation. Leaping to his feet and not continuing up those stairs in prayer upon his knees, he shouted because he had realized the truth that salvation is by grace through faith. Then it was that he became a teacher in the University of Wittenberg in Germany. While teaching John Tetzel came there, selling indulgences for the commitment of sins. Now that is a very convenient religion, isn't it? You know that you have planned to commit some sin. Therefore, you go to the Catholic church and pay for the privilege of committing the sin—even paying for it in advance. As Luther had been saved and since he had been reading the Word of God, he realized this error of selling indulgences and accordingly he denied that the pope could forgive sins. He nailed his theses to the door of the Wittenberg church and in 1520 he publicly burned the papal bull which excluded him from the Catholic church. Accordingly the Lutheran church began that year.

Bear in mind, beloved, when Martin Luther started his church he didn't mean to do so. He merely intended to bring about a reformation in the Catholic Church. He had no intention of ushering into existence another church organization. He merely wished to reform but in an attempt to do so, being thwarted by Catholicism he

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ushered into existence the first Protestant church — namely, the Lutheran Church.

The Episcopal church was the next Protestant organization that came into existence. Henry VIII was king of England. When Martin Luther had revolted against Rome, Henry VIII wrote a stern denunciation of Luther and as a result, the pope sent to him a sword and gave him the honor of calling him "the defender of the faith." I rather imagine that this caused Henry VIII to feel his importance just a little so that shortly afterward when he desired a divorce, he rather expected that the pope would grant it to him. You may recall from history that when he was twelve years old he was married to his brother's widow. In the meantime she had failed to bear him a male heir. Furthermore, he desired a divorce in order that he might marry Ann Boelyn; yet when he asked the pope for this divorce, the same was declined. Henry VIII reminded the pope that he was "the defender of the faith" and since the pope refused to grant him the divorce, Henry immediately granted himself a divorce and declared himself the head of the church in England. As a result of this, the pope excommunicated him and in 1535, a year later, Parliament came to his rescue by the establishment of the church of England, naming Henry VIII as the head thereof. Of course, you know that the church of England is called the Episcopal church in America and thus from an adulterous beginning, the Episcopal church, or the church of England, came into existence.

The Presbyterian church was ushered into being about the same time. In fact, just a year after the church of England was born, John Calvin drew up the plans for the Presbyterian church in Switzerland. Evidently encouraged by the efforts of Martin Luther and Henry VIII, John Calvin brought his church organization into existence and this in turn caused other fainting hearts, who favored a reformation to attempt likewise further reformations concerning what was then called Christianity.

The Congregationalist was the next Protestant church organization that came into being. Robert Brown, its founder, was a school-master, lecturer and teacher. He didn't like many things that the church of England had retained from Catholicism. He was particularly opposed to the episcopal government of the Church of England, believing that the congregation should have full control. Furthermore, he was definitely opposed to sacerdotalism, and denied that salvation could come through ordinances. Thus in 1540, just a few years after the Church of England was born, Robert Brown organized in England the Congregationalist church.

You will notice, beloved, that the Congregationalist was thus a daughter of the Church of England and the first granddaughter of Catholicism.

Some two hundred years passed and other granddaughters of Catholicism were born. When John and Charles Wesley brought the Methodist Church into existence, to be sure they didn't call it a Methodist Church, but rather they termed it as "the Methodist Society." John and Charles Wesley organized it in order that they might have a simple form

of worship.

It is highly conspicuous, however, that John Wesley wasn't even saved at the time when he organized his church in 1740. He came as a missionary to America and began to do mission work among the Indians in the state of Georgia. He got into difficulty with a woman in Georgia and it became necessary that he leave. If you will read the diary of his experiences both as a missionary to the Indians, and of his experience with this woman, and of his later experience on his return to England, you will find that he doesn't even claim to have been saved until after he had come back to England. However, he had already brought into existence the Methodist Church.

