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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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Jesus, Peter And The Pope

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRIST AND THE POPE

1. Jesus did not have a place where to lay His head (Luke 9:58).
The Pope has his Vatican with its 1,100 rooms at his disposal.
2. Jesus never wore special robes to distinguish Himself from other men.
The Pope dresses like a clown with his tiara made of cloth of gold and which comprises three crowns with 252 pearls, 229 diamonds, 32 rubies, 19 emeralds, and 11 sapphires.

3. Jesus said that His kingdom was not of this world (John 18:36).

The Pope has his kingdom, the Vatican City, created by Mussolini.

4. Jesus did not have soldiers at His command, and reproached James and John for their belligerent spirit (Luke 9:64).

The Pope has his soldiers in the Vatican City, ever ready to fight to defend his "kingdom."

5. Jesus commanded Peter to return his sword into its place; for all they who take the sword will perish by the

sword (Matt. 26:52).

The Pope, through the Inquisition of Spain, has killed an untold number of people, and one night, August 24, 1572, in the City of Paris, thousands of Huguenots were murdered. This was the infamous night of Saint Bartholomew!

6. Jesus submitted to civil authority (Matt. 22:21).

The Pope claims to be above all civil authorities.

7. Jesus commanded His disciples not to call anybody "father" (Matt. 23:9).

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"LISTENING IN"

God has a wireless to everywhere:
We call it the Word of God and prayer.
And everyone may daily win
God's choicest gifts by "listening in."

First you must shut out every sound
From the heedless world that throngs around.
Vanity fair makes a deafening din
On purpose to hinder "listening in."

The Devil will use his utmost power
To keep you from having this quiet hour.
He knows that you can be freed from sin
Always and only by "listening in."

But when you prayerfully read God's Word,
The still small voice is clearly heard.
And wondrous peace and power within
Daily result from "listening in."

God longs to give His best to you
To keep you loyal and strong and true.
If you haven't begun, today begin,
To prove the joy of "listening in."

—Selected

THE FEDERAL (NATIONAL) COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

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the world. Today it claims to represent 22,000,000 church members.

On May 5, 1939, the Chicago Tribune stated: "The Chicago Tribune came into possession today of documentary evidence that opposition sponsored by leaders in the Federal Council of Churches has been financed by one of the most subversive organizations of socialistic, communist, and other radicals in the United States."

In November 1943 Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam's name appeared as a sponsor of the "Congress of American-Soviet Friendship" in New York along with Langston Hughes, a poet, who blasphemes the name of Christ. Oxnam has been linked with practically every strong communist organization. He is a past head of the Federal Council of Churches.

Dr. Bob Shuler, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Los Angeles, California, in "The Methodist Challenge" brands at least twenty Methodist bishops including Bishop James C. Baker who was the principal speaker at the Virginia Methodist Conference in October 1948 as

trying to use the prestige of the Methodist Church to promote the line of the Communist Party. These twenty men are typical of Federal Council leaders.

Dr. H. E. Fosdick, a past president of the Federal Council of Churches, wrote, "Of course I do not believe in the virgin birth or in the old-fashioned doctrine of the atonement and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

Dr. George Buttrick, another ex-president, writes, "Jesus had done nothing to incur God's wrath. And if God dealt with Him as if He were a sinner, then we must say of God, 'Your God is my devil.'"

On page 65 of his book, "What Students Can Believe," he states, "the appeal to salvation in order to get to Heaven is not effective as it has been in the past. But to be saved for the sake of one's life and happiness, or for the sake of one's wife, children, and home, or for the sake of one's influence and service in the community, is a strong appeal today." On page 247 of "The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt" he says, "We are saved if we walk in that wisdom of choice which is living and dyingly taught on Calvary." If this statement were true then Christ died in vain.

Of the resurrection of Christ he proclaims, "How the grave

was robbed of its corpse we may not be sure."

Bishop F. J. McConnell, another ex-president, says on page 17 of "The Christ-like God": "Back in the early ages of the church there were some thinkers who taught that Satan had a claim on the souls of men which only the death of the Son of God could satisfy and that God met the obligation by sending the Son to the cross. As an intellectual construction this theory arouses only an amused pity today." This is nothing but a direct denial of the blood atonement.

A New York Presbyterian, W. P. Merrill, says, "What really saves me, saves the individual, is not something which Jesus did 1900 years ago. How can a past fact have present vital power?"

In the fifth annual report of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism their cooperation is pledged to the above quoted men in "Ridding the world of any serious acceptance of Christian theology." To cooperate with the Federal Council of Churches places you side by side with the atheist.

These are documented facts about the Federal Council and some of its leaders. "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God" (II John 9). I ask you, my friend, are these men abiding in the doctrine of Christ? Does the doctrine they preach take away

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then you have a reservation in Hell. Salvation comes by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).

