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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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## Is The Grace Of God Enough?

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It has been truly said that there are foundationally only TWO RELIGIONS in this world—one of WORKS, the other of GRACE. One is a religion of "DO" the other is a religion of "DONE." One religion holds that one must "DO" their way to Heaven—the other holds that all depends upon what Christ has "DONE" in dying for us. One is a religion that says "SOMETHING in my hands I bring." The other sings, "NOTHING in my hands I bring, simply to thy cross I cling."

Man had his try at "doing" back under the Law. Israel said there at Sinai, "All these things we will do." But Israel never rendered even passable, let alone perfect obedience. No member of

the fallen human race ever perfectly kept the law of God. God's indictment is, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." God has virtually said, "I have sent My Son who has kept the law which all of you have broken. He has died to pay the penalty of your law breaking, and I waive all requirements and ask nothing save that you receive Him as the One who makes complete settlement for your sins." God thus puts up His Son as the one test and issue between himself and man, and the question now, in this age, is not

the SIN question, but the SON question. Any one receiving the Son, receives remission of his SIN.

### Satan Seeks To Inject Works

The devil hates grace and the doctrine of grace. He seeks to get men to plus Christ and plus grace with other things. Most of the religions of the world are either religions of human effort, or else are mixed religions of works and grace. And works and grace, really amounts to WORKS—for grace can't really be mixed with works. Eph. 2:8 sets forth the truth as follows:

1. We are saved by grace (Continued on page four)

1. Does II Chron. 15:2 mean that we can lose our salvation?

No, in no wise. No man can break the relationship that exists between his soul and God. However, by sin you can lose your fellowship. In this latter sense, "if ye forsake him, he will forsake you." As for your salvation, it can not be too strongly stated that when one is once saved, he is saved for time and eternity. Read John 10:28, 29 and Rom. 8:38, 39.

2. Is there any truth to the universal fatherhood of God?

Not one particle, for every man is born with a sinful nature. God declares that the Devil is the father of the unsaved. Read Mt. 13:38; John 8:44; Rom. 9:8; I John 3:10. To become a child of God, one must receive Jesus Christ as Saviour, by faith. Gal. 3:26.

3. Can anyone live such a sinless life that he needs no repentance nor new birth?

This is utterly impossible for no one can live a sinless life. Rom. 3:10-12, 23. Furthermore, God only has one plan of salvation—the sacrificial atoning death of Jesus for our sins. Cf. Heb. 9:22.

4. Was righteous Abel a son of God? If so, how?

Of course, Abel was saved. Read Gen. 4:4. Heb. 11:4 tells us that he was saved just like everyone else is saved, by faith.

5. Were the Prodigal Son and the Elder Brother equal heirs?

I don't know, and neither does anyone else yet. No one will get his rewards until at the judgment for believers, which takes place at the beginning of the Millennium. Then, and then only could this question be answered. Of one thing, we can know—both were saved. At the judgment, our querist can learn whether they are equal.

6. If the Prodigal Son were a sinner, doesn't that teach the universal fatherhood of God?

No, for he was a son in God's elective purposes. John 11:52 speaks of lost sinners as "children of God" even before they were saved. They were His children in His own elective purposes. In the same manner, the prodigal son was God's child even before being saved.

7. Will the rapture of the saints take place before the Tribulation (Continued on page four)

## An Infallible Bible! A Supernatural Religion! A Saviour God!

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."—Psalms 2:4.

