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## Proper Attitude Toward Those In Error

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and the other is not—yet no mention of religion between

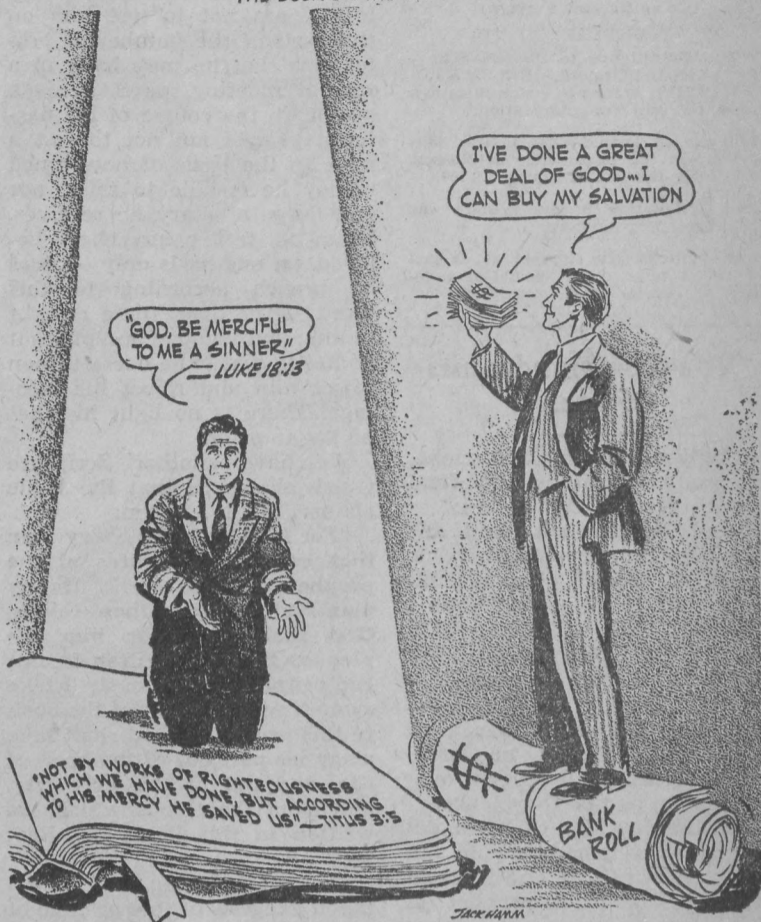


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ting the one who is supposed to be dearest to them, go on to hell without a word, just because there might be disagreement. Why should people be able to discuss all other things amicably save religion? Unity between people can never be had through keeping silent.

2. A wrong attitude is that in which ones tries to "argue down" the other fellow. When husband and wife violently argue religion, just to bemean and belittle each other, they never accomplish anything. When people argue with others anywhere just to "down them in argument" they do harm rather than

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## How To Honor God So God Honors You

Them that honor Me, I will honor." — I Samuel 2:30.

Abel Honored God By His Sacrifice

By faith Abel recognized that a sinner he could not draw near to God without a propitiatory sacrifice, and so he brought offered his prophetic lamb. This is the first clear testimony in the great gospel truth that without shedding of blood is no remission," and that the "Lamb of God beareth away the sin of the world." What honor God put in Abel in causing his sacrifice to speak out the gospel message for six thousand years!

Enoch Honored God By His Daily Walk

Enoch lived in a day when men were multiplying on the earth, and was himself the father of a large family; but he chose God's companionship in preference to all other. The daily habit of his life was to walk with God and how can two walk together except they be agreed? He honored God by a holy life, when the flood of sin and iniquity was rising on every hand; and God honored him by making him one of the only two men who ever passed into heaven without going through the gate of death.

Abraham Honored God By His Faith

At the call of God Abraham left his friends, his home and his native land, and went forth, not knowing whither he went. He

was promised a seed like the stars of heaven and the sand on the seashore for multitude, and yet he never saw more than one of these. But he believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. How wonderfully God honored him in his life-time!

Moses Honored God By His Choice

The pleasures of sin and the treasures in Egypt had for him no attraction when compared with the reproach of Christ. He saw the invisible God, and so cared nothing for the wrath of the visible king. He cast aside the possible succession to Pharaoh's throne, and forsook Egypt, becoming a pilgrim and stranger with God's people in the wilderness. He honored God throughout his life; and God honored him in life and death.

Elijah Honored God In His Prayer Life

Elijah is the most outstanding man of prayer in the Old Testament. By prayer he closed the heavens that it rained not for

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## DEPARTED TO BE WITH HIS LORD



HARM RUST  
Worthington, Minn.

One of God's greatest soldiers fell asleep in Jesus May 20. Telegram from his beloved widow gave no details of death. What a blessing and inspiration he was to many through these columns!