If you are a Christian you have been born of God's Spirit. You know it came alone by grace and that it is everlasting. "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). And again in John 10:28 we read, "And I give unto them eternal life: and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

The Federal Council of Churches actually was in existence before the 20th Century began. In 1893 the first national convention of this body was held at the Marble Collegiate Church of New York City but technically its birth under the name of "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America" took place in 1908. The past forty years has seen this organization increase in numbers, increase in power, increase in lies, increase in deceptiveness and increase in popularity with

There are numerous books that have been written concerning the Federal Council of Churches, its organizations, aims, workings and teachings. Some of them are in great detail and as a result the average Christian will not bother with them.

This tract is not to be compared with these books. My sole purpose is to present facts to you in a brief way so that if you will take a few minutes of time to read this tract you may see the importance of every Christian separating all affiliation with this universal movement.

I realize that thousands of Christians (?) are admittedly members of this movement although they do not know why. I have told me, "If our leaders think it is alright then I know there is no harm in it." Others have said, "We are all working to get to the same place and in the Federal Council we all work together." These and other absurdities are favorite lies of Satan to send thousands to Hell.

The New Testament knows nothing of any ecclesiastical authority above the local church. There is no Scripture for anything outside or inside a church telling that church what to do. The doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man is without scriptural foundation. And my friend, if you are working to be saved

The First Baptist Pulpit

"ARE THE HEATHEN LOST WITHOUT THE GOSPEL?"

"And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed."—Gal. 3:8.

Are the heathen lost without the gospel? Before we answer this question, it might be well to ask and answer another: what is an heathen? Webster says, "An heathen is an unconverted member of a people or nation who does not accept God or the Bible." What a contrast between

this definition and the one you've always had in mind relative to the heathen. Now be honest: is it not true that you thought an heathen was a savage living without clothes on some wild island—a cannibal—one who eats with his fingers and who lacks the refinement and culture of the more advanced races of civilization? Now isn't this just about the idea you have always had of an heathen?

Webster's definition is in perfect accord with the word of God. In the Bible an heathen

literally is anyone who has never been born again. This includes the man in China who has never heard the gospel, or the church member in America who is counting upon his church membership for salvation. It includes the man in the darkest jungles of Africa who bows down to an image of wood and stone, just as it includes the un-saved religious man who is believing in his baptism or other church ordinance for salvation. In other words an heathen is

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From time to time, articles that appear in this paper are reproduced later as tracts, which are for free distribution, as requested by our readers.

At present, we are reprinting two such articles, which ought to be given wide circulation.

The first is our message, "The Historicity Of Baptists And Others," which has appeared several times in this paper. It is now being printed as a tract and will be ready for distribution within the next two weeks (D. V.).

The second is the article ap-

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OUR ENLARGEMENT CAMPAIGN

Little by little, we are getting closer to the time when we shall be able to give you an eight page paper each week, for which we are most thankful.

Our contributions for this purpose this week, however, have been less than any week previously since the first of January. We are most thankful for those who have been led of the Lord to contribute toward this fund, and are glad to announce that we now have nearly three-fifths of the money in hand.

If you believe in the ministry of this paper, then we invite you to have a part with us both prayerfully and financially.

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"The Heathen"

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anyone who has not as yet been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I

All persons have the same nature. "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26). That nature is sinful, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." (Ps. 51:5). "The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one." (Ps. 14:2, 3). "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." (Gal. 3:22). "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23).

