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What the child hears at the fireside is soon known at the parish church.

Wrong Directions

By RALPH BECKER

the howling winter blizzard. After the train had traveled on for about three-quarters of an hour, the brakeman came in and said, "Where's that woman?" The traveling man said: "She got off back there."

The brakeman said with a shudder, "Then she is gone to her death. We only stopped way back there because there was something wrong with the engine."

They called for volunteers and went back to look for her. They searched for hours. Finally they found her out on the vast prairie covered with a shroud of ice and snow and the baby clasped to her breast. The merciless storm and cold had done its deadly work.

The poor woman had follow-

ed the traveler's directions correctly. He had told her what he believed to be the truth. But he was wrong. And she perished because she trusted he was right.

Dear Reader, are you too following wrong directions? I do not mean about the things of time, but are you being unsuspectingly misled about your eternal welfare? To whom are you looking for guidance about your soul? Are you following God's true guide book, the Bible? Have you an assured trust in Christ's atonement and a living confidence in Him alone for the safety of your soul? Or are you a deceived soul after all, following the directions of one

who himself is dreadfully wrong?

To be deceived about things of time is serious and very often grievous. But to be deceived about your immortal soul is not only dreadful and appalling, but is to risk a loss so great that no one on earth can ever fully realize. "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26).

Satan has many ways of leading men's souls away from the Door of Heaven (John 10:7) into the mouth of Hell. "And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light." (2 Cor. 11:14 rv.). Volumes could never teach us half of the deceptions of the Wicked One. I make no at-

tempt here to picture for you the entire labyrinth of confusing evil into which he leads the unsuspecting souls of men. But the purpose of this article is to reveal, as the Lord allows, what we sincerely believe to be the masterpiece of Satan's delusive power. It is by far the greatest system in the world, of wrongly directing the souls of men. Its enslaving power is felt on every continent. Its deluding influence is active in every clime. Its terrible lying wonders affect the lives of untold millions, from the crowded cities to the scattered islands of the sea. It has ruined nations, by bringing them into abject poverty through unspeakable ignorance and superstition beyond de-

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Eight Pages Last Week, A Foretaste For The Future

Last week's issue was our first one containing eight pages. God's grace, it won't be long until each will be this size, for little by little our hands are coming in for the purchase of our new machinery. We are now above the \$2,000.00 mark, and surely within a few weeks we will have this new equipment.

Here is a paper which stands unalterably opposed to feminism, modernism, Arminianism, dogeism, and bossism in the convention. It has no use for the thoroughly unscriptural practices of the Cooperative Program. It believes each church should under the Holy Spirit be free to administer its own affairs without dictation from denominational headquarters. Remember our slogan: "Trust the Lord and tell His people." This we are doing. Bear with us. Pray for us. Send us your offerings and in the not-too-distant future, we'll greet you weekly with 8 pages. (D. V.)

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Shall Baptist Blood Be Spilled In Defense Of Catholicism

Hearst correspondent Karl H. von Weigand says that the Pope has no thought of leaving Italy, nor of moving the Vatican to Canada, and furthermore reports that General Eisenhower has committed the western power to defend the Pope and the Vatican. We quote:

"General Eisenhower is said to have assured the Italian leader that, because of Rome and the Pope's influence as a spiritual leader, Northern Italy, Rome and the Vatican would be defended at all costs by the Western Powers."

This presents quite a situation. If it is true that "Ike" has committed the Western Powers to defend at all costs the Pope's domain, then it is

time for Baptists and freedom-loving people to raise a protest that can be heard in Heaven, earth and Hell.

Through the Dark Ages (500-1500 A. D.), better than 50,000,000 Baptists were slain by the Catholics in an effort to destroy Baptist churches — the churches Jesus started. More blood was spilled by Baptist martyrs than was shed in all wars from the day Cain killed Abel through World War I.

Baptists have suffered greatly at the hands of the "old whore" (Rev. 17). They have been drawn and quartered. They have been sawn asunder. Time would fail in telling the hideous, cruel indignities that have been heaped upon truth-loving Baptists of yester-years.

I, for one, who choose the

"brig" rather than defend Catholicism. If our government calls it treason for one to refuse thus to fight, and if treason be punishable by death, then let every Baptist lad in the army choose a noble death by a firing squad than to compromise the principles that Baptists have bled and died for during the past 2000 years.

Baptists have a bigger business than that of fighting to defend Catholicism. We have a Bible, every word of which was written by a Baptist, which we are to preach to the ends of the earth. This book was written by Baptists, for Baptists, about Baptists, and to make Baptists. Our business is not that of defending Catholicism, but of preaching the Word to make Baptists.

The First Baptist Pulpit

"THE TABERNACLE IN THE MIDST OF ISRAEL"

"THE LAVER"

(Read Ex. 30:17-21).

"And he made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, of the looking-glasses of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." —Ex. 38:8.

