

Campbellism, A Novelty Beginning In The Year 1823

Campbell's "startling" discovery of the "gospel in water" was made in 1823, according to his own testimony, and also the testimony of Bro. Richardson. Says Campbell, speaking of his own work:

"It was not until the year 1823 that a restoration of the original Gospel and order of things began to be plead in a periodical edited by Alexander Campbell, of Bethany, Virginia, entitled 'The Christian Baptist.'" (Religious Ency., p. 463).

Thus Campbell claims to be the first in modern time to plead the primitive Gospel and "order of things," but as he was baptized by a Baptist, and was never baptized again, it is pertinent to ask if the father of the Campbellite church carried with him to his death a robe obtained according to the "original gospel and order of things?"

If so, evidently the Baptist channel was genuine. If not, then "father" Campbell went through life without being clothed in the robe of the "original gospel and order of things."

In Lexington, Kentucky, in 1823, Mr. Campbell held a debate with Bro. N. L. Rice, of the Presbyterian Church. In that discussion he said:

"Some twenty years ago, when preparing for a debate with Mr. McCalla, I put myself under the special instruction of four Evangelists, and one Paul, of distinguished apostolic rank and dignity. I had for some time before that discussion, been often impressed with such passages as Acts 2:38; and that providential call to discuss the subject with Mr. McCalla, compelled me to decide the matter to my entire satisfaction. Believe me, sir, then I had forgotten my earlier readings upon the subject; and upon the simple testimony of the Book it-
self, I came to the conclusion alleged in that debate, and proved only by the Bible, which now appears, from a thousand sources, to have been the catholic and truly ancient and primitive faith of the whole church. It was in this commonwealth that this doctrine was first promulgated in modern times; and, sir, it has now spread over this continent, and with singular success, it is now returning to Europe, and the land of our fathers." (Campbell-Rice Debate, p. 472).

Campbell boldly affirms that it was in the State of Kentucky, in the year 1823, that his plan of salvation was first preached in modern times. But it is well

HE WHO WOULD SAVE HIS LIFE

Sunda Singh was travelling with a friend in a terrible snow-storm. Nearly frozen with cold, they went on, and presently saw a dark object lying in the snow, which they knew to be the form of a man. The Sadhu stopped, but the other hurried on, saying, "We shall both perish if we stop."

He picked up the almost dead man and, holding him close to himself staggered on. He found that the heat from his own body revived the exhausted man, while he was glowing with warmth caused by his own exertion.

As they entered the village, a

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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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Why Salvation Is Apart From Baptism

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A Dangerous And Deadly Falsehood

The teaching that immersion is essential to salvation is one

of the most deadly falsehoods ever taught in this world. It will send the soul of every person who believes it as straight to hell as the crow flies.

What This False Doctrine Does:

1. It destroys the New Testament doctrine of grace. Baptism is a form of works, and the Scriptures tell us that salvation is not by works. (See Eph. 2:8-9; also read Rom. 4:4).

2. It makes salvation to be through water instead of thru blood. (See I John 1:7; Heb. 9:22; Matt. 26:28). The substitution of the water of immersion for the blood of the Savior is a wicked thing.

3. It denies the finished work of Christ for salvation, teaching that WE have to finish the plan of salvation through the works of baptism.

4. It makes for two ways of salvation. Church of Christ people teach "falling from grace," but teach that one can

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The Believer Is Saved Before Baptism

1. He is passed from death unto life. "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).

(1) He hears the word, present tense. (2) He believes, present tense. (3) He has everlasting life, present tense. (See John 6:47; 3:14,15). (4) He shall not come into condemnation. (5) He is passed from death unto life. This alone should be sufficient to convince anyone.

2. The believer is not condemned. John 3:18.

3. He is justified and has peace with God. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1).

(1) The believer is justified before God. To justify (dikaioo, Gr. means "to pronounce righteous, to make or declare right." "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: . . . To

declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he must be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." (Rom. 3:24,26).

(2) The believer has peace with God. "In me ye might have peace." (John 16:33). What kind of peace? "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:7).

