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Why Are There So Many Denominations

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quer." In a church he is not pleased with peace and harmony—he wants the members to get to fighting each other. When they do, they are of little further harm to his cause. When people in a church lend themselves to strife raising, they need to remember that they have given themselves over for the devil to use.

WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW HUMAN LEADERS RATHER THAN THE LORD

People become enamoured (Continued on page three)



SATAN THE SOWER OF DISCORD

Satan is back behind the dis-

unity and division of Christendom. He is like the Communists who seek to "divide and con-

THE SECULAR HISTORY OF THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

According to the Divine History of the church, (1) Jesus founded it during his personal ministry on earth; (2) it has an unbroken continuity from until now (and will continue until Jesus comes); (3) and the Baptist church can lay valid historical claim to that origin and history. It is the church of Jesus Christ. (Mat. 16:18; 28:18-20; Eph. 3:21; Eph. 5:25-27).

IS BAPTIST A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH NAME?

We call Jesus' church a Baptist church. We admit such a name for a church does not occur in the Word of God. But neither does the expression substitution occur in the Bible, yet we know the substitutionary death of Christ in our place is an outstanding doctrine in this book. The word Trinity is not found in the Bible. Yet every true Christian believes in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as three persons in one Godhead.

Yet in calling His church a Baptist church we are using a name, or denomination, found in the Word of God. The name Baptist was applied to the fore-runner of the Son of God, Matt. 3:1. The word itself means: "One who baptizes" (Young's Concordance). John the Baptist was one who baptized. That is

why he was denominated, or called, Baptist.

John received his baptism from Heaven (Matt. 21:25-27). All of the twelve disciples were baptized with John's baptism (Acts 1:21,22). The church was later commissioned to go to all nations, make disciples, and baptize them in the name of the Trinity (Matt. 28:16-20).

They were also, then, ones who baptized, and therefore were baptizers, or Baptists, whether the name was, applied to them officially or not. Since the New Testament church baptized believers, it was a church that baptized, and it was a Baptist church, even though it was not specifically called Baptist. Is it wrong, then, if we come right out in these days of denominational confusion and identify ourselves as Baptists?

I. Affirmative Arguments:

THE FIRST CHURCH

1. The church at Jerusalem was established by Jesus during the early part of his personal ministry on earth, A. D. 31. Lk. 6:13,17, "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples:

(An assembly of disciples) and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles; . . . And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases."

(1) Jesus called this company of Disciples "My Church" a year later, (Usher's Notes on Chronology.) A. D. 31. Mat. 16:18, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

(2) God called it the church at Jerusalem. Acts 8:1, ". . . And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem" (A. D. 34).

FROM JERUSALEM TO ANTIOCH

2. Members from the Jerusalem Church went to Antioch in Syria and established a church of Jesus Christ there, A. D. 41, Acts 11:19-26, "Now they which

were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord. Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the

church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch". Acts 13:1, "Now there were in the Church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas . . . and Saul."

FROM ANTIOCH TO ROME

3. Christians from Jerusalem and probably Antioch went to Rome and organized a church about A. D. 60.

(1) Paul addressed all the saints in Rome, A. D. 60. Rom. 1:1, 7, "Paul . . . to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints. . ."

(2) In the meantime the church at Antioch had sent out Saul and Barnabas to do missionary work.

Acts 13:2-4, "As they (Antioch Church) ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus."

(3) While on a missionary journey, Paul was carried as a prisoner to Rome (A. D. 63), where he preached the gospel (Continued on page four)

The First Baptist Pulpit

"The Coronation Of The King Of Kings"

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth go-

eth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords." — Rev. 19:11-16.

We have all been made coronation conscious during the past few days. Whether you have a television or a radio, or merely have been reading the papers of the past ten days' time, you

surely have been made conscious of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth of England. It isn't a matter as to what you may think about the British form of coronation — whether you like it or whether you don't like it — it is a fact that it has taken place, and that they themselves hold it as a religious ceremony, and a religious rite through which their monarch must pass.

I say, regardless of whether you or I like it, or dislike it, it is their rite and their ceremony, and from it I think, beloved, that (Continued on page two)

GOD IS BACK OF EVERYTHING

Dr. Beattie, of Aberdeen, in the corner of a little garden wrote with his finger the initials of his son's name; then he sowed garden cress in the furrows, covered the seed and smoothed the ground. Ten days later the boy, with astonishment told his father that his name was growing in the garden. "Yes," the father said, carelessly, "I see it, but what is there in that worth noticing? Is it not mere chance?" "No, something must have made me." Then the father told him anew of the great God of the universe.

THE THIRD VERSE OF ANY SONG

I am the third verse. I have two older brothers and one younger brother. We all go to church. My brothers are recognized, respected and so well thought of that they are often asked to take part in the service. I am neglected, ignored and from all appearances considered good for nothing. One time, long ago, a minister spoke kindly of me. In fact, he said I was the most attractive one of my family. He said I was beautiful, and good, and the congregation agreed. That (Continued on page four)

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"The Coronation"

(Continued from page one)
you and I ought to be able to
learn some spiritual truths that
should be a blessing to us in our
own Christian experience, and
should help us to love the Lord
Jesus Christ even more.

