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Our Relationship To Human Government

By Roy Mason
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on this earth this side of the Return of the Lord. The business of a church is that of saving passengers from a doomed and sinking ship—not the re-



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of fleeting time are made paramount, a great mistake is made. We think of an instance where a noted preacher made the race for the U. S. Senate. He would have exchanged his position as Ambassador of Christ for the U. S. Senate. We think of another instance in which a Baptist pastor was made chief of police in a western town. He soon found himself mired in the dirty swamp of politics, so he quit and got back to his God-given task.

THE SECOND MISTAKE

This is the mistake of having nothing to do with political matters. We think of the minister who decided that as a Christian it was wrong for him to take any part in the affairs of a sinful and doomed world, so he refused to even vote. This was a great mistake. We have a duty (Continued on page four)



Your editor, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky, had an anniversary recently — the beginning of his twenty-fourth year as pastor in Russell. On this occasion, he was tendered an envelope containing \$150.00 in cash as a love gift from the church. This is one time your editor was taken off his feet, left speechless and stunned, in view of the fact that he had forgotten that it was his anniversary.

Frankly, this was one of the most pleasant days your editor can ever remember. Just imagine, I am now in my 24th year as pastor of this great church. It isn't great from the standpoint of attendance nor of membership, but oh, the quality of the membership. They love God's Word and that is one reason — just one why your editor loves them. There isn't a sin that I fear to denounce, nor a doctrine that I fear to preach. What pastor wouldn't thank God for such church and such liberty! I know pastors who would give their proverbial (Continued on page four)

Evidences Of The New Birth

we that we are in Him." How may we know that we are born again? . . . If we keep His commandments. Yes, we will sin and fall short of His glory daily, yet there is implanted within our hearts a fervent desire to know and to obey the Word and the commands of our Lord.

I

The first evidence of the New Birth in an individual is a genuine trust in Christ alone for salvation. One has not truly been regenerated until he is willing to trust his eternal welfare wholly to Christ. He must have repented of his dead works. Heb. 6:1. All works engaged in for salvation or to keep salvation are dead works and must be repented of before one can truly be saved. No faith is counted for righteousness except the

faith of Him "who worketh not" for salvation. Rom. 4:5. By grace through faith we are saved and that faith is not of yourselves, but it is a gift of God. As long as one is looking to anyone else or trusting in anything else other than Christ, Himself, for salvation, he has not been born again.

II

The second evidence of the New Birth found in the Word of God is the witness and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Ro. 8:16; 9:1; I John 3:24 and 4:13. The witness and indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not evidenced by some vague, mystical, impractical feeling, but by the constant ruling power of the Holy Spirit which produces a devotion to God and an obedient life. Phil. 1:6 and 2:13.

III

The third evidence of the New Birth is a readiness to accept God's Word. John 8:47. The person who has truly been born again will desire to know the will of the Father in everything and will have a desire to follow that will when it is made known to him. He will not be found walking consciously and continually in stubborn rebellion against the truth. God commanded Saul to utterly destroy the Amalekites which Saul did, "but he took alive the king and the best of the sheep and oxen and of the fatlings, and the lambs and all that was good and would not utterly destroy them." And God was much displeased with Saul, yet Saul said, "Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord and have gone the way the Lord sent me and have brought Agag

the King of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal and Samuel said, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice. To hearken, than the fat of lambs." We have many today who will sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus," who will shout about the blood of Jesus, who will pray pious prayers and will go through all sorts of religious ceremonies, yet they will not hear the Word of God when it speaks plainly concerning the plan of God in their lives. Jesus says such are not His children, but are hypocrites and liars. I John 2: 3-5. A person who has been born again will hear the Word of God.

IV

The fourth evidence of the (Continued on page three)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"Some Bible Trees"

"And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil."—Gen. 2:9.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."—I Pet. 2:24.

I am satisfied that every Bible student has often reflected and wondered just why it was

that the Cross of Jesus Christ was spoken of as a tree. I'll be frank with you and say that for a long, long time I used to read this text in I Pet. 2:24 too, and wonder why it was, and I could see no reason as to why it was that the Cross of Calvary should be referred to under the figure of speech of a tree. Then one day I read this first text in Gen. 2:9 and it came to me, beloved, that there was a decided contrast and comparison between the tree of life that is spoken of in Gen. 2:9 and the tree of the Cross that

is spoken of in I Pet. 2:24.