I

THE POSITION OF THE LAVER.

The laver was located just beyond the brazen altar and just before you entered into the tabernacle itself. There is a reason why that it was located in this position.

As we have noticed, the brazen altar tells us of justification by faith and salvation by grace. The tabernacle, which was God's first dwelling place on earth, tells us of worship with the Lord. Now in between the altar, which stands for justification, and the tabernacle, which stands for worship, was the laver. Beloved, the laver stands for cleansing, which would tell us somewhat of the progress of the soul in drawing near to God. After the sacrifice had been offered at the brazen altar and the soul thereby saved, then it was that the individual, before he could

come into the presence of God for worship, must be cleansed.

Let me remind you, beloved, that if a saved person is to worship God, that saved person must be cleansed from his faults and from the sins of his life day by day.

It was no accident that the laver was to be placed in between the brazen altar and the tabernacle. Rather it was put there for one express purpose—to teach us that, though we have been saved, we can't worship God unless we are cleansed.

No individual can worship (Continued on page two)

Just How Many James O'Brien's Really Exist?

Because James O'Brien was registered in more than thirty-five classes, played halfback on the varsity football squad and held two full-time jobs, administrators at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, figured they had a superhuman student enrolled this semester.

It was not until they checked registration records that they learned James O'Brien was seven instead of one, being: James D. Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich.; James G., James L., and James Peter, Milwaukee; James J., Nekoma, Kan.; James Paul, Whitefish Bay, Wis., and James W., Brooklyn, N. Y.

If one university enrolled seven James O'Briens how many persons by that name are there throughout the world?

They should be genuinely happy over the fact that God has not resorted to the use of personal names in making His offer of salvation.

Had He said: "For God so loved James O'Brien that He gave His only begotten Son, that if James O'Brien believes (Continued on page three)

NO LOVE FOR GOD IN MAN

In looking into the composition of the human mind, we observe various passions and propensities, and if we inspect their operation, we shall see in each a marked aversion from the true God. For example: Man loves to THINK, and cannot live without thinking; but he does not love to think of God — "God is not in all his thoughts." Man delights in ACTIVITY, is perpetually in motion; but he has no heart to act for God. Men take pleasure in CONVERSATION, and are never more cheerful than when engaged in it; but if God and Christianity be introduced, they are usually struck dumb, and discover an inclination to drop the subject. Men greatly delight in hearing and telling NEWS; but if the glorious news of the Gospel be sounded in their ears, it frequently proves as unwelcome as Paul's preaching at Athens. In short, man feels the necessity of A god; but has no relish for the TRUE God.—Andrew Fuller, 1824.

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"The Laver"

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God until he is redeemed. No
unsaved man has yet worship-
ped God. He may have gone
through some form, or partici-
pated in some religious service,
but, beloved, he can't worship
God until first of all he has
come to the killing place at
Calvary and has seen that Jesus
Christ has died for all of his
sins. Even then, he can't wor-
ship God unless his life is
cleansed from the faults and
the sins and the imperfections
that cling to him through the
flesh.

Oh, how many people claim
to be saved, yet they live in
the world six days out of the
week, and then come into the
presence of God on Sunday and
expect to worship God. Be-
loved, if you are a child of God,
you can't worship the Lord un-
less you are cleansed from the
imperfections of your flesh and
the secret sins of your life.

II

THE MANUFACTURE OF THE LAVER.

It is rather interesting to no-
tice that the laver was made
from the women's looking
glasses. Maybe it will be a sur-
prise to some of you of the fair
sex to learn that so long ago
women were just as vain and
carried their compacts just like
you do today. But, beloved,
when God called for the people
to make a sacrificial offering
for the building of the taber-
nacle and all the articles that
went into the tabernacle, God
called upon the women to give
of their brass looking glasses
that this laver might be made
of solid brass. As a result,
these objects of personal vanity
were thus turned into articles
of usefulness in the service of
the Lord Jesus Christ.

This would tell us that a
Christian should use all of his
earthly possessions in the serv-
ice of the Lord. If a woman's
looking glass, fifteen hundred
years before the birth of Jesus
Christ, was to be taken from
her and consecrated in the
service of the Lord, how much
more we need to learn that all
of our earthly possessions should
be turned over for the use of
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you have an automobile?
If so, that automobile ought to
be used for the Lord Jesus
Christ. Some people think of
an automobile as a means of
personal pleasure. It shouldn't
be an article of pleasure to
you. Rather you ought to look
upon it as something that God
has entrusted to you for use in
His service.

What I have said about your
automobile is just as true of
the house in which you live. It
is just as true of the clothes

which you wear. It is just as
true of all the earthly posses-
sions that God has given you.
They ought to be consecrated
to the service of the Lord Jesus
Christ.

III

THE PURPOSE OF THE LAVER.