(3) The justification is thru redemption in Christ and the peace is in Christ. Therefore the believer is justified by the grace of God and has peace in Christ, and as he believes before baptism, blessings come to him before baptism. He is redeemed, justified and has peace.

4. The believer has a pure heart in the sight of God. Acts 15:9. "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Katharizo (Gr.) means "to make clean, to cleanse, to purify." This taking place before baptism, the believer then has the

promise: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8).

5. The believer has the witness of the Spirit. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." (I John 5:10).

(1) The witness testifies that the believer IS, not will be at baptism, a child of God. "The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (Rom. 8:16).

(2) Then, "If children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8:17).

(3) The witness testifies that the believer is sealed. II Cor. 1:22: "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

6. The believer rejoices in God. I Pet. 1:8. And Luke 10:20 says one should rejoice because his name is written in Heaven. As he believes before baptism, his name is written in Heaven before baptism.

7. The believer has both his

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Where Are The Male Members Of Most Churches?

An aged minister expressed the opinion that in Heaven the men would be heavily outnumbered by the women. Immediately someone challenged the minister: "How did you ever come to such a violent conclusion?" To this, the minister replied, "There is really nothing violent about it. See for yourself. Go to church where you will; and you will usually find that in the Sunday services, the choir, the Sunday School, and the midweek service the women are in the majority. This in itself may not prove anything, but it is one of the surest ways in which devotion to Christ will express itself."

It is sobering and disturbing to note that in the membership of the American Baptist Convention there are only two men to every three women; and in the Southern Baptist Convention the ratio is only three to four. Where millions of members are involved, such ratios reflect something woefully wrong in our program of soul winning and enlistment in service.

In the cradle roll of the average Sunday School the number of boys and girls is about equal; likewise in the Beginners', Primary, and Junior Departments. Then, at the age of twelve, the boys begin to drop out; and the loss continues unchecked through the years of youth, and middle life, and old age.

We shall never come to our full strength until we are more effective in winning and holding our men and boys. A certain pastor who taught a large, thriving men's class, was explaining his extraordinary emphasis upon the work with men. "When we reach the child, that may be all; when we reach the mother, we have only the mother and child; but when we reach the father, we generally have the whole family, plus the family car, plus the family purse."

One of the most successful youth directors of our generation, with many hundreds of young people in her department, has for years concentrated upon the enlistment of the young men. "Make sure of your young men, and the success of your young people's work is assured."

When a certain church closed, years ago, two women continued to come to the abandoned church every Sunday, regardless of weather. Here, for two long years, the cold silence of the church was broken from Sunday to Sunday by the prayers of the two brokenhearted

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"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."—Eph. 5:18.

Here is a definite contrast presented in these few words. It is the flesh that would be drunk with wine; it is the new nature that would be filled with the Spirit; thus Paul holds up the flesh and the Spirit in contrast, when he spoke the words of this text. There is a definite contrast in this verse

between the fleshly nature and the spiritual nature.

As you well know, wine changes a man in every respect. It will change his talk. Some folk whom I have known to be addicted to the use of alcoholics, while they were very untalkative when they were sober, would become most talkative when they were intoxicated.

Wine likewise changes a man's walk. It will change the walk of any individual who is given to

wine. While he might walk straight one day when he is sober, when he has been indulging in intoxicating liquors you will see him wobbling from one side to the other. Wine, I say, changes a man's walk.

Furthermore, wine will produce a definite joy on the part of the individual. I don't say that that joy is a healthy one, and I won't say that that joy will continue. He will awaken

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PRAYER CHANGES PEOPLE

A young preacher had just settled in his first pastorate in Philadelphia, when he was visited one evening by one of the laymen in his church.

The man said bluntly to him, "You are not a strong preacher. In the usual order of things you will fail here, but a little group of us have agreed to gather every Sunday morning to pray for you."

The young man saw that group of people grow to more than one thousand praying weekly for their pastor.

The minister was J. Wilbur Chapman who grew to become one of the greatest preachers America has ever known.

