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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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## Christian's Compensations As He Journeys

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The attitude of the people of the world toward the Christian is this: "You may have a better future in prospect, but you are not having as good a time now as we are having!"

Just one thing wrong with that—IT IS NOT SO!

Such is equivalent to saying that the devil can give one a better time than can God. Such is a slander on God.

What Does The World's "Good Time" Center Around?

The answer is, "Dissipations," and the burning of the candle of life at both ends. The world lives largely to indulge the appetites. Many of these appetites

are created artificially. Gratification of all artificially created appetites, breaks down the health, and sends people to the insane asylum, the hospital and the grave. Over indulgence of the natural appetites leads to sickness, bad health and premature death. The Bible says that "The wicked do not live out half their days."

It is amazing how small is the list of things for which most people of the world live. Liquor—cigarettes—sex—shows. Those four things are virtually the essentials of the children of the devil.

What Does A Christian Have That Is Worth While?

1. A clean conscience before

God. Often the wicked don't even have any respect for self, and they know they are vile in the sight of God.

2. Peace of mind and heart and soul. (cf. Rom. 5:1; Phil. 4:7). The Bible says, "There is no peace . . . to the wicked."

3. Better health as a rule, than do the unsaved. Of course some Christians abuse their bodies—and this brings sickness.

4. A Christian has HOME . . . FRIENDS . . . CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS. A real Christian home is better than a heathen home. Christian friends are better than worldly ones, and Christian associates are better than are furnished by the devil.

5. A church and a Christian life. With all their faults, church

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"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God."

—I Cor. 1:18

## FOREIGN MISSIONARY OF S. B. C. IS MOST HERETICAL

Robert L. Bratcher, son of missionary L. M. Bratcher, is himself a missionary under the support of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to his work as professor of Greek and New Testament theology in the South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary of Rio de Janeiro, he edits the "Questions and Answers" department of "O Jornal Batista," which is the official paper of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

In that column of July 9, 1953, he says:

"Jesus Christ could not enjoy omniscience. That is an attribute of God . . . Jesus did not claim He and the Father to be one — which would be absurd."

This is a plain denial of the blessed truth that Jesus Christ is God — a denial which only the

worst of heretics and modernists and infidels would dare to make, yet it was made by a missionary, supported by the Southern Baptist Convention, and whose salary is paid out of funds given to the Cooperative Program.

In the same mentioned paper of June 4, 1953, this question was asked: "A Seventh Day Adventist leaves Adventism and decides to be a Baptist. He has already been immersed, and now what do you think? Should he be baptized or not?"

His answer was:

"If the case were this way, I would question the candidate . . . Already in this section on September 25, 1952 we gave our opinion that in a case of this nature that it would be better to examine case by case instead of laying down a law that every candidate must submit to baptism at the hands of a Baptist pastor, as if this were the only valid baptism. And in this section on September 25, 1953 we gave our opinion about the reception of Pentecostals and Adventists in Baptist churches. Our answer, then, is the same: If the man is baptized as a symbol of his salvation by the grace of God, trusting only in Christ as his Saviour, if the baptism, in short, is a symbol of that which has already taken place in his life, then he was already baptized, and nothing is to be gained by immersing him again in the waters of the baptism, because baptism is not to be repeated; it is given only one

time. Really there is no Methodist baptism, Adventist baptism, Congregational baptism, etc. There is only one Christian New Testament baptism. And I am not one who is going to defend the theory that only Baptist baptism is the only Christian baptism."

Thus we see published in the official Baptist journal of Brazil, from the very pen of the professor of Greek and New Testament Theology of the official seminary, the rankest of modernism by way of a denial of the deity of Jesus, and a radical departure from historic Baptist practices concerning baptism.

Some conclusions must be drawn:

(1) It reminds us of the state-

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ment of Paul: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears."

(2) This is the type missionaries which the Southern Baptist Convention is supporting in the main. This man is not an isolated case, but rather represents the vast majority of those sent out by the Richmond Board.

(3) This is what your Cooperative Program dollar goes to support. If you are a Modernist, and deny that Baptists, and Baptists alone, have the right to baptize, then you ought to support such a preacher. If you don't believe that which Missionary Bratcher preaches, then you ought to be ashamed for ever giving another penny for the support of the Cooperative Program. In fact, you ought to ask God to forgive you for having ever contributed toward the rotten heretical program in the past.

(4) You ought to buy a copy of William Nevins' "Alien Baptism And The Baptists." It sells for \$1.50. It plainly shows that only Baptists have the right to baptize. Order a copy today from us and if you are not convinced as to this truth, I'll gladly refund the money you pay for your copy.

(5) Finally, you ought to quit supporting the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, and begin at once to

support a program of Scriptural and sound mission work. In this respect, I'll say again that the soundest and most Scriptural mission work on the top side of God Almighty's footstool today is Baptist Faith Missions. I'm happy to support it, and I know that you will be too. Better begin, by sending an offering today, and thus cut off the modernists and heretics and financial leeches of the denomination, by not supporting the Cooperative Program.

We have missionaries in Peru, Columbia, and Brazil. Not one of them would make a statement similar to that made by Mr. Bratcher. All of them believe in the divinity and deity of Jesus Christ. All of them believe that Jesus started a Baptist Church when He was here in the days of

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### AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY

On a visit to the island of Trinidad, we drove to what is known as Pitch Lake. Here is one of the wonders of the world. On reaching the lake we found what resembles an extinct volcano with a radius of one-half mile.

This crater area is filled with asphalt which is hard enough that our party of seven walked to the center, where two crews of men were digging and loading trolley cars. Occasionally we found places where gas was escaping, causing bubbles on the surface.

The men with sharp picks were digging the asphalt. It would break into good sized chunks weighing from fifty to one hundred pounds. They loaded the cars eight and ten in a train. These cars attached to a cable, were pulled to the refinery, built on the edge of the crater.

In removing the asphalt, they did not go more than five or six feet deep. They told us that within seventy-two hours the hole would fill up to the lake level, with no sign that any had been removed. They further told us that they had been digging and shipping this asphalt to all parts of the world for the past sixty-three years. There is just as much asphalt in Pitch Lake as there was sixty-three years ago. Though many thousands of ship-

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## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "The Kidnap Slaying Of Bobby Greenlease"

Read Ezek. 3:18-19.

I might say, beloved, that I preach thus, first of all, because this brutal experience of depravity is very definitely in the minds of people at the present time, and shall be for a few weeks hence. I imagine a few months from now that it will be forgotten, as is true of all the events of life that affect us, but right now this experience of depravity

on the part of these two individuals who kidnapped this lad and slew him—this experience of depravity, I say, is in the minds of the people generally, and it is a good time to teach people a lesson from such an experience.

Then, beloved, I have a second reason for doing this, and in doing so, I am following the example of my Lord and my Saviour. As you may recall, when the Lord Jesus was here in the

world, He used incidents of current events in order to preach to the people. For example, in the thirteenth chapter of Luke, the Lord Jesus used two experiences that were just current events in His day, in order that He might teach the people a spiritual lesson.

"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And (Continued on page seven)

### CATHOLICS CALL 1954 THE YEAR OF MARY

The present Pope, Pius XII, has issued an encyclical entitled "Fulgens Corona" ("radiant crown") proclaiming 1954 as a Marian Year. The celebration will begin on December 8, 1953, and continue for one year, for it was on December 8, 1854, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed to the Roman Catholic Church, and that by his infallible decree, the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, that she was conceived without original sin and remained sinless her entire life.

During 1954, Roman Catholics the world over will perform special devotions, novena services, visit shrines in honor of Mary, extolling her above all other creatures, calling upon her to save them, to grant them all saving grace. Pilgrimages will be made to Rome and to famous European shrines, especially to Lourdes, France, where Mary was supposed to have appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a French girl, and to have said to her, "I am the Immaculate Conception."

All year Mary will be the object of special veneration and worship. Our sole mediator, Christ Jesus, will again be forgotten. What a mockery of religion!

May God help you and me, and all those who know the Truth, to faithfully contend for it against the errors of Romanism.

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People are the best people on earth. The Christian privilege of worship and fellowship with other Christians is priceless.

6. Personal touch with God, and fellowship with Him. The unsaved are out of fellowship with the One who made them.

7. An eternal outlook. What a difference between looking into the future that Christ offers, and in looking into hell!

Old age comes on and there is immense difference in the outlook of the saved and the unsaved. (See Prov. 4:19).

8. The Christian has heirship with Christ. That means that we are going to share with him all of the wonderful riches of the universe during the ages to come.

## The Devil Slops His Hogs

The hog that is being slopped and fattened for the butcher may think he is having the best time of anything on earth. His appetite is satiated, and he doesn't have to work. Nothing to do but eat and sleep and lie grunting in the delicious cool mud, but what is it all purposed for? For the slaughter! The devil indulges his victims something like that. They think he is giving them a swell time. Why, then turn up their nose at God and the uninteresting things he offers. Why should they serve God, when they can wallow in their sensual indulgence and when the devil is slopping them on Pabst Blue Ribbon and Silver Bar Ale? But all of this is short lived. Every minute some of the devil's fed victims are passing out of this life, and whither? "Hell is enlarged to receive them," as the Bible says. Their earthly life was far inferior to that of the genuine Christian, and their eternity shall be spent with those who "weep, wail and gnash their teeth."

Unless you are a short-sighted simpleton, don't ever envy the wicked. Pity them rather.