It is highly conspicuous that both of these trees were located in a Garden—one in the Garden of Eden, and the other in an unknown garden, near to the city of Jerusalem. Thus we can see this morning, beloved, that both the first Adam, as our first forefather, and also the second Adam, the Lord Jesus Christ, died in a garden. The first died spiritually in the Garden of Eden when he sinned, and the second died for sin in an unknown garden when He (Continued on page two)

DOUBLE TALK OF SOME CHRISTIANS

We sing "Heavenly Sunlight," and stay at home because it is too hot.

We sing, "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," and stay at home because it is raining.

We sing, "Throw Out the Lifeline," but content ourselves with throwing a fishing line in the lake on Sunday.

We make the Scripture read "forsake not the assembling of yourselves together" except in the summer—when it is hot, and in the winter—when it is cold. —Faith and Life

SPURIOUS EVANGELISM

In this day of spurious evangelism, the fact that a church reports a large number of baptisms may, or may not be, a compliment to the pastor and church. It may mean that the pastor and church are really on fire for the Lord, and are witnessing with such power that lost sinners are so deeply convicted of their sins that they repent toward God and have faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." On the other hand, it may mean that the church and (Continued on page four)

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ments are made for their continuation.

"Some Bible Trees"

(Continued from page one)
was crucified for our sins.

I

IT IS INTERESTING TO SEE
THAT THE FIRST OF THESE
TREES WAS PLANTED BY
GOD, WHILE THE SECOND
WAS PLANTED BY MAN.

If you will turn to the second
chapter of Genesis and read my
text again, you will find that
this is speaking about the Garden
of Eden which the Lord made.
That garden, beloved, with the
trees that were within it, were
all established by the Lord, so
that we can see at a very first
glance that the tree of life
spoken of in Gen. 2 was planted
by God.

In contrast, beloved, the tree
of Calvary was not planted by
God, though it was planned by
God. The tree of the Cross,
while it was planned by God,
was planted by man, for it was
man, beloved, who took Jesus
Christ to the Cross and there
crucified Him. We read:

"And they crucified him, and
parted his garments, casting lots:
that it might be fulfilled which
was spoken by the prophet. They
parted my garments among
them, and upon my vesture did
they cast lots."—Mt. 27:35.

Notice, beloved, this second
tree—the tree of Calvary—was
planted by man. It was man who
crucified Jesus. It was man who
nailed Jesus Christ to the Cross.
It was man who sat down and
watched Him die, gloatingly
exulting over the crime that had
been perpetrated. It was man
who planted this second tree—
the tree of Calvary.

II

THE FIRST TREE WAS
PLEASANT TO THE EYES,
WHILE THE SECOND TREE
WAS REPULSIVE.

If you will go back to the
early chapters of the book of
Genesis, you will find that there
wasn't anything in all that Gar-
den of Eden that was much more
attractive than was the tree of
life. We read:

"And when the woman saw
that the tree was good for food,
and that it was PLEASANT TO
THE EYES, and a TREE TO BE
DESIRED to make one wise,
she took of the fruit thereof, and
did eat, and gave also unto her
husband with her; and he did
eat."—Gen. 3:6.

I am satisfied that of all the
trees in the Garden of Eden and
of all the foliage and the grass
and the shrubbery that grew
within the Garden, there wasn't
anything that was quite as at-
tractive and pleasant to the
eyes as was this tree of life that
God had planted.

Now, in contrast to this, be-
loved, the tree of Calvary cer-
tainly wasn't pleasant to the
eyes. I don't know of anything

SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE

(Eph. 2:8, 9; Rom. 3:24; John 1:17)

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Salvation is by grace alone

Apart from human merit,
Bestowed on all who will believe,
By baptism of the Spirit;
The moment one is saved by faith,
Through the "finished work" of Christ,
That moment he is born again,
Just once and never twice.

The instant we receive by faith
The forgiveness of our sins,
That instant we are Spirit-sealed,
Our eternal life begins;
Accepted, sealed and born again,
Upon God's word we stand,
And no one shall pluck us ever,
Out of His loving hand.

The works we do from day to day,
Commanded in His word,
Exemplifies our love for Him,
Our high exalted Lord.
Our hearts, our lives, our all we give,
He gave upon the tree
His precious life us to redeem,
From sin to set us free.