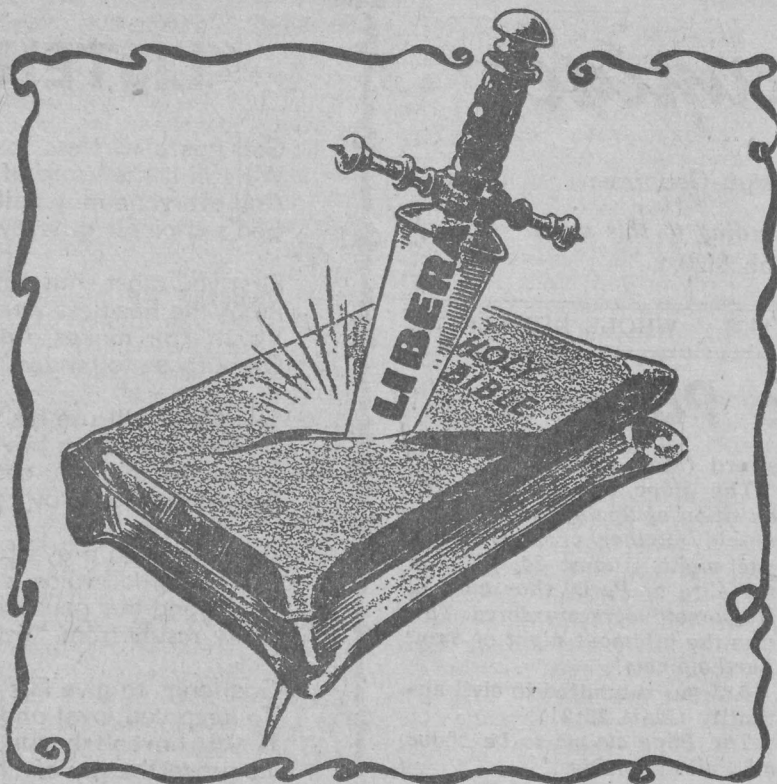
Sometime ago I read an Associated Press dispatch which told of the death of a young woman who was a nurse living in Switzerland. She was ill with nausea for about a week but continued working. Suddenly she took much worse and died before the doctor arrived. When an autopsy was taken to find the reason for her death they found a living viper in her stomach. Evidently during her vacation, she had stopped down at a creek for a drink and an egg or some small water viper passed through her mouth. Fastening itself to her intestine, it sucked her blood and drained her strength until she died. Sin drains the life and soul precisely the same way.

I used to live near a man who raised fine blooded horses. One day I saw one of these fine animals staked with a long rope. This horse galloped and pranced about as though free. Other horses came by and this one that was staked, started following them. He could go only to the end of his rope. As he pranced about, he wound the rope about the stake. Eventually the rope became shorter until his head was pulled down to the stake. Such is the condition of every sinner. Whether he lives in the heart of Africa or in America, he becomes a helpless bond servant because of this nature of sin. Therefore all are lost.

II

The Bible demands a new birth, if you are to enter the kingdom of heaven. Hear Jesus as he spoke to Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (Jn. 3:3, 5, 7). In these words

THE LOUISVILLE SEMINARY DOES IT AGAIN!



A Statement By The Faculty

CONCERNING THE R. S. V. BIBLE

In view of the widespread interest in the new translation of the Bible, the Revised Standard Version, and the many inquiries being received, the faculty of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary desires to make the following statement:

As a significant chapter in the history of Bible translation we welcome the publication of the Revised Standard Version. Since Wycliffe's Bible, English translators have moved steadily toward a more accurate and understandable presentation of the meaning of the original Scriptures. For more than three hundred years the King James Version has been the most popular translation. From the first it enjoyed the prestige of having been authorized by King James I and appointed to be read in the services of the Church of England. Its superiority to other translations, being the work of renowned scholars, also commended it. It had the further merit of being in the choicest English style. It superseded other versions and became so universally used and revered that in time the popular mind came to resist any further effort at translation as an interference with something sacred.

Since 1611, however, two things have been happening that have laid upon Christian scholars a moral obligation to make new translations. The first is the constant change in the English language, both in word meaning and in style. The second is the discovery of biblical manuscripts written much near-

er the dates of the original writings. Also, the discovery of other literature in Greek has added to our knowledge of the language of the New Testament. Those who desire as accurate a knowledge as possible of what the original Scriptures said will welcome a new translation, for our first devotion is to the original Scriptures, not to any particular version.

The English Revised Version (1885) and the American Standard Version (1901) embody many results of the new knowledge. However, the Revised Standard Version, coming fifty years later, represents significant additions even to the materials available at the beginning of the century. It ought to be received as a serious undertaking of devout and noted American Christian scholars to give us a translation that will be at once more accurate and in more understandable English than previously produced. This we believe the translators have done. This is not to say that the translation is perfect nor that the need for another will not arise but, rather, that we have here the fruit of expert knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew sustained by sincere Christian faith and purpose. We believe that the Revised Standard Version is an invaluable contribution to the understanding of the Bible, and that its value will be established as we read it and compare it with other versions. We commend it to all Bible readers.—The Tie (Seminary Publication).

If you believe as does your editor that the new Bible is an unholy perversion of the Scriptures, then you cannot believe the statement of the Seminary, printed above. We invite you to order a hundred copies of the issue of January 31, which contained our sermon, and sow your community down with this message.

Jesus said that one would not even be able to see the kingdom of God, much less enter into it unless he be born again.

I would remind you that this was spoken by Jesus to one of the best men of the Bible. In fact Nicodemus was a preacher, but ignorant of the new birth. The inference to us would be that if a good man like Nicodemus needed to be born again then surely all others regardless of where they live need the same.

Some few months ago I heard

vile as that. Instead beloved, he wants to give you something. He wants to give you the new birth, which he demands over and over again in the Scriptures. Since the new birth is thus demanded, then whether one lives in the Orient or in the Occident he is lost until he is born again.