## The Lord's Supper Is Only For A Local Church

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In last week's issue I discussed the Baptist position on close communion. In doing this I mentioned the fact that the Lord's Supper is a church ordinance rather than merely a Christian ordinance. In this article I wish to discuss the fact that the Lord's Supper is a local church ordinance rather than a denominational ordinance.

### CORRECTION:

In the article last week (Column 5, Page 4) there appeared this statement: "Baptists are going to admit that a church that follows the Bible is not better than one that does not." This should have read: "Baptists are NOT going to admit that a church that follows the Bible is not better than one that does not."

Some Baptist churches invite to the communion table all who are members of Baptist churches anywhere. Other Baptist churches follow the practice of having

only members of the local church partake of the ordinance. The writer endorses the latter practice. Here are his reasons:

1. The very fact that the Lord's Supper was set in a local church is presumptive evidence in favor of this practice. It was not set by Jesus in a promiscuous gathering of believers. It was not set in the church as an institution. It was not set in the "general assembly and church of the first-born," as referred to in Heb. 12:23. It was set in the local church at Jerusalem, constituted at that time of the apostles. 1 Cor. 12:28.

2. The fact that a New Testament church is commanded not to eat with certain classes of people demands this practice. See 1 Cor. 5:11. The spirit of this command can be fully observed only when the church has knowledge of, and disciplinary powers over, those who come to the table.

3. The one bread (or loaf) symbolizes the unity of the one body partaking of it. See 1 Cor. 10:17. This symbol is broken when those who are not members of the one body partake of the one bread.

Now if I believed in a universal, visible or invisible church and believed that church to be what the New Testament denominates "the body of Christ," then I would not believe in strict local church communion. But I do not believe that such is true. When the New Testament speaks

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "The Commandments Of Men"

"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." — Mt. 15:9.

I think that everyone who is here realizes that I believe this Bible to be totally and wholly inspired of God from beginning to end. In fact, I believe in the totality and the entirety of God's Word as being the inerrant, infallible Word of God. I will even go further and insist that I believe in the finality of the Scriptures in every particular. I don't believe that there is a subject

upon which the Bible touches where the Bible is to be called a subordinate authority to any other authority, but rather, beloved, with all my heart do I believe that this Bible comes first in every question that may arise, that there is nothing that can come before you and me for discussion but what the Word of God is to be the final basis of authority, and what God says in His Book is to be called authoritative above all other sources of knowledge of this world.

I recognize the fact that there

are lots of people in this world who don't agree with you and me in this respect. They do not believe in any wise at all that the Bible is the final source of authority. They think that what man has to say, or what the council may have decreed, or what the presbytery may have decided upon, is to be taken on the same plane of equality as the Word of God. Well, beloved, after all is said and done, there is nothing for me to do but to turn to the Word of God and let God's Word speak to you and

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## CHOSE FAITH OVER MONEY

A woman in Iowa, in straitened circumstances, was left a legacy of \$30,000 on condition that she would renounce the Christian religion. She declined the offer and chose the comfort of her Christian hope. How would you have decided it? Are you selling out cheaper than that?

## SPONSOR "NOT WANTED"

The author of a "best seller" book has turned down a handsome offer for television rights because the sponsor would be a bad company. "I could not place my influence and my Dad's work in jeopardy," said Miss Alyene Porter, Dallas, Tex., author of "Papa (Continued on page four)

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## "The Commandments Of Men"

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tell you that it is the final  
source of authority. Listen:

"And Balaam answered and  
said unto the servants of Balak,  
If Balak would give me his  
house full of silver and gold, I  
CANNOT GO BEYOND THE  
WORD OF THE LORD MY  
GOD, to do less or more." —  
Numbers 22:18.

That was spoken at a time  
when the children of Israel  
were marching from Egypt over  
to Canaan, and as they journeyed,  
Balak, the king of Moab, de-  
sired that somebody would put  
a curse upon them, and he tried  
to get Balaam, a prophet of  
God, to put a curse upon these  
people of Israel. Balaam refused  
to do so and Balak's servants  
brought out the pocketbook and  
showed Balaam just what they  
had to offer him, if he could  
curse the people they wanted  
cursed. Then it was that Balaam  
pushed the pocketbook aside and  
said to them, "If Balak would  
give me his house full of silver  
and gold, I cannot go beyond the  
Word of the Lord my God, to do  
less or more," as if to say, "What  
God says is final. I cannot go  
beyond God's Word."

A little later you will find  
that Moses made a statement  
which was very similar to this.  
Listen:

"What thing soever I com-  
mand you, observe to do it: thou  
shalt not add thereto, nor dimin-  
ish from it." — Deut. 12:32.

Moses, in speaking to the  
Jews, told them that they were  
to take God's Word as final.  
They were not to add to it, nor  
subtract from it, but rather it  
was to be the final word of  
authority for their lives.