When the priests were in-
ducted and set apart into the
priesthood, they were washed.
"And Moses brought Aaron
and his sons, and washed them
with water."—Lev. 8:6.

Even though they were thus
washed when they were ori-
ginally inducted into the priest-
hood, they needed a daily
cleansing thereafter. It was
their duty not only to kill and
dissect the beasts that were to
be sacrificed, but they offered
the beasts in sacrifice upon the
altar. Furthermore, they walk-
ed upon the desert sands and
naturally their hands and feet
needed cleansing. As a result,
it became necessary that they
have their hands and feet
washed.

There was water in the top
of the laver for the washing of
their hands, and there was wa-
ter in the base of it for the
washing of their feet. This
would tell us that purity is a
requirement of God so far as
Israel's priests were concern-
ed. Those priests couldn't
serve God acceptably and
couldn't enter into the taber-
nacle to worship God rightly
unless they were cleansed. Purity
was a requirement for the
priests of the Lord.

Beloved, you and I need to
remember that we as God's
people are priests of the Lord,
for we read:

"And hath made us kings and
priests unto God and his Fa-
ther; to him be glory and
dominion for ever and ever."
—Rev. 1:6.

I don't need a priest to come
between my soul and God, for
I am my own priest. The Lord
Jesus Christ is my High Priest,
and I am a believer priest.

Every person who has believed
in the Lord Jesus Christ stands
as a believer priest before the
Lord Jesus Christ.

Now if God demanded purity
on the part of these priests in
the Old Testament, and if you
and I are believer priests to-
day, then that would tell us
that we need to be clean if we
are going to worship and serve
God. Saved people have to be
cleansed to worship God. Whenever you hear someone
say that an individual can be
saved and then go out and live
any kind of a life afterwards
and then go to Heaven when he
dies, and say that Baptists teach
that, mark it down, beloved,
that man is just lying. Baptist
people don't teach anything like
that. Instead, I stand here and
plead with you in the light of
the Word of God that as the
laver was necessary for the
priests' cleansing, you and I
need to be cleansed if we are
going to worship and serve
Him.

"Who shall ascend into the
hill of the Lord? or who shall
stand in his holy place? He that
hath clean hands, and a pure
heart; who hath not lifted up
his soul unto vanity, nor sworn
deceitfully."—Psa. 24:3,4.

Who is going to be able to
stand in the presence of God?
Only those who have had their
hearts cleansed, which is typi-
fied at the altar of burnt offer-
ing, and those who have clean
hands, which is typified at the
laver. Beloved, the only ones
who can worship and serve
God are those who have been
cleansed—cleansed by the wa-
ter of the Word of God.

IV

THE SYMBOLIC MEANING OF THE LAVER.

The laver was made of brass
only, which was unlike all the
balance of the pieces of furni-
ture of the tabernacle. The
other articles of furniture were
made of wood and covered over
with brass or gold.

I think there is a reason why

this was true. All the balance
of the articles of furniture were
to teach us about the Lord
Jesus Christ and His two na-
tures—His human nature and
His Divine nature. Therefore,
all the balance of these arti-
cles were made of wood and
overlaid with brass or gold,
thus speaking of His human
nature overlaid with His Di-
vine nature. The laver was
made of brass only, which
would tell us that there is just
one nature involved here. The
laver's symbolic meaning is
that it is a type of the blessed
Holy Spirit of God—the Third
Person of the Trinity.

Notice also that God gave the
specifications and dimensions
for everyone of the articles of
furniture except the laver.
There isn't one word said about
the shape or dimensions of the
laver. It just tells us that it
was to be made with a top and
with a base, and was to be
made out of solid brass.

Beloved, this further tells us
that the laver is a type of the
Holy Spirit, because you can't
confine the Holy Spirit to any
specifications. How we need to
learn this lesson today! You
can't tell the Holy Spirit what
He has to do it. You can't make
a program and tell the Holy
Spirit to work in this program.
The Holy Spirit is in the busi-
ness of making His own pro-
gram.

Take for example one of
these formal churches where
the programs are prepared in
advance. The prayers are
read from a book, and the ser-
mons are prepared essays which
are read. The people go
through a ritualistic form of
service and then go away with-
out ever feeling the presence of
the Holy Spirit. Why? Be-
cause the Holy Spirit is ruled
out. They have form and di-
mension in their program, and
there is no room for the Holy
Spirit to work there.

I'll give you another exam-
ple: Southern Baptists have for
the last few years been talk-
ing about standards—a stand-
ard Sunday School, a standard
B. Y. P. U., and other standard
organizations. There are cer-
tain requirements for reaching
the standard, and they say you
can't be an A-1 organization
unless you reach all of these
eight or ten requirements that
are laid down.