III

In view of the fact that the Bible demands repentance of all men, we must conclude that the heathen are lost who have not repented. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30, 31). "There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lu. 13:1-3). In these verses Jesus virtually said that these religious Galileans who were killed as they themselves were offering sacrifices to God, had perished because they had not repented. If good men—religious men—go to hell because they do not repent then surely in view of the fact that God demands repentance, the heathen cannot be saved apart from repentance.

IV

If the heathen are not lost without the gospel, then beloved, we should not send the gospel to them. If they are not lost now, then missions is an injustice to them. If they are not lost without the gospel then we should recall all missionaries and allow them to continue in their heathen practices. Furthermore if the heathen without the gospel are saved and safe, then let us tear up our Bibles, tear down our churches and kill off all Christians and heathenize America as soon as possible. If the absence of the gospel would mean the salvation of the heathen then let us get rid of every vestige of the gospel around the world as soon as possible.

V

Again the heathen are lost because the Bible declares that there is no entrance to heaven without Christ. "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (Jn. 10:9). Note these words of Jesus, "I am the door." He does not say, "I am a door," as though implying that there were other doors whereby you may come to God. He says, "I am THE door" as if to say there is none other door except Himself. A little later in the same gospel, he declares the same truth, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (Jn. 14:6). When He said, "I am the way" He might as well have said "I am the only way," since there is no entrance to heaven without Christ, and so the heathen are lost without Him.

Even the best man and best woman are lost without Jesus. But in reality, beloved, there is not one who can actually declare himself as being good in the eyes of God. Let me appeal to that man or woman who perhaps is thirty years of age. We will assume that you reached the age of accountability at ten years of age; thus you have had 20 years wherein you were responsible unto God; this would mean that you have 7300 days for which you were responsible. If you have committed only one sin a day then this alone would mean that you are guilty of 7300 sins which are unforgiven. There

are possibly four classes of sin in the Scriptures: sins of omission, sins of commission, sins of ignorance and sins of presumption. If you have committed one or these each day for the past ten years then you would be guilty of almost 30,000 sins. Consider on top of this, how many times you have used God's name in vain. Remember the multitudinous times you have lost your temper. Do not forget your disrespect to your parents as well as your covetousness, your drunkenness, your sins of lust, and all the balance of your violations of the Ten Commandments. I imagine that it would be easily the average of my audience to find that each one has been guilty of ten sins per day every day since you became responsible unto God—approximately ten years of age. If this be true, then if you are 30 years old tonight you have 73,000 sins unforgiven. What an avalanche this is to carry your soul into hell. But how about the men who have been without Christ for fifty years or sixty years? Dear one, if there is such a listener tonight, may I say that you are struggling beneath a veritable mountain of sin which will crush your soul to hell.

The only way that you can get rid of these sins is through Jesus. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). Since there is no way to get rid of your sins but through Jesus and you cannot get to heaven without Him, then the heathen are lost without Jesus.

VI

Paul's statement to Timothy would show us also that the heathen are lost without the gospel. "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (2 Tim. 2:10). The Apostle Paul believed in election. He preached constantly that God elected men unto salvation before the foundation of the world. "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." (Eph. 1:4). "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified." (Rom. 8:29, 30).

Even though he believed in the elective grace of God, he also believed that God had sent him apart to preach the gospel to the unsaved. He wanted to see all of God's elect, redeemed. Therefore he was willing to endure all things that they might come to such a saving knowledge of God. This would say to us then that all men are lost without the gospel and only through the gospel of redemption can they be saved.

VII

The heathen are lost without the gospel because there is positively no salvation without Jesus Christ. "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:11, 12). This is the tenor of all Scriptures. "Who his own

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self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed." (I Peter 2:24). For Christ hath also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." (I Peter 3:18). "Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (Jn. 6:47).

A Christian worker years ago gathered together eighteen Japanese gentlemen for a class in Bible study. He asked, "How many ways are there for one to come into the possession of property?" There was a chorus of answers: "One can buy it." But is it possible for one to buy eternal life? One read, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (I Peter 1:18, 19). All agreed that they were too poor to buy it. One more poetic than the balance said, "If every star were a diamond, and we owned them all we would be too poor to buy eternal life." Then said the teacher, are there other ways whereby one may come into property?" To this there came an answer, "Yes, it may be inherited." Then said the teacher, "Can you inherit eternal life?" And all agreed again that this would be impossible since their parents had never heard of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Since they had died without eternal life, it would be impossible for them to inherit it. Then said the teacher, "Is there any other way whereby one may come into property?" Finally one said, "Yes it may be received as a gift." And, beloved, that is exactly the way one obtains eternal life. It must be received as a gift—God's gift. Since there is no salvation without Christ, then the heathen without the gospel are lost.