## VIRGINIA PASTOR TAKES ADVANTAGE OF SUBSCRIPTION OFFER

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Yes, we will take advantage of your offer to send an offering for the press and get a life time subscription to The Baptist Examiner. Here are a few names and addresses and maybe I can get a few more. I personally believe that The Baptist Examiner is the greatest Baptist paper being published today, and I love it much more since I have met you and the folk at Russell. Thank the Lord for the First Baptist Church there and also for an eight page Baptist Examiner. Looking forward to greater things to come to us through this paper. May you continue "in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth..."

Your brother in Christ by sovereign grace,

Joe Gadd, Pastor

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# The Judgment Seat of Christ

By MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

Swiftly and surely comes the day  
When I shall keep a tryst,  
The focal point of all my life,  
The judgment seat of Christ.

Shall I approach that throne with  
dread,  
With fear and stark dismay?  
What will confront me, what be read  
About me on that day?

I shall not stand, a prisoner,  
Who waits with bated breath  
To hear the sentence of the Judge,  
If it be life or death.

All this was settled long ago.  
But rather I shall stand  
A servant, waiting judgment on  
The work of heart and hand.

Those works in which my soul took  
pride

May there be judged as hay  
And burned as chaff and stubble on  
That all revealing day.

O may there be some little deed,  
Some word for Him I said,  
Some work the Spirit energized,  
Some earnest prayer I prayed.

Something entirely free from self,  
Or hope of gain, or pride.  
Works done for love of Him alone—  
These only shall abide.

How would I feel if I should have  
No crown of gold to give,  
To lay before the feet of Him  
Who died that I might live?

May I live my remaining days  
Remembering that tryst  
Which I must keep with Him before  
The judgment seat of Christ!

# How The Cooperative Program Endangers Our American Form Of Government

By Raymond A. Waugh  
A Former Student Of  
Louisville Seminary

Many honest, upright, Christian, patriotic, and truly Baptist Southern Baptists contribute of their wealth and of themselves to the Cooperative Program. In this, most of the above, I believe, honestly think and hope they are giving to a Christian and worthy cause, I, who am a Southern Baptist and now a member of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church in Louisville, Kentucky, for many years followed a similar pattern of thinking. And I believe, even yet, that the friends of Jesus Christ, truly His brothers and sisters, through faith in His Blood, should follow some plan of co-operation. I have learned, however, as our Lord has directed, that it is most unwise for a true Christian to pour his or her tithes and offerings into a general fund, the minute details of which are not available to the average church member, and the distribution of which is accomplished by men who are practically unknown to the majority of the givers.

So often that which the true Christian does in wilful ignorance gives unscrupulous men a license to unchristian expenditures. Though I may fully declare that this has happened among Southern Baptists, never let anyone tell you that the author of this article is opposed to giving or to giving to an honest, Baptist effort. I am a Baptist by belief, and by conviction, because I believe that the Historic-Baptist Faith is the only Scripturally exact faith. I believe it so much that I have forsaken gladly the possibility of ever getting a degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary which has forsaken the Baptist Faith. (Proof of this may be found in great detail in THE MYTHICAL BOOK OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST SEMINARY). And if the need ever arises, I shall die willingly for the "faith once delivered to the saints," in the strength of my Lord and His Spirit who empowered me so wonderfully in the recent crisis.

Had our Lord not laid this matter upon my heart, I would not be writing this article. For I am aware that my present Pastor and previous pastors will be offended. I should rather be a watchman on the wall, however, and offend the "rabbi" than to "cause one of these little ones to stumble, as so many pastors. Thus, as our Lord has directed my thinking and acting, He has laid upon me the responsibility which I bear toward my brethren and sisters who also are called Southern Baptists. Thus it is I have come to learn that so much is done in

secret by the executive officers of the Cooperative Program that the people do not know in any appreciable detail how their voluntary gifts are being spent. Proof of this rests in the title of this article but more explicit proofs follow.

I believe, therefore, that every patriotic Southern Baptist, who in truth is a citizen of the U. S. of America, will immediately cut-off his or her contributions to the Cooperative Program when he or she learns that certain of his or her tithes and offerings are going to the support of men whose theological and intellectual efforts are being used insidiously to undermine our own American government. I suppose that the only reason many Southern Baptists have not cut off their contributions before now is that they



Eld. Raymond A. Waugh is truly one of God's great men of today. In the last semester of the '52-'53 session at the S. B. T. S. he wrote his remarkable expose of conditions there. He is a magna cum laude student and made the Dean's list in college. By all means buy and read his book

could not bring themselves to believe that men who promote themselves as Christians could be the enemies of our own American government.

Thus, most who are on the inside of the Convention never bother to question those who are responsible for the conduct of the Cooperative Program. But I doubt not that the great majority of Southern Baptists if questioned would honestly profess ignorance of the amount of their tithes and offerings going to missions and the amount going to teach modernistic devilry in our colleges and seminaries. Anyone may find immediate proof in his or her own

case by simply making a personal inquiry right now!

It should be obvious to all Southern Baptists, therefore, that this word is necessary at this time. We Baptists need to realize that we cannot go on in wilful ignorance and expect God to overlook our wilful contributions to destructive causes. No! I believe it is high time we who call ourselves Southern Baptists come to the place where we spend some time in the re-thinking of our attempts to do good and make a Christian effort to determine where our gifts are going. It may seem the easy course to say, "Well, the giving is my business and the spending is their business." But all of us who in truth are Christ's, should remember that we "are priests of the most high" and are in a very real sense "our brother's keeper." Being cognizant of such a relationship none of us can expect our God to bless slothfulness in such a serious matter as our giving. Therefore, we need to make the effort to find out if our tithes and offerings are reaching the mission-field or whether some unscrupulous authorities have "pulled the wool over our eyes" and considerable is being spent for purposes which no true patriotic Southern Baptist can condone.

All who are reading this doubtless realize that our Nation was founded in the light of the truth that there is a God. It is common knowledge that our politically influential forefathers came to this land seeking religious freedom conscious that there was a God who wanted them to be free. The early history of America (the U. S. A.) is replete with the evidences that our forefathers leaned heavily to the consciousness of the reality of God and the pages of our history are crimsoned with the blood of those whose very lives were risked on the truth that the Bible is God's Word. Thus, we can easily determine that those who were influential in the establishment of our own American government never got away from the real fact of God and the added fact of His Word, the Bible.

Because of the very marked and continuing concern of our forefathers for God and the "things" of God, we read in the Declaration of Independence:

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel

them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America in General Congress, Assembled appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions do, in the Name and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, that these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States;... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor."

The above excerpts from the Document which means so much to America and all true Americans lend some most explicit insights into the God-consciousness of our founding fathers. So very conscious of God were they that in the course of our History we find that even our coins came to bear the inscription, "In God We Trust." We may remember further that even the highest office of our Land is filled only after the chosen and elected one, the President to be, stands before an open Bible and then swears his loyalty with his hand resting upon it. Such as this is but a very limited touching of the possible evidence of course. We could go on and on and read historical passages and documents which proclaim the truth that the men whom God chose to found and early direct our Nation and its government were men who believed in God and His Word. We may remember also that Thomas Jefferson, himself, confessed that even his concept of democracy lay in his observation of that people called Baptist. No man of integrity, then, can deny that the very life-blood of our Nation has its source in the Truth that God is and that the Bible is God's Word.

But right here in America and among a people called Baptists we find that there are actual monetary contributions going to the support of men who would question the above premises and thus actually endanger our government. Doubtless such a state of affairs has arisen because certain Southern Baptist pastors presented themselves as responsible individuals while they actually failed to dispatch their God-given responsibility as "shepherds under God and toward their people. It is easy to see, then, how we Southern Baptists, who had learned to trust these leaders in other matters, moved at their suggestion to contribute to the Cooperative Program. We have had sufficient confidence in our leaders and pastors that we have not questioned seriously the integrity of those serving in some authoritative capacity in the Cooperative Program. Such blind ignorance, however, is not Scriptural and if it is not Scriptural it certainly is not Baptist. We remember that the Bereans refused to believe Paul until they had searched the Scriptures. We are in the midst of a day when we Southern Baptists should have a similar concern about things, spiritual; certainly the giving of our tithes and offerings comes under such a classification. We should be able to see quite readily, therefore, that the present faith which millions of Southern Baptists have in their leaders certainly is misplaced in a great part. And the faith which Southern Baptists are exercising in those who control and execute the business of the Cooperative Program is utterly misplaced.

Though we agree that a portion of the Cooperative Funds goes to Missions, we Southern Baptists should be awakened to the fact that these same executives who make so much noise about the percentages to Missions fail to make any noise about their "silent" contributions to the salaries of men who are anti-Baptists, yea, anti-Americans! Though a few Southern Baptists may be

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# The Origin Of The Roman Catholic Mass

THE PAGAN HEATHEN BACKGROUND OF ROME'S CHIEFEST TOOL FOR COERCION, UNMASKED

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When Linacer, a distinguished English doctor, who was also a Roman Catholic, first began to read the New Testament, he angrily threw the book aside with a great oath exclaiming, "Either this book is not true or we are not Christians!" He recognized at once that the two systems, Roman Catholicism and the teaching of the New Testament, were directly opposed. And no one who carefully examines both systems could ever come to any other conclusion.