But the great foe of Christianity today is rationalism, that comes out from our schools, and universities, and magazines, and newspapers, to scoff at Bible truth and caricature the old religion of Jesus. It says Jesus is not God, for it is impossible to explain how He can be Divine and human at the same time. The Bible is not inspired, for there are in it things that they don't like. Regeneration is a farce; there is good enough in us, and the only thing is to bring it out. Development is the word—development. The Garden of Eden is a fairy story, and no more to be believed than the Arabian Nights, or Gulliver's Travels, or Robinson Crusoe. We all started as baboons, and are blood relations to that monkey squirming about on top of that hand organ. There is no Hell, and all the Bible passages announcing that there is, must be twisted to suit our own preferences; and so that terrible place toward which they are all bound, unless they repent, is made a joke. Lazarus was not dead when Christ pretended to raise him; he was only playing dead. The water was not changed into wine at the wedding, but Christ brought in some wine that He had found elsewhere to make up for the deficiency. Christ did not walk on the sea, but on the shore, so near that it seemed as if He really were on the water.

What is still more alarming is, that Christian men dare not meet this ridicule. There is not one Christian man in five that can, unblanched, stand in the presence of all this railery, saying, "I

believe in the whole Bible, and in every single statement that it makes." Christian men try to soften the Bible down to suit the skeptics. The skeptics sneer at the dividing of the Red Sea; and the Christian goes to explaining that the wind blew a hurricane from one direction a good while, until all the water piled up; and besides, that it was water anyhow, and so the Israelites went through without any trouble. Why not be frank and say, "I believe the Lord God Almighty came to the brink of the Red Sea, and with His right arm swung back the billows on the right side, and with His left hand swung back the billows on the left side, and the abashed water stood up hundreds of feet high, while through their glassy wall the sea-monsters gazed with frightened eyes on the passing Israelites?" "Oh," you say, "these rationalists would laugh at me." Then let them laugh. The Samaritan skeptic laughed at Elisha; but when, under the rush of the people to get their bread, the unbeliever was trampled to death, whose turn was it to laugh then? The rationalist comes to you saying, "How about Jonah and the whale? Do you really believe that fish story?" There were never so many Nantucket fishermen after one whale as there have been rationalists flinging harpoons at the Mediterranean sea-monster, and from that one whale they have got enough oil to light ten thousand souls to perdition. A

skeptic tells you that Jonah would have been killed in the process of swallowing, and that he could not, anyhow, have lived three days in such close quarters, but would have been smothered by the poor ventilation. How

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the good Christians immediately go to work, and try to explain the whole thing by natural laws, so as to please the rationalists, and say that a whale is an air-breathing fish; that every little while it comes to the surface, and that the whale that swallowed Jonah did the same thing, and thus got a supply for itself and for the prophet. Why not rather say that God can do anything; and He could take Jonah through the whale's throat, although the throat would not have been large enough ordinarily to let him pass, and could have kept him alive in the whale five years without any air, if He had chosen to. Who made the whale? God. Who made Jonah? God. Then He could do anything He pleased with either of them.

The moment you begin to explain away the miraculous and supernatural, you surrender the Bible. Take the supernatural out of the Bible and you make it a collection of lies and humbugs, in preference to which I choose Aesop's Fables. They are what they pretend to be—fables. But if, after all that the Bible declares, Jesus is not God, and Lazarus was not raised from the dead, and the water was not turned into wine, and the Red Sea was not divided, then the Bible is the worst fraud ever perpetrated in God's universe.

My object today is not to argue the truthfulness of the Bible, but to make you, who believe in it, willing to be laughed at. Sur-

render nothing! Compromise nothing! Trim off nothing to please the skeptic! If you cannot stand the jeers of your business friends, you are not worthy to be one of Christ's disciples. You can afford to wait. The tide will turn. God's Word will be vindicated; and though it may seem to be against the laws of nature and the rules of reason, tomorrow a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel; and then, as the people rush out of the gates to get the bread, alas for the rationalist! He will be trodden under foot, and will go down to shame, and everlasting contempt. "Stop," you say, "suppose he graduated at Harvard; suppose he graduated at Princeton; suppose he is at the head of one of the German universities?" I cannot help that. God makes no special regulation for the graduates of Harvard or Princeton. Rejecting the Bible, they will go down to be companions with the most abandoned wretches of the universe, and more miserable than they, because of the superior intelligence given. One rule for all—for great brain and little brain; for high foreheaded Greek professor, and for flat-skulled Esquimaux. Come scorn, or criticism, or anathema! An infallible Bible! A supernatural religion! A Divine Saviour, in whom men must believe or be lost! In behalf of God's Word, and the old-fashioned religion of our fathers, and the cross of Christ, on which I have swung my hopes for eternity, I proclaim everlasting war against rationalism. Know all men, in America and in Europe, to whom these words shall come, where we stand. An infallible Bible, a supernatural religion! A Saviour in whom men must believe or be lost.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