VIII

God is most careful to declare to us through the Apostle Paul that the heathen are lost without the gospel. "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law." (Rom. 2:12). In the light of this verse we must see that the heathen have sinned without the law. Then they shall likewise perish. Of course there must be a tremendous difference as to the degrees of punishment for a sinner in Russell and the punishment that will fall upon a man who has never heard the story of Jesus Christ.

Both Sidom and Tyre were sinful cities. They sinned with no Bible before them. No gospel was ever preached there and there never was a church EVER in either of these cities. Both of these cities were destroyed by fire and brimstone. In contrast Sodom, Bethsaida, and Capernaum were cities in which Christ ministered. Though he preached and prayed within their gates, listen to His word, "But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee." (Mt. 11:24). These words indicate degrees of punishment at the judgment.

While it is true that while the heathen which have sinned with-

out the gospel will have much less punishment in hell than the heathen who have sinned in the light of the gospel, the fact remains that both have sinned and both shall perish.

IX

The fact that one cannot be saved by sincerity likewise proves that the heathen are lost without the gospel. The Jews of Paul's day were exceedingly zealous and sincere in their beliefs. Listen. "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." (Rom. 10:1, 3). Though they were sincere, Paul declared that they were lost. May I confirm to my audience tonight that no one is saved by his sincerity. What he does and what he believes may seem perfectly all right to him, yet he may be miles removed from the truth. These are the words of Solomon, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov. 14:12).

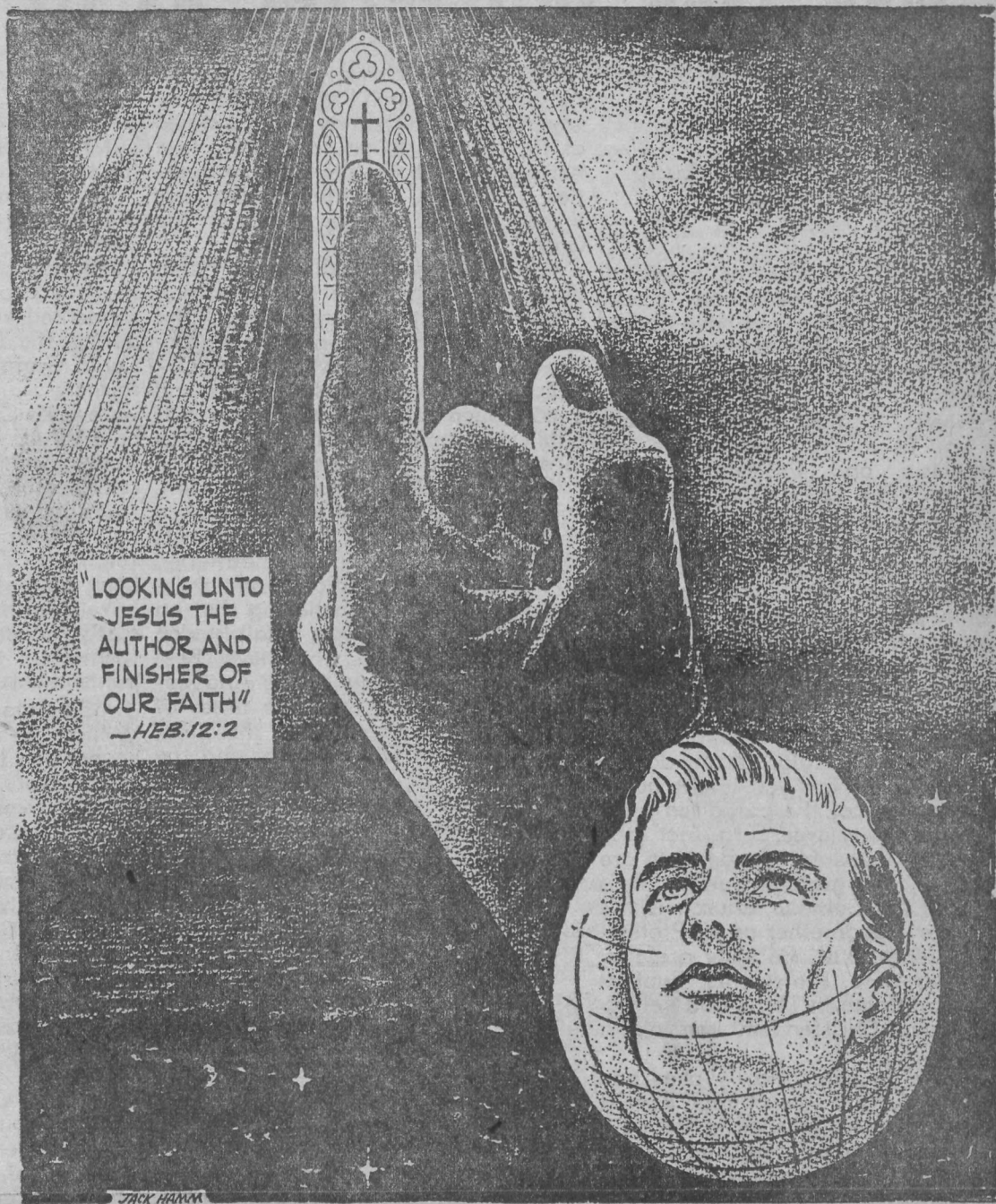
A man may enter an unseaworthy vessel to take a trip on the water. He is sincere in what he does but drowning results just the same. During this night, suffering from an intense headache, you may go to the medicine cabinet and in the darkness take a large dose of arsenic instead of quinine. Though you are sincere in what you do, death will result just the same.