A few years ago there was a
Sunday School meeting held at
one of the Baptist churches in
Ashland, and I attended. They
asked all the pastors present
to go over the list of require-
ments of an A-1 Sunday School
and to tell whether or not his
Sunday School had met those
requirements. When it came
my turn, I said that we had
met each of those requirements,
until I came to the one where
it asked if we were using Bapt-
ist literature. I said, "Breth-
ren, if you call Baptist litera-
ture the literature that is sent
out from Nashville, Tennessee,
then we don't use it; but we
use the Bible, and we have a
conviction that it is Baptist
literature." Beloved, do you
know what they did. They
ruled us out and said that we
didn't have an A-1 Sunday
School because we didn't use
Baptist literature.

Standards like this whereby
that a church has to meet all
of these particular require-
ments in order to be A-1, leave
no place for the Holy Spirit.
There isn't any doubt that
twenty-two years ago the first
Sunday in July, God the Holy
Spirit lead this, the First Bap-
tist Church of Russell, Ken-
tucky, to lay aside the use of
literature and to study the
Word of God instead. There

isn't any doubt in my mind but
what the Holy Spirit lead us
in regard to it. These stand-
ards leave no place for the
leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Here is another example:
Throughout the Southern Bap-
tist Convention most of the
churches support what they
call the Cooperative Program,
for the work of missions
throughout the world. I think
I have paid my respects to the
Cooperative Program sufficient-
ly in the past when I have said
that the carrying charges of it
are entirely too high. The
carrying charges of getting
\$1.00 to the mission field
through the Cooperative Pro-
gram takes about \$9.00. Ac-
cordingly, we don't support the
Cooperative Program of the
Southern Baptists. We make
our own program. We try to
support men who will preach
the Word of God. Every penny
that is contributed for missions
through this church, goes for
the preaching of the Gospel.
Not one penny is taken out for
salaries and for greasing the
wheels of the machinery. There
is no room for the Holy Spirit
in the missionary program—the
Cooperative Program—of the
Southern Baptist Convention.

Beloved, the laver represents
the Holy Spirit, and the Holy
Spirit can't be confined to any
program that man may make.
The Holy Spirit isn't to be
limited by shape and size of
programs of any kind.

V

THE WATER'S SYMBOL- ISM.

There was water in both the
top and the base of the laver,
and it was there for the wash-
ing of the priests' hands and
feet. Beloved, that water re-
presents the Word of God, and
God's people are to be kept
clean by the water of the Word
of God.

"Wherewithal shall a young
man cleanse his way? by tak-
ing heed thereto according to
thy word."—Psa. 119:9.

"The entrance of thy words
giveth light; it giveth under-
standing unto the simple."
—Psa. 119:130.

"Now ye are clean throats,
the word which I have spoken
unto you."—John 15:3.

"Sanctify them through the
truth: thy word is truth."
—John 17:17.

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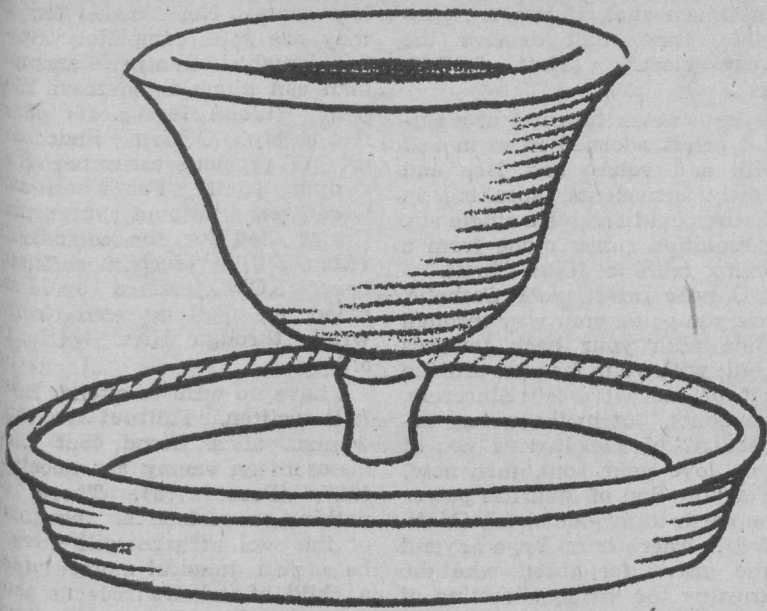
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THE LAVER



"The Laver"

VI

(Continued from page two)

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." —Eph. 5:25-27.

An individual can keep himself clean spiritually the same way that he does physically. If he wants to keep his body clean, he will just have to take a bath in water; if he wants to keep his soul clean, he will have to bathe in the water of the Word of God.