The Campbellite Church has had a rather striking and unusual background. Alexander Campbell was the founder of it. He was educated as a Presbyterian. He and his father came to this country and Mr. Campbell became pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania in the year 1809. However, being an Arminian at heart he became dissatisfied with Calvinism and accordingly left the Presbyterian denomination and he and his father joined the Baptists. They sojourned with Baptists for only a very, very short time. However, a Scripture is appropo concerning their departure: "They went out from us, because they were not of us." After this brief sojourn with the Baptists which lasted only a very short time, Mr. Campbell, in 1827, organized his own church bearing his name, the Campbellite Church. It is highly conspicuous that this church has borne at least a dozen names since that day. It is still further highly conspicuous that today his followers are ashamed to be recognized as Campbellites, although they know that their church began as a separate denominational existence in 1827 and that is was begun by Alexander Campbell himself.

In America Campbellism wasn't the only church that came into existence, for the Mormon organization was ushered into being by Joseph Smith. After telling of his dream and vision of the golden plates which comprised the Mormon Bible, Joseph Smith organized his church. It was organized in 1830 at Fayette, New York. He then moved to Kirtland, Ohio, then to Independence, Missouri, and then to Hancock, Illinois. It was in this last town that Joseph Smith himself was mobbed and killed. However, a young follower of Joseph Smith's, by the name of Brigham Young, immediately organized an exodus and led a thousand families west to the Great Salt Lake where they established permanent residence for the Mormon religion.

Christian Science came about in rather a unique manner. Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, in Boston in 1879, brought Christian Science into being. She had learned from Dr. Phineas P. Quimby his method of treating diseases without medicine and having learned of his treatment she professed to have discovered a Christian-scientific treatment for diseases.

I am reminded, though, whenever I think of Christian Science of that famed humorist, Josh Billings, who was asked several years ago to address the Christian Scientists at one of their annual conventions. After a wonderful dinner which he enjoyed at their expense, when he was introduced he said in substance, "My message to you is of two parts: Christian

Science, first of all, is not Christian, and in the second place, it is not Science."

Though Christian Science is neither Christian nor Science but, rather mental gymnastics, it is one of the foremost isms by way of the Protestant reformation.

You will notice that I have named nine of these so-called churches. There is first of all the Catholic Church and then eight Protestant denominations which I have named. I might have taken time to have shown you the genesis and the development of many other smaller organizations. However, these will suffice to show you that these organizations, both Catholic and Protestant, cannot claim to be the church which Jesus built because they have come into existence since the days of Jesus and they were not in existence at the time when Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Although these churches were not in existence then but rather have come into existence since His day, they now wish to be recognized as churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is rather interesting to notice that Christ did not choose these churches. If you will read the text carefully, you will see that the man did not choose these women but rather they laid hold of him, simply to take away their reproach. So it is with the Catholics and with these Protestant denominations. The Lord Jesus Christ has never chose, started, nor organized one single one of them. Instead, they have laid hold of the Lord Jesus Christ and have made claims in the eyes of the world whereby they have deceived an unsuspecting public into thinking that they are the churches of the Lord Jesus. They have done this simply to take away their own reproach.

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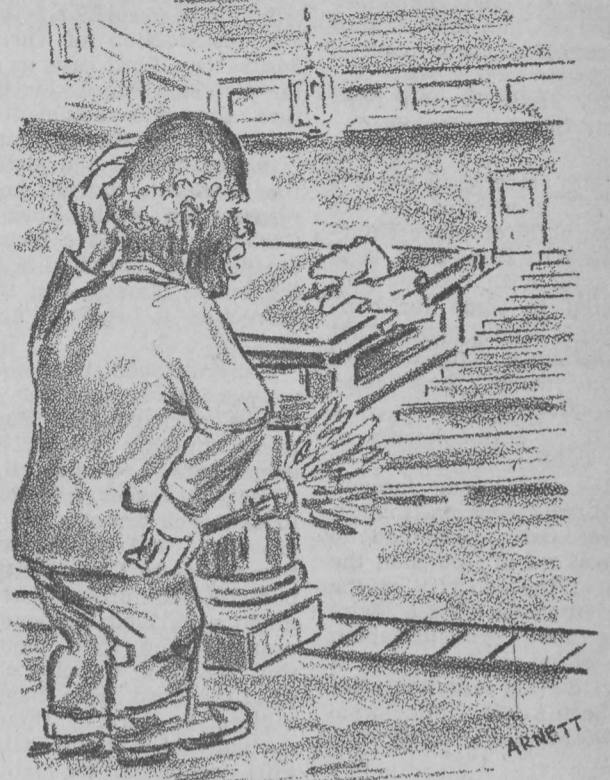
IT IS HIGHLY CONSPICUOUS THAT WE NOTICE THE SACRIFICES WHICH THESE WOMEN ARE WILLING TO MAKE.