The man who bows before an image made of wood and stone may be more sincere in his belief than you are in swallowing the arsenic. Because of his sincerity he may be more zealous in his service to God than you are in your supposed service to your supposed god. However, this does not argue his salvation. It may very easily argue his damnation. His sincerity will not save.

X

Finally the heathen are lost without the gospel for the plan of salvation through all the Bible is, "faith in the Lord Jesus Christ." "For whomsoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias said, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. 10:13-17). "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Cor. 1:21). "And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed." (Gal. 3:8). "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (Jn. 3:18). If the sinner, irrespective of where he lives, is not trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ who died for his sins and rose again for his justification, then he is lost—irrevocably lost, without God.

IN NEED OF THE UPWARD LOOK



In closing may I appeal to those of you who are saved. May you not be content to be only a child of God yourself. May it be your desire to see that the heathen who have never heard the gospel shall come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

We have great words spoken to us by a man in hell. "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house. For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." (Lu. 16:27, 28). This sinner in hell cries to us saying, "Go tell my brothers not to come here." Beloved, as Christians our duty is to tell the unsaved about Jesus. I can remember the time when I was in Cumberland College wanting to be a civil engineer, make lots of money, marry a beautiful wife, enter politics, and sometime be governor of the state. These were my day-dreams. One night I read this passage of Scripture. A battle between my ambition and Jesus arose. For the last fifteen years I have been looking for this man's lost brothers. Many of them I've found in the church services here in Russell. Many of them I've found through the radio broadcast. It is our duty as Christians to tell them how they may be delivered from hell.

Just a single word to those who are outside of Jesus tonight. You realize that you are lost and you've never received God's Christ. Did you ever go along the railroad and note the red signals thereof? If you were an engineer you wouldn't dare run by one of these red signals. There may be some engineer listening now. If there is, he'll say "that's right, I wouldn't dare pass a red signal." Listen, dear one, you are more careful with

the railroad signals than you are with God. For God has erected a signal along your path to eternity. It is the cross of Christ and it is red with the blood of Jesus. Don't run by it.

Jesus, Peter, Pope

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The Pope has taught his subjects to call him "Holy Father."

8. Jesus refused to be called "Good Master" (Matt. 19:16).

The Pope is generally called "Supreme Pontiff."

9. Jesus washed His disciples' feet to teach them humility (John 13:1-11).

The Pope demands that his subjects pay homage to him, and in years gone by emperors and kings kissed his feet. On several occasions in the year he is carried in procession on his sedia gestatoria (portable chair) by several robust young men.

10. Jesus prays His Father to forgive His enemies (Luke 23:24).

The Pope hates those who do not believe in his doctrines and authority. If he had power he would murder them as his church did through the "Holy Inquisition!"

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PETER AND THE POPE

1. Peter exhorts the elders of the church not to be lords over God's heritage and exercise their ministry for base gain (I Peter 5:1-4).

The Pope claims to be the head of the clergy, as he is the vice-regent of Christ on earth.

2. Peter says that all believers form a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices to God (I Peter 2:5).

The Pope has created a priestly cast which he claims to be above the faithful.

3. Peter had a wife, and she accompanied him in his missionary journeys (Matt. 8:14, I Cor. 9:5).

The Pope is not married and prohibits his clergy to marry.

4. Peter recommends his brethren to submit to the civil authority (I Peter 2:13-17).

The Pope claims to be above civil authority; that princes, kings and emperors must be subordinated to him.

5. Peter refused to accept money from Simon Magus, who wanted to buy certain religious gifts which Peter had (Acts 8:9).

The Pope sells his religion by compelling the people to pay for baptism, confirmation, funerals, etc., and teaches them to pay money for masses to free their departed ones from purgatory.