I remember several years ago when I was holding a meeting up in the mountains. I perspire quite freely and after every service was over, I would do quite a little bit of washing. When Saturday night came, the man in whose home I was staying, said, "Brother Gilpin, this is Saturday night." I said, "Yes, it is." Directly he said again, "Brother Gilpin, this is Saturday night." I said, "It certainly is." Presently, he made mention of it again and said, "Brother Gilpin, this is Saturday night." I guess I must have looked just a little somewhat "dumb," for he volunteered a little further information and said, "We always wash up on Saturday night." He was just reminding me that it was Saturday night and that it was time for a tub bath. In this case, I was considerably ahead of him, for I had had several baths during the week that he knew nothing about.

Now, beloved, what every Baptist church member needs is a good old-fashioned tub bath in the Word of God. There are a lot of people who are scrupulously clean with their flesh, but their souls haven't been scrubbed in the Word of God. Some of you folk wouldn't have dared to come to the house of God today without bathing, but I wonder how many of you took time before you came to wash your soul in the water of the Word of God.

Brother, Sister, the water that was contained in the laver was for the washing of the hands and the feet of the priests, and it symbolizes to us the Word of God. If we are to keep our souls clean, we are to wash them daily in the water of the Word.

THE WATER AND THE LAVER WERE VALUELESS WHEN THEY WERE SEPARATED.

Suppose you took the water out of the laver, of what value was the laver? It was an empty container. Suppose you took the water and poured it out upon the ground, of what value was the water? You can see that it was worthless. The water and the laver both were worthless when they were separated.

If the laver is to represent the Holy Spirit of God, and if the water is to represent the Word of God, that would tell us that the only way that either of them is of value to us is when the Word of God is preached and the Holy Spirit bears witness to that Word of God when it is preached.

Jesus said:

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." —John 4:24.

A woman said to me sometime ago concerning a certain preacher that when he preached, he jumped four feet high. She said, "You know the Spirit of the Lord must be in him, or an old man like that couldn't jump that way." Yet, beloved, when he preaches, he preaches open communion and alien immersion; he compromises the Word of God concerning salvation; he practices a mourner's bench; and he practices things definitely contrary to the Word of God. This woman said that the Holy Spirit had to be in him or he couldn't jump like that, yet when he preaches, he definitely shows much ignorance of the Word of God.

As the laver and the water were valueless when they were separated, the man who is mighty in the Spirit of God is likewise mighty in the Word of God. The man who is mighty in the Word of God has to be mighty in the Spirit of God.

Sometime ago I carried an article concerning Robert G. Lee, who is the president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Somebody had written Mr. Lee about the matter of women praying, testifying and speaking in the house of God. He had concurred with this individual that it was perfectly all right, and that women ought to pray and speak in public, and they ought to be at liberty to testify in public church services.

It is often said that Robert G. Lee is a very spiritual man, but beloved, no man can be spiritual that denies any portion of

the Word of God. Listen:

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

—I Cor. 14:34.

Paul says that no man is spiritual who denies the commandments of the Lord. We read:

"If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord." —I Cor. 14:37.

Robert G. Lee denies Paul's statement as to a woman's place in the church. In the light of this verse in I Corinthians, he can't be a spiritual man.

Beloved, you can't separate the laver and the water, and you can't separate the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. They are joined together.

VII

THERE ARE SOME LESSONS HERE FOR YOU AND ME.

Lesson number one: They must be clean who stand before the Lord.

If you are going to stand before God, you have to be clean. No man can enter into the presence of God unless he has a pure heart and clean hands.

Lesson number two: One little act will unfit a man for service.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." —Psa. 66:18.

"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." —Isa. 51:11.

We wonder sometime why we have so little influence over unsaved people. There is a reason. Beloved, you can't be used of the Lord unless you "that bear the vessels of the Lord" are clean.

I was walking along the street over in Ashland recently and saw two fellows standing, talking. They were talking loudly enough that I could hear them, and I was walking slowly enough that I got the entire conversation. One of the individuals was drinking, and he had had enough to drink, to make him talkative. He was telling the second individual, as he slobbered in his face, that he was a saved man. The second fellow listened to him for a few minutes, and finally said, "You certainly smell like a Christian."

Listen to me, brother, sister, one little act will unfit a man for service in the Lord.

Lesson number three: To wash was not a matter of opinion, but of necessity.

What a solemn warning this is to God's people!

"So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations." —Ex. 30:21.

The Lord was speaking to these who had come by way of the brazen altar, and He told them that they could not come to worship Him until they had been washed. If they did, they were liable to die.

If you have been saved, you need to be cleansed before you try to worship God. Are you walking in the world and living in the world and letting your life be ruled and controlled by the world? What a solemn warning for us! The physical life of many of God's children is in danger, because

they haven't taken a bath in the Word of God.

"For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." —I Cor. 11:31,32.

Beloved, you as God's child ought to judge yourself. If you judge yourself, God doesn't have to judge you; but if you fail to judge yourself, then God has to judge you, and when God judges, He chastens. Beloved, if you are saved and your life isn't counting for God like it ought, let me remind you, your physical life is in danger. God's people must be clean.