Let me remind you, beloved,
that as Queen Elizabeth was
crowned, or coronated, so some
of these days the Lord Jesus
Christ is going to be crowned —
not with one crown, but with
many crowns, and He will be
recognized not just as King of
one country, but as King of
kings and Lord of lords.

I

I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO
NOTICE THAT THE KINGDOM
OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
IS AN EVERLASTING KING-
DOM.

That certainly isn't true of
earthly monarchs and earthly
kingdoms. I remember one of the
last things that Mark Twain
wrote was that dictum wherein
he said that the king business
isn't what it used to be. Cer-
tainly, beloved, when you pause
to remember how fleeting, how
transitory, and how perishable
are the kingdoms of this world,
you can easily see that the king
business isn't what it used to
be.

If you will go back in your
mind to the time of World War
I, those of you who are old
enough to remember that ex-
perience, will recall that the
emperors of Germany, Austria-
Hungary, Turkey and Russia all
lost their thrones. All of them
were deposed. If your memory
is keen enough tonight, you will
likewise recall that since World
War I the monarchies of Portugal
and Spain have likewise come
to an end and have ceased to
exist.

Then if you will come a little
closer to the present time, to
World War II, you will recall
the queen of the Netherlands,
Queen Wilhelmina, was forced
to flee from her throne and to
take exile and refuge on British
soil. It is said that Queen Wil-
helmina of the Netherlands is
the oldest reigning monarch,
having begun to reign in the
year 1890 and having reigned
continuously from that time;
yet, beloved, in World War II
she was even forced to flee in
exile and take refuge in Eng-
land.

What was true of her was true,
in a sense, of others. You re-
member how that Haile Selassie,
King of Ethiopia, likewise fled
from Ethiopia and found an asy-
lum of refuge in England. You
recall also how that King Leo-
pold of Belgium during World
War II, while he did not flee,
became a puppet king under
Hitler. What was true of him
was true of Christian X of Den-
mark, who likewise was nothing
more nor less than a puppet king
under Hitler during World War

II

So, beloved, from this brief
resume of the events that have
transpired in the countries that
were ruled by kings in the last
thirty years of time — how that
their kings have risen, fallen
and some have been deposed and
some have been forced into
exile — while we have thought
about these kingdoms that have
thus come to an end, I am re-
minded tonight that the king-
dom of my Lord and Saviour,
Jesus Christ, is a kingdom that
shall have no end. Unlike the
kingdoms that perished during
the years of World War I and the
interim between that and World
War II — unlike the kingdoms
that perished during World War
II, the kingdom of our Lord
and Saviour, Jesus Christ, is an
everlasting kingdom, and His
dominion shall know no end.

If you will turn to the Word
of God, you will find that this
is abundantly impressed upon
us throughout God's Book. Lis-
ten:

"Thy throne, O God, is for
ever and ever." — Psalms 45:6.

The same truth is presented
to us again. Listen:

"And in the days of these kings
shall the God of heaven set up
a kingdom, which shall never be
destroyed; and the kingdom
shall not be left to other people,
but it shall break in pieces and
consume all these kingdoms, and
it shall stand for ever." — Dan
2:44.

Beloved, as I think in terms
of the coronation of my King,
the Lord Jesus Christ, I am glad
that His kingdom is not one that
is subject to decay and dis-illu-
sion — that His kingdom is not
one that is subject to decline and
fall — that His kingdom is not
one that lasts for a little while
and in a transitory manner
comes to an end, but I am glad
that unlike the kingdoms of
this world, the kingdom of
Jesus Christ is an everlasting
kingdom that shall know no end.

II

LET'S NOTICE SOMETHING
OF THE PREPARATION FOR
THE CORONATION OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST.

I know that you have, by
the papers at least, noticed how
England has been preparing for
the coronation of Queen Eliza-
beth for a long period of time.
For months and months they
have been making preparation
for her coronation on June the
second. I know that you realize
that every step of the way and
everything that has taken place
in the coronation, from begin-
ning to end, has been planned
and rehearsed and re-planned
time and time again within the
last several months' time. It
certainly didn't all happen, just
as you saw it on television or
heard it over the radio, by
chance to take place as perfect-
ly and as completely as it did
without definite plans and cer-
tain preparations having gone
into the same. I say to you, be-
loved, that for months upon
months, the preparations have
been under way, that would
guarantee the freeness of the
flowing of every event relative
to the coronation of Queen
Elizabeth.

Well, beloved, while it was
true that her coronation was be-
ing prepared for months in ad-
vance, I would remind you that
the coronation of my Lord Jesus
Christ has been in preparation,
not for days, not for months,
and not for centuries, but for
ages untold the preparation for
the coronation of the Lord Jesus
Christ has been taking place.

If you will turn to the Word
of God, you will find that when
He is crowned King of kings
and Lord of lords that it will
be in behalf of those for whom
it has been prepared from the
foundation of the world. We

read:

"When the Son of man shall
come in his glory, and all the
holy angels with him, then shall
he sit upon the throne of his
glory: Then shall the King say
unto them on his right hand,
Come, ye blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom PREPARED
for you FROM THE FOUNDA-
TION of the world." — Mt. 25:
31-34.