We read again:

"Every word of God is pure:  
he is a shield unto them that  
put their trust in him. Add thou  
not unto his words, lest he re-  
prove thee, and thou be found a  
liar." — Prov. 30:5-6.

"To the law and to the testi-  
mony: if they speak not accord-  
ing to this word, it is because  
there is no light in them." —  
Isa. 8:20.

Isn't it true many times that  
you will hear a preacher, or you  
will hear about a preacher, and  
you'll wish that you might have  
an opportunity of knowing  
whether or not he is really  
preaching the truth? I know that  
that has been my experience  
many times, and I have wonder-  
ed concerning various men as  
to whether they really preached  
the truth. Are they actually  
God's men, and are they actual-  
ly preaching the truth?

Well, beloved, I don't have to  
doubt and I don't have to go  
through life wondering and  
doubting if any preacher is  
preaching the truth. All I have  
to do is to use the test that Isaiah  
spoke. Test him with God's  
Word, and if he isn't speaking

according to His Word, then  
there is no light in him. I am  
not to test a preacher on the  
basis of his popularity. I am  
not to test him on the basis of  
the crowd that he has following  
him. I am not to test him on  
the basis of the number of pro-  
fessions that he may have in a  
revival meeting, or if he is a  
pastor, in the course of his pas-  
toral year. I am not to test a  
man on the basis of how much  
money he is able to raise, nor  
how large a salary he receives.  
I am to test a preacher, be-  
loved, on one basis only — does  
he preach according to this  
Word? If he does, there is light  
in him, and you can accept what  
he has to say. If he doesn't, then  
reject him and reject his mes-  
sage. There is no light in what  
he has to offer.

We have another Scripture  
which shows us that the Bible  
claims finality. Listen:

"For I testify unto every man  
that heareth the words of the  
prophecy of this book, If any  
man shall add unto these things,  
God shall add unto him the  
plagues that are written in this  
book: And if any man shall take  
away from the words of the book  
of this prophecy, God shall take  
away his part out of the book of  
life, and out of the holy city,  
and from the things which are  
written in this book." — Rev.  
22:18-19.

Without entering into a de-  
tailed exegesis of this passage of  
Scripture, let me say in passing,  
if you want to lose your reward  
— if you want your reward tak-  
en away — then you take away  
from the Word of God. If you  
want to be chastened here with-  
in this world, then you add to  
the Word of God. God definitely,  
plainly, and unequivocally says  
that the man who adds to His  
Word is going to be chastened  
with the plagues that are spok-  
en of in His Book; and if a man  
takes away from this Book, God  
is going to take away his re-  
wards from him. Here, then, is  
a fearful curse that is pronounc-  
ed and a fearful edict that is  
given of the Lord upon any in-  
dividual who adds to or takes  
away from the Word of God.

Beloved, you can't read these  
verses of Scripture that I have  
read to you from the books of  
Numbers, Deuteronomy, Isaiah,  
Proverbs and Revelation with-  
out the realization that the  
Bible claims finality for itself.  
The Word of God lays claim to  
the fact that it is final in every  
particular, that man's thoughts  
and man's words are not to be  
considered in any wise, but  
rather the Word of God is to  
have priority and superiority  
over anything and everything  
that man may say, think, or do.

In the light of these Scrip-  
tures, I want to emphasize the  
fact that I believe in the finality  
of God's Word. You may come  
to me and say, "Now, Brother  
Gilpin, I think thus." Well, be-  
loved, I don't care what any in-  
dividual thinks, for your think-  
ing isn't a bit better than my  
thinking, and my thinking isn't  
one bit better than your think-  
ing, and your thinking and my  
thinking isn't worth a continent-  
al, in the light of God's Word,  
unless your thinking and my  
thinking, is in accord with the  
Word of God. I tell you, beloved,  
it doesn't make any difference  
what you think or what I think,  
the question is, what does the  
Word of God literally say to us?

Several years ago I was in  
Louisville, Kentucky, and saw  
in the window of a terminix  
place, a Bible, among other  
items, that was placed there to  
show the devastating effect of  
termites. Above it was the cap-  
tion: "A termite hasn't any re-  
gard for even the Holy Bible  
itself." I stood there and looked  
at that Bible that was eaten  
through by termites, and I

thought, that is exactly what I  
want to be as a minister. I want  
to be a Bible termite. I just want  
to eat the Word of God. I want  
to drink it, I want to sleep it,  
I want to think about it and I  
want to study it all the way  
from Genesis to Revelation. I  
just want to take the Word of  
God from beginning to end and  
make it a part of me, and just  
let the Word of God become  
paramount so far as my life is  
concerned.