(Read Ezekiel Thirteen)

For the past few Sunday mornings, we have been studying the chapters of the Book of Ezekiel, one by one. By the providence of God, we have come to the 13th chapter, which we will read and discuss together today.

It's rather interesting concerning the response I've had about this exposition of the Book of Ezekiel. As you know, these messages are placed in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and they are sent out during the week on their mission through the pages of our paper. Well, it has been unusual at the response I've had concerning these messages, particularly

from preachers, who say they have gotten a blessing from them. Preachers have told me that the Book of Ezekiel has been made a new book to them through reading the sermons as they have been published in the paper. In the morning mail, I received this little note from a preacher in Mayfield, Kentucky, evidently one who has not been receiving THE BAPTIST EXAMINER regularly, but who is herewith entering his subscription. The letter says:

"Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I'd like for you to send me your paper and also I'm subscribing for a preacher friend of mine. Different people have given me your paper at different times

and I've always gotten a real spiritual blessing out of reading it. I have particularly been enjoying your exposition of the Book of Ezekiel and the spiritual truths that have been unfolded therein. I have realized to some extent what God was revealing to Ezekiel, but I had never seen so deep into some of the spiritual truths. I tried to preach from the 1st chapter of Ezekiel last night at our church and the Lord put His approval on it by adding five to the church, two for baptism and three by letter. Keep on keeping on for truth in Christ Jesus. We'll pray for you.

"A brother and fellow worker in Christ, Dempsey Henderson, Mayfield, Kentucky."

Well, I appreciate that letter. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has always been a source of material for preachers in preaching. I (Continued on page two)

### A SMALL HELPER

When the Milan Cathedral, next to St. Peter's at Rome and the cathedral at Seville, the largest edifice of its kind in Europe, was finished, in the vast throngs of people assembled to witness the dedication was a little girl, who was heard to cry out in childish glee, as she pointed to the great building, "I helped build that!" "What?" exclaimed one of the guards who was standing in brilliant uniform. "Show me what you did." "I carried the dinner-pail for my father while he worked up yonder," she replied. Her part, though humble, helped to complete the plans of the architect.

### GREAT TEXTS

William E. Gladstone's: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee; because He trusteth in Thee."—Isa. 26:3.

Fanny Crosby's: "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."—Isa. 41:13.

J. Hudson Taylor's: "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God."—Mark 11:22.

Sam Hadley's: "He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."—John 9:25.

Major D. W. Whittle's: "I (Continued on page four)