Beloved, how it thrills our
souls to know that when our
Lord Jesus Christ is crowned
King of kings and Lord of lords
that He will be crowned over a
kingdom for which preparation
was made, not in time, but in
eternity — not after this age
began, but in the ages of eter-
nity past, even before the foun-
dation of the world. It was
planned, and all the prepara-
tions and all the events relat-
ing to it and referring to the
coronation of Jesus Christ were
mapped out and drawn up then,
and you and I are just fitting
into the scheme of God's plans,
looking forward to the glorious
day when He shall be crowned
King of kings, for whose cor-
onation this world exists, and for
whose coronation from all eter-
nity plans and preparations
have been under way.

III

NOTICE ALSO THE
CROWDS THAT ARE GOING
TO BE THERE WHEN OUR
LORD IS CROWNED KING OF
KINGS.

Though I didn't get to see but
little of the Coronation on tele-
vision, I was rather impressed
by the crowd that attended that
spectacle. One radio commenta-
tor told about the people that
began to line the avenue along
which the Queen was to pass,
even twenty-four hours, or more,
before the Coronation proces-
sion began. I was impressed by
the fact that it was said that
people brought their lunches
and chairs and camped along
side the street for hours before
the procession began, just to
be certain that they had a good
place that they might see the
Queen when she passed by. Be-
loved, in every picture that I
saw there were tremendous
crowds, great crowds, marvel-
ous crowds, that were lining
the sidewalks, that were in
every building, that were watch-
ing the procession in every res-
pect. I say, beloved, great crowds
came — they came early, and
they came willingly to observe
Queen Elizabeth as she was
coronated.

But what a decided contrast to
the coronation of our Lord Jesus
Christ! Why, beloved, would
you believe me when I tell you
that it looked like when the an-
nouncement went out that our
Lord was to be crowned, that
there wasn't going to be a single
person who was going to attend
the coronation, for we read:

"And sent forth his servants
to call them that were bidden
to the wedding: and they
WOULD NOT COME. Again, he
sent forth other servants, saying,
Tell them which are bidden, Be-
hold, I have prepared my din-
ner: my oxen and my fatlings
are killed, and all things are
ready: come unto the marriage.
But they MADE LIGHT of it,
and went their ways, one to his
farm, another to his merchan-
dise: And the remnant took his
servants, and entreated them
spitefully, and slew them." —
Mt. 22:3-6.

Notice, beloved, that it looked
like that there would be no-
body to attend the coronation of
the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of
crowds coming in multitudes, in-
stead of them coming early, in-
stead of them lining the high-
ways, instead of them coming
and camping by the wayside in
order to see Her Majesty as she

passed, it looked as though no-
body was concerned, nobody was
interested, and nobody cared
whether Jesus Christ was ever
crowned or not. But, beloved,
notice this, while in the begin-
ning it looked thus, in order to
have a crowd for His coronation,
our Lord had to compel men to
come. Listen:

"And the lord said unto the
servant, Go out into the high-
ways and hedges, and COMPEL
THEM to come in, that my house
may be filled." — Luke 14:23.

Beloved, that is exactly what
God had to do so far as you
and I are concerned. If He had
left it up to me, I would have
loved sin too much to have ever
come to Him. If it had been left
up to me, I would have loved
this world entirely too much to
have ever turned to Him. Talk
about a man being able to turn
in himself. Beloved, we had to
be compelled to come in order
that the guests might be pro-
vided for His coronation.

If you will turn to the Word of
God, you will find that God
even had to make us willing
for us to be saved. Listen:

"Thy people shall be WILL-
ING IN THE DAY OF THY
POWER." — Psalms 110:3.

Beloved, while great crowds
came, and came early, and came
willingly, and came rejoicing to
see the Queen, so far as the cor-
onation of Jesus Christ is con-
cerned, God had to make us will-
ing in order, that any of us
would ever become His children.

But, beloved, while it look-
ed at the beginning like there
was going to be nobody present
at the coronation of the Lord
Jesus Christ, let me remind you
that after God makes us will-
ing there is going to be a great
throne present for that mem-
orable occasion. Listen:

"And I beheld, and I heard the
voice of many angels round a-
bout the throne, and the beasts,
and the elders: and the number
of them was TEN THOUSAND
TIMES TEN THOUSAND, and
THOUSANDS OF THOUSANDS:
Saying with a loud voice, Wor-
thy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power, and riches,
and wisdom, and strength, and
honor, and glory, and blessing.
And EVERY CREATURE
WHICH IS IN HEAVEN, and
ON THE EARTH, and UNDER
THE EARTH, and such AS ARE
IN THE SEA, and all that are in
them, heard I saying, Blessing,
and honor, and glory, and power,
be unto him that sitteth upon
the throne." — Rev. 5:11-13.

Beloved, notice that expres-
sion, "ten thousand times ten
thousand, and thousands of thou-
sands." Ten thousand times ten
thousand is in itself one hun-
dred million, and on top of that
there will be thousands of thou-
sands. Listen, that little crowd
that lined the avenue on the way
to the Westminster Cathedral
would be but a drop in the buck-
et in comparison with that crowd
that shall observe my Lord
Jesus Christ the day of His
coronation. We read:

"And I say unto you, That
MANY shall come from the east
and west, and shall sit down
with Abraham, and Isaac, and
Jacob, in the kingdom of hea-
ven." — Mt. 8:11.