VIII

THE LAVER CONTRASTED WITH THE ALTAR.

There is quite a contrast between the altar and the laver. On the altar Christ died for our sins; in the laver we have Christ glorified for our cleansing. The altar was for sinners; the laver was for priests. In the altar you see justification by grace; in the laver you have cleansing by the truth. In the altar you have forgiveness; in the laver you have cleansing. In the altar you have a pure heart; in the laver you have clean hands.

CONCLUSION

Beloved, are you saved? If you are, then if you are to walk with the Lord, you have to not only have clean hands and clean feet, but your life needs to be kept clean by daily baths in the Word of God.

May God bless you!

James O'Brien

(Continued from page one) on Him, he shall not perish but have everlasting life," how could any James O'Brien be fully confident that he was the person mentioned?

The Lord has eliminated all confusion by using such terms as "world," "whosoever," "any man" and "thou." It does not matter how many persons have identical names, each can find himself (or herself) in God's "whosoever." Consider the following:

"Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

"Whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins." (Acts 10:43).

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13).

"Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Revelation 22:17). When the Lord said "whosoever," He included me!—NOW.

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The first MESSAGE of the risen Lord was a MISSIONARY MESSAGE — John 20:17.

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Christ's GREATEST REASON for Christian love was a MISSIONARY REASON — John 13:35.

Our Saviour's LAST WISH on earth was a MISSIONARY WISH — Matt. 28:19.

Wrong Directions

(Continued from page one) scription. It has already caused untold anguish and misery and sin in time. And this deluding system has sent millions into eternity "believing a lie" as to how to be saved. Countless thousands have gone out forever to suffer the wrath of God and the vengeance of eternal fire because of wrong directions about their souls.

They have been unwittingly led to believe Satan's lie, instead of the truth of the Gospel of Christ.

You are startled, my Reader? Do you cautiously ask, what can this system be that you write of? Where in this world is there such an appalling power of evil as you speak of. Where is there such a betrayal of the souls of men, tell me?

It is the Roman Catholic Church. Its head is the Pope. The seat of its dreadful deceiving power is the Vatican in the city of Rome. From there the present power of the Anti-Christ is sent forth by the hand of Satan to deceive and destroy the souls of men. From there for centuries have the many Antichrists that have filled the papal chair been used by Satan, the arch-deceiver, to ruin nations, foment wars, cause terrible persecutions of Christians, and send their own ignorant followers out into eternal night. Yet this terrible system is recognized by few in its true character. Most Christians have been cleverly deceived by the extent of its subtle power. While they gaze into the future for a single bad man, the real Antichrist system is cutting its deadly swath of human souls in every land. And least of all, is this system known to be what it actually is by the countless thousands whose every move and thought are controlled by it, from the cradle to the grave.

The working tool that is used by this evil power of Catholicism, in the hand of Satan, is the priest. Through him the body of man is made a slave. Through him the soul is unwittingly deceived into believing not the truth, but Satan's lies. Through him the body is defiled, corrupted, and taught to sin, and through him the soul is sent into eternity without hope.

The method used by these work-tools of Antichrist to deceive souls is to mix truth with lies into something pleasing to the senses. The most deadly

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(Continued from page three) error is thus concealed by weaving it into Bible truths. The priest teaches of heaven and hell, Christ and God, salvation and damnation. They blend Scriptures cleverly with evil Jesuit traditions. They teach good works while promoting and causing sin. While they speak great swelling words they themselves are human instruments of unspeakable sin. Into Bible truths are mixed idolatry, wicked traditions and superstitions. While they admit that salvation is by Christ, they teach that His atonement alone cannot save the soul. And so to Christ's work they add countless requirements of works as an indispensable part of the saving of the soul. Is it not amazing how far people will blindly and ignorantly follow and obey the priest and never dare question him? I know not how far you have followed him already, but have you ever searched the Scriptures to see if in them you have eternal life? If you would have God's salvation, follow no longer the priest. Believe no longer he is 'Another Christ.' But come now to the real and living Fountain of Life who alone can save to the uttermost. Leave at once all deadly doings; listen to the voice of Jesus Christ and be at peace: "Look unto ME and be ye saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God and there is none else." (Isa. 45:22).

Reader, you know how the priest of Rome sends his followers to masses and confessions and penances and bodily mortifications to help fit them for Heaven. You know how he sends those he controls to saints and relics — to worshipping Mary and numberless images. He sends them to saying volumes of silly prayers, to wearing scapulars and rosaries and crucifixes, to counting their beads, to crossing themselves, to ashes, to holy water, to observing days and weeks, to abstaining from foods—all, all to help in their salvation. But all these human efforts are void of any value whatsoever to help a soul get right with God. "It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul." (Lev. 17:11). Nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can put away sin.