III

GOD FORBADE MAN TO
EAT OF THAT FIRST TREE,
BUT HE FREELY INVITES
MAN TO EAT OF THE SEC-
OND TREE.

If you will go back to the
book of Genesis, you will find
that God put a prohibition upon
man concerning that first tree,
for we read:

"But of the tree of the know-
ledge of good and evil, thou
shalt not eat of it: for in the
day that thou eatest thereof thou
shalt surely die."—Gen. 2:17.

You will notice then that God
forbade man to eat of that first
tree. He literally said to man,
"Don't touch it. You can't eat
of the fruit of it. It makes no
difference how pleasant it is
to the eyes, it is not for you. The
day that you violate my com-
mandment, you are going to
die." Thus God forbade man to
eat of the fruit of the tree in
the Garden of Eden.

In contrast, God freely invites
man to eat of the second tree.
Listen:

"Ho, everyone that thirsteth,
come ye to the waters, and he
that hath no money: come ye,
buy, and eat; yea, come, buy
wine and milk without money
and without price."—Isa. 55:1.

This is God's invitation by
way of prophecy to you relative
to this second tree. Though God
fenced that first tree round a-
bout in Eden's Garden and said
to man to stay away from it,
God tears down every barrier
and removes every hindrance
and makes the way clear to the
second tree, and God invites
you to freely eat of the tree of
Calvary.

Notice another Scripture that
likewise gives us a free, wide-
open invitation by way of ac-
cess to the tree of Calvary:

"And Jesus said unto them, I
am the bread of life: he that
cometh to me shall never hung-
er; and he that believeth on me
shall never thirst."—John 6:35.

This is God's invitation to
that second tree. Unlike the
first which was forbidden to
man by God, this second tree
is wide open to man, and God
says to the individual, "Here it
is. You are freely invited to
take and eat thereof."

We have another remarkable
invitation on the part of God
to the second tree. Listen:

"And sent his servant at sup-
per time to say to them that
were bidden, Come; for all
things are now ready."—Luke
14:17.

Go back to the book of Psalms
and you will hear the Psalmist
David say:

"O taste and see that the Lord

is good: blessed is the man that
trusteth in him."—Psa. 34:8.

I tell you this morning, as the
first tree was thus planted by
the Lord and man was forbid-
den by God to eat of that tree,
in contrast, beloved, this sec-
ond tree of Calvary, which was
planted by man, God freely in-
vites you and urges you to eat
of the fruit of that tree.

As the words of the old song
says:

"Come, humble sinner, in
whose breast
A thousand tho'ts revolve;
Come, with your guilt and
fear oppressed,
And make this last resolve.

I'll go to Jesus, though my
sin
Hath like a mountain rose;
I know His courts, I'll enter
in,
Whatever may oppose.

Perhaps He may admit my
plea,
Perhaps will hear my prayer;
But if I perish I will pray,
And perish only there.

I can but perish if I go;
I am resolved to try;
For if I stay, I know
I must forever die."

I say to you, beloved, as God
forbade man to eat of the fruit
of the first tree so God invites
and welcomes the sinner to eat
of the fruit of the tree of Cal-
vary.

IV

SINCE GOD FORBADE MAN
TO EAT OF THE FIRST
TREE, SATAN USED EVERY
MEANS HE COULD IN ORDER
TO GET MAN TO DO SO.
LIKEWISE, SINCE GOD TO-
DAY INVITES MEN TO EAT
OF THE FRUIT OF THE SEC-
OND TREE, OR THE TREE OF
CALVARY, THE DEVIL USES
EVERY POWER THAT HE
CAN TO KEEP MAN FROM
EATING OF IT.

Go back to the Garden of
Eden and hear the Lord as He
gave man a prohibition concern-
ing that one tree. Then notice
how the Devil used every means
that he could to cause Adam
and Eve to partake of that for-
bidden fruit. Beloved, he lied
to them. He insinuated against
God's goodness and God's love.
He appealed to their vanity and
he said, "You will be just as
wise as God Himself." He made
every conceivable proposition
unto Adam and Eve in order
to cause them to partake of
that fruit of the tree that God
said they were not to touch.