AW SHUCKS! IT WAS EASY!



It isn't easy to be a Christian. Knowing this to be true, Paul warned the Ephesian Christians, when he said:

"Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."—Eph. 6:11-13.

It isn't easy to be true to God's Word as a preacher. It is much easier to be sentimental than Scriptural. It is much easier to compromise with the world than to demand that the world conform to God's standard. Paul knew how hard it was to be a true preacher. Hence, he said:

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure SOUND doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."—II Tim. 4:2-4.

It isn't easy to edit this paper. Many are the temptations that come to compromise some of the great truths of the Book. Many are the problems, both spiritual and material, that arise. With the price of both labor and material, it is exceedingly difficult to keep the paper regularly in the mails. We need both your prayers, your gifts, and your encouragement. May we count on you? Then, we'll be able to say, "Aw Shucks! It Was Easy!"

church reacted when one of the brethren of the church did a noble deed. Brother Barnabas had seen a need so far as his church was concerned, that the widows and the orphans be taken care of, and he sold his property and gave the money to the church. Everybody began to talk about what a noble, big-hearted, generous man Brother Barnabas was, and Ananias and Sapphira began to think how much they would like to have the same praise that Barnabas was receiving. They wanted the praise but they didn't want to pay the price that Barnabas paid. They sold some property and brought part of the money and laid it down at the apostles' feet, honoring the feet of the apostles more than the eyes of the Lord. They were expecting to get the same praise that Barnabas did. Simon Peter looked upon Ananias and Sapphira and said, "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?"

You can thus see, beloved, that while it is true that unsaved people are entirely filled with unrighteousness, that these people had been filled with the Devil to the extent that they lied to the Holy Spirit.

We have another instance of folk whose hearts were filled with something other than the

Holy Spirit.

"Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and were FILLED WITH INDIGNATION."—Acts 5:17.

Here was a group of people who were unsaved. They were religious, but lost. They were a group of religious Jews who were filled with indignation.

Just before this, they had crucified the Lord Jesus Christ, the head of the church. They thought the church would come to an end when they got rid of Jesus, but instead of it doing so, the church grew and multitudes were added to the church. We read:

"And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."—Acts 5:14.

When these multitudes were added to the church these religious leaders were filled with indignation. The word "indignation" really is the word for "jealousy" or "envy." These religious leaders were filled with envy and jealousy.

And again:
"But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were FILLED WITH ENVY, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming."—Acts 13:45.

This was on Paul's first missionary journey. He had gone away from Antioch and he traveled about here and there. When he came to this particular town the crowd gathered around and the Jews, when they saw Paul stand up to preach Jesus were filled with envy.

Beloved, the most destructive sin in all this world is the sin of envy on the part of religious people. These people were envious because there were crowds of people who gathered to hear Paul's ministry. They were envious because of what Paul had to say.

Beloved, I say to you, unsaved people not only have hearts which are filled with unrighteousness but the hearts of religious people are filled with things that are contrary to the things of the Lord.

III

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE SOME INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We find the Church at Jerusalem was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"And they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."—Acts 2:4.

After ten days spent in prayer, the church came together and the Holy Spirit came down upon them to the extent that the entire church was filled with the Holy Spirit. What an expression! The word "filled" the word for "cram."

The same expression that is used here is used in regard to the feeding of the five thousand. The Word of God tells us that "they were filled." It means that they were crammed where Jesus gave them fish to eat. When five thousand men, not counting women and children, were Jesus' guests, they didn't just get a sandwich, or just nibble or two. They were crammed; they were filled.

A few years ago a man told me how on some of these large farms where they raise geese commercially, that when they get ready to fatten the geese they would nail the web of the goose's foot down to a board so that it couldn't move. They had a machine that they would put in the goose's mouth and they would cram and push the food into its mouth ever so often in order to get it fat.

Beloved, that is precisely what this text is talking about in the church of Jerusalem. They were filled, or crammed, with the Holy Spirit.