Crowds came for the corona-
tion of the Queen. They came
early, they stayed late, and they
rejoiced to see the Queen. But
some of these days, beloved,
a crowd which no man can num-
ber, out of every kindred and
tribe and tongue — people of all
the nations of the world are
going to gather for the corona-
tion of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Beloved, listen to me, though
God had to make everyone will-
ing that that will be in that crowd,
mark it down, every last one
of God Almighty's elect will be
there. There won't be a single
one of His elect who will fail to

be there, but rather, beloved,
every one whom He chose from
before the foundation of the
world will be there, safe and
saved, for the coronation of the
Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"ALL that the Father giveth
me SHALL COME TO ME; and
him that cometh to me I will
in no wise cast out." — John 6:37

IV

LET'S NOTICE SOMETHING
ABOUT THE JEWELS THAT
WILL BE PRESENT AT HIS
CORONATION.

I was impressed particularly
when I saw that seven pounds
crown placed upon the head of
Queen Elizabeth and when I
read the description of that tiara.
I tell you, beloved, I was dum-
founded at the jewels — the
priceless, valuable jewels, that
went to make up the crown that
was fitted especially for her
head on Coronation Day. Be-
loved, as I read about the jewel-
ry in that crown, and read how that
crown had been stored away and
hadn't been brought out since
the last monarch was crowned,
I began then to think in terms
of the jewels that are going to
have a part in the coronation of
the Lord Jesus Christ. I turn
to the Word of God, to the book
of Malachi, which particularly
tells us about His jewels. Lis-
ten:

"Then they that feared the
Lord spake often one to an-
other: and the Lord hearkened,
and heard it, and a book of re-
membrance was written be-
fore him for them that feared
the Lord, and that thought upon
his name. And they shall be
mine, saith the Lord of hosts,
in that day when I make up
my jewels; and I will spare them
as a man spareth his own son
that serveth him." — Malachi
3:16, 17.

The jewels that were in Queen
Elizabeth's crown were of all
shapes and sizes, and particu-
larly of all colors. Beloved, God
today is reaching down and
picking up some jewels, of all
shapes and sizes and colors. He
is not saving only white people,
but He has some jewels He has
saved of all colors of mankind.
There are men and women of
all the nationalities and all races
of the world that He has saved,
and just as the jewels of Queen
Elizabeth were of all colors,
so, beloved, the jewels of our
Lord Jesus Christ are likewise
of many colors.

Jewels, beloved, are durable.
You pick up a catalogue relat-
ive to watches and the first
thing that the average man
looks for in that catalogue, if
he goes to a store to buy a
watch, is how many jewels it
has. He may not know the re-
lation of the jewels to the watch,
but he knows that the more
jewels it has, the more valuable
the watch is. Well, beloved, let
me say the reason why that is
true is that the bearings of the
watch are mounted on jewels.
Where there is to be the great-
est strain and the greatest wear,
the bearings are mounted on
jewels, because jewels are du-
rable. They last.

I can understand why my
Lord referred to His own as
jewels. Beloved, God's jewels are
durable. They last. They don't
last in themselves, but He
makes them to last. We read:

"His seed also will I MAKE
TO ENDURE for ever, and his
throne as the days of heaven."
— Psalms 89:29.

If it were left up to me, I
lose my salvation probably be-
fore I finished my message. If
it were left up to you, beloved,
you would lose your salvation
probably before tomorrow night.
There isn't a person who is
here, if it depended upon you
(Continued on page three)

The same supplication that draws God's blessing down, draws the suppliant's soul up.

"The Coronation"

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—John 6:37

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I was impressed when one of the television commentators, whom I happened to hear, talk about the brilliance of the jewels of Queen Elizabeth. I thought, beloved, how I would like to have seen them in actual colors — how I would have liked to have seen the brilliance of them — how I would like to have seen those jewels literally shine in their actual colors. Beloved, do you know what makes jewels to be valuable? It is because of their brilliance. It is because they shine.

Do you know what makes God's jewels valuable? It is because they shine for Him. Let me ask you, are you shining for Him? You know the value of a jewel does not depend in the least on its mounting. A jewel is worth just as much mounted on a bar of pigiron as it is mounted on a bar of platinum. The mounting doesn't in any wise increase the value of the jewel itself. The jewel is valuable because it shines, and not because of its mounting.

Beloved, a child of God can shine just as well in calico as in silk; in a pair of overalls as well as in the finest clothing that even came from Hart, Schaffner, and Marx. Let me tell you, beloved, God's jewels are valuable — not because of the way they are mounted, but because of the way in which they shine. As I thought about those jewels, I was impressed most of all with this thought, that those jewels were only worn on Coronation Day. They had been in a place of safe keeping for years. They hadn't seen the light of day for years. Those jewels had been safely kept from the coronation until this, and were worn only on Coronation Day.

Well, beloved, some of these days, when our Lord Jesus Christ is crowned, you and I are going to have a marvelous experience at that same time.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth." — Rev. 5:10.

If those jewels of Queen Elizabeth's could come to life and assume personality, I imagine that those hundreds of jewels might talk to themselves and might converse together concerning the day that Queen Elizabeth was crowned, that they themselves likewise receive great honor. Beloved, when our Lord Jesus Christ is crowned, He is going to make us, at the same time, to be kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. Paul says:

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." — II Tim 2:12.