In contrast, beloved, since God
invites men to come and par-
take of the fruit of the tree
of Calvary, the Devil does every-
thing within his power to keep
sinners from eating of the fruit
of this tree. He will say to you
who are lost, "You don't need
to be saved," and he will say,
"You are just as good as a lot
of the church members." Be-
loved, lest that should excite
your ego, I will pause and say,
"Unless you are a lot better than
a lot of church members, you
are in bad condition."

The Devil will likewise come
to you and tell you that you
can save yourself. He will also
tell you that there is plenty of
time—just put it off and wait
a little while longer.

Beloved, as God invites and
urges upon men the value of
partaking of the fruit of the
tree of Calvary, Satan does
everything within his power to
keep men away. Notice:

"In whom the god of this
world hath blinded the minds
of them which believe not, lest
the light of the glorious gospel
of Christ, who is the image of
God, should shine unto them."

—II Cor. 4:4.

This tells you, sinner friend,
that the Devil has blinded your

eyes. Did you ever play blind-
fold? When I was a boy I used
to have a nose that was just
straight as a ruler. I was blind-
folded that way, but you never
see it like that. When I was a
boy I was playing with a group
of young people at a party, and
a blindfold over my eyes. I was
into an iron mantle and broke
the iron mantle and my nose
at the same time.

Now, beloved, just like I was
blindfolded to my own disad-
vantage that evening, so the
Devil has every unsaved person
blindfolded spiritually today.
He has a blindfold over your
eyes. That is why you don't
leap for joy at the sound of
the Gospel. If the Devil didn't
have you blinded this morning,
you would leap for joy at the
fact that Jesus Christ has died
for your sins. The only thing
that keeps unsaved people from
shouting at the prospect of be-
ing saved, is the fact that the
Devil has them blinded and they
can't see the truth of the Word
of God.

Do you remember that man
in the ninth chapter of the Gos-
pel of John who, when he was
saved, met with his enemies
and his tormentors and per-
secutors, and when they said to
Jesus was a sinner, he answered
and said:

"Whether he be a sinner
no, I know not: one thing
I know, that, whereas I was blind,
now I see."—John 9:25.

What was true of that man
physically is true of every man
saved man spiritually. You are
spiritually blind. The Devil has
blinded you and you will never
have spiritual eyesight until the
Lord Jesus Christ saves you.
I say to you, whereas God
forbade man to eat of the fruit
of that first tree and the Devil
immediately tempted man to eat
so, now since God invites man
to eat of the fruit of the tree
of Calvary, the Devil does every-
thing he can to keep men away from
it, and he blinds them to keep
them from the fruit of the tree
of the Cross.

V

IT WAS BY EATING OF
THE FRUIT OF THE FIRST
TREE IN THE GARDEN OF
EDEN THAT SIN AND DEATH
WAS BROUGHT UPON THE
HUMAN FAMILY, WHEREAS
BY THE EATING OF THE
SECOND TREE LIFE AND
SALVATION IS BROUGHT TO
THOSE OF ADAM'S FALLING
RACE WHO RECEIVE JESUS
CHRIST.

Go back to the book of Gen-
esis and you will find God
giving a warning unto Adam
and Eve, for He said:

"But of the tree of the know-
ledge of good and evil, thou
shalt not eat of it: for in the
day that thou eatest thereof
thou shalt surely die."—Gen.
2:17.

This was God's warning to
them. The third chapter of Gen-
esis tells us how they ate of
that fruit which was thus for-
bidden to them, and after God
had held an inquisition, He
turned Adam and Eve out of
the Garden of Eden. They were
ed out of that Garden of Eden
spiritually dead and with the
seeds of physical death sown
within their physical bodies.
They had not sinned, they never
would have died physically.
They had not sinned, they would
never have died spiritually. But
beloved, they died spiritually in
the Garden of Eden and when
they walked out of that Gar-
den, there was already planted
within their bodies the seeds of
physical death which later rip-
ened not only in their lives
but in the lives of all of their
progeny down to this very hour.

Beloved, by the eating of the
fruit of that first tree in the
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"Some Bible Trees"

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Garden of Eden, Adam and all his descendants have experienced sin and death as a result thereof. Every man from the day of Adam that has seen the truth that Jesus Christ was crucified for our sins on the tree of Calvary and has received Him as a Saviour—every individual who has thus seen that blessed truth, has received from this tree, life and salvation. While death and damnation came by the eating of the tree in the Garden of Eden, life and salvation comes by the eating of the fruit of the tree of Calvary.

Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat of the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." —John 6:53-54.

Of course, this is a figure of speech which Jesus is using. We don't literally eat nor drink the body and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. My brother, we figuratively do so when we come to Calvary, for the fruit of Calvary is life and salvation. When we come to the Cross and see that Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross paid in full our sin debt, we have salvation that comes through this tree of Calvary.

What a contrast! By the eating of the first tree, death and damnation came to you and me; by the eating of this second tree, life and salvation and eternal security comes to each of us who partake of the fruit of the tree of the Cross.

VI

ADAM THE THIEF, THROUGH EATING, WAS TURNED OUT OF PARADISE, WHILE THE REPENTANT THIEF, BY EATING, ENTERED PARADISE.

You may say, "Brother Gilpin, Adam a thief?" Yes, he was. God said, "Don't eat of this tree. It is forbidden to you." The day that Adam and Eve took of the fruit of that tree, they not only sinned, but they became thieves in the sight of God. They had taken what had belonged to God. Adam was a thief, and because he was a thief he was banished from the Garden of Eden.

When Adam and Eve got on the outside and stood to look back remorsefully and regretfully and sorrowfully at that garden from which they were banished forever, Adam realized that he had been banished from Paradise because he had eaten of the fruit of the first tree.

Two thousand years ago when the Lord Jesus Christ came to Calvary and poured out His blood at the Cross, as He was dying, in order to make His suffering more tortuous and more shameful upon Him, the crowd crucified a thief on the right hand of Him, and another on the left. One of those thieves died in his sins, and the other thief died, believing and trusting Jesus for his sins. This second thief looked up and said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," and the Bible says that Jesus stopped dying long enough to say to that man, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Notice that Adam the thief was banished from Paradise by the eating of the fruit of that first tree, but a repentant thief, by the eating of the second tree, entered Paradise. Beloved, no

man will ever see the Paradise of God who doesn't come just exactly like this thief who saw Jesus dying for his sins, and who looked up and said, "Lord, remember me."

I like to think of these two trees in contrast—the one tree that brought death, and the other that brought life—and when I do so, I am reminded that back yonder long ago Abraham one day had some visitors. Listen:

"And the Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground. And said, 'My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.' —Gen. 18:1-8.

That was only a natural tree in the experience of Abraham. Under that tree Abraham entertained the angels of God—strangers to him. He set food before those angelic visitors, and they sat down with Abraham under that tree to eat and commune with him, so that tree became, in the life of Abraham, a place of eating and a place of communion.

Let's bring that over into the spiritual realm. May I insist that the man who sees Jesus Christ on the tree of Calvary, can find food for his soul and can have communion with God as he sits beneath the tree of Calvary.

In the book of Exodus we read how the children of Israel were journeying from Egypt to the land of Canaan. Not all of that wilderness was pleasant, and at the same time not all of it was rigorous. There were some seasons when God blessed, and other seasons when it looked like the hand of God was against them. One of these times when it looked as though the hand of God was against them, was at the little place known as Marah. They had been wandering in the wilderness for days. Their water was gone and they were thirsting. As they neared Marah, they thought of the wells with the water gushing out before them and how wonderful it was going to be, to bathe there and to drink of that water. When they arrived at Marah and reached down to take a handful of water to their lips, they found that the water was so bitter they couldn't swallow it. Listen:

"And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying 'What shall we drink?' And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them." —Ex. 15:23-25.

The water was so bitter that Moses and the children of Israel couldn't drink it. God told them to take a tree and throw it into the water, and when they did so, that water was cleansed, and made so sweet that the children of Israel could drink it.

Sin, beloved, has been a mighty bitter thing in your life. You might not admit it. You might think it is pretty nice, but if you will sit down in the quietude of time with no one about

ONE THING THEY ALL HAVE IN COMMON



"THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY: BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER!"

you, you will admit that sin has been a mighty bitter thing so far as your life is concerned.

Would you like to have your life sweetened this morning? Would you like to have your life sweetened today like it never has been before? Oh, let me tell you of a tree. It doesn't grow in your yard, but it grew in a garden—an unknown garden—a tree called Calvary. My brother, my sister, your life will carry the fragrance of God today if you come to find the tree of Calvary and the fruit of that tree precious unto eternal life in your own soul.