Now, beloved, this was the  
message that these folk needed  
in Jesus' day. Here was a crowd  
of Jews who were teaching the  
commandments of men rather  
than the doctrines of God, and  
Jesus looked upon this crowd  
whom he spoke of as hypocrites,  
and said, "But in vain they do  
worship me, teaching for doc-  
trines the commandments of  
men." Beloved, what that crowd  
needed back there was to learn  
the lesson that I am trying to  
teach you this morning — that  
the Bible is final. Instead of  
teaching for doctrines what God  
said, they were teaching for  
doctrines the commandments of  
men. Let me tell you, it is a  
fearful thing — it is a horrible  
thing, to teach the command-  
ments of men instead of teach-  
ing the doctrines of Almighty  
God.

Now let's notice some of the  
commandments of men that  
have been "palmed off" on  
an unsuspecting religious world,  
and have been played up as  
though they were the doctrines  
of God, whereas in reality they  
are nothing short of the doc-  
trines of men.

I

IT IS OFTEN THOUGHT,  
AND GENERALLY UNDER-  
STOOD AND CONSIDERED,  
THAT CHRISTIANS ARE TO  
CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY  
OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.  
THIS IS A COMMANDMENT  
OF MAN.

I imagine that every once in  
a while somebody thinks that  
I am blantly blasphemous  
when I insist that there is no  
ground whatsoever, and no  
authority at all, for the obser-  
vance of Christmas in any wise  
whatsoever. I have had people  
to open their mouths as though  
they were dumbfounded when  
they heard me say that Christ-  
mas was not to be observed. Be-  
loved, do you know that the  
Bible tells us we are to observe  
the Lord's Supper? The Bible  
tells us we are to observe bap-  
tism. The Bible tells us we are  
to remember the resurrection of  
Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us  
we are to remember His death  
on the Cross, and God has given  
to us the glorious teaching of  
the Lord's Supper whereby we  
are to remember it. But, beloved,  
there is no hint in the Bible  
where we are to remember the  
birthday of the Lord Jesus  
Christ. You will search in vain  
from Genesis to Revelation to  
find anywhere that the Bible  
says we are to remember or  
celebrate the birthday of the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Ah, my bro-  
ther, my sister, how the Devil  
has succeeded in getting the peo-  
ple to think about things that  
God never said for them to think  
about, just in order to keep

### Why Weepst Thou?

Mary loved her Lord! But on that fateful day  
He had been crucified! They took His form away  
To Joseph's rock hewn tomb, and near that tomb  
she stayed  
To see the body wrapped and how the form was laid.

The Sabbath passed and then, real early in the morn  
With others Mary came, her heart with anguish  
torn!  
She wanted to anoint the body of her Lord  
With spices they had brought for Him Whom they  
adored.

But He had disappeared—the lifeless form was  
gone!  
So Mary sobbed and wept, her bitter tears flowed  
on;  
She sorely wept because His body was not there;  
To her the empty tomb spelled grief she could not  
bear!

O Mary! Could you know? Could you have under-  
stood  
The cause you thought for grief was working for  
your good!  
That empty tomb meant Life—how soon you heard  
His voice  
Dispelling all your tears and making you rejoice!

And we, like Mary then, in vain shed bitter tears  
Not knowing that the trials causing all our fears  
Are but a means for blessing in God the Father's  
hand,  
And faith can trust although we cannot understand!

That empty tomb meant triumph, so in perplexity,  
Our God can overrule and give us victory!  
Then trust and do not mourn; before His wisdom  
bow  
Lest He should sadly say: "My friend, why weepst  
thou?"

— Marie L. Olsen

them from thinking about things  
they ought to think about.

Now let's think a little further  
about Christmas. When the  
Christmas season comes around,  
how many people have the Lord  
Jesus Christ in their minds? I  
am frank to say that it would  
be a mighty hard thing for a  
child, or a grown-up either, to  
think about the Lord Jesus  
Christ in view of the jingling  
bells of Santa Claus, the candy,  
the gluttony, the drinking, the  
presents, and all the things that  
go along with Christmas. It  
would be mighty hard for a man  
to understand how that this  
honors the birthday of the Lord  
Jesus Himself.

A day or two ago I was  
cleaning out a drawer in my  
desk and I came across an ad-  
vertisement that came to me just  
before Christmas when one of  
the distilleries in Kentucky sent  
out advertisements to help you  
solve your Christmas buying  
problems, urging the people to  
give a quart of whiskey to their  
friends as a Christmas remem-  
brance. Now I don't know how  
many preachers may have re-  
ceived it, but I know for the  
last two years I have received a  
similar advertisement from this  
particular distillery urging me  
to give as Christmas gift a quart  
of whiskey to my special friends.  
Beloved, I am satisfied that if

they were sent to one Bap-  
tist preacher, they were sent to  
of Baptist preachers, and it  
probably sent to other in-  
dividuals of various walks and  
professions of life. Pray tell  
me, how that such as I could  
beloved, how that such as I  
could in any wise at all bring  
honor and glory to the Lord  
Jesus Christ? Maybe in the  
of that, you can understand  
I am saying, when I insist  
we ought to be mighty  
that everything we practice  
in the Word of God, and that  
don't follow the command-  
ments of men, but rather the do-  
ctrines of God's Word.