In our text you will notice that they even suggest they eat their own bread and furnish their own apparel. This means that they will furnish their own doctrines, and surely Catholicism and the various Protestant organizations have furnished much false doctrine. There are many, many heresies that have been brought into existence through Catholicism and these heretical Protestant organizations—heresies which have no Scriptural background and which are also contradictory to the Word of God. Let's notice how these women eat their own bread,—let's notice some of the doctrines which they furnished.

There is, first of all, the doctrine of baptismal regeneration. I shouldn't call it a doctrine because it isn't such. It doesn't deserve the name of doctrine. It is merely a heresy from beginning to end. There isn't one scintilla of truth within the Word of God that will back up this heresy of baptismal regeneration. Instead, the Word of God makes it clear that we are saved by grace through faith, apart from any ordinance. Listen:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only

THIS CARTOON IS ON THE COVER OF "MUSED UNCLE MOSE"



Ef'n de Lawd gib me de job o' bein' janitor ob de temple in de New Jerus'lum, dey's some ob dis gang heah dat I ain' goin' have to clean aftah.

begotten Son of God."

—John 3:18.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

—John 3:36.

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

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

—John 6:47.

As a good example, notice the thief on the Cross. He wasn't baptized yet Jesus said to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." As this thief went to Glory apart from baptism, then, behold friends, I am persuaded to believe that everyone who trusts the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity as did this thief, that he, too, will be saved apart from baptism.

There is only one question in the Bible as to salvation and it is found in Acts 16:30. It is the question asked by the Philippian jailer, when he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Now notice the answer: "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31). Here, I say, is the only direct question in all the Word of God as to how to be saved, and the answer omits baptism in its entirety. Therefore, I contend that baptismal regeneration is one of the heresies which these false churches have furnished.

Then there is the heresy of sprinkling. Any student of the Word of God knows that it is heretical to talk about sprinkling, for the Word of God makes no provision for baptism other than by immersion. Notice these Scriptures:

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went UP STRAIGHT-

WAY OUT OF THE WATER: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."

—Mt. 3:13-16.

"And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was MUCH WATER there: and they came, and were baptized."—John 3:23.

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they WENT DOWN BOTH INTO THE WATER, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come UP OUT OF THE WATER, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing."—Acts 8:36-39.

Surely no one can read these verses from God's Book without realizing that baptism must be by immersion and that there is no room in the Word of God for sprinkling. It is a heresy that has been brought into existence by these false churches who are willing to furnish their own doctrine.

Likewise, there is infant baptism which is even a more bold heresy than that of sprinkling. It is not even hinted at in the Word of God. There is no Scripture in all the Bible that would in any wise at all justify it. The nearest that any of these heretics have even come to offering a Scripture to justify infant baptism is Luke 18:16. Listen:

"But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."

You will notice, though, that in this case babies were invited to come to Christ but were not invited to come to the baptism—

"Seven Women"

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mal fountain. You remember the Gospel of John tells us that Jesus Himself did not baptize. Listen:

"Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples."
—John 4:2.

Therefore, since Jesus did not baptize, and in view of the fact that these children were invited to come to Him, then it is plainly evident that they were not invited to come for baptism. Thus it would appear that infant baptism is some more of the bread which these false churches offer to furnish.

Then there is the heresy of apostasy. When God saves a man, He saves him forever. There is no teaching that is more profoundly presented to us in the Word of God than the doctrine of the security of the saved. However, these false churches have brought about the heresy of apostasy — that one may lose his salvation after having been saved. Notice what God's Word says concerning this.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28,29.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil. 1:6.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
—Rom. 8:38,39.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed! for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."
—II Tim. 1:12.

No individual can read these Scriptures apart from prejudice and bias without the full realization that when one is saved, he is saved forever. However, these heretical churches, along with their heretical pastors, have brought this false doctrine of apostasy into existence. They have furnished this heresy as a part of the bread which they propose to offer.