I have held up to you two trees in contrast—one tree that was found in the Garden of Eden; the other, the tree of Calvary—but I don't think it would be appropo or fitting to stop without reminding you that there is a third tree just as interesting. Listen:

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve Him." —Rev. 22:1-3.

Would you like someday to sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the people of God in the Gloryland? Would you like to see that city whose builder and maker is God? Would you like to walk upon those streets which are paved with gold? Would you like to sit down beside that river of life, which is clear as crystal? Would you like to see

it? I ask you, would you like to rest beneath that tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of all nations. Would you like to rest beneath that tree?

Beloved, if ever you and I get beneath the tree of life to commune together and with our God, it will be because we have first come to the tree of Calvary. Oh, may it please God to take this simple truth and burn it in your soul, that you might see that through Adam you have sin and death, and through Jesus Christ you have life eternal.

May God bless you!

New Birth

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New Birth is a consciousness of sin. Paul, the great apostle said, "I am carnal, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions and I know that within me dwells no good thing." And again, the beloved apostle John, in 1st John 1:8 said, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." No saved person will think himself sinless. Those who do are deceived and are without the truth and are not saved. The person who is born again has the enlightening unction of the Holy Spirit, I John 2:27, "But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you and you have no need that anyone should teach you." A saved person does not need man's interpretation of the Bible, if he will study it earnestly for himself, the Holy Spirit will enlighten his mind and he will not be blind to sin. A truly born again child of God is ever conscious of his sin and short comings before God.

The fifth evidence of the New Birth which we give is: A love of God and righteousness. Jesus speaking to the Jews, who claimed to be the children of God, but hated Him said, "If God were your Father, you would love Me." And in I John 4:19 we read, "We love Him because He first loved us." The apostle Paul had a consciousness of sin, but at the same time he said, "After the inward man I delight in the law of God."

VI

The sixth evidence is an obedient life. Jesus said that He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And again in John 14:23, "If a man loves Me, he will keep My Word." Again in Romans 6:14, "For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law, but under grace" and in Galatians 5:24 we read, "And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." And again in I John 1:6, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth." And again in I John 2:4 is a strong statement against those who claim to know our Lord, yet are not willing to walk according to His Word, "He who says I know Him, but disobeys His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him." And again we read in II John 6, "This is love that we follow His commandments." The life of a saved person will not be perfect, but his one desire will

Spurious Evangelism

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pastor have thrown open wide the front doors of the church to receive any and everybody that wants to join — Baptist, or what have you, and saved or lost!



Twenty-fourth Year

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eye teeth for the privilege I thus enjoy and the liberty I possess as a pastor. What a joy to be pastor of such a church! The quality — not the quantity of the folk of our church mean much to me.

Brother Roy Powell who has gone through many a battle for his pastor and for the Truth made the presentation in behalf of the church.

Our enemies, which are most numerous, continue to speak ill of your editor, his character, his ministry, and his message. This is a pretty good answer to them. The people who know him best still love him and rejoice for his ministry, even after an association of over twenty-three years.

May it please the Lord to give us many more years of such association together!



Human Government

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to perform as citizens, and no people ought to be as careful to vote and to vote right as Christians. We should uphold the hands of honest officials, and should seek to remove corrupt officials. To assume that we have no responsibility as citizens is to dishonor our Christian profession. Would we let a bunch of robbers terrorize the community and make no effort to join with others in apprehending them?

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT IT

Jesus said to "render unto Caesar the things belonging to Caesar," (See Matt. 22:21) In other words there are certain things that we owe to our government, and those things we are to pay. Jesus himself paid taxes.

Paul tells us that "the powers that are are ordained of God." (See Rom. 13:1-7) That signifies that God's approval is placed on organized government. He does not approve anarchy. That there are corrupt governments unfit to rule does not invalidate the principle that God is in favor of constituted authority. Christians are to be law abiding people—not a riotous mob. However, when we face the choice of obeying the law of man when it means violation of the law of God, we should do as the disciples did when they said, "We must obey God rather than man."