As a result, this had a big effect upon the church at Jerusalem. The Word of God tells us that they had the ability to speak with other tongues. God gave them ability to speak with particular tongues and particular languages, and people from far off countries could understand the messages that these Jews had to preach. The Word of God tells us that the enemies standing around about looked on, and in order to discredit them, said:

"These men are full of new wine."—Acts 2:13.

They thought surely they were drunk. No, no, beloved, they weren't drunk with wine; they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Now most of us are quite ready to admit that the Holy Rollers are wrong when they say that they live above sin, and most of us are quite ready to admit that they are wrong when they say that they are completely filled with the Holy Spirit all the time. I say, beloved, individual who thus declares

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tomorrow morning with a terrible headache, and for the next day or two he may regret it, but for a time the wine will produce a genuine joy.

Now everything that wine does to the flesh the Holy Spirit does to the new nature. As wine changes your talk, so the Holy Spirit changes the talk in the new nature of an individual. As wine changes a person's walk, so the Holy Spirit will change the walk of the individual who has been saved. As wine produces joy in the life of an individual, so the Holy Spirit, when we are filled, thereby produces joy in our Christian experience. There is a tremendous difference between the two. The appeal in the first is the appeal not to indulge in the flesh, whereas the appeal in the second is the appeal that we be governed by the Holy Spirit of God.

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT UNSAVED PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH UNRIGHT-EOUSNESS.

"Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who, knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."—Rom. 1:29-32.

Notice that while all these things are true with the unsaved and they describe the spiritual nature of every man that is outside of Jesus Christ, the very first thing that it says about that unsaved man is that he is filled with unrighteousness. I don't mean to say that there is even a spark of good about any individual before he is saved. Here is a passage of Scripture that just completely annihilates the idea that there is any good in an unsaved man before he comes to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

I remember sometime ago hearing a man say, concerning another who was unsaved, "He is all right; he is a good-hearted man." What he meant was that the individual was of a kindly disposition, but, beloved, the very thing that was wrong with that man was his heart, for we read:

"The HEART IS DECEITFUL above all things, and desperate-

ly wicked: who can know it?"—Jer. 17:9.

Here is another Scripture which would show us how depraved human beings are:

"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is FULLY SET in them to do evil."—Eccl. 8:11.

This Scripture doesn't say that the heart is partially set to do evil, and partially set to do good; it doesn't say that there is a small part of it that is given over to the Lord and a small part of it is given over to the Devil. Rather, beloved, it says that the unsaved man's heart is fully set to do evil.

Listen again:

"This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men if FULL OF EVIL, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead."—Eccl. 9:3.

Whenever you find an individual who talks about there being some good in every man, just remember that individual isn't talking Bible language. The Word of God says that the heart of unsaved people is fully set toward doing evil.

I remember an old statement which you perhaps have heard quoted many times, which says: "There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly behooves any of us to talk about the rest of us." In the first revival meeting that I ever remember attending, the preacher that held the meeting went over that statement every night. There wasn't a night in that revival that he didn't quote this statement. Now, beloved, there is just not one bit of truth in it. When an individual talks about there being so much good in the worst of us, he is just not talking Bible language, for the Word of God definitely shows that the hearts of men are fully set to do evil. Whenever you hear it said that there is a spark of divinity about every man, which is the modernist's philosophy, and that all you need to do is to get the man in the right environment—get him to go to church, or to join the church, and get him in a Sunday School class and get him to read the Word of God—and then fan that spark and it will burst forth into a flame—when ever you hear someone say that, just remember that man needs somebody to take him aside and teach him more fully the Word of God. Any unsaved individual doesn't have the Holy Spirit within him. He can't be filled with the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit has never taken up residence inside of him. The unsaved man can be filled with but one thing and that is unrighteousness—the things that are contrary to the things of God.

II

I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO NOTICE ALSO HOW SOME RELIGIOUS PEOPLE ARE FILLED.

"But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"—Acts 5:3.