In passing from the Bible unto the teaching of the Roman Church one is reminded of going from light into deep darkness, like descending from freedom into bondage. It is leaving truth and joy for confusion and misery. While the Bible breathes glory to God, and peace and good will toward men through His beloved Son, Romanism brings upon the Most High the greatest dishonor, and infects all who partake of her teachings with spiritual and moral ruin.

How is it that such pernicious doctrines and practices were embraced by the Papacy? Is the Word of God so obscure that men learn from it to do the very opposite of its commands? No—the teachings and discipline of the Roman Catholic system were never found in the Bible. The fact that Rome has repeatedly, down through history in many places banned the reading of God's Word, or consigned it to the flames is proof enough for this. No honest person would need more evidence of Rome's hatred for the truths in the Holy Scriptures than her destruction of Bibles.

Now if people were only wise enough to carefully search out some of the foundation pillars Rome is built on, they would have no difficulty in understanding why the Apostle Paul identified the apostasy he saw developing as the mystery of iniquity (2 Thess. 2:7). Nor would any thinking person fail to recognize that the terrible woman, sitting on many waters, drunk with the blood of martyrs of Jesus, named by the Spirit of God, Mystery Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth in Rev. 17 was actually the Spirit's description of none other than the Roman Catholic Church.

Perhaps some Catholic will immediately be offended by these statements and be inclined to throw this tract away in disgust. But I implore you to read on and see if I do not prove that the Roman Catholic Church is the world's greatest fraud and most subtle system of spiritual delusion, and while you read, remember the words of the great Mr. Faley who once said, "There is a principle which is a bar against ALL INFORMATION; which is a proof against all argument, which cannot fail to keep a man in EVERLASTING IGNORANCE. That principle is CONTEMPT prior to EXAMINATION."

Now the false forms of Romanish worship are legion. To write a description of all her false teachings and practices, which have flooded the earth for 15 centuries, would not be humanly possible. God alone has the total record of her sins.

So in this article we will confine our study only to that distinctive form of Romanism called the "unbloody sacrifice of the Mass."

Three very important facts my reader should not fail to remember as we proceed with our study of this Roman Catholic mystery, which casts such a spell upon her millions.

1st. The Holy Spirit has left

these verses on record in the Bible. "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are God, because many FALSE prophets have gone out into the world." "And no marvel; for Satan himself transforms HIMSELF into an ANGEL OF LIGHT" (1 John 4:1; 2 Cor. 11:14 R. V.).

2nd. That a man is most emphatically and positively sincere in his belief is no proof whatever that he is right. For it is written, "There is way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25).

3rd. And most indelibly would I impress upon the heart of my reader the following truth: There is no other way to eternal life and Heaven, but by faith in Christ's blood atonement—ALONE. "When I see the BLOOD I will pass over you" (Ex. 12:13). "It is the BLOOD that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11). "Without shedding of BLOOD is no remission" (forgiveness) (Heb. 9:22). "Being now justified in His BLOOD we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (Rom. 5:9). "But now once in the end of the world hath He (Christ) appeared to PUT AWAY sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF" (Heb. 9:26). "And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often times the SAME sacrifices which can NEVER take away sins; but this man (Christ) after he had offered ONE sacrifice for sins FOREVER, sat down at the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:11, 12). "For by ONE offering he hath PERFECTED FOREVER them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10:14).

Since God has so plainly declared in His Word that the ONE BLOOD sacrifice of Jesus Christ has ONCE and FOREVER put away all the sins of all believers throughout all ages—Whence comes the practice of this Roman Catholic "bloodless sacrifice of the Mass"? Of one thing we can be 100 per cent certain; it never came out of the Bible.

And whence came such statements as the following made by the Jesuit priest, John P. Delaney of the church of St. Francis Xavier of New York City and endorsed by Cardinal Spellman and the Roman Catholic board of censors—"By offering the Mass you add something to Calvary, you almost improve on Calvary?"

And what spirit led Father George Maloney to write for "Review" of Spokane, Washington, April 18, 1913, the following words: "It is the experience of every priest that it is harder to seek repentance for those who break the precepts of the church than for those who break the commandments. It is easier to get forgiveness for one who commits murder than for one who misses Mass on Sunday or eats meat on Friday."

And what sinister power was it that formulated the following decrees in the Council of Trent, and made it the root of Roman Catholic worship? The Council of Trent, Sess. 22, Chapters 1, 3, Can. 1, 2, 3, says:

1—"There is in the (Roman) Catholic Church a true sacrifice, the mass instituted by Jesus Christ; it is the sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine."

2—"This sacrifice is identical with the sacrifice of the Cross, inasmuch as Jesus Christ is priest and victim both. The only difference lies in the manner of offering, which is bloody upon the Cross and bloodless on our altars."

3—"It is a propitiatory sacrifice, atoning for our sins, and

the sins of the living and of the dead in Christ, for whom it is offered."

In such statements concerning Rome's "bloodless sacrifice of the Mass" we find the key of her power over her people. First she decrees that the atonement of Christ is not complete without the hands of the human priest in the Mass. Secondly Rome teaches that to miss this Mass is a dreadful and mortal sin. Thus with the one mighty card of the "bloodless sacrifice" the priests keep the Catholic millions from the truth of salvation completed by Christ, and bind the subjects of Rome helplessly to her.

Now since this great and blasphemous system has left such black and sinister pages all through history and has so vitally affected the souls and lives of millions, would it not be wise to trace the stream to its source? For a polluted stream does not come from a pure fountain. Evil fruit does not grow on a good tree.

Just as the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church cannot stand the test of Scripture, so her practices are totally condemned by honest and unbiased historians of all ages. Both go down utterly ruined in their own corruption like Dagon of old, before these two irrefutable witnesses.

What then was the origin of this system of "sacrifice without blood" that has caused millions to sin and perish? Never did it come from God's Word, for Heb. 9:27 says "Without shedding of blood is no remission." And Christ Himself proclaimed, as He died on the cross, "It is finished." His own blood made that one offering God required, and completed forever the work of atonement and reconciliation to God, and there will never be another true sacrifice for sin.

To find the origin of Rome's bloodless sacrifice we must go back to Cain. Cain was the first false priest. Cain was the first to offer to God a "bloodless sacrifice" with which the Lord was not pleased. This most dreadful and poisonous of all Rome's doctrines can be traced

back to the first murderer, in the earth's very beginning. It was after Cain's first bloodless sacrifice had been refused, that he killed his brother, Abel, because of jealousy, when he knew Abel's blood sacrifice had been accepted by God.

Let the thinking Catholic ponder over this scene in Genesis 4. For it is here we see how that first "bloodless sacrifice" was dishonoring and displeasing to God. And here we learn by the Spirit's Word that the first Christian martyr, Abel, whose bloody lamb sacrifice was accepted by God, was slain by the first priest of the Pagan order who offered an "unbloody sacrifice."

Now while Cain was the first priest to offer an abominable sacrifice to God, there is plenty of historical evidence on record showing how the "bloodless sacrifice of the Mass," as it is in the Roman Catholic Church today, was finally developed from the Chaldean idol worship of Babylon of old. The very principles embodied in the Roman Mass have been traced back through the realms of Paganism, to idolatry's fountain, the ancient city of Babylon, and as we view Rome's blasphemous and massive religious pretensions today, surely every thinking person cannot help but say with the apostle John, when he saw that name on the forehead of the woman with the golden cup, "I wondered with great wonder" (Rev. 17:5 R. V.).

Let us now look at some of the records in history concerning the origin of the Roman Mass. And is it not amazing that a religious system so prevalent in the world as Romanism should spring from such utterly corrupt sources?

From the Roman historian Tacitus we learn that on the altars of the Paphian Venus no blood was to be shed. He shows how the Haruspex or diviners of the Paphian Temple of Venus were brought from Cilicia because of their knowledge of her rites. Now Tarsus, the capital of Cilicia was built by an Assyrian king in exact imitation of Babylon. Thus the religion of Cilicia naturally corresponded

to that of Babylon. And we find the "unbloody sacrifice" in Cyprus where the priest who came from Cilicia taught the Babylonish rites of Pagan worship.

Herodotus, another historian, in his "Historia" tells of the abominable bloodless sacrifice and peculiar institution of Babylon's prostituting virgins in honor of Mylitta, being also observed in Cyprus in honor of Venus.

Another historian, Pausanias, speaking about the temple of Vulcan in Athens said, "Near this is the temple of the celestial Venus who was first worshipped by the Assyrians, after these the Paphians in Cyprus, and the Phenecians who inhabited the city of Ascalon in Palestine. The Cythereans venerated this goddess after learning her sacred rites from the Phenecians."

The Assyrian Venus, the great goddess of Babylon, and the Cyprian Venus were one and the same. Therefore the "bloodless altars" of the Paphian Venus reveal the character of the worship offered to the goddess of Babylon.

Now the son of the goddess queen of Babylon was of a vastly different character than was his mother. Though he was worshipped in her arms as a babe, he was representing as delighting in blood. His mother was set forth as a gentle and benign character of mediation. She bore the name of Mylitta, that is, "The Mediatrix" or the "Dove."

Every person who reads the Bible and remembers how it is recorded in 1 Tim. 2:5 that there is but "one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus," must utterly marvel how it could have entered the mind of anyone to bestow on Mary the title of "Mediatrix" as the Roman Catholic Church has done. Surely this fact alone should prove how Satanic is this immense religious system now

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## The Mass

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headed by the Pope in Rome. And right here is one of the most powerful proofs that the Roman Church is Babylon of old in very essence. Babylon's goddess queen "Mylitta" was called not only the "Mediatrice" but "Aphrodite" meaning "the wrath subduer," who by her charms could soothe the wrath of her angry son-god.