GREATER POLITICIANS THAN CHRISTIANS

Unfortunately some church members have great allegiance to a political party than to God and His Word. Living in western Kentucky during the time that Al Smith, Catholic and booze advocate ran for president, we found Baptists who campaigned for him, in complete forgetfulness of every religious obligation. They were Democrats of the "yellow dog" variety. Democrats first—Christians second. If we are the right

kind of Christians we will uphold right men and right principles ahead of party affiliation. How wicked it is for professing Christians to help put religious renegades into office just because they get the party stamp placed on them. Baptists alone could prevent most unworthy men from going into office, if they voted as Christians.



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be to obey the commands of his Lord.

VII

The 7th evidence of the New Birth is progressive purification. We read in I John 3:2-3, "Beloved, we are God's children now; it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. And every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure." The believer never attains sinless perfection in this life, yet everyone who has the hope of the Lord in his heart grows daily in the grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and strives to purify himself of his sins.

VIII

The eighth evidence is a love of other believers. We read in I John 3:14, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." What does it mean to love the brethren? Does it mean that we must love the sin and error of those who call themselves brothers? I think not. For we read in I John 5:2, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments." If we love God and keep His commandments we know that we love His children. The love of the brethren will not cause us to compromise the Word of God, it will not cause us to lay aside controversial doctrines, but on the other hand, it will cause us to preach the whole counsel of God without fear of man or devils. It will cause us to tell the lost of their hell bound condition and of salvation only by the grace of God through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. It will cause us to teach the saved that they need to be baptized by the authority of a New Testament church and that they should observe the Lord's supper as members of a local church. It will cause us to teach the saved all of the things whatsoever He commanded us. We can be sure that we love other believers only when we love God and keep His commandments.

IX

The 9th and last evidence of the New Birth which we give here is a patient continuance to the end. In Matt. 10:22 we read, "And you will be hated by all men for my name's sake, but He who endures to the end shall be saved." None will reach heaven but those who endure to the end and who overcome the world. In Col. 1:23, we read, that we shall be presented holy and blameless before Him, "Provided that ye continue in the faith stable and steadfast not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you have heard." This does not teach that we can fall from grace. Some affirm that it does, but let us see what the Word of God has to say about it. In Rev. 3:5, we read, "He who conquers shall be clad in white garments and I will not blot his name out of the Book of Life." And who is it that

"Bossism" In The Southern Baptist Convention Is Seen On Every Side

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We hear day after day and week after week the statement of many of our leaders and men in so-called high places, that there is no such thing as "bossism" among Baptists. However, our state Baptist papers very seldom, if ever, speak out on the controversial issues of the day. They very seldom, if ever, take a stand on the fundamental facts of the Faith. They very seldom, if ever, take a

will overcome? And let us turn again to the Word of God for this answer. In I John 5:4, "For whoever is born of God overcomes the world and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." Only those who overcome will reach heaven and all those who are regenerated will overcome the world. So if one does not endure to the end it is a sign that he was never truly regenerated, but is such as described in I John 2:19, "They went out from us, but they were not of us for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that it might be plain that they were not of us." But we can say with Paul of old concerning those who are truly born again, "I am sure that He Who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

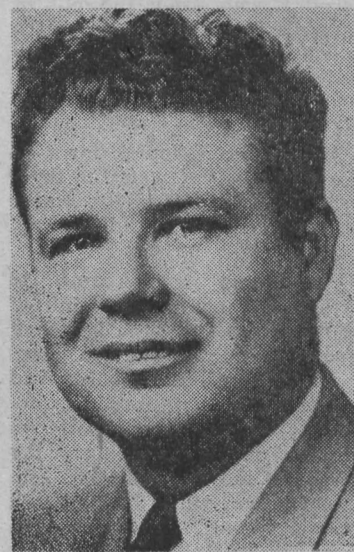
My friend, these are plain evidences which God has laid down in His Holy Word. Are they evident in your life? Are you trusting in Christ alone for salvation? Do you have the witness and indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit? Are you ready to accept all of God's Word? Do you have an ever present consciousness of sin? Do you love God and righteousness? Do you strive to live a life obedient to your Lord? Do you love other believers to such an extent that you are willing to obey God's commands in doing and teaching all things which He has told us to do, even though it may bring persecution, hatred and ridicule? My friend, if you do not have these evidences of the New Birth in your life, you had better examine your heart, search the Word of God and ask God for Jesus sake to forgive your sins and to save you by His grace. May God implant these evidences in each of our hearts that all the world may know that we are truly the children of God. If you recognize right now in face of these facts that you have not been born again, even though you may be a church member, even though you may be a respectable citizen, will you not now trust Jesus as your Saviour and fall at the foot of the cross of Him Who died that you might live and receive freely by His grace the water of life, even the eternal salvation of your soul. May God bless you and help you to do it is my prayer.