Here the Apostle Peter is preaching individually to Ananias and later to Sapphira, his wife, concerning a sin of which they were guilty. I don't know whether Ananias and Sapphira were saved people, but I rather think they were. However, there is one thing of which I am sure, namely, they were religious people and they were members of the First Baptist Church of Jerusalem. They saw how the

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that he is living a perfect life and that he is completely filled with the Holy Spirit, all the time, is a liar. However, I'll go further and say that I believe the experience of this church in Jerusalem could be your experience, and my experience every day—not all of every day, but every day. If you and I could have the same experience, we would be filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

I could not begin to tell you how that time after time, when I have preached, that I have felt completely filled with the presence of God, when there was no difficulty whatsoever for me to preach, when, beloved, there was no labor on my part and all I had to do was to stand and speak with the Holy Spirit directing me. I believe that it could be the experience of every child of God every day to be filled with the Spirit of God.

Let's notice another who was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel."—Acts 4:8.

This was at the time when the first persecution came upon this infant church. Heretofore the persecution had all been aimed at Jesus, but now that Jesus was gone the persecution fell upon the membership of the church. Simon Peter was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin. As he stood up to make his defense, the Word of God tells us, that he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, I believe that every child of God can have the same experience if he is willing to pay the price. I believe that if every child of God will read his Bible and pray and spend more time with the Lord that he could have the same experience. He could be completely filled with the Holy Spirit. I don't say that he will be filled all the time for your old fleshly nature won't permit it, but I am saying that there will be seasons in your life when you will feel completely given over to and completely taken possession of, by the Holy Spirit of God.

Let's notice another experience concerning this early church.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

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—Acts 4:31.

Just before this the enemies had threatened these Christians, and after they had threatened them, they let them go, thinking that they were scared and would go off and forget about what they were doing. No, no, beloved, a child of God whose heart is set on the Lord just doesn't scare easily, and these Christians just didn't scare. The result was that instead of being scared and running off to their homes, they went to their place of meeting and prayed. When they had prayed, the Word of God tells us that they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes we hear the expression that "Prayer changes things." Beloved, it does more than this — it shakes things. It shook them back there. It not only shook them, but it filled them with the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, you will never find a church member that is running around tattling that is filled with the Holy Spirit. You will never find a church member that will go to a pool room that is filled with the Holy Spirit. You will never find a church member that lives a life of sin who is filled with the Holy Spirit. You will never find a church member who is an habitual user of profane language that will be filled with the Holy Spirit. But, beloved, you will find people who go to prayer meetings, who will have experiences when they are literally filled, or crammed, with the Holy Spirit. This church at Jerusalem had this experience, and you and I can too.

Let's notice another experience.

Even when Simon Peter walked down the street, sick folk were brought into the street so that Peter's shadow might fall upon them. Listen:

"Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them."—Acts 5:15.

The Word of God doesn't say anything about the rest of the apostles, but I imagine that what was true of Simon Peter was true of the balance. The news spread around to the extent that other people came in, bringing their sick, and they were healed. Why did this take place? Because they had been filled with the Holy Spirit.

I want you to notice another example of an individual who was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man FULL of faith and of the Holy Spirit."—Acts 6:5.

The first man that was chosen to be deacon in the First Baptist Church of Jerusalem was Stephen. It is said that he was full of faith and full of the Holy Spirit. Now, beloved, what are you going to expect of that individual so far as the world is concerned? I expect that any individual of that type is going to have plenty of difficulty. Well, beloved, Stephen did. Before the chapter ends we find that Stephen was brought before the council and asked to defend himself. As he makes his defense, we read:

"But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."—Acts 7:55.

Notice, beloved, they chose a man who was full of the Holy Spirit. Even after they arrested him he was still full of the Holy Spirit. Just before they stoned him to death he was filled again with the Holy Spirit and he

DANGEROUS SPARRING PARTNER



"DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT IF YOU YIELD YOURSELVES TO ANY ONE AS OBEIENT SLAVES, YOU ARE SLAVES OF THE ONE WHOM YOU OBEY, EITHER OF SIN, WHICH LEADS TO DEATH, OR OF OBEDIENCE (TO GOD), WHICH LEADS TO RIGHTEOUSNESS?"