In His great mercy God has caused the blood of Christ to be given on the cross of Calvary. Faith in that Blood alone saves the soul. Do not believe the poor deceived priest. Beware of his commands. Fear not his threats, his excommunications and curses. He is only the wolf in sheep's clothing, the unsuspecting tool of Satan, under the evil spell of those above him, the bishops, and cardinals, who in turn are under the sceptre of the wicked Antichrist, the Pope. Fear them not, obey them not, believe them not, flee from them. For they are only leading you in the wrong direction. Sincere indeed they may often be; but fatally wrong.

Reader, be sure it is for no personal hatred of Rome's priests that I write this. I only have sorrow of heart for those poor ignorant souls. I know they themselves are in terrible bondage to their superiors, and their church and traditions. I know they are often stone blind themselves to their own corruptible deceivings, yet they believe that these lying wonders which they teach are truth. How can they tell their follow-

ers what they themselves know not? "Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" (Luke 6:39).

Be not deceived by the multitudes that follow the priest either. "And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (2 Peter 2:2). Here so many go wrong. One of Rome's wrong directing evils is the teaching that the oldest, the most massive system of religion must be the most genuine. So the priest teaches that because of its immense size, the Roman Catholic Church is the true church. Because of its antiquity, he says, the Roman Church and no other is of God. Oh, the deluded millions who feel sure that because of Rome's great cathedrals, its vast pomp, its showy and expensive ceremonies, its aggressiveness, socially prominent members, spreading its spell on whole nations, that it is the true Church, the only Church. But Reader, I solemnly call your attention to God's own Word. The apostle John recognized this false system when he wrote: "And upon her forehead was a name written Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and of the abominations of the earth. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her I wondered with a great wonder." (Rev. 12:5,6). "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life and FEW there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matt. 7:14,15).

My dear Catholic friend, the Lord Jesus Christ never taught anywhere that the salvation of the soul could be earned by being baptized, or taking of the sacrament or by going to mass. He never once mentioned sprinkling with holy water, making the sign of the cross, or doing penance. No, these are all deluding sentimental forms, inventions of Satan, used by the priest to satisfy the ignorant and guilty conscience, and yet leave the soul in spiritual darkness. But Jesus did say: "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6). "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3). You must trust in Him alone to be saved. To rely on any works of man is fatal. Christ is not part-Saviour. "He is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him." (Heb. 7:25).

Listen, poor anxious priest-fearing soul, to the loving words of the all-sufficient Saviour. Trust Him alone and you are safe forever! "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28).

Jesus Christ never deceived the soul of a sinner. He never taught anywhere or any time that a person could never be saved if he did not belong to the Church of Rome. Rome's priests alone teach this soul-destroying lie. Countless thousands of souls who have trusted Christ alone for their souls' eternal safety have gone out of time, rejoicing in the knowledge of their sins fully forgiven, and at peace with God, without ever having been inside a Catholic church. Thousands more who KNOW by God's Holy Word, that they belong forever to Christ are now living, yet have never been through the door of a Catholic

church. They have never followed the wrong directions of a priest. Jesus Himself plainly taught: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37). And is it not a wonderful consolation to one desiring to know eternal safety to hear His words: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47). Come as you are, weary soul, to Christ by faith and be forever safe.

Jesus Christ never taught anywhere about sins being 'mortal' or 'venial.' He taught that the root of all sin is the unbelief in the heart of natural man. All other sin comes from this root of unbelief. (John 16:9). He taught by His spirit: "There is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for Him He shall appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Heb. 9:28). Jesus Christ died for every sin of the soul that trusts Him alone. He paid to God the debt we could never pay. No priest can add to that work. Christ Himself said, "It is finished." (John 19:30). "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from ALL sin." (John 1:7). It matters not what classification the priest puts on your sin. It matters not in the least if he absolves you or not. Come to Jesus just as a sinner



and hear Him say: "Thy faith hath saved thee, go in peace." (Luke 7:50), and know that "God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:32).

"The soul that sinneth it shall die." (Ez. 18:4). It is of no importance whether your sins be few or many, mortal or venial, hidden or well-known, dear friend. You will perish forever under God's wrath for them, if you trust not in Christ's blood alone to save.

Jesus Christ Himself never taught that any man has any right to claim the title of "Another Christ," as the Roman priest does. Robes of velvet and lace; the title of "Father," mysterious ceremonies of ordinances; the awe-inspiring aloofness of the priest do not make him a man of God, as his poor foolish followers suppose. The priest is still a sinner. These things only give him greater opportunities to misdirect poor sinning people who trust him. Reader, be not deceived. Hell will be full of poor deluded priests, sinful bishops, wretched cardinals, vile popes, led there by the fatal directing of the vast system of which they are only helpless sinning tools. Listen to the words of Jesus Christ Himself about such men: "For many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. . . . Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not. For

there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall show great signs, and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:5,23,24).