II

IT IS THOUGHT THAT  
EASTER IS TO BE OBSERVED  
AND CELEBRATED IN ORD-  
ER TO REMEMBER THE RESUR-  
RECTION OF THE LORD  
JESUS CHRIST.

Beloved, if there were  
a religious racket pushed off  
the name of Jesus Christ,  
in the resurrection. It starts  
supposedly prior to the resur-  
rection with what is ordinari-  
ly called Palm Sunday, but, be-  
loved, if you will read your Bible,  
you will see that Jesus Christ  
came into the city of Jerusa-  
lem on Sunday. It is a lie to  
say otherwise. Then follows the ob-  
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1 FOOD. \$5, \$10, \$15 worth of food scrip goes a  
long way to relieve the acute distress of Jewish  
believers in Israel.

2 THE WORD. The Jews in Israel are turning to  
the Bible in great numbers. Demand, even  
for the New Testament, exceeds the supply.

3 MISSIONARIES. Many fine young Israelites are  
ready to go out as missionaries to their own  
people as soon as funds are available.

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quarters and staff for this remarkable man  
of God will greatly advance the task of  
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4 WAYS YOU  
CAN HELP GOD'S  
PEOPLE ISRAEL

FAR TOO MANY OF US

I'LL HANG THIS UP... I WON'T NEED IT UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY



"THE HYPOCRITE'S HOPE SHALL PERISH" — JOB 8:13

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ponds to Baal, the male god? The female goddess of the Old Testament that corresponds to the male god of Baal is the very one that gives rise to the word "Easter." What I mean to say is this, if I were going to have Easter Sunday, I would just as soon have Baal Sunday. I would just as soon bring old Baal back from the Old Testament and observe Baal Sunday and the worship of Baal, as to observe Easter. To tell you the truth, beloved, whenever anybody comes around and tells you that Easter is in remembrance of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, you just remind him of the fact that they had the same thing eight hundred years before Jesus Christ was born in Babylon, and any encyclopedia would show him this if he will only read it. Easter is pure heathenism.

Listen, beloved, this Bible is final. Find Easter in the Bible where we are commanded to observe it. Find where we are commanded to keep one day to remember the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ instead of the fifty-two definitely appointed days that God has given us every year. Find it, beloved, and I will believe it; but until you find it, I will say it is a commandment of man whereas we are to follow the doctrines of God's Word.

### III

IT IS ALSO THOUGHT THAT ONE CHURCH IS JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER.

Let's just bring this down and analyze it, first of all, on the basis of human reasoning. I guess if that be so, then that same logic would hold true every place else and that one woman is just as good as any other woman. Let me ask you, did you marry your wife on that basis? Is there a man in this house this morning who will stand up and say, "Brother Gilpin, I'd just as soon have one woman as any other woman. I chose my wife on that basis"? I don't see a single man who is willing to stand on that proposition. If you did choose her on that basis, brother, I'd advise you to keep it to yourself when you get home.

Let's reason it again. Is one dinner just as good as another? Suppose I take you to the jail house and you can hear them dish out those beans in the tin pans. You can hear those old, hard, half-cooked beans rattle as they bring them to you. Now keep this dinner in mind. Then come over here and sit down with me. Here is fried chicken, biscuits, good old cherry pie, and all the good things that go with it. Now, beloved, if one dinner is just as good as another, you just sit down over here with the jail bird; I am going to sit down here and eat this dinner which is fit for a Baptist preacher — this fried chicken.

No, beloved, you wouldn't reason like that. You wouldn't accept the reason that some people offer when they say that one church is just as good as another.

I wouldn't say that one Baptist church is just as good as another, and I don't think you would either. Haven't you been to some, beloved, that when you came away you hadn't heard anything of the Word of God, and your soul was starved and you felt as though your soul was crushed within you? Beloved, I wouldn't say that one Baptist church is just as good as another Baptist church.

I tell you, beloved, this idea that one church is just as good as another is a commandment that is contrary to God's Word. One church is just as good as another only when that church is a Scriptural church. If it is

not Scriptural, it is not as good as another. In other words, only when the Word of God is held up as final in that organization is one church as good as another.

### IV

IT IS ALSO THOUGHT THAT YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CHOICE AS TO BAPTISM.

In lots of churches this is what you are told. I asked a man sometime ago right here in Russell (a man who, humanly speaking, is a good friend of mine) why it was that he was so inconsistent on the question of baptism. He said, "Brother Gilpin, we don't make it a hard and fast rule. A person can just take his choice — baptism by sprinkling, pouring or immersion." He said, "I don't like to immerse and I don't like to pour; I prefer to sprinkle. But if an individual insists, I will give him his choice."