—ROM. 6:16 (RSV)

looked up to Heaven and gave a testimony that couldn't be tolerated by his enemies. Immediately they cried out and threw stones and killed him. I say, beloved, this is another instance of an individual who was completely filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God tells us of another individual who was filled with the Holy Spirit.

"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord."—Acts 11:22-24.

The Word of God doesn't say that Barnabas was a preacher. I don't think that he was, but I think in all probability that he was a layman. The church needed a responsible individual who could go to Antioch and find out what was going on over there. There were strange tidings of the work of the Lord coming out of Antioch, so the church of Jerusalem sent Barnabas. The Word of God tells us that when he saw them, he was glad, and he told them to cleave unto the Lord. As a result of his testimony, many people were added unto the Lord.

I am persuaded to believe that one reason, humanly, why more people are not added to the Lord, is because we are not filled with the Holy Spirit. I say to each of us this morning, I am firmly and definitely convinced today that God would

have you and me to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that if we would give ourselves to prayer and take more time for meditation and study of His Word, that He would fill us with the Holy Spirit.

I want you to notice one other individual.

"Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, set his eyes on him, And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?"—Acts 13:9, 10.

These words were spoken to Elymas the sorcerer — a man who was seeking to undermine and destroy the church and who was definitely an enemy to the Word of God. Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit when he stood in his presence and called him a child of the Devil and an enemy of righteousness.

Beloved, the individual who has the experience of walking with the Lord and who is filled with the Holy Spirit has a boldness when it comes to the things of God, and is willing to stand up for the things of God like the Apostle Paul. Paul was a Jew with bad eyesight and a man whose figure was very, very small and whose physique was what you would say not that of a strong man, but he stood in the presence of this man Elymas and called him an enemy of all righteousness. Why? Because he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Notice in this same experience concerning Paul that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit.

"And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Spirit."—Acts 13:52.

Paul had some opposition, and he had it wherever he went, but the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and joy.

CONCLUSION

When the Apostle Paul was writing to the church of Ephesus, he did as he so often did, he ceased in his exhortation and started praying. I remember about eight or ten years ago when I was preaching from this pulpit that in the course of my message I just felt impressed all of a sudden to quit preaching and pray, and I did so. I went on later with my message. Now that was Paul's attitude many, many times. As he writes this letter to the church of Ephesus, Paul all of a sudden quits exhorting and starts to pray.

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."—Eph. 3:19.

Paul prayed that they might be filled with all the fullness of God. What an expression that is! God is full of truth, God is full of righteousness, God is full of love, God is full of mercy, God is full of grace. In fact, God is full of all of the attributes that we aspire to. Paul prayed that they might be filled with the fullness of God.

May it please the Lord this morning that that might be your experience and mine, and may it please Him that from this day hence that we might be filled with the things of God.

May God bless you!

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BE PREPARED

BOY SCOUTS ARE NOT THE ONLY ONES WHO TALK IN TERMS OF PREPAREDNESS. EVERY ONE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE THIS WORLD. THE ONLY WAY ANYONE CAN ENJOY ASSURANCE OF THAT PREPAREDNESS IS BY FAITH IN THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST AT CALVARY. READ JOHN 6:47.



HEAVEN IS A PREPARED PLACE FOR A PREPARED PEOPLE. ARE YOU PREPARED FOR IT?

Save His Life

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form could be seen lying in the path; it proved to be the frozen body of the friend who had hurried on to save his own life.

"He who would have his life shall lose it, and he who would lose his life shall save it."



Campbellism

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to keep in mind the fact that his "gospel in water" is in every essential element like the Catholic doctrine of baptismal regeneration. To this end hear Mr. Campbell's own explanation of his doctrine:

"In my debate with Mr. McCalla, in Kentucky, 1823, on this topic, I contended that it was a divine institution designed for putting the legitimate subject of it in actual possession of the remission of his sins; that to every believing subject it did formally and in fact convey to him the forgiveness of sins. It was with much hesitation I presented this view of the subject at that time, because of its perfect novelty." (Christian Baptist, Vol. 5, p. 401).