Wonderful day! Blessed day! Oh, mighty day, when our Lord Jesus Christ shall be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. My brother, just remember, in that day every man who has suffered for Jesus' sake — not because he was contrary, not because of his peculiarities, and not because of his eccentricities, but every individual who has suffered for Jesus' sake is going to reign with the Lord Jesus Christ.

V

I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT EVERYTHING CENTERS ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ON HIS CORONATION DAY.

Everything centered about the Queen on Tuesday. It was the Queen's coach that was in the spotlight. To be sure, there were a lot of "flunkies" of state who were dressed in various and varying costumes of royalty, and I imagine that each of them felt himself highly honored to have had a place in that gay spectacle and drama that was portrayed; but, beloved, that which was paramount, and that which was highly obvious above all else, was the Queen herself. It was her coach that men saw. It was her beauty that was sent forth by the lanes of television to all parts of the world. Beloved, the people at large who watched the Coronation cared but little to see what the others did, it was what the Queen did, what the Queen said, and how the Queen looked that stood out foremost in the Coronation proceedings.

Beloved, when Jesus Christ is crowned, the spotlight is going to be on my Lord. I love His church today and I love His people, but in that day, we are going to see and behold not anyone nor anything, like we are going to see and behold the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

We read:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." — Phil. 2:9-11.

Every knee didn't bow this last week. Every tongue didn't confess the praise of Queen Elizabeth, but in that day there won't be an angel in Heaven but what will sing the praise of my Redeemer. From the lowest angel to the highest archangel, including the cherubim and seraphim, everyone of those angelic hosts shall lay aside their own regal splendor, to chant the praise and sing seraphic melodies to the honor of the Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone on earth, saint and sinner, whether a child of God or a child of the Devil, will bow the knee and confess that He is God, to the praise and glory of God. It won't do the unsaved any good. They won't do it willingly, but in that day every knee shall bow. Then, too, those things down under the earth and that within the sea shall bow in recognition of the Kingship and the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, as everything centered upon the Queen this past week in a very small way, this indicated to us how in that glorious day of the coronation of Jesus Christ that everything is going to head up, and center in, and about, the Son of God Himself.

Let me read you another Scripture which tells us the same truth.

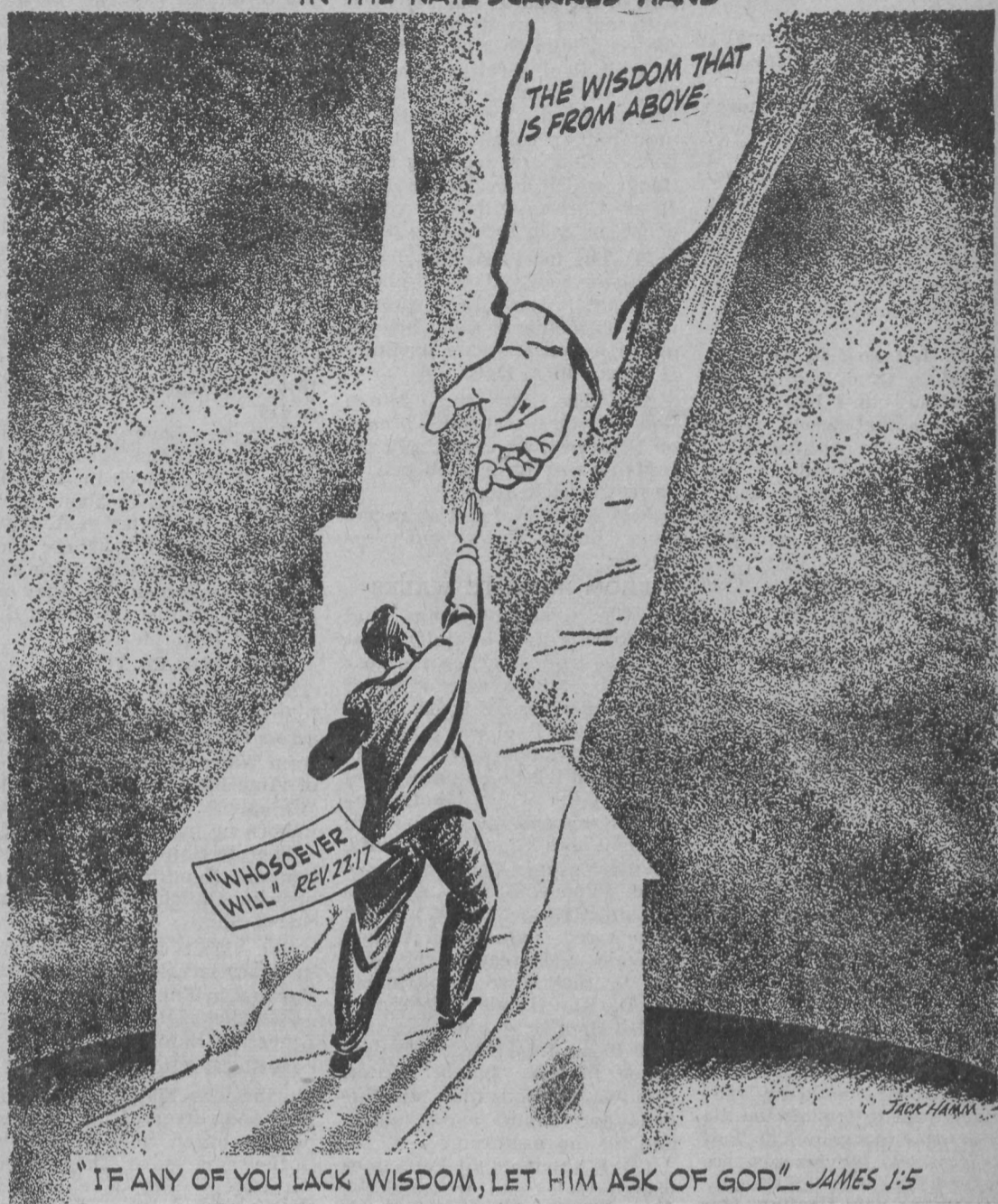
"These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is LORD OF LORDS, AND KING OF KINGS: and they that are with him are called, and chosen and faithful." — Rev. 17:14.