Pausanias states in Athens, Mylitta the "Mediatrice" was called "Amarusia" or "Mother of gracious acceptance." In Rome she was called "Bona Dea," the good goddess. In India this Pagan goddess "Mediatrice" was called "Lakshmi," the mother of the universe who possessed a most gracious and genial disposition, exactly as Mylitta of Babylon.

In Coleman's "Hindoo Mythology" we read this on page 61. "In the festivals of Lakshmi no sanguinary sacrifices were offered."

In China the gods on whom man's destiny depend are soothed by the "Mediatrice" goddess "Kanyin" whom the Chinese recognize as a twin of Rome's Virgin Mary.

Thus it is no longer a mystery how Rome in her Pagan development of idolatry came to represent Christ, the Lamb of God, who was meek and lowly of heart, who never turned away a poor and needy sinner, who wept over Jerusalem's sins, who spoke noncondemning words of peace to all who came to Him, who comforted every mourning penitent, who said "Come unto me and I will give you rest" — as a stern and relentless judge who would not hear a sinner's prayer — and Mary the "Mediatrice" is shown in a winning and loving light as the hope of the guilty, the refuge of those seeking God. Rome got her plan of the mother mediator from wicked Babylon's Pagan goddess Mylitta. Any thinking person will admit that.

All of Rome's devotional works are saturated with this principle of the Virgin Mary being the chief intercessor and mediator between God and man.

So St. Alphonsus Liguori tells his readers that a sinner who ventures to come directly to Jesus Christ must come with dread and apprehension of his wrath, but if he only employs the mercies and intercessions of the Virgin, "She has only to show her son 'the breasts that gave him suck' and His wrath will be immediately appeased" (Catholic Layman 1856).

But where could such an idea have been found? Not in the Bible. This wicked notion was found in the realms of the Pagans. According to Kennedy's "Ancient and Hindu Mythology" we find an exact parallel in the Pagan Hindu worship. "Sive, the Hindu god appeared an infant in a cemetery surrounded by ghosts, and on beholding him, Kali (his wife-mother) took him up and caressing him, gave him her breast. He sucked the nectareous fluid, but becoming angry, in order to divert and pacify him Kali, clasping him to her bosom, danced with her attendant goblins and demons amongst the dead until he was pleased and delighted."

Now if this Hindu myth exhibits its "god" in such a degrading and polluted light, how much more blasphemous is the Roman Catholic misrepresentation of setting forth our adorable Lord as a spoiled and angry child needing his mother's pacifying influence?

The reader can easily see how this is being done by Rome even as it was in the case of Baby-

lon's queen goddess and her son centuries ago. And to this benignant goddess of Babylon worshipped as Rhea or Cybel or Mylitta the "Mediatrice" we find the woman of Judah offering the "unbloody sacrifice" "of cakes" (Jer. 44:19). These cakes were the "bloodless sacrifices" she required. Thus Rome's "unbloody sacrifice of the Mass" is not only idolatry, but idolatry borrowed from those Pagan nations of old, whom God destroyed for their wickedness.

In the fourth century, when Babylon's queen of Heaven under the name of Mary was beginning to be worshipped in the so-called Christian Church, the "bloodless sacrifice" was also introduced into her ritual. The historian, Epiphanius, states that at that time it was well known to have come from the Pagans.

The very shape of the Romish unbloody sacrifice also indicates its source. It is a thin round wafer, and on its roundness Rome lays emphatic stress. There must be a reason. If we look at the Pagan altars of the Egyptians who derived their worship from Babylon, we find the answer. In Wilkinson's "Egyptians," Vol. 5, page 353, he writes, "The thin, ROUND cake occurs on all altars." This round disc in Pagan worship always symbolized the sun. The sun as the great source of light and heat was worshipped by the Assyrians and Babylonians as Baal (Num. 22:41; Rev. 2:14).

In ancient Paganism the son of the Virgin Mother was not only worshipped as the Sun incarnate, but also as "corn" or "bread of God." Then what more natural thing than that this God should be represented as a round wafer, since he came from the sun?

In Hurd's "Rites and Ceremonies" we have this description of a Roman altar. "A plate of silver in the form of the sun is fixed opposite the SACRAMENT on the altar."

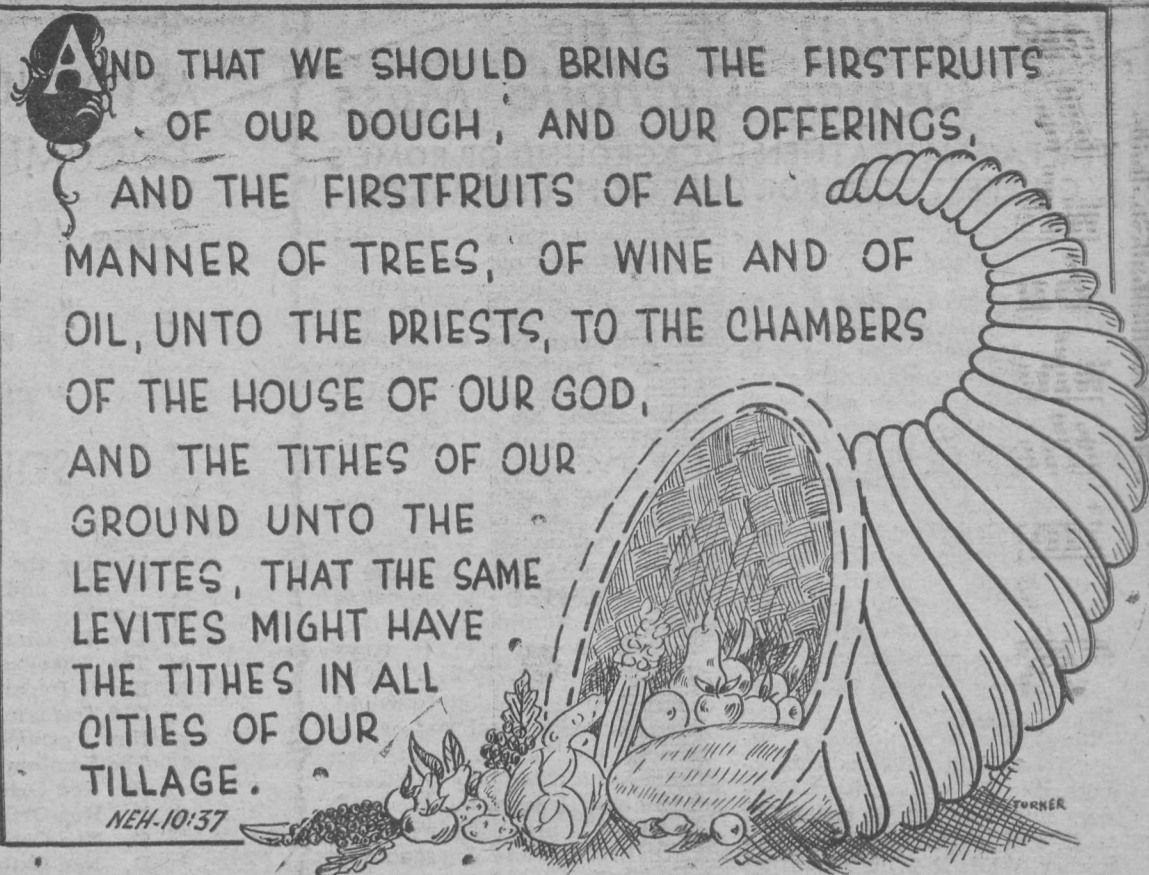
Now why is that shining Sun there on that Roman altar over against the "sacrament" or "round wafer"? Herein we have unquestionable proof of two things. It proves the source of the Roman worship as being from Babylon where in the great temple the golden image of the sun was worshipped. It also proves that the Catholic ceremony of which the "round wafer" plays so important a part in her "bloodless sacrifice" is only a copy after all of sun-serpent — fire — and idol worship.

Even though Catholic people do not realize it, that brilliant round plate on the Romish altars is so placed that the shining sun is fronting the round wafer whose "roundness" is so very important an element in the Romish mystery worship, the meaning becomes all too plain to those who have eyes to see. The Romish "good god" itself is a symbol of Baal sun worship.

According to earliest writers the sun was called "Shemesh" or "Servant." The name was divinely given to keep the world in mind of the truth that the sun, however glorious it appeared, was after all only an appointed minister of blessing at the hand of the Great Creator.

The beginning of sun worship was a sin against light, a presumptuous heaven daring sin. And along with the sun as the great firegod, and in due time identified with him was the serpent worshipped. Owen in "Davies Druids," page 437, says, "In the mythology of the primitive world the serpent is universally the symbol of the sun."

In Egypt one of the symbols of the Sun god is a disc with a serpent around it. As the sun was supposed to be the enlightener of the physical realm so the serpent was held to be the enlightener of the spiritual. In Pagan Rome this sun worship and serpent worship were some-



times joined; sometimes separate, but both occupied a high place in Roman esteem.

The Epidaurian snake which the Romans worshipped along with the vestal fire was to them a divine representative of Aesculapius, child of the sun. Thus the worship of the sun as the great fire god, represented in Pagan Rome by this Epidaurian snake, was that same worship of Babylon, when the Chaldeans worshipped the sun as Baal, also known as Bachus or Tammuz.