Time would fail me in mentioning all of the bread which these women have furnished. They have furnished so much falsehood by way of religion for which there is no foundation. Take, for example, open communion. It certainly is not to be found in all of the Word of God. Jesus Christ was a close communionist. He was so close in His communion that He didn't invite His mother to the table. Furthermore, He didn't ask the man in whose house the Supper was first observed. Surely that is close communion, but these heretics insist on inviting everybody to the Lord's table; and when they do so, they are furnishing some more bread—some more heresy.

Then there is the heresy of Easter. There is no Scripture that will authorize it. Everybody who has ever studied anything at all knows that Easter came from Babylon, that it is of heathen origin, and that when it is observed in our churches today, it is purely paganism that has been brought over into our churches. The Catholics got it from Babylon,

a bunch of fool Protestants got it from Rome, and a lot of bigger fool Baptists have gotten it from the Protestants.

We don't need Easter to teach the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Our Lord gave us a better picture. Baptism is to picture the resurrection. When you see a candidate immersed in water, that is the picture of the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a picture of the death of the old life to sin, the burial thereof, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life.

I say, beloved, baptism is all we need as a reminder of our Lord's resurrection. However, these churches that have not come into existence through Christ, but rather have come into existence through the efforts of man, and have attached themselves to Christianity as a parasite, in order that they might have their man-made reproach taken from them, and thus lay claim to being churches of the Lord Jesus, have been willing to furnish their own doctrine, so that they might be thus considered true churches.

These false churches want to deceive the world into thinking that they are true churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are willing to make many sacrifices if only they might deceive the world into thinking that they are real churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III

IN CONTRAST TO THESE FALSE CHURCHES, I WISH THAT WE MIGHT NOTICE THE DIGNITY OF THE TRUE CHURCH.

The small group who remained faithful to the Word of God through the Dark Ages became true Missionary Baptist churches of today. They have been called by various names all down through the ages. However, the doctrines which have been held by the Waldenses, the Albigenses, the Paulicans, the Henricians, and the Anabaptists are the same doctrines which are held by true Baptists.

Suppose I drop a chip of wood into the water. I follow the course of that chip as it floats along upon the waves. Presently this stream becomes an underground river and I lose sight of that chip. However, long afterward, when the water emerges again from the ground, I find that that chip comes out on the other side of the tunnel. I haven't been able to see it in all of its journeys in the darkness, yet I know that its journey has been continuous.

So it is with Baptist principles. We have them today just as they were in the New Testament, and accordingly I am sure that Baptist principles have had a continuous existence all down through the Dark Ages from the day when our Lord Jesus Christ first brought Baptist churches into existence by the establishment of that church when He said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

I'd like to give you a few historical quotations in this respect that you might see that even the historians of the world have proven that Baptists have had an unbroken line of continuity from the days of Jesus down to the present.

Alexander Campbell, who hated Baptists perhaps more than any man within the past century wrote:

"The sentiments of Baptists and their practice of baptism from the Apostolic age to the present, have had a continued chain of advocates and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced."

John Clark Ridpath, doubtlessly the greatest historian the world has ever produced, (a Methodist by denominational conviction) said:

"I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as 100 A. D., although without doubt there were Baptist churches then, as all Christians were then Baptists."

Mosheim, the outstanding Lutheran historian, said:

"Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe, persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of the modern Dutch Baptists . . . the origin of Baptists is lost in the remote depths of antiquity . . . the first century was a history of the Baptists."

"Crossing the Centuries," edited by William C. King, having an associate counselors, editors, collaborators and contributors such as: Cardinal Gibbon, Roman Catholic; Bishop John H. Vincent, Methodist; President Theodore Roosevelt; President Woodrow Wilson; W. H. P. Founce (President of Brown University); Albert Bushnell Hart, Ph. D., L. L. D., Litt. D., head of the History Department of Harvard University; George B. Adams, M. A., Ph. D., Litt. D., of Yale, and many more such famous men, says:

"Of the Baptists it may be said that they are not reformers. These people, comprising bodies of Christian believers known under various names in different countries, are entirely distinct and independent of the Roman and Greek churches, and have an unbroken continuity of existence from apostolic days down through the centuries. Throughout this long period, they were bitterly persecuted for heresy, driven from country to country, disfranchised, deprived of their property, imprisoned, tortured and slain by the thousands; yet they swerved not from their New Testament faith, doctrine and adherence."