Now, beloved, I would say that that man was teaching for the doctrines of God nothing in this world but a commandment of man. Let's go to the Bible. Let's see how much choice the Lord Jesus Christ had when He came to John the Baptist for baptism. Listen:

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, WENT UP straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him." — Mt. 3:13-16.

I ask you, beloved, could that take place with any kind of bap-

tism other than immersion?

Listen again:

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

You know as well as I that neither sprinkling nor pouring require much water. The only kind of baptism that requires much water is immersion, and where Jesus was baptized there was much water. It is plain and self-evident to me that it was immersion that was being administered.

Notice again:

"And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they WENT DOWN BOTH into the water, BOTH PHILIP AND THE EUNUCH; and he baptized him. And when they were COME UP out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing." — Acts 8:38,39.

Now, beloved, is there any choice left to man in the light of these Scriptures? So far as I am concerned, to tell an individual that he can take his choice as to the method of baptism is definitely a lie for popularity's sake. It is nothing more or less than teaching for doctrines of God, the commandments of men.

I'll pause long enough to say that I recognize the fact that a man can be a whole lot more popular if he preaches the commandments of men, than if he preaches the doctrines of God. I recognize the fact that no individual in this world can be as popular and teach the doctrines as laid down in this Bible, as he can, by preaching the commandments of men. Some of these days I am going to stand before my God and give an account of my ministry. When I stand before Him, I want to be

able to say that I have done the best I could to preach the Word of God, and I don't want to apologize and say, "Lord, I am sorry I preached the commandments of men and fooled the people for popularity's sake, when I ought to have been preaching the doctrines as laid down within your Word."

### V

IT IS ALSO THOUGHT THAT YOU CAN BE LOST AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED.

The majority of people today will tell you that a man can be lost after he has been saved, and can be saved again, and lost again, and that an individual can have that experience in grace time and time again. But what does the Word of God say? Listen:

"And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I WILL NOT TURN AWAY FROM THEM, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that THEY SHALL NOT DEPART FROM ME." — Jer. 32:40.

"His seed also will I make to endure FOR EVER, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my

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ance of Good Friday. I was in a town in Michigan one day on the supposedly Good Friday and I couldn't even get a haircut from twelve o'clock noon to three o'clock in the afternoon. The barbers sat down in their chairs and wouldn't even give me a haircut.

Sometime ago when I was walking down the street, a fellow said to me, "Why aren't you over at the YMCA with the rest of the preachers of the town for the Good Friday services?" I said, "My brother, do you have enough sense to count up to three, even if you have to do so with your fingers?" I said, "If you have that much sense, I can give you the answer." Then I took my Bible and read it:

"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." — Mt. 12:40.

Now, beloved, if a man has sense enough to count up to three, then you ought to have sense enough to know that Good Friday is a fake in every particular. The whole thing so far as Easter is concerned is a lie from beginning to end. It is held one year in March, the next year it is held in April, and it swings about on the basis of the moon. I loved, I want something that is more substantial than that. I want something that is based in the Word of God.

We are told in the Bible to remember the resurrection of Jesus by the ordinance of baptism. We are also told in the Bible that we are to remember the resurrection of Jesus by having a Lord's Day. Every Lord's Day is a birthday of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now I can understand how it is that the fellow who works on Sunday the biggest part of the year, and who does not go to church except on Easter Sunday, needs Easter to help him to remember the resurrection. The man who goes to church every Sunday remembers the resurrection of Jesus Christ with his worship every Sunday because every Lord's Day is the birthday of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. To be sure, the Word of God tells us to remember the resurrection with the ordinance of baptism. Whenever you see a person buried with Christ in baptism, it is a reminder of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. That man who has been Scripturally baptized doesn't need Easter Sunday to help him remember the resurrection.

Every time he sees a person baptized — every time he sees that individual go down into the water and is buried and comes out of the water, he sees a picture of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

I can understand how that crowd who sprinkles babies, who ignores what God says about baptism, needs an Easter Sunday in order to remember the resurrection, but, beloved, I can't understand for the life of me why that individual who claims to love the Word of God could in any wise at all substitute one day for fifty-two Lord's Days in the year to remember the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Whenever I recall the fact that Easter Sunday is of an heathen origin, that in itself makes it even more abhorrent and more repulsive than ever. Why, beloved, did you ever read about Baal in the Old Testament? Do you remember about Baal's wife, the female goddess that corres-

## Proper Attitude

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good.

3. A wrong attitude is that of broad acquiescence. Some people like to be thought "broad," hence they willingly throw away the truth just for the sake of agreeing with other people. One cannot afford to throw the Lord's truth away just for the sake of being pleasant.