From our study of these historical facts, we deduct a startling and definite conclusion.

The mysterious Roman Catholic ritual of transubstantiation, and the adoration of the wafer, in the "bloodless sacrifice of the Mass" is but a Satanic combination of sun worship and serpent worship stolen from Babylonish altars. How hideous and dreadful does this Roman "bloodless sacrifice" become when we realize that it is done in the name of Christ! See in thousands of Catholic Churches a degenerate priest pretending to command Christ to enter a piece of bread material! See him dispense these wafers to his gullible people while he has his fill of the sacramental wine! See him teach his ignorant, superstitious people that these material elements are the actual body and blood of Christ and that the sufferings of Jesus, the Son of God is improved upon by his blasphemies! Where should we seek a greater delusion? Where could we find in the world's sad history greater blasphemous pretensions? Where shall we look in all the realms of darkness, for a greater soul destroying evil than the Satanic Roman Catholic Mass? No use searching, reader, for there is none.

Listen to the Holy Spirit's words of peace, poor Catholic. "Without shedding of blood there is no remission — so also Christ was ONCE offered to bear the sins of many and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, apart from sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:22 and 28).

Now this Babylonish sin, serpent and idol worship has descended in its true substance through various mediums, to finally become the worship of Pagan Rome and from thence disguised as Christianity in Papal Rome. Now let us follow this appalling and dreadful trail of the serpent down through history.

When Belshazzar was slain (Dan. 5) and the Chaldeans defeated, those with priestly authority and power in Babylon's mysterious idolatries fled to Pergamos. In this city, which afterward had a Christian Church (Rev. 2:13) the worship

of Aesculapius the child of the sun, incarnate in snake form, was celebrated in frantic excesses of evil. When, in the course of time, at the death of Attalus III, Phrygia was given to the Roman empire, the Pontificate of Pergamos and the Pontificate of Rome were united. But for some time no Roman laid claim to the title of the Babylonian Pontiff, who was the head of the college of Chaldean mysteries. It remained for Julius Caesar, who had been before elected Pontifex Maximus as emperor of Rome, to claim also the title and powers of the Babylonian Pontiff about the year 100 B. C.

As head of both Roman empire and all her Pagan worship he would appear in public on state occasions, clothed in the pompous scarlet of Belshazzar, wearing the mitre of Dagon the fish god, bearing the keys of the gods Janus and Cybele, and carrying the crozier of Nimrod.

Now Caesar's standard as supreme head of the Roman empire and her system of fire-serpent idol worship was a serpent elevated on a lofty pole, so colored that everyone could easily recognize it as the emblem of that worship.

What has this to do with the Roman Catholic Mass? Everything. For these idolatries took place in the very city, and were perpetuated by the same Satanic power which today completely controls the Roman Catholic Church and her "unbloody Mass." First these idolatries were practiced by the Babylonians in their mysteries. Next through Pergamos this Satanic worship of sun-fire-serpent and idols was transferred to Pagan Rome. From there, under the name of a Christian church, this "mystery of iniquity" has come to the forefront in Papal Rome in many forms and most especially in the "bloodless sacrifice" of the Mass.

Though we need no further evidence that Rome's "bloodless sacrifice" is Pagan to the very core, another thing we ought to notice, those who partake of Rome's "good god" must do so while fasting. This is an indispensable law of the church of Rome. But look back to the Eleusinian mysteries and we easily find the reason. According to Potter's "Eleusinia," page 356, we learn that the first question put to those seeking initiation was, "Are you fasting?" Unless the answer was "yes" the candidate could not be initiated.

There is still another factor in the Pagan mystery of iniquity, which directly concerns the "good god" wafer we ought not to overlook. It is another seal of Paganism stamped on Rome's Mass. It is very probable that few Catholics have ever noticed

the letters on the wafer which they receive into their mouths at the priest's hand. But every Catholic would do well to look the "good god" over carefully sometime. There he would find the most startling initials, I. H. S. These are supposed to stand for "Iesus Hominum Salvator" which means "Jesus Savior of men." But should a Pagan Roman worshipper of Isis the Egyptian "Mediatrice" look on these letters, he will identify the initials I. H. S. as those of "Isis, Horus and Seb" which is "Mother, Child and Father" of the Pagan Egyptian trinity. Surely this double meaning is no accident. For the very same spirit of Satanic Paganism which brought the unbloody sacrifice from wicked Babylon to Rome is at work here in these initials. For while these letters seem outwardly to symbolize the person of Christ, actually in reality they stand for the gods of the heathen. Is it any wonder the writer of the Thessalonians spoke of that wicked system of the future as "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders?" (2 Thess. 2:9).

In conclusion of this brief look into the origin of Rome's Mass, I am bold to say that if any person would do some real thinking and searching for himself, both of the Bible and authentic history, he would have no difficulty in realizing that the Roman Catholic Church is verily the synagogue of Satan. It is a Babylonish religious hoax designed by Satan to rob men of both their worldly substance and their priceless souls. It is a system filled with the delusion of unrighteousness. It is a sink of Pagan corruption, a cesspool of ritual designed by the Devil to subtly blind men to the truth of Christ's gospel, and eventually damn forever their immortal souls. And of all Rome's ritual, that predominant portion which most helplessly binds men and women to her with the cords of Hell is the "unbloody sacrifice of the Mass."

When the Arabian women began to adopt the wafer and offer the "unbloody sacrifice," all true Christians saw at once that it was only a Pagan invention of the wicked one. For God has immutably decreed that "without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin" (Heb. 9:22).

In due time, however, the Papacy saw the great possibilities in this type of ceremonial ritual, both for the temporal and spiritual control of her multitudes. But because of the utter blasphemous nature of the Mass every true believer refused to have any part in such idolatrous worship. Nevertheless the "unbloody sacrifice" was perpetuated. (Continued on page five)

Thomas H. Huxley



## A black and white photograph of a winter scene. In the foreground, a large, dark, textured rock formation is partially covered in snow. To the right, a large, dark tree trunk stands prominently. The background shows a snowy landscape with several bare trees and a building visible in the distance.

-Isa. 1:18.

## Cooperative Program

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able to quote the latest "head-lines" concerning the 50 percent for Missions, how many can quote the latest figures on these funds designated to the men who are serving the Devil's Cause and literally making the effort to undermine all the good that is done? Put even more bluntly, how many Southern Baptists are aware of the percentages of the Cooperative Program Funds designated to the support of men who deny the basic premises upon which our American Government rests?

It should be obvious that Southern Baptists are remaining wilfully ignorant and advantage is being taken of them by Baptist leaders who delude the people with insidious propaganda. Perhaps the truth is, many Southern Baptists are wilfully ignorant of the ultimate end of their tithes and offerings and therefore unscrupulous men can take unchristian advantage of them. Nevertheless, I believe that most Southern Baptists, and my experience and contacts range from Georgia to New Mexico, honestly strive to please and serve the Lord with their tithes and offerings.

But having placed too much faith in irresponsible and oft-times unscrupulous men, Southern Baptists honestly are unaware that their tithes and offerings actually lend support to men who deny the fundamental premises upon which our government rests. An example of how such gifts go to destroy faith in the fundamentals of our government may be found in the case of Guy H. Ranson, professor of ethics or Christian Sociology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Ranson is paid a salary from certain of the funds of the Cooperative Program. Thus, certain of the tithes and offerings of the people end up in his pockets. But while Southern Baptists, who are truly Baptists and patriotic Americans, pay this man's salary, he stands in the classroom and highly recommends to Southern Baptist young people, C. H. Dodd's, **THE APOSTOLIC PREACHING**. Though our government is based on the premise that the God of the Bible is God, Guy H. Ranson recommends to the youth of our land the book of an Englishman who teaches in his book,

"The God of the Apocalypse (Revelation) can hardly be recognized as the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, nor has the fierce Messiah whose warriors ride in blood up to their bridles, many traits that could recall Him of whom the primitive KERYGMA proclaimed that he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him."

We may remember that perhaps most of our politically influential fore-fathers were Evangelicals of one sort or another. And by that we mean to say that in the majority they believed that Jesus Christ was God's Son. Thus it was they recognized God. But today Southern Baptists contribute of their tithes and offerings to the Cooperative Program and certain of the funds from the same go to the support of men, such as the above, who teach and recommend the teaching that the God of the Bible is not God.

It should be clear to all, therefore, that **THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ENDANGERS OUR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT!**

But there is much more! We remember that every judicial officer in our land enters his office through an oath administered while he or she is in actual physical contact with the Bible. Herein we find historical and continuing public testimony to the Truth which the founders of our government recognized; that is, the Bible is God's Word and we can swear by no greater word. Any man, therefore, who teaches or recommends the teaching of one

who denies this fact or questions this truth is striking at one of the foundation-stones of our American government.

Despite the above facts, which should be enough to cause all Southern Baptists to immediately re-think their attempts to do good with their gifts, there are now in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary other men who teach from and require the reading of texts written by men who deny this and other basic premises of our national government. Put even more clearly, there are at this very moment professors at S. B. T. S. teaching from the books of men who openly deny the peculiar truth that the Bible is God's Word. For example, from the writings of H. Emil Brunner, whose books are now on the required reading lists of the Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics classes, we have these words,

"I myself am an adherent of a rather radical school of biblical criticism which, for example, does not accept the Gospel of John as an historical source, and which finds legends in many parts of the synoptical gospels. (Theology of Crisis, p. 41.)