Not only is the dignity of the true church presented to us by its historical existence through all ages since the days of Jesus, its dignity it likewise brought before us by the Biblical description that is given in the Word of God. That true church is called "the salt of the earth."

"Ye are the salt of the earth."
—Mt. 5:13.

It is salt that preserves, and I would remind you that it is Baptists who have preserved Bible doctrines from the corruption of Catholicism. If Baptists had not been in existence, all the true teachings of the Word of God long ago would have been corrupted by the Catholics and later by the Protestants.

Furthermore, the Bible describes the Baptists as "the light of the world."

"Ye are the light of the world."
—Mt. 5:14.

I would remind you that it is Baptist light that this world has enjoyed for the past two thousand years. If you remove Baptist light and the teachings for which Baptists have contended for two thousand years, this world would be living in absolute darkness so far as the truth of God's Word is concerned.

Again, Baptists are described as being "the pillar and ground of the truth."

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."
—I Tim. 3:15.

The only support which the truth has in any community is Baptist churches. Methodists, Campbellites, and all the balance of the Protestants are supporting mostly the heresies which they have invented—in other words, the bread which they themselves have furnished. Only Baptists when they are true to the Word of God support the truth, and the only support that the truth has in

any community is the support which it has from Baptist churches.

In noticing this description which the Word of God gives of us, you can see that Baptist churches are also described as being God's habitation.

"In whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the spirit."
—Eph. 2:22.

God doesn't inhabit any body of people on earth but a New Testament Baptist church. He doesn't have His habitation in any Protestant church; surely He doesn't have it in any Catholic organization; certainly He doesn't have it in any lodge, but rather in a Baptist church. I say this in view of the fact that when Paul wrote to the church of Ephesus, he reminded that church that they were a habitation of God through the Holy Spirit. Well, beloved, if God in Paul's day was residing in a Baptist church in the city of Ephesus, I am sure that God is residing today through the Holy Spirit in Baptist churches, and in Baptist churches alone. I am sure that He has never moved His residence from a Baptist church to any corrupt, heretical Protestant nor Catholic organization.

Now, beloved, suffer this world of exhortation. I am glad this morning that I am a Baptist. I feel sorry, in contrast, for anyone that is a Catholic or a Protestant. I rejoice myself that I am a Baptist and that I have the privilege of preaching the truth which we as Baptists hold and maintain. If you are a Baptist this morning, you ought to rejoice because of your church membership. If you are not a Baptist, you ought to covet to be a member of the true church — the church that Jesus built, which was a Baptist church.

Beyond any shadow of doubt, there is no reason in this world for any one to ever imagine that a Protestant organization or a Catholic church could even be the true church of the Lord Jesus Christ. These organizations were not in existence in the days of Jesus, and they did not come into existence in many instances until many centuries after Christ had already organized His church. Therefore, beloved friends, these Catholics and Protestant churches cannot successfully lay claim to being called the church that Jesus built, but instead are man-made organizations who have laid hold of the Lord Jesus Christ just as these seven women lay hold of the man in order that their reproach might be taken away.

Oh, may God in His grace today enable you to see this truth and may we sing together:

"Through many dangers, toils and snares,
We have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought us safe thus far,
And grace will lead us home."



March Of Death

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soul that has heard little or nothing about Christ enters the world of the departed. For every breath that you draw four spirits pass from heathenism into eternity.—Selected.

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Faithfulness

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Devil, you are contributing to the Devil's campaign against Christ and His cause. (Read James 4:4). People can twist and squirm around and try to worm out of this, but they know in their hearts that they are in the wrong.

In our churches—

We are hindered as much by unfaithfulness as by anything that can be mentioned. If every member of the choir could be absolutely depended on, it would be full all the time. If it were not for this erratic, spasmodic business in connection with prayer meeting, we would have hundreds in attendance. If there was even a reasonable degree of faithfulness as concerns Sunday attendance, we would have houses jammed with people, and we would attract multitudes. One thing that ought to characterize our churches above most anything else is faithfulness. Every member ought to be at every regular service of the church every time the doors open unless providentially hindered. Is this too high a standard? If so, why? Note some of the things that God's Word says about faithfulness: Rev. 2:10; Matt. 25:21; Luke 16:10; I Cor. 4:2; Ephes. 1:1.



Easter

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