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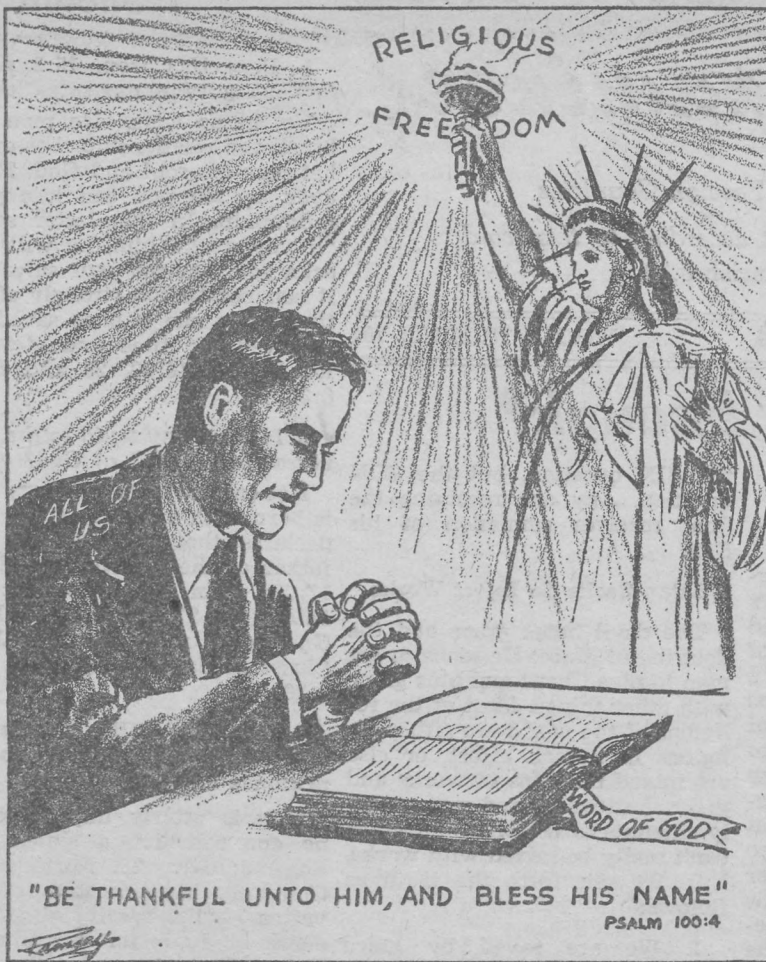
could not begin to tell you how many times that I have heard from preachers who say they have taken messages from THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and preached them and have adapted them and used them in their ministry and God has blessed accordingly, as was recorded in this letter that I have just read. Well, if we can be of some blessing to preachers at a distance through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and be of some little blessing to those of you who sit here on the Lord's Day, then I will count it indeed and in truth a real blessing to have preached this series of sermons on the Book of Ezekiel.

I

The 13th chapter which I have read to you this morning has to do with **lying prophets and lying prophetesses**. You can't read this chapter without realizing that both the men and the women who were given over to prophecy in the days of Ezekiel were liars in the ministry. I say, brethren, as you read the chapter in its entirety, you're brought face to face with the fact that both the men and the women, the prophets and the prophetesses, were being used of the Devil to promulgate lies which they had spun out of their own hearts rather than the truth which they might have gotten from the Lord. Thus, the chapter begins, beloved, with Ezekiel's denunciation of the false prophets. He says,

"Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the foolish prophets."

You will notice that he gives three or four characteristics of these false prophets. He says in the second verse that they **prophesy out of their own hearts**, that is, they have gotten their message from themselves and not from the Lord. Another characteristic of these false prophets is that he refers to them under a figure of speech as a **fox**, for in the fourth verse, he likens these false prophets as to the foxes of the desert. As you well know, beloved, there isn't any animal that is more cunning than a fox and at the same time, there is no animal that is more destructive than a fox. It's surely a very appropriate figure of speech that Ezekiel has chosen through the inspiration of God to use when he says that these false prophets are like foxes who are cunning and they are destructive surely to the souls of men. Then, he says in the sixth verse, that these prophets are individuals who give a false hope, and what was true in the days of Ezekiel is just as true of the generations that have come, and have passed into eternity. False prophets never preach a message against sin. They never preach a message that will denounce the errors of the day. False prophets coddle the people and preach unto them a false peace, never to discourage the individual from the false hope



which they presently have. Then, he tells us concerning these false prophets in the eighth verse, that **God is against them**, for he says, "I am against you, saith the Lord God."