Though our forefathers so recognized the Bible to be God's Word that they determined to establish men in the chief offices of our land through an oath administered upon the Bible, professors at S. B. T. S. promote the men whose teachings deem the Bible to be a polyglot of truth and error. We can see this even more exactly in another of H. Emil Brunner's volumes, which at this time is the number one textbook in Theology Class 41 at S. B. T. S.,

"In so far as the Bible speaks about subjects of secular knowledge, it has no teaching authority. Neither its astronomical, cosmological picture of the world, nor its geographical view, nor its zoological, ethnographical, or historical statements are binding upon us, whether in the Old Testament or in the New. (Christian Doctrine of God, p. 48.)

Though the above may be sufficient to cause some Southern Baptists to re-think the designation of their tithes and offerings, perhaps there are some who still cannot believe what I have said to be true. I realize it is most difficult to awaken to the fact that one of the Southern Baptist's most highly rated agencies is one of its most dangerous. I know what a disillusionment comes because I went through it. When I came to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as a student in the spring of 1952, I knew nothing of the misappropriation of the Cooperative Funds to causes which no true Southern Baptist would support. But as I listened in the classes in the Seminary and read avidly in the Seminary Library the light began to dawn. Even then, however, it was months before I could or would understand or believe that supposedly responsible Christian leaders could be so completely unchristian in their services rendered. Thus, it is not impossible for me to understand how difficult it is for men and women, who have been consecrating their tithes and offerings and pouring them into what they deemed to be a truly Christian center of distribution, to awaken to the fact that much of what they have contributed has gone to destroy the very things they desire their gifts to promote and support. As all so intimately know from personal experience, it is always most difficult to proceed to error in ones highest efforts. And I realize that such a rude awakening cannot be accommodated in a moment by the mortal mind.

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to embrace and profess the religion which by the light of his reason he believes to be true; 'that the church may not employ force'; 'that church and state should be separated'; 'that national churches may be established which are not under the authority of the Roman Pontiff'; 'that it is no longer expedient that the Catholic religion should be considered as the only religion of the state, to the exclusion of all other forms of worship'; . . . 'that the Roman Pontiff ought to come to terms with progress, liberalism, and modern civilization,' are among the propositions enumerated in the famous Syllabus of 1864 as authoritatively condemned by the church. — Democracy and Liberty, vol. ii., pp. 25-5. "It is scarcely possible that they (priests) should be sincerely attached to tolerance, intellectual activity, or political freedom." "It (Roman Catholicism) is exceedingly unfavorable to independence of intellect and to independence of character, which are the first conditions of national progress." — History of Ireland in the Eighteenth Century, 1892, vol. i., p. 402.

MACAULAY: "The experience of twelve hundred eventful years the ingenuity and patient

care of forty generations of statesmen, have improved that policy (of Rome) to such perfection that, among the contrivances which have been devised for deceiving and controlling mankind, it occupies the highest place." — Works of Lord Macaulay, edited by Lady Trevelyan, 1868, vol. vi., p. 476. See MacCauley's vivid description of the contrast between Protestant and Catholic countries in chapter I. of his History of England. Reprinted in extenso as the Bureau's Tract No. 23.

CARDINAL J. H. NEWMAN (whose popular hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," is banned by the Roman Church) said that "the Catholic Church is encumbered by its connection with moribund nations." Contemporary Review, September, 1899, p. 364. Protestant England is not a dying nation, for Pope Benedict XV speaks of her as "the noble English nation, that has so long been in the vanguard of the world's civilization." Newman rightly observed that "Popish miracles . . . occur in Popish countries, where they are least wanted, whereas, if real, they would be invaluable among Protestants." — Rev. Dr. S. Hind's History of the Christian Church, p. 373. "For a while the Papal chair was filled by men who gave themselves up to luxury, security, and a Pagan kind of Chris-

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tianity; and we all know what a moral earthquake was the consequence and how the church lost thereby, and has lost to this day, one-half of Europe." — Letter to the Duke of Norfolk, 1875, p. 61.

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SIR W. SCOTT: "A mean and depraving superstition." — Scott's Journal, 28th February, 1829, in Lockhart's Life of Sir W. Scott, Edinburgh, 1845, p. 697.

JOHN HENRY SHORTHOUSE (author of "John Ingle-sant"): "Viewed in the light of history, of the too obvious state of personal religion in Italy, France and Spain, that proud boast of Rome 'everywhere and all people and through all time' would seem to be more truly expressed by 'believed nowhere, is believed by none, never was believed.' Springing from the worst traditions of decadent Pagan Rome, the Papal system machine for extracting forced obedience and alms from an ignorant, a deceived, and a terrified world. The Papal Curia is founded consciously or unconsciously, willingly upon falsehood, and falsehood enters, or unwillingly, into the soul of every creature that comes under its influence. Its story is one of horror, and of crime, and of cruelty. As I have said elsewhere, it always has been, and is now, the enemy of the human race." — Preface to the Rev. A. Galton's Message and Position of the Church of England, 1899, pp. 13-14. Issued by the Protestant Bureau (A. Le Lievre, Sec.), Ilford, England.

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## GIVING OUR BEST TO GOD

The story is told of a Hindu woman who was walking along the banks of the Ganges; as she walked along, she had by her side a little boy some three or four years of age, and in her arms she had a little baby girl a few weeks old — a crying, miserable, weak, wailing little thing. An English officer passed that way and spoke to her because there was agony written in that woman's face. He said, "What is wrong?" She replied, "The gods are angry with me; they have given me this little baby girl." He passed on, but he came back, drawn, I suppose, by the agony in that woman's face. The woman was there; the baby girl was there; but the boy was not there — the sturdy, strong little fellow of three or four years. And this officer knew what had happened. The boy had been thrown into the river, and he said to her, "Why did you throw the boy in?" She answered, "Could I give less than my best to my god?"

## THE BRAND

Everybody's Magazine tells of a police court magistrate who was approached by a distiller who asked him if he had ever tried his special brand of whiskey. "No," said the judge, "but I tried three men in court this morning who had tried it."

## Cooperative Program

—Luke 13:1-5.

## INDESTRUCTIBLE CANOPY



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Necessary authorities met and appointed an Englishman by the name of Eric C. Rust as resident professor for The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. I do not take issue with the authorities simply because Dr. Rust is English, for we can immediately call to mind the great spiritual leaders of England such as William Carey, Spurgeon, G. Campbell Morgan, and many others; Dr. Rust's nationality has no bearing on the matter. But I do want you to grasp the tragedy of Southern Baptist leaders actually, in conference, appointing this man, who teaches for "truth" the Brunnerian lies of higher criticism, as a professor for your young people. And anyone who follows his pattern of thinking certainly is striking deeply at the bedrock upon which the government of America is founded. Dr. Eric C. Rust viciously strikes at the Bible as no man who is conscious of the faith of our founding fathers can. Hear this man, who is now resident professor at the S. B. T. S. and is being paid with the tithes and offerings which patriotic, Bible-believing, and God-honoring Southern Baptists have channeled through the Cooperative Program.

The Biblical Science is not ours, and it needs to be corrected by our more exact knowledge. . . . This holds still more when we come to the Biblical view of man. Here we move beyond anthropology. Our concern is not with scientific facts about man, his emergence on earth, his physiological structure. In these matters the Biblical anthropology may well, and indeed does, need correcting. . . . At the periphery, where we have moved into the realm with which science is content to deal — the Biblical cosmology, ethnology, and zoology — we shall accept unreservedly the facts . . . of modern science. (Norton Lectures, 1952).

Here are but a few of the documented facts which prove beyond any doubt that Southern Baptists actually contribute to the destruction of our government and the very foundational thinking of Southern Baptist young people, in very serious matters, when they contribute to the Cooperative Program. It is not necessary, therefore, for a professor to be catalogued as a subversive or a communist in order for him to endanger our government. All he has to do is insidiously wear a Baptist disguise and teach lies or recommend lies in textbooks which are designed to break down the fundamental concepts of our government which our young people are or should be taught in grammar school and high school. A man may be highly acceptable to a modern society and yet if that man teaches in such a fashion that the young people of our land get the idea that our founding fathers were a bunch of assinine ignoramuses, because they believed in the God of the Bible and that the Bible was His Word, that man is an enemy of God and of America no matter what religious or institutional connections he may profess or have.

Realizing in conclusion that much of the Cooperative Program Funds are used for this very purpose and to this devilish end, we can say validly and without any equivocation, **THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ENDANGERS THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT!**

## "Bobby Greenlease"

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Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower of Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwell in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Now here were two incidents that had taken place in the experience of the Lord Jesus. The disciples came to Him and said, "Master, wasn't that a horrible thing which Pilate did — how he swooped down with his soldiers upon those Galileans as they were going to worship, and how he murdered them, and in so doing he mingled their blood along with the blood of their sacrifices. Wasn't it a horrible thing?" My Lord Jesus looked beyond the bodies of those individuals who had been slain. He looked beyond the fact of the blood of the animals and the blood of the human beings being mingled together. He looked beyond time. He looked out into eternity and He saw the souls of those lost men who died offering a sacrifice, and He said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Here were men who died in the act of sacrifice, who perished. My Lord said they perished. Even though they were religious, and even though they were in the act of a religious offering, the Lord Jesus Christ said they had perished. He said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Then, in a second instance, the Lord said, "You remember about those upon whom the tower of Siloam fell. There were eighteen people who were killed. Now do you suppose those eighteen men were any worse sinners than anybody else in the city of Jerusalem? Do you suppose those eighteen men were the vilest men there were within this town?" He said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Those eighteen men who died as the result of the tower of Siloam falling upon them, perished. My Lord saw them coming up to the judgment bar of God unsaved, and He said to His congregation, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

I say, beloved, my Lord used this same method of preaching. He took simple incidents that were current events, and used them, to preach great sermons of spiritual truths.