4. A wrong way of dealing with others, is the way of showing a contentious spirit. We are told to "Earnestly contend for the faith. . . ." (Jude 3) It does NOT say, "angrily contend."

## STERN REBUKE SOMETIMES NEEDED

Sometimes one must contend with blatant heretics who are actively engaged in disseminating error. A sample is the "Jehovah's Witness." They be- mean just about every religious group, and sow their poison. In Titus 3:10 we are told how to deal with such.

We have known Baptists and others who were in business to make contributions that helped build Seventh Day Adventist churches, and in one case a Catholic Church. Such became a partaker of their evil deeds. (See II John 9-11) (See also Ephes. 5:11)

## IN DEALING WITH OTHERS AT VARIANCE WITH US, LET US REMEMBER—

1. That they have as much right to their beliefs as we have. Legally they have. In a free country, we have no right to seek to curtail the religious freedom of other people, nor should we seek to make them uncomfortable because of their religion. If they are wrong, to God they shall answer.

2. We should be kind in our neighborly contacts with those of other faiths. If you can do good to them—use the opportunity. (Galat. 6:10) No one ever won a neighbor to his religion by being hateful and mean and quarrelsome.

3. As opportunity can be made talk about religion with those of other faiths. Usually this can be done, if one manifests the right spirit. Ask the person to agree to talk without intent to offend. Many a person has won others to his way of thinking, from error, by being kind and tactful—yet true to the right. Sometimes you can get a person to read a book or tract that will enable him to see the truth. Often such persons will respond to a pleasant invitation to church. Let us remember that when people are in gross error, the salvation of their soul is at stake. A fine piece of instruction is given concerning how to deal with such in II Timothy 2:23-26.

The way of the persecutor is to force others to believe as he does, or else punish. During the Spanish Inquisition all sorts of torture was applied to any and all who refused the doctrines of Catholicism. The way of the Communist is the way of force—torture—death. Human minds cannot be converted from error in such fashion, and God's Word is against such.

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holiness that I will not lie unto David. HIS SEED SHALL ENDURE FOR EVER, and his

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throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah." — Psalms 89:29-37.

This is the covenant that God made, with Christ before the foundation of the world. Long before you and I were born, and before this world was created, God the Father and God the Son made a covenant, and the covenant was that when Jesus Christ should die for the sins of the elect, that God the Father was going to keep every last one of them unto the end, Beloved, you don't hold out yourself. You don't keep yourself. If it depended upon you and me to keep ourselves, every last one of us would go to Hell. Notice that God promises chastisement to His children when they do wrong. Though He will chasten them, they will still be His children.

This same Scripture tells us that His seed shall endure forever, and then He gives us a sign — the sun by day and the moon by night. Listen, beloved, whenever you can climb up into the skies and knock the sun out of the heavens by day and the moon out of the heavens by night — whenever you can do that, the Devil can take a saved man out of the hands of God. That is God's sign to us.

Every time I look up into the skies and see that the sun is still there, I say, "Thank you, Lord, I am still saved." Every time I look up and see the moon in the skies I say, "Thank you, Lord, I am glad that it is still there. I am glad that nobody has been able to knock the moon and the sun out of the skies. My salvation is going to last just as long as the sun and the moon endure in the skies.

Listen again:  
"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand." — Psalms 37:24.

God makes a marvelous promise to us in this Scripture. Then a little later on He says to us concerning the same truth:

"For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are PRESERVED FOR EVER: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." — Psalms 37:28.

How long does God preserve His children? Forever.

You women are not quite as good as God is. You can make preserves that lasts quite a good long time, but they won't last forever; but when God does a thing He does it right, and God says that His saints are preserved forever.

I often make mention of my old friend, Brother Mullens, who is now dead. When I first became pastor here in Russell, he went down to Kinniconick to preach on his birthday. He was seventy-four years old that day, and he made mention of the fact that it was his seventy-fourth birthday. A woman invited him to go home for dinner with her that day, and she said, "Brother Mullens, I have a can of peach preserves at home that my grandmother preserved seventy-four years ago this summer. Since this is your seventy-fourth birthday, we will celebrate it by having those peach preserves that was put up in the same year that you were born." She said, "They were handed down to my mother and then handed down to me, and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't use them to celebrate your birthday." Brother Mullens told me that those peach preserves were just as pure and perfect, and the taste was as wonderful as if they had only been preserved the summer before.

Now, beloved, do you mean to tell me that a woman can take the fruit of the tree or the fruit

of the vine and preserve it and make it keep for seventy-four years, and God can't take an old Hell-bound sinner and save him by His grace and preserve Him forever? That is foolishness. If a woman can preserve the fruit, God certainly can preserve His saints.