It is well, beloved, as we read these Scriptures to remember that good old song, which says:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all; To Him all majesty ascribe,

IN THE NAIL-SCARRED HAND



And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;

CONCLUSION

In closing, let me remind you of the seeming loyalty of the subjects of Queen Elizabeth. You and I, I imagine, think mighty little of the gay drama of this past week since we are not British subjects, but, beloved, the entire British empire looks upon the Queen as the symbol of the empire, and the loyalty of her subjects was played up in every article that I read in every newspaper, and everything that I saw on television and heard on the radio. I tell you, beloved, the thing that impressed me next to seeing the Queen was the loyalty of her subjects.

Oh, would to God that the subjects of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, you and I who are saved, might be as loyal to our King as they are to their Queen. Would to God that you and I might take this Book, that we might read it to find the will of our King, for this is His Book, and that we might not only find His will but we, by grace, might do His will as loyally unto Him, as the British subjects were unto the Queen.

Now, how can you get into His kingdom? All that I have said thus far, I have said to saved people. All that I have mentioned thus far is merely a spring board that I might ask and answer this question — how can you become one of His subjects? How can you get into His kingdom? How can you be made a part of the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ? How can

you, someday, take part in that coronation ceremony when Jesus Christ will be crowned King of the world? Beloved, you don't have to guess, and you don't have to wonder, and you don't have to take the answer of man. God's Word gives us the answer emphatically, explicitly and plainly, when He says:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God." — John 3:3.

Brother, sister, listen, no man gets into the kingdom by natural birth. No man gets into the kingdom by joining a church or passing through some kind of a ritual or ceremony. No man gets into the kingdom by a reformation or by the quitting of his meanness. No man, beloved, gets into the kingdom because he turns over a new leaf. The Word of God says that a man must be born again, if he is ever going to see inside the kingdom of God.

My brother, my sister, come with me to Calvary and see Him who died there for our sins and paid the sin-debt of each of us, that you and I might become a child of God, that at some future date we who are redeemed by His grace, might rejoice in the coronation of Jesus Christ, as our Lord and our King. Oh, bless His name, my Saviour, my Lord, and my King!

May God bless you!

Why The Denominations

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with human leaders until they will follow them no matter whether they be right or wrong. Most people who go off after some leader never seriously consider the Scriptures to find out what they have to say. They are

like those described in Ephes. 4:14. Nearly any man with a strong personality can carry off a group of people into a new sect of his own.

DENOMINATIONS BETTER THAN DOMINATION

In some countries there are no different denominations. Why? Because the prevailing church is linked up with the state, and no other religion is allowed. Such is virtually true in Spain today, where the pope is in close league with the dictator. The Church there (Roman Catholic) is a great religious monopoly. There is little to be proud of in having religious uniformity, when that uniformity is forced. Better the freedom of America with the many denominations, than the tyranny of those countries that throttle religious freedom. The Bible gives no warrant for the union of church and state. The things that "belong to Caesar" and the things that "belong to God" are kept separate. (See Matt. 22:21).

A FALLACIOUS "CURE" FOR DIVISION

There is a strong movement on foot to-day to bring about union of denominations, with the seeming idea that division would be over if all of the religious groups could be gotten into one hodge-podge organization. There was never a more foolish assumption. UNION is to be desired, if it can be on the basis of UNITY of belief. Otherwise union is a farce. Tie a cat
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The Third Verse

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was the best day of my life. My heart went out to that man.

I like to go to a certain church whose people seem to think well of the whole family. They treat us all alike, and sometimes if there is a cousin or two that goes along they receive equal attention also. I like those people for that. There is something harmonious about including all the members of the family.

I have felt so bad at times that I did not think that life was worth while, but I have hopes that in the next world, when the leader of the celestial chorus raises his star-studded baton, in the paeon of praise which shall ascend to the throne of God, the poor third verse will not be omitted.

—John Hunter Gill

Why The Denominations

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and a dog together and throw them across a clothes line, and they will scratch and pull all the fur off of each other. They are UNITED but there is no UNITY.

The Federal Council of Churches, now the National Council, and such organizations proceed on the assumption that religious disunity can be cured by getting churches into one big organization. They look forward to the blotting out of denominational lines. Back behind such in reality is the grasping, self-seeking of would-be-leaders who want to exploit for the sake of personal gain. The leaders in these movements are half infidels, and diabolically they seek to destroy Bible Christianity by removing the supernatural and miraculous from the Bible and from Christianity.