Jesus never taught that a sinful priest adorned in satin and silk and velvet and lace and costly ornaments, speaking in Latin, could forgive a single sin. Absolution comes alone from a living faith in Jesus Christ.

O poor priest, poor Catholic, are you going your way through time with your back towards God; with your face toward the pit of eternal woe? Sincerely, no doubt, but in the wrong direction? I plead with you if you love your soul, turn now! For "the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins." (Matt. 9:6). There is no hope beyond the grave for those who die trusting the wrong directing of the priests. Listen to the words of the Saviour Himself: "I am the way, the truth and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Never will you find peace and salvation in your obedience to a priest. None can come unto the Father except they come through His Son alone. (John 6:37,44).

Jesus Christ never taught that people must worship God only in a great building with stained-glass windows, with lofty spires, with pealing bells adorned without and within at great expense to the poor. No costly images of saints, no rare and beautiful pictures, no altar covered with velvet and crucifixes, no candles and incense can bring a soul into communion with God. These only send an enchanting, deluding, emotional spell upon poor sin-conscious people. No, my friend, instead of this false ritual, Jesus taught this: "God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24). "For man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart." (1 Sam. 16:7). It is the sinner in whom there is a true repentance and a forsaking of sin, in whom there is a trusting only in the atonement of Christ, that the Almighty looks upon with love and compassion. No priest on earth is needed. To such their Great High Priest is above. He entered Heaven by His own blood, after paying the sin-debt of those who trust Him alone. To them He says: "To this man will I look who is of a humble and contrite spirit and trembleth at my word." (Isa. 66:2).

Jesus Christ never taught that the souls of men went to a place called Purgatory after death. This imaginary place originated in the minds of sinful men for gain. Truly it is a profitable doctrine for the Church of Rome. This teaching has robbed poor deluded souls of countless millions of dollars, yet it never brought peace to a single anxious soul. Jesus Christ plainly taught of Hell. He plainly taught of Heaven. (Matt. 10:28). He plainly showed that to trust in Him alone would be the way to Heaven. And He without question taught that to trust in anything else would result in eternal loss. "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 3:35).

Friend, be not deceived by the lying wonders of the priest. Those who rest on Christ alone, His blood, His righteousness, go to be with Him at the moment of death. (Luke 23:43). They need fear no purgatory. They

need no extreme unction, no anointing with holy oil, no last sacrament, no high mass — no low mass. No, for in Christ they are safe, complete, justified, bought with a price and no man can pluck them from His hand! (John 10:28). O perfect safety! O loving Redeemer! O precious assurance for a dying soul! "For when we were yet without strength, Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom. 5:6). "Much more than being NOW justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." (Rom. 5:9).

I have no wish to offend. But it is written, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." (Prov. 27:6). There is nothing so serious as the loss of the soul. There will never be such a dreadful moment for a child of Adam's race as the moment they first learn that they have followed, too late, wrong directions about their immortal soul. For as one enters Eternity, so will he forever abide. (Rev. 22:11).

Life for all of us is very brief. Death is very real, very chilling, very startling. It is coming nearer, nearer even as you read this. The last great assize is looming surely before us. Reader, make sure of your eternal welfare. Trust your soul into the hands of no one but Christ. All others are deceivers; all others will prove false in the bitter end. Do you now recognize how you have been blinded by the priest? Do you see now your almost fatal mistake of fearfully obeying his wrong directing? Would you know for certain, without a doubt, without one duty, without one priestly observance that your soul was safe, at peace forever with God? Bless the Lord, then. It is the light breaking through the shadows of the catacombs of Rome's darkness. May the Good Lord give you light.

Your journey may be nearly over, dear Reader. There may be but short time remaining. Flee, forsake utterly all creeds, observances, all confusing and lying wonders. Flee from the priest, the poor deceived tool of Satan. Flee, lest darkness eternal overtakes you while you are under his spell of spiritual delusion. Flee from all that he has taught you in his blindness. Flee from all he has compelled you to do in fear. Flee as the poor guilty sinner you are to the arms of Jesus by faith. Take the guilty sinner's place and trust the guilty sinner's Saviour. Trust His atoning, all-sufficient sacrifice as having been made to save a sinner like you. Remember the words of the Apostle Peter, whom all Catholics are taught to reverence, when he said, "Lord to whom shall we go? THOU HAST THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE. And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (John 6:68,69). Look to Christ, dear seeking soul. Cast every other priestly refuge away. Like the penitent thief, cry from the depths of your soul unto Jesus: "Lord, Remember me." Then trust Him whose blood was shed on the cross. There is no one else to trust, dear Reader. Cling to Him; cleave to Him; rest in Him, who came to save the Lost. (Luke 19:10).

It is only then, and not until then, my friend, that your soul is safe. Only then are you traveling this vale of sin and shadows, trials and tears, through this world of deceiving confusion, in the right direction toward Heaven and God.