The "novelty" of his teach-

ings, says Campbell, caused him to hesitate to take a stand for doctrine that made baptism put one baptized into possession of the forgiveness of sins. So the Campbellite doctrine of the plan of salvation was a NOVELTY in the year 1823, says the father of the society. While the peculiar arrangement of the doctrine might have been a novelty at that time, and was, still in essence it was the old Mother of Harlot's trickery to gain control of the destiny of poor lost sinners.

But, according to Campbell's own testimony, neither he nor anyone else began to "practice" the doctrine until some time later. Says he:

"We can sympathize with those who have this doctrine in their own creeds unregarded and unheeded in its import and utility; for we exhibited it fully in our debate with Mr. McCalla in 1823, without feeling its great importance and without beginning to practice upon its tendencies for sometime afterwards." (Memoirs of Campbell, Vol. 2, p. 217).

While Campbell says he preached the doctrine but did not practice it, who was the first to put it into effect? Bro. Richardson, Campbell's biographer, tells us:

"Thus, in 1823, the design of baptism was fully understood and publicly asserted. It was, however, reserved for Walter Scott, a few years later, to make direct and practical application of the doctrine, and to

secure for it the conspicuous place it has since occupied among the chief points urged in the reformation." (Mem. of Campbell, Vol. 2, p. 84).

The first one baptized in order to obtain remission of sins, in line with the "novel" doctrine, was William Amend (some say Robert Amend), on November 18, 1827, by Walter Scott. It was fifteen years, five months and six days after Campbell was baptized by Luce. So if he were the first one thus baptized, the father of the Campbellite Church was not baptized, the father of the remission of sins, and if he were saved without being baptized with this purpose in mind, why cannot others? We are told that the "legs of the lame are not equal." Walter Scott baptized Amend purely as an experiment, and ever since that time Campbell's followers have been experimenting with the souls of men with their priestly doctrine.

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Where Are The Men?

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women: These prayers were answered; the church was reopened, and is today a thriving enterprise. Such faith is the first need of every church. But there must be man power as well. And the average church has no greater need than to find more effective ways of recruit-

ing and harnessing its man power.

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Apart From Baptism

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be re-saved. When a supposedly re-saved person comes "back into the fold" they don't re-baptize him. First, he is saved partly through baptism, but he is re-saved in a different way—this time immersion is not necessary! What an absurdity!

5. It ignores specific cases of the New Testament in which persons were saved without being baptized. Note some instances:

(1). The woman at Simon's home. (Luke 7:50). Jesus himself pronounced this woman saved upon the basis of her faith, and he didn't even mention baptism. He doesn't have different ways of saving different people.

(2). The thief who repented on the cross. He promised that man who turned to him, to take him where he was going. Un-saved people don't go where Jesus is when they die. (See Luke 23:43).

(3). Cornelius and his household. (See Acts 10:43-48). Note that in verse 43 remission of sins is postulated upon faith in Christ alone. Note also that Cornelius and the others were baptized because they manifest-

ly were saved, and not in order to salvation. Certainly they did not receive the Holy Spirit in this marvellous way in their unsaved state.

(4). The Philippian jailer (See Acts 16:30-34). That the way of salvation set forth pointedly omits any mention of baptism is conclusive. The man was baptized, but evidently because of the fact that he had been saved.

(5). The teaching of Mark (Mark 16:16). It is stated that the person who believes and is baptized shall be saved, and it could be added that the person who believes and is baptized and eats grapefruit for breakfast every morning, and wears a red shirt and a blue tie and does a hundred other things shall be saved, but the question is, what will cause one to be condemned? The answer is in Mark 16:16—the same passage "He that believeth not shall be damned." Damnation is for unbelief—not for failure to be immersed.



Saved Before Baptism

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hunger and thirst satisfied. Believing before baptism, the blessing is his before baptism. See John 6:35.

Who, then, can doubt that a penitent believer is saved before water baptism?

—American Baptist