THE TRUTH IS — ALL CHRISTIANS SHOULD BE BAPTISTS

Jesus started a church, and every man-founded church is a rival to the one he started. Instead of belonging to a man-founded church, saved people ought to get into the church Jesus started. Anyone who will study the church question thoroughly will be convinced that the Baptists are the only people who have existed from the days of Christ and the apostles. Baptists are not based on man originated creeds and confessions and catechisms—but upon the teachings of the Bible, and the Bible makes for real unity.

Moreover one should belong to a REAL Baptist church—not a church that is a mere "chain store unit" of the "Dee-nomination." Some churches of today bear the name "Baptist" but they have ceased to be real Baptist churches. It is worth while to search diligently for a right church to belong to.

Secular History

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"two years in his own hired house."

Acts 28:15-16, 30-31, "And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiforum, and The Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage. And when we came to Rome, the centurion de-

livered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him. . . And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him."

(4) The facts that the church at Rome received Paul gladly and that he associated himself with its members show beyond question that it was a scriptural church in A. D. 63.

(5) "The Strangers from Rome", who heard Peter preach on Pentecost, were probably the first ones to form a church of Jesus Christ in Rome. Acts 2:10, "... and strangers from Rome, Jews and proselytes."

FROM ROME TO WALES

4. Christians from Rome (and the Apostle Paul himself) went to Wales and preached the gospel and established churches of Christ in Wales, A. D. 63.

(1) While Paul was a prisoner in Rome, many Welsh soldiers joined the Roman army, and many of the Welsh families visited Rome. Among them were Prudens and Claudia, his wife, who was also of Caesar's household. Prudens and Claudia heard the Gospel from Paul and were saved. Then they returned to Wales and preached the Gospel to their own countrymen, A. D. 63, (Davis' History of Welsh Baptists, pp. 6-10).

II Tim. 4:21, "Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus, greeteth thee, and Pudens and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren."

(2) Without doubt Paul later visited Wales and preached the Gospel and established churches wherever he went. Davis, in his History of Welsh Baptists, p.179, says, "The supposition that Paul preached the Gospel in Britain is not altogether without foundation. About six years ago, (18-29 A. D.) a polished stone of about eight feet in length, was found embosomed eight feet deep in the earth near Llandilo Vawr, in Carmarthenshire, with this inscription upon it in the Welsh language: 'Near this place has the Apostle Paul been preaching the gospel-A. D. 64!'"

(3) Quoting Davis, M. M. Munger, in his Baptist Churches from Jerusalem to North America p. 14 says, "As this Baptist denomination has always existed in this country from the year 63' it was by this time an old thing."

"The Vale of Olchon," says Davis, is situated between mountains almost inaccessible. It is a fact that cannot be controverted, that there were Baptists here at the Commencement of the Reformation; and no man upon earth can tell when the church was founded, and who began to baptize in this little Piedmont. Whence came these Baptists? It is universally believed that it is the oldest church but how old none can tell. We know that, at the Reformation, in the reign of Charles the First, they had a minister named Howell Vaughan.

"The Olchon church 'were plain, strict, apostolical Baptists,'" (Davis' History p.10).

"This brings us down to the year 1663, and on to 1835 at which date Davis wrote."

So the Welsh Baptist churches, which had their origin directly from Paul and the Roman church before it was corrupted, had been in Wales since A. D. 63 up to A. D. 1835. Munger further says, "Mr. Davis and many

other reputable historians, show the continued existence of Baptist churches in Wales from A. D. 63 up to A. D. 1770." From this date on to the present year, 1926, is a period of 156 years, during which there is no question of doubt as to their existence there." p. 15.

"Baptists here (Wales) lay claim to great antiquity, affirming that they date back to the first century, and holding a tradition that the apostle Paul visited their mountains and preached among them two whole years, founding churches which continued unto this day (A. D. 1874)." Religions of the World, p. 414.

Now, we have followed the true church from Jerusalem in A. D. 31, to Antioch in A. D. 41, thence to Rome, in about A. D. 60, thence to Wales in A. D. 64 and one until 1874, there they are still the same in faith and practice and order. Now they are known as Baptist Churches. But we must come on home.

FROM WALES TO U. S. A.

5. Now come with me as I follow the true Church of Christ across the stormy Atlantic Ocean from Wales to the United States of America in A. D. 1701. The "Campbell Movement" is yet unborn by more than a century.

The old Ship of Zion still has her sails flung to the zepheers of heaven. On she sails! Sail on, Sweet Ship!

(1) "Most Baptist Churches in America originated with the Baptists in England and Wales." —Benedict's Hist. of For. and American Baptists, p. 288.

WELCH TRACT CHURCH

"In the year 1701, Thomas Griffiths and fifteen of the members of the church went to America in the same vessel. They formed themselves into a church at Milford, in the County of Pembroke, South Wales, and Griffiths became their pastor in June, 1701. They embarked on board the ship James and Mary, and on the eighth day of September following they landed at Philadelphia. They were received courteously and advised by the brethren to settle about Penepeck, which they did, and remained there for about a year and a half. While there they received twenty-one more into the church, but finding it inconvenient to abide there they purchased land in the County of Newcastle and gave it the name of Welch Tract, where they built a meeting house. Thomas Griffiths labored among them as their pastor till he died on July 25, 1725 aged 80 years."

"Thomas Griffiths was born in 1645, in the parish of Llanfernach, county of Pembroke."