6. Peter told Simon Magus to pray God for the forgiveness of his sins (Acts 8:22).

The Pope has established the auricular confession, and claims that the priests have power to forgive sins.

7. Peter refused to be worshipped by Cornelius, the Italian Centurion at Caesarea (Acts 10:26).

The Pope demands that his subjects pay him homage and be carried in procession on his portable chair.

8. Peter says that God is no respecter of persons (I Peter 1:17).

The Pope claims infallibility when he speaks "Ex-cathedra."

9. Peter says that we are saved by believing in Jesus Christ through His grace (Acts 15:10-11).

The Pope teaches that men

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A FIVE YEAR OLD LETTER AS TO THE ORIGIN OF BAPTISTS

December 9, 1947

Life,
540 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Attention: Mr. Henry R. Luce,
Editor-In-Chief

My Dear Sir:

Ever since LIFE became a weekly publication, I have been both a subscriber and a reader, and have appreciated very definitely both your pictorial and verbal descriptions of current news.

However, I must differ radically with you as to the "family tree" of Catholicism and Protestantism as shown on Page 122 of the November 10, 1947, issue of LIFE.

In this, you make Baptists to originate about the year 1609, and through your ingenious "family tree" you very skillfully show that all denominations have come from Catholic Christendom, or in other words, you make the Catholic Church to be a sort of mother church.

My dear sir, there isn't an historian, either sacred or secular, of any degree of reputation whom you might quote in justification of the purported facts of your "family tree." In fact, the entirety of it, as far as Baptists are concerned, is a gross perversion. It is true that the Catholic Church is the mother or grandmother of all Protestant churches. Yet, Baptists are not, and never were, Protestants. Baptists did not originate in 1609, and neither is Catholic Christendom the oldest church.

I desire to categorically aver and unconditionally assert that Baptist churches were established in the days of the Lord Jesus during the time of His ministry in the country of Palestine. With Jesus as their Founder, and the Bible as their textbook, Baptist churches have existed since the day of Jesus' memorable utterance, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." — Matthew 16:18.

Ypeij and Dermout, eminent historians of the Dutch Reformed Church, say: "The Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community that has stood since the days of the apostles, and as a Christian society has preserved pure the doctrines of the Gospel THROUGH ALL AGES."

Alexander Campbell, who hated Baptists perhaps more than any man within the past century, wrote: "The sentiments of Baptists and their practice of baptism FROM THE APOSTOLIC AGE to the present, have had a continued chain of advocates and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced."

Robert Barclay, a Quaker historian, says of Baptists: "We shall afterward show that the rise of the Anabaptists took place PRIOR to the reformation of the Church of England, and there are also reasons for believing that on the continent of Europe, small hidden Christian societies, who have held many of the opinions of the Anabaptists, have existed from the times of the apostles. In the sense of the direct transmission of Divine truth, and the true nature of spiritual religion, it seems probable that these churches have a lineage or succession MORE ANCIENT than that of the Roman Church."

John Clark Ridpath, doubtlessly the greatest historian the world has ever produced, (a Methodist by denominational conviction), said: "I should not readily admit that there was a Baptist Church as far back as 100 A. D., although without doubt there were Baptist churches then, as ALL CHRISTIANS were then Baptists."

Mosheim, the outstanding Lutheran historian, said: "Before the rise of Luther and Calvin, there lay secreted in almost all the countries of Europe, persons who adhered tenaciously to the principles of the modern Dutch Baptists . . . the origin of Baptists . . . the first century was a history of the Baptists."

Zwingli, a Presbyterian co-laborer with John Calvin, said: "The institution of the Anabaptists is no novelty, but for 1300 years has caused great trouble in the church."

Even Cardinal Hosius (Catholic), president of the Council of Trent, December 13, 1545 to December 4, 1563, said: "Were it not for the fact that the Baptists have been grievously tormented and cut off with the knife during the PAST 1200 YEARS, they would swarm greater than all the reformers . . . If the truth of religion were to be judged by the readiness and boldness of which a man or any sect shows in suffering, then the opinions and persuasions of no sect can be truer and surer than those of the Anabaptists, since there have been none for the 1200 YEARS PAST that have been more generally punished or that have been more cheerfully and steadfastly undergone, and have offered themselves to the most cruel sort of punishment than these people."