So, beloved, in view of the fact that this kidnap-slashing is in the minds of the people at the present time in a very decided way, and in view of the fact that my Lord used similar incidents in order to press home upon His audience, spiritual truths — in view of these facts, I want to talk to you about this horrible experience of the kidnap — slaying of little Bobby Greenlease.

## I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO SEE WHAT THE LOVE OF MONEY LEADS TO.

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." — I Tim. 6:10.

Mark it down, beloved, not money, but the love of money, is the root of all evil. Back of all that took place, back of everything that happened in the kidnapping and the slaying of this little six-year-old lad was the love of money.

Here was a man who had had a fortune of \$200,000 left to him, which he had inherited from his father who was one of the leading lawyers in Kansas City in his day. There is no indication, beloved, that this father had done anything but pamper and spoil his son. There is no indication that this father had in any wise at all reared this son for the Lord. He was left with an astounding legacy of \$200,000, which he wasted and spent in a few short months' time. When I learned of this, I immediately thought of a man in Ashland whom you can see hanging around in the poolrooms most any day you chance to look for him. A few years ago his grandmother died and left him approximately \$10,000, and in less than one year's time — in fact, just a little over six months' time — he had spent the entirety of it and was then seeking ways and means whereby through shady dealings and crookedness he might have more money to squander on the things of life.

Beloved, the Word of God says that the love of money is the root of all evil. Listen:

"As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool." — Jer. 17:11.

"Better is a little with righteousness, than great revenues without right." — Prov. 16:8.

In the light of these verses of Scripture from I Timothy, Jeremiah and Proverbs, I hold up the first lesson from the slaying of this little lad — namely, the love of money is surely the root of all evil.

## II

## NOTICE THE CURSE THAT COMES AS A RESULT OF DRINK.

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." — Prov. 23:29-32.

Notice that God didn't say that as you go along it gets worse, but God says that "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." I say to any young man or any young woman today, there is only one way to win so far as drink is concerned and that is to leave it alone. Turn to the Word of God if you want to be convinced of this.

Do you remember a man in the book of Daniel by the name of Belshazzar? Do you remember how that Belshazzar put on a big feast one day? He had become the leading man in the city

of Babylon, in that he was ruling the city of Babylon. His father was shut out of the city by the troops of Darius, and Belshazzar had come into power as the ruler of this city. He put on a big banquet, and that banquet was in the type, the like of which you and I never saw. Hired oriental dancers weaved in and out among the tables, and the tables themselves groaned beneath the weight of food, both in and out of season, that was placed upon them. There within that city of Babylon, King Belshazzar brought in the communion service which had been stolen out of the temple of God in the city of Jerusalem, and he and his cohorts who were reveling with him drank wine out of those vessels that were dedicated to the service of Almighty God, and became drunken in the night. I can see old Belshazzar as he stood up to drink a toast to that crowd that was there before him, and as he did so I can see, as he lifted his glass to his very lips, on yonder wall, writing on the plaster, a thumb and a forefinger of a man's hand, and I see strange words that are being penned upon the plaster: "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." The king looks upon these words written in the Aramaic language, and as he does so, he wonders what it means. His wise men come in to read this strange writing, but fail him, and he calls then for a man named Daniel. When Daniel comes into his presence and reads that strange writing which the king and all of his wise men were unable to decipher, as he reads it, he tells king Belshazzar that his days are numbered and that his sins shall find him out. He tells him that he is being weighed in the balances and found wanting, and that he is going to be slain, and that his kingdom shall pass unto another. There is not one indication that their drunken reveling ceased. There is not one indication that their debauchery ended. There is not one indication that they stopped for one moment's time in their drinking, but in the night, as the carousing continued, the

gates of the city were pulled open by the opposing army of the Medes and the Persians, and the next day Belshazzar himself was found slain in his purple robe, the city was taken, and the country passed from the control of Babylon into the control of the Medes and Persians. Why? All because, humanly speaking, of the sin of drink.

I tell you, my brother, my sister, you can see from this experience of the kidnap-slashing of Bobby Greenlease the curse of drink. Can you imagine a woman who has sunk so low that she has given herself over to alcohol to such an extent that she keeps herself in an alcoholic stupor day by day? I tell you, beloved, you can surely see the curse of drink. No wonder God said, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

If it could have been in the providence of God, I would like to have had the privilege of preaching to Carl Hall and his confederate in sin. I would like to have had the opportunity to talk to them personally. If I lived closer, I certainly would have made every effort to see those two individuals and to witness to them personally about the Lord Jesus Christ. I would have liked to talk to that woman to tell her of one who might have stopped the habit of drink, who could have years ago put an end to her alcoholic condition by simple trust and faith in Him.

## III

## I WANT YOU TO NOTICE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT KIDNAPPING.

"And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death." — Ex. 26:16.

A few days ago I was talking to a man in Ashland relative to this incident, and he said, (Continued on page eight)

## AN APPRECIATED LETTER

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Please find enclosed a small check (\$10.00) and I sincerely hope it will help a little in His work that you are so earnestly performing.

The messages and sound doctrine in the Examiner are my main source of spiritual food.

May the new year bring you good health, and renewed strength as you continue in His service.

Your brother in Christ,  
Don Anderson, Marion, Ohio

### "Bobby Greenlease"

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"Well, maybe they ought to die." Beloved, there isn't any "maybe" about it; the Word of God says surely—not maybe—shall be put to death. Don't tell me that the Lindbergh Law is a travesty on human nature. The Lindbergh Law only happens to be about three thousand years too late. You remember a few years ago when Charles Lindbergh's baby boy was kidnapped and later was found slain that the trial was held and a man by the name of Hauptmann was put to death. Whether he was guilty or not I am not to say, but after his death Congress enacted a law, called the Lindbergh Law, whereby that any individual under certain circumstances who kidnaps is to pay for the crime with his own life. In other words, the death penalty is to be imposed upon him. There is nothing wrong with the Lindbergh Law at all, except for the fact that fifteen hundred years before the birth of Jesus, God had already passed the same law and had given the same verdict. The only thing that is wrong with the Lindbergh Law is that it is just about thirty-four hundred years too late.

God said the same thing back yonder in the days of Moses when God gave the law at Mount Sinai. I am definitely convinced that the reason why that more murderers are not halted in their criminality is because of the looseness and the laxity of the law relative to their prosecution. I am a firm believer in capital punishment, and I am a firm believer in the Word of God, and God says that he shall surely—not maybe—be put to death.

#### IV

### I WANT YOU TO SEE THAT MAN'S SINS ALWAYS COME HOME.

"Be sure your sin will find you out."—Num. 32:23.

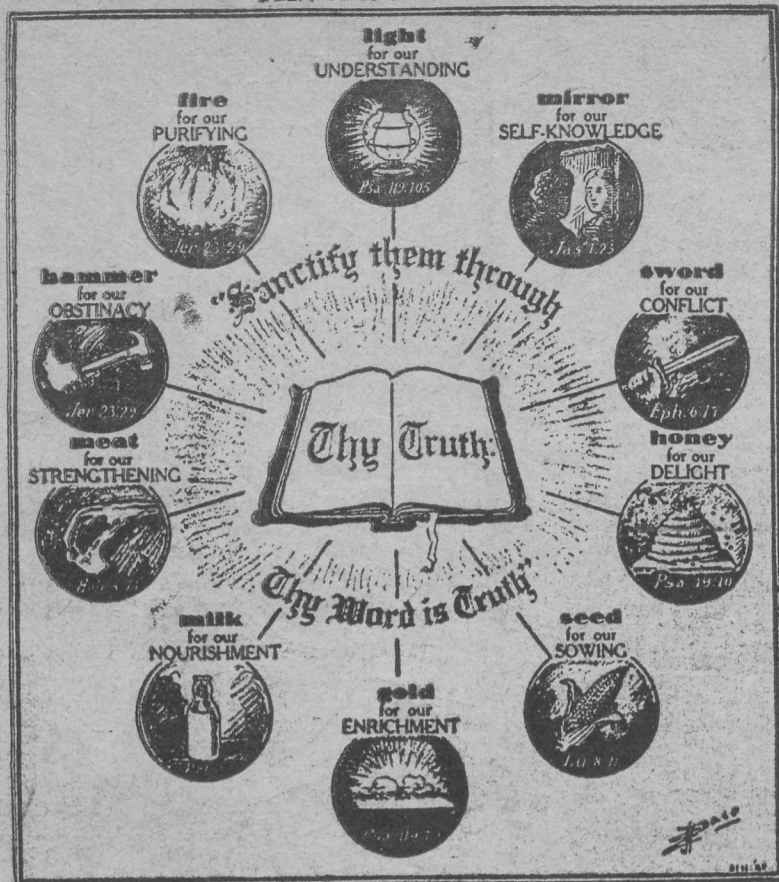
It looks like that so far as this slaying of Bobby Greenlease was concerned, that if ever there were a case that the F.B.I. would be baffled over, it would be this one. If the two individuals who were the perpetrators of the crime had used any judgment at all, they would probably still be at large and the F.B.I. would still be looking in the wrong direction. Beloved, when a man gets drunk and starts spending thousands of dollars in a drunken spree, naturally it is easy to be detected. When that man started spending thousands of dollars in his drunkenness, it immediately tipped off those who saw him that there was something unusual, and that that money must have come in an unusual way, and sooner than might have been expected he was in the custody of the police.