You may say, "Brother Gilpin, I have seen some people who look like they are not preserved. I have seen some that didn't act like they were preserved. I have seen some folk who got along fine for a while, but then they did some things that they should not have done." Listen, beloved, in most cases of that type, it was the preacher that did the preserving. Every once in a while the preacher or some church member does the preserving, and do you know what happens? They spoil and they smell awfully bad when they spoil, too.

When the Lord preserves an individual, He preserves forever. Whenever a man tells you that a person can be saved once, and then lose his salvation, after he has once been saved, he is just preaching for a doctrine of God, nothing else but a commandment of man.

## VI

THERE ARE THOSE WHO SAY THAT A MAN MAY PRAY FOR SALVATION AND THAT THE CHOICE IS IN THE HANDS OF MAN.

People will say that a man has to pray in order to be saved. I want to ask you how many prayers Paul prayed the day the Lord saved him. You say a man has to seek the Lord in order to be saved. How many times was Saul of Tarsus seeking the Lord? He was seeking to kill Christians, but he wasn't seeking the Lord.

Also people say you are a free moral agent, that you just make your own choice. It is all up to you. You may say, "Brother Gilpin, that is right. On one of the biggest religious broadcasts a short time ago they said it, and I know it is so."

Here is what was said:

"Listen, friend! Do you realize that you are in the same position in which Pontius Pilate found himself 2,000 years ago? You can do exactly what you want to do with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am utterly amazed when I realize who the Lord Jesus Christ is—Creator of the heavens

and the earth, the Almighty God. Yet He has allowed you to make a choice; you may do exactly as you want. You are in authority; you are the big 'I'; you are the judge who makes the decision concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. He is on trial today."

Beloved, there was never a greater lie told outside of Hell than this one that preacher told when he made that statement. No, no, brother, you are not the big "I". That is what the Devil tries to make you think you are. You are just a sinner — a worm of the dust in the sight of God. Instead of it being left for you to make the choice, God is the one who makes the choice. Listen:

"Ye HAVE NOT CHOSEN me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." — John 15:16.

"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.

When someone tells you that it is all up to you to make the choice, that you are a free moral agent and that you can do as you please — when someone tells you that, beloved, you just go back and say that the Word of God doesn't say so. That is just another one of these commandments of men instead of the doctrines of God's Word.

## CONCLUSION

My text says, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Listen, beloved, anytime a man preaches the commandments of men instead of the doctrines of God, that is vain worship and doesn't amount to a thing in the world.

Do you know the only way that a man can worship God? God's Word tells us. Listen:

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

As the truth of God's Word is preached and as the Holy Spirit carries it to the heart, the individual can worship God, but, beloved, if you worship Him using the commandments of men instead of the truth of God's Word, God looks down and says that it is vain.

I don't want to ever be guilty of giving you the commandments of men, instead of the doctrines of God. I want to give you God's Book and let God speak and let God's Word be final. I thank God this morning for the privilege I have had in the years of just giving you God's Word and having a group of people here who want nothing else but what God says within His Word. May God bless you and help you to want nothing else but the doctrines of God, and may you always reject the commandments of man.

May God bless you!

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of "the body of Christ" as now constituted I think it refers to a local church. I think 1 Cor. 12:27 makes it clear that Paul

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regarded the church at Corinth as "the body of Christ." There can be no true body without a compact association of the parts thereof. When Paul speaks of "one body" in Eph. 4:4 he refers to the church at Ephesus. The whole discussion there has to do with unity within the local church; and the same is true in 1 Cor. 12. When Paul speaks of the "one body" in 1 Cor. 12:13 I think he has reference to the fact that there is oneness of kind, purpose, and faith that characterizes all local New Testament bodies. His meaning there is similar to his meaning speaking of "one baptism" in Eph. 5:5. In a sense we have many baptisms, that is, at many different times we administer baptism to different individuals or groups; but in all these there is the one form and purpose. And, even if Eph. 5:5 had reference to what some call the "baptism in the Holy Spirit," it would still be true that there would be, in a sense, as many baptisms as we have saved people.

However I believe that the baptism mentioned in Eph. 5:5 and that mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:13 is baptism in water. I know of absolutely no reason for believing that each believer receives, either in or after regeneration, that which may be scripturally termed the "baptism of the Holy Spirit." I think there is just as much evidence in scripture to support the second blessing theory of the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" as there is to support the popular idea that we receive the "baptism of the Holy Spirit" in regeneration. I interpret 1 Cor. 12:13 to mean that in (under the leadership of one Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit (just as we are commanded to walk "in the Spirit" — Gal. 5:16) we are brought to baptism (in water) and thus into the fellowship of the one body, local New Testament church. Nor do I believe that there is one scintilla of ground for the notion that this passage refers to what took place on Pentecost.

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three years and a half; and in prayer he opened the heavens, gain and brought the rain. In prayer he wrought miracles, raised the dead; and overthrew false religions; defeated kings, vindicated Jehovah as God, wrought righteousness, and came "the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof."

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