Now, noting these four characteristics briefly, concerning these false prophets, I'd like to remind you that not all the false prophets died when these men died in the days of Ezekiel. There were men back there who prophesied out of their own heart and there are men today who preach out of their own hearts. There were preachers back there who were cunning and destructive as a fox and there are preachers today who have no spiritual discernment at all, but out of their own cunningness, they are destructive concerning the souls of men. Just like there were preachers in Ezekiel's day who were giving false hope concerning their sins, so there are preachers today who give a false hope when they should be warning men of the error of their way.

Right here in this town, just a short time ago, a man who is recognized by the world as an outstanding minister of the Gospel, sat down in the home of one of his members who was fearful of her spiritual condition and told her, "Why you have nothing whatsoever to worry about. Being a good woman as you have been, you have absolutely nothing to worry about concerning the future." Now, do you know how your pastor found out about that? In the providence of God, one of the members of this church was in that home when this false preacher spoke thus to this woman who knew she was lost and in need of the Saviour. This member of our church heard this false prophet tell this woman that she was perfectly all right, that there was no reason to worry, and that there was no reason for her to be alarmed as to her spiritual condition. Well, you can turn to the Word of God and find that they have been that way all down through the ages and the prophecy is that there will always be false prophets.

In I Kings 22:20-22, God tells us about a lying spirit that was going to lie to Ahab. Let me read it to you:

"And the Lord said, who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a LYING SPIRIT in the mouth of all his prophets."—I Kings 22:20-22.

That verse of Scripture, be-

loved, was at the time when Micaiah gave his true prophecy relative to the results of the battle at Ramoth-gilead when Jehosaphat and Ahab went forth to battle against the Assyrians and one of the angels said, "I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all of Ahab's prophets." Brethren, Ahab's prophets were led by a lying spirit and I am satisfied that there is many a man today who is a spiritual descendant of Ahab's prophets, and who in this very hour is nothing short of a lying prophet, and has a lying spirit that is leading him in his ministry.

I'm persuaded, beloved, from the study of God's Word that any man who is God's man, who has been called of God into the ministry, that such an individual will preach God's message. I say that in the light of John's Gospel, which says,

"For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him."—John 3:34.

Don't let any man tell me today that the preacher who stands up and preaches false doctrine is sent of God. Brother, if a man preaches salvation by works, or salvation by the city's water works, or who preaches falling from grace, or who preaches praying through, or who preaches against the doctrine of election, or who preaches any of the popular, modern heresies of today, you can't tell me in the light of this passage of Scripture that Almighty God ever called him to preach. This text tells us that "he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God." My brother, the man who preaches heresy, the man who preaches false doctrine, the man who preaches contrary to the Word of God proves thereby in the light of this passage that he is running without being sent — that he is not preaching the message of Almighty God.

That isn't the only text, beloved, that would warn us relative to false preachers. The Apostle Paul says:

"For I know this, that after my departing shall GRIEVOUS WOLVES enter in among you, not sparing the flock."—Acts 20:29.

You'll find that same group described by Jesus:

"Beware of FALSE PROPHETS, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."—Matt. 7:15.

You'll find the same warning given to us by Peter:

"But there were FALSE PROPHETS also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall

follow their pernicious ways: by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of."—II Peter 2:1, 2.

You can't read these verses of Scripture without realizing that it was foretold in the Word of God and prophesied by the Lord, that there would be lots of false prophets, and false teachers, and false preachers in the latter days who would lead astray and destroy the souls of men.

Somehow, we've come to the place in life that everyone thinks just so long as an organization calls itself a church, and so long as a man claims to be a minister, that Jesus must surely have put His stamp of approval upon that organization or individual. Well, I have this to say in the light of these Scriptures, not every organization that calls itself a church — not even if it calls itself a Baptist Church — is a true church, and not every preacher who calls himself a preacher, even if he says he is a Baptist preacher, is a true preacher. The Word of God gives us to understand that we are to beware of the men that come to us, lest they be wolves in sheep's clothing — lest they be preachers of false doctrine — lest they be those who would lead your souls astray.