"He was baptized and became a member of the church at Rhydwllyn in 1677." —Davis History of the Baptists, pp. 72,73.

Here is a true church of Christ a complete church, like the church that Jesus built, transplanted from Wales to Pennsylvania.

It goes without saying that there have been Baptist churches here in America, as well as elsewhere, constantly since September, 1701, as well as before that for 63 years, when John R. Clark organized the first Baptist church in America at Newport, Rhode Island in 1638.

Summary: I have, therefore, demonstrated a clear historical line of the true churches of Jesus Christ from Palestine to the U. S. A. today (1953) —from Jerusalem to Antioch in Syria, from Antioch in Syria to Rome, from Rome to Wales, and from Wales to the United States of America.

Therefore, both Scripture and

secular history teach that the Baptist church was founded by Jesus Christ during his personal ministry on earth.

CORROBORATIVE TESTIMONY OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST LEARNED HISTORIANS

1. Dr. J. W. Porter in "Random Remarks", concerning Dr. John Clark, who established and was pastor of the first Baptist Church in America in 1638, said,

The Church That Jesus Built, p. 110, "Dr. John Clark received his baptism from Rev. Stillwell's church in London, and this church received theirs from Holland, and the Holland Baptists from the Waldenses, and the Waldenses from the Novations, and the Novations from the Donatists, and the Donatists received their baptism from the apostolic church, and the apostolic church from John the Baptist, and John the Baptist from heaven."

2. Catholic testimony, Cardinal Hosius, President of the Council of Trent, A. D. 1554, said, Church That Jesus Built, p. 106:

"If the truth of religion were to be judged by the readiness and boldness of which a man of any sect shows in suffering, then the opinion and persuasion of no sect can be truer and surer than that of the Anabaptists, since there have been none for these twelve hundred years past that have been more generally punished, or that have more cheerfully and steadfastly undergone, and even offered themselves to the most cruel punishment than these people." (Quoted from Christian's History).

(1) That dates Baptist history back 1200 years to 354 A. D.

3. Alexander Campbell testified that Baptists and their views have had a continued chain of advocates down through the centuries.

Baptist Way Book, p. 65, "From the apostolic age to the present time the sentiments of Baptists and their practice of baptism have had a continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their existence in every century can be produced. . ." (Campbell-McCalla Debate, p. 378, 1924 ed.)

4. Zwingli, Swiss Reformer, co-worker of Luther and Calvin in the Protestant Reformation in 1525, said,

The Church That Jesus Built, p. 107, "The institution of the Anabaptists is no novelty, but for thirteen hundred years has caused great trouble to the church."

(1) This admits the historicity of Baptists back to 225 A. D.

5. Mosheim, Lutheran historian:

The Church That Jesus Built, p. 107, "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." (Inst. of Eccl. History.) He also said, "The origin of the Anabaptists is hidden in the depths of antiquity."

6. Ypeij and Dermount, appointed by the King of Holland to write a history of the Dutch Reformed church in 1819, said,

The Church That Jesus Built, p. 109, "The Mennonites are descended from the tolerably pure evangelical Waldenses who were driven by persecution into various countries; and who during the latter part of the twelfth century fled into Flanders; and into the provinces of Holland and Zealand, where they lived simple and exemplary lives, in the villages as

farmers (in towns by trades free from the charge of any gross immoralities, and professing the most pure and simple principles, which they exemplified in a holy conversation. They were, therefore, in existence long before the Reformed Church of the Netherlands.

"We have now seen that the Baptists, who were formerly called Anabaptists, and in later times Mennonites, were the original Waldenses, and who have long in history received the honor of that origin. On this account the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the days of the apostles and as a Christian society which has preserved pure the doctrines of the gospel through all ages. The perfectly correct external and internal economy of the Baptist denomination tends to confirm the truth, disputed by the Romish Church, that the Reformation brought about in the sixteenth century was in the highest degree necessary, and at the same time goes to refute the erroneous notion of the Catholics that their denomination is the most ancient. (History of the Dutch Reformed Church, by A. Ypeij and J. J. Dermount, Vol. 1, p. 148).

(A) The declension of our church name. (1) Baptists; (2) Anabaptists; (3) Minnonites; Waldenses. Back of this the true churches of Christ wore no distinguishing names, simply because they were all the same in every essential point of their makeup, and, therefore, needed no distinctive names.

(B) Baptist churches are the most ancient, going back beyond even the Roman Catholic Church.

(C) Baptists are the only churches which have stood all the time since the days of the apostles.

7. Crossing The Centuries, a book by W. C. King, having as associate editors such great men of America as Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, and others, says,

Crossing the Centuries, p. 174, "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, having had 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, defranchised, deprived from their property, imprisoned, tortured and slain by thousands, yet they swerved not from their New Testament Faith, Doctrine and Adherence."

(1) Baptists are not Protestants, not originating from Rome with the Reformation.

(2) Baptists are entirely distinct from and independent of Romanism.

(3) Baptist churches have existed from apostolic days down through the centuries.

(4) Baptists never swerved from their New Testament faith, doctrine, and adherence during this long period of time.

(5) They existed during all this time by the thousands.

I have proved by the best historical scholars of the world that the Baptist Church is the Church that Jesus built.

Therefore, the Baptist Church is the church of Jesus Christ and was established during his personal ministry on earth.

—Orthodox Baptist