(Copies of this article in Portuguese may be had by addressing Missionary Harold Morris, Caixa Postal 269, Campinas, E. de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A. Brother Morris has published a number of other tracts in Portuguese. If you wish to have fellowship with him in this work of publishing the truth to the people of Brazil, send an offering to him to be used for this purpose.)

clear-cut stand against worldliness in our churches. They do not and have not, in my memory, taken a stand on separation as taught by the Holy Word of God. Certainly they say they have no time, they have no space for such a message. Yet, they bring the same thing over and over again, 52 weeks a year. Always telling about the program. My, the great organization. The things we have in store, 50-50 this, that, and the other. I have often wondered if 50-50 means 50 per-cent for the devil, 50 per-cent for God. I just can't get that slogan figured out.

We find that they stand for everything that the modern day people like. They stand for very few things that God Almighty likes. It is not more culture we need in Southern Baptist circles, but more cultivation of the pure grace of Almighty God. If there is not "bossism," then why are our papers silent on the great doctrinal teachings of the Word of God? Why do our papers not take a stand against the blatant inroads of modernism and infidelity and atheistic teachings that deny the very grace that God died to give us in the person of His own Son? Why do they fail to reprove and speak out against such modernistic teachers as Dr. Buttrick and others who are brought into our Southland year after year to teach our young people, our leaders, our preachers, to teach them that God didn't know what He was talking about in the Holy Word. To teach the modernistic "Tommy-rot" that would wreck any true believer's faith if it wasn't for the fact that God's grace is sufficient, and the elect will not be fooled. If there is no "bossism," then why are most questions settled, most of them cut and dried before any association, or any convention convenes in a regular Baptist session? Why does not the ordinary man have the privilege of speaking out on subjects that are vital to his heart? Anyone who has followed the Baptist set-up for the past several years

ELD. HAROLD MORRIS



Bro. Harold Morris is one of the editor's close friends, now living in Brazil. He was sent out by a group of Baptists with headquarters in Texas, and is doing a wonderful work in that far-off country. He is sound to the core and we rejoice to have this article by him for our paper. Pray for our Bro. Morris who is doing God's will in this distant country.

The more you pray, the more the Holy Spirit will push you out in God's service.

can see the inroads and the creeping of forces that would deny the local church of power that God Almighty ordained that the local church should have. Baptists are slow but surely being swept off the feet with the teachings of many Protestant denominations. Leadership from without, gaining the very voice of the church. If there is no "bossism," then why are our leaders gagged? Why do they not speak out? Why do they not take a clear-cut stand against worldliness, and modern dayism, and modern-day sins that are creeping in? Our people need straight clear-cut thinking and clear-cut teachings that they may know which road to take.

Yes, we live in a day when many of our leaders try to do and by-pass the controversial issues of the day. But I have you to mark my word these men are not gagged by God. Some leader does the gagging. They have their fingers in them. Yet, if you talk to them they say: Listen Bro., you know that is not so, we love you all our heart. Yes sir, they love us to pieces! Yes, they sure do. Why do they not speak out on the vital issues that concern the Faith? Why is it that no messages against modernism have ever printed? Why is not the fidelity of many of our educational institutions exposed to the press? I'll tell you why, they are lolling our Baptist people to sleep, while modernistic "tommy-rot" is being crammed down the throat of our young people. And in a few days or few years the Baptist Heritage for which Baptists have bled and died through the centuries will be swept aside by the engulfing tide of modernistic teaching that denies the Bible, denies the Blood, denies the Atonement and denies the return of the Eternal Son of God, the very Lord of Glory. If there is not "bossism," then why are we not throughout the Southland have a clear ringing message against the evils of the day and for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ? Victory shall be accomplished by adding more of the same kind we have on our rolls. Victory shall be wrought through men who know what it is to be a Baptist, know why it is they are a Baptist, and know what Baptists stand for, live for, and real ones ready to die for!

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