"Crossing the Centuries," edited by William C. King, having as associate counselors, editors, collaborators and contributors such as: Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic; Bishop John H. Vincent, Methodist; President Theodore Roosevelt; President Woodrow Wilson; W. H. P. Founce (President of Brown University); Albert Bushnell Hart, Ph.D., L.L.D., Litt.D., head of the History Department of Harvard University; George B. Adams, M. A., Ph.D., Litt.D., of Yale, and many more such famous men, says: "Of the Baptists it may be said that they are not reformers. These people, comprising bodies of Christian believers known under various names in different countries, are entirely distinct and independent of the Roman and Greek churches, and have an UNBROKEN CONTINUITY OF EXISTENCE FROM APOSTOLIC DAYS DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES. Throughout this long period, they were bitterly persecuted for heresy, driven from country to country, disfranchised, deprived of

their property, imprisoned, tortured and slain by the thousands; yet they swerved not from their New Testament faith, doctrine and adherence."

My dear sir, while I have quoted from several of the world's greatest historians, I could quote from dozens of others if space permitted. None of these quoted were Baptists, yet all of them agree that Baptists have existed since the days of the apostles, and that the path traveled by Baptists through the ages has been one of martyrdom and suffering. Surely Baptists can say with the poet:

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

Please do not misunderstand me, sir. I do not mean to say that none but Baptists are saved. Really many so-called Baptists are unsaved. Church membership will save no one. Instead, all who have trusted Jesus Christ as Saviour and have been washed in His blood (Revelation 1:5) are sure of Heaven. This is so, regardless of church membership and baptism. In fact, if he has neither church membership nor baptism, yet in his heart has received Christ as his Saviour, that one will go to Heaven when he dies, for he has nothing to go to Hell for, since Christ has already suffered his Hell on Calvary.

Though we thus believe as to salvation, we also insist that the church that Jesus built was a Baptist Church.

With every good wish to you in the New Year, and praying that God shall open your eyes to the truth of church history, I am,

Yours most sincerely,

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Jesus, Peter, Pope

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are saved by works.

10. Peter emphatically says that Christ is the Head of the Church (Acts 4:11, I Peter 2:7).

The Pope claims that he is the head of the church.

11. Peter says that there is no other name under heaven

whereby we can be saved (Acts 4:12).

The Pope teaches that there are many saints and madonnas whom the people can invoke and hold them as their advocates.

"In Christ's right I am sovereign. I acknowledge no civil superior. I am subject to no prince. I claim to be the supreme judge on earth and di-

rector of the consciences of men — of the peasant that tills the field and the prince that sits on the throne; of the household that lives in the shade of privacy and the legislature that makes laws for the kingdoms." — Cardinal Manning's claim for the Pope.

The Federal Council

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or add to the cause of Christ? Some of you may say, "Well, I don't believe what they teach but our church can still stay in the Federal Council and not be hindered." But listen to God's word, "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." You might as well preach it as drift along with it. You are just as guilty as the McConnells, Fosdicks or Ox-nams and if you're God's child you will suffer chastisement. "But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons" (Hebrews 12:8). When you give your offering in a church that is a member of the Federal Council of Churches, I ask you, "Are you supporting the enemies of the Cross? Are you paying to further communism?" Think about this, my friend.

Up till now I have said nothing against Southern Baptists but of all the dangerous groups advocating the Federal Council

of Churches, I believe some of our so-called Southern Baptists are the worst. I have more respect for H. E. Fosdick than men like Theodore F. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. He poses to be a Baptist but yet is in the Virginia Council of Churches. Reuben Alley, editor of the Religious (?) Herald, is another in between the fence and gatepost man. I have a letter from him in which he states that he would vote against the issue of the Federal Council of Churches if it came to a floor vote, while at the General Association in 1945, he served as chairman of a committee which advocated that Virginia Baptists align themselves with this "cooperative Christian movement."

These and others like them hold high offices among Virginia Baptists. They serve on the Foreign Mission Board. If the Southern Baptist Convention is trying to carry out God's will why not do some cleaning up of our cesspools, such as the Foreign Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville? "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock" (Acts 20:29).

Another who is adding coal to the Modernistic fire is the Unionist who masquerades as a Baptist but will dismiss services, even prayer service, to unite with churches that are affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches. Unionism is popular but we read in James 4:4:

"Friendship with the world is enmity with God."

Christian, beware of the Modernist.

Beware of those soft talking agents of Satan posing as angels of light.

Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me" (John 12:30).

Is your church AGAINST the teaching of the Federal Council advocates?

Is your church OPENLY POSING the Council?

Is your church CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH? (Jude 3).

God help you to see the right. God is calling His people out to be a separate people. "Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues" (Rev. 18:4).

Our Printed Ministry

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appearing on page four of the issue — our letter written five years ago to Life Magazine, after they had printed an article saying that the Catholics were the oldest church and that Baptists began in the sixteenth century. This tract has had an exceedingly wide circulation — many thousands — and I sincerely trust that this new printing will be most widely scattered.

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