I want to read you another Scripture or two in this respect. Turn to II Corinthians:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness."—II Cor. 11:14, 15.

Now, brethren, who do you suppose are the greatest prophets and apostles that the Devil has? I imagine that if I would ask that question generally and promiscuously of the world, that the people would say that the greatest agents that the Devil has are the saloon keepers, the white slave traffickers, and those who pander the flesh of men. I imagine that most of the people would say that it is those men who attempt to lead one astray by dealing with their fleshly habits of sin. God says that there is another group that we are to be warned against. There is another group, beloved, that we are to beware of, that is even more damnable, and more treacherous, and even more harmful, than any group that would lead you astray through your fleshly appetites. And what is that group? It is the group that are the ministers of the Devil, the preachers who stand behind the sacred desk on

the Lord's Day, who are called "reverend" by the world, or might be recognized as a deity of divinity by the people whom they associate. God says that these are the ones that are to fear, for He says that the Devil has his ministers, whose specialty is that they are ministers of righteousness. You be sure that the majority of form movements that this world knows about are headed up by some false preacher.

I believe as surely as we live here, that the man who gives time attempting to reform the outside of men, instead of preaching to the hearts of men, that such an individual is a false prophet and is himself unsaved, hired by the Devil, a preacher of Satan, and is carrying on a promulgating the Devil's work, tell you, my brother, that that is not the way that God wants His work carried on. God does not want His preachers to work the outside of men to get them reformed. God wants a preacher to work at a man's heart, to regenerate him, and when he is regenerated, the regeneration the inside will reform the outside of his life.

Let me read you another text. I want to remind you that not only did they have false prophets and false apostles in the days of Ezekiel but that we can expect them all down through the ages. They had them in Paul's day. We read:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, we preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."—Gal. 1:6-9.

Now, brethren, if you will go back and study the Book of Acts, you will find that the Apostle Paul had gone into the regions of Galatia and preached the Word of God. A number of people had professed to be saved. A number of people had professed that they knew the Lord, and churches had been established. After that Paul had gone away, those churches began to apostatize, when false preachers came in, telling them that they could be saved partially by law, partially by works, and partially by the

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## Southern Baptists Are Supporting Heretics

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Don Simon and Don Mitchell. This is a recent picture of Missionary Mitchell Lewis and Missionary Simon Gaima, taken in Iquitos, Peru. Two faithful servants of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Overbey To Visit Brazil And Peru This Summer In Behalf Of Mission

EVERY CHURCH THAT SUPPORTS THE MISSION WORK IS URGED  
TO SEND A CONTRIBUTION TO ESPECIALLY PAY HIS EXPENSES THERE

We are thankful for the offerings received toward our trip to visit the mission fields this summer. We have begun to take the shots and vaccinations that are required. The Lord willing, we plan to leave for Brazil the first week of June and then after a two month stay in Brazil, we plan to go to Peru about the first of August for a stay of one month. We believe that this trip to the mission fields will be worth a great deal to the cause of missions. We have had this mission work on our hearts in a very definite way since we first began to support it in 1935, nineteen years ago. For more than ten years now we have put our all into this work for the glory of God. When we accepted the call to pastor the church we have been with for the past ten years we did so with the understanding that we could devote the time necessary to do the work as sec-

retary of the mission. So we pastor Canfield Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan, with a Bible teaching program. At present we are taking the church through three books of the Bible: Psalms, Luke and Romans, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse. We edit the MISSION SHEETS and also the LIGHT AND SHIELD. The LIGHT AND SHIELD is a monthly paper of the Detroit River Association. There are eleven Baptist churches in this Association. This is a full time job for any one man. In fact the pastoring of the church is a full time job. The work of the mission is a fulltime job. The Lord has blessed us with good health and enabled us to do the work and we praise Him for it. The Lord