Listen, beloved, long, long ago God said that your sins would find you out. You can't hide from God.

"Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord."—Jer. 23:24.

"Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine

## THE WORD OF GOD IS



eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."—Eccl. 11:9.

What this literally says is this: "Go on, young man, and sow your wild oats. Go on, young woman, and plant that crop of sour grapes. Go on and live for the Devil and do all that you want to do, but remember this, God is going to bring you into judgment." Beloved, you can't hide from God.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."—Eccl. 12:13, 14.

Beloved, there are no secrets with God. There is nothing secret so far as God is concerned. God has seen you every moment of your life, from the time that you were born into this world. He knows all the sin of your life. He knows every event of your life. He knows everything that has taken place in your life. Beloved, you can't hide yourself from God.

Listen again:

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."—Prov. 28:13.

"Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after."—1 Tim. 5:24.

When a man is saved and he believes on Jesus Christ, his sins are sent beforehand to judgment. Beloved, if you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, every sin of your life—present, past, and to come—has been sent on to judgment to be judged. God doesn't look upon sin as past sin and present sin and future sin like we look upon it. God looks upon it as a unit. He looks upon it as one. John the Baptist said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" God sees all your sin—not sins, but sin. He sees it as one, and when you believe on the Son of God, all your sins are sent ahead of you to judgment. They are sent on to judgment, and the judgment is passed, the sentence is executed, and the punishment falls on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, that is not so with the man who dies outside of Jesus. The man who dies without Jesus Christ has his sins trailing along behind him, like a little dog following a boy. As he walks down the avenues of time, day by day, until he gets out into eternity, when he stands at the judgment bar of God, there will be the ghost of all the sins of his life following him. They are following him up to judgment. My text says that some men's sins are open beforehand,

going on to judgment. That is the Christian. That is the man who believes on Jesus Christ. Some men's sins follow after them. I tell you, brother, sister, if you are not saved, there is a ghost of every sin that you have ever committed trailing along behind you, and some day when you stand before the judgment bar of God, all those sins will be there ready to accuse you. God sees you, and God keeps a record, and God says you are going to have to face those sins at the judgment bar of God.

#### V

### I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THE LESSON THAT COMES OUT OF THE STATEMENT OF MR. GREENLEASE, SR., THE FATHER OF THE LITTLE LAD WHO WAS KIDNAPPED AND SLAIN.

I noticed that after sentence had been pronounced and after it was determined by the jury that these two, Carl Hall and Mrs. Heady, were to die, that when the judge had pronounced sentence that they should be executed in the gas chamber. Mr. Greenlease said that this punishment was too good for them. Whether it is or not, I am not prepared to say, but I would like for you to notice that statement which he made and learn from that a lesson.

Now, beloved, suppose Mr. Greenlease sat there within the court and heard the jury make a recommendation of death that they were to die in the gas chamber. Suppose that after he had listened to this, that he had risen to his feet and addressed the judge and had asked for the privilege to speak to the court. Suppose that he had said, "Now I know that it is a terrible thing that these two have done to my little boy. I recognize the fact that it is a terrible sin of which they are guilty, but I would like to offer a means of forgiveness. I would like to offer to these two, forgiveness if they will just come to me and confess their sins—if they will just say they are sorry for what they have done—and I will ask the court to set aside the sentence and let them go free. Furthermore, if they will do this, I will adopt them into my family, and they will become a part of my family, and they will be received into my home and can live in my house, and when I die they will inherit what I have. The millions that I have in the bank shall be theirs."

We will assume that the court says, "No, they can't be forgiven just because they ask to be forgiven." Then I can imagine that Mr. Greenlease might have said, "Well, if the court can't forgive them on the basis of their asking for forgiveness, and if the court

insists that they have to die to be forgiven, then I will take their place and I will go into the gas chamber on that fatal day in December and I will receive their penalty. I will receive the punishment that should fall upon them and I will die for their sins that they might be forgiven."

Beloved, that is exactly what happened so far as my Jesus is concerned. He doesn't offer to forgive any man because he asks for forgiveness. My God never did say that He would forgive any man because that man was sorry that he was a sinner and begged for forgiveness. My brother, when men needed forgiveness, God who was sinned against by man, God whose laws had been transgressed by man, and God who ought to have sent the last one of us to Hell, because of the sin of which we stand guilty, God, beloved, sent down His own Son as a substitute to die in our stead and to pay for our sins on the Cross.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, would the court today allow the Senior Mr. Greenlease to die in the place of Carl Hall?" The law, beloved, will allow one man to pay another man's debts. The law will allow one man who is exempted from military service to serve in the place of a man who isn't exempted. The law will allow another man to serve a sentence in place of a man who may be sentenced. The law will allow one man to die in place of another man.

Beloved, God not only will allow, but God did send His Son, Jesus Christ, to die in our stead on the Cross of Calvary. He died as a substitute to pay for our sins.

I don't know what effect it might have had on those two specimens of depravity if Mr. Greenlease, Sr., had made such a proposition to the court, that he died in their stead. I don't know what effect it would have had upon those two individuals, but I know this: the only way that any man can be saved is by the death of Jesus Christ in your behalf when you have sinned against God and when God had provided a substitute to pay for your sins and to suffer your Hell.

#### VI

### I WANT YOU TO NOTICE THAT NOTHING BUT THE GRACE OF GOD CAN CHANGE THE LIFE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL.

Look at these two individuals who committed this crime. Carl Hall was a spoiled, pampered son of a wealthy father. When his father died, he inherited an estate of \$200,000, which was wasted and spent in only a short time. When he came to the place that he had no more money to spend, his nature didn't change, but he went right on with the same kind of a nature. In fact, beloved, he began plotting and planning, and for three years' time he planned how he might get some easy money by way of a kidnapping in the Greenlease family. His nature never changed.

Look at his companion in crime. Mrs. Heady served a sentence for prostitution when she was nineteen years of age. When she began a life of sin, I don't know, but her life became so obnoxiously bad that her husband refused to live with her any longer and divorced her. She in turn became an alcoholic, a confirmed day by day drinker, until finally she ends her life mixed up in this sordid crime of kidnapping and slaying. Beloved, her nature never changed. It went right on just the same.

Listen, beloved, nothing but God's grace can change one's nature.

"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."—Jer. 13:23.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."—John 3:5.

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."—John 3:7.

Beloved, nothing but God Almighty's grace can change a man's life.

#### VII

### THE LAST AND THE GREATEST LESSON OF ALL THAT I WANT YOU TO NOTICE IS THAT THE RANSOM FAILED.

While that little boy's body was in a plastic bag in a lime-lined grave, the abductors demanded a \$600,000 cash ransom. Arthur Eisenhower, a brother of President Eisenhower, has stated how that the ransom note which was sent by these kidnappers specified that the money had to be gathered in \$10 and \$20 bills from twelve different Federal Reserve district banks. He further stated how that it took 80 people working overtime one day to count and assemble the money for delivery in an army duffle bag to the kidnappers. The ransom money of \$600,000 was broken down so there were \$200,000 of it in \$10 bills and \$400,000 of it in \$20 bills, and when the money was put in that army duffle bag, it actually weighed over 80 pounds. It was then tossed over the bridge according to instructions to be picked up by the kidnappers. The family was told that they would learn through a telegram the next day where they would find the boy. They had already killed the boy, and his little body was already in a lime-lined grave at that time. That telegram that they promised never came, and when it didn't come, then the FBI, who were already working on the case, had to call those parents and inform them that their son had been murdered. The family acted in good faith. They paid a ransom of a staggering amount, but the ransom failed.

Beloved, I thank God that there is one ransom that never fails. My Jesus went to Calvary, and on the Cross of Calvary died as a ransom for our sins.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."—1 Tim. 2:5,6

The ransom of \$600,000, which was great in itself, was a failure, but the ransom of Jesus Christ, whereby God gave His Son to be a ransom for our sins, never fails. Every one of God Almighty's elect shall be saved. Every one for whom Jesus Christ died on the Cross of Calvary will come to Him and shall be saved. Money could not effect Bobby's release; neither can money effect your release from sin and from Satan, but thank God, our Substitute, Jesus Christ, gave Himself for our sins and rose again for our justification, and now, because of that, you and I believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, can be saved and are saved thereby.

As the old song says: "Ransomed now, accepted free, Safe from judgment, Lord, in Thee;

I rejoice that God can bless All who do Thy name confess."

Thank God, while the ransom for that little lad failed, the ransom that was paid for our sins on the Cross never fails. Someday the Lord Jesus Christ is going to look out over that ransomed throng for whom He died, and He is going to speak as we read in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied."

Let me ask you a question, are you going to be in that great throng? Is He going to see you as one of the travail of His soul? Oh, might it please God now to reach down and touch your heart and help you to see that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and, beloved, if you see it, thank God, you are saved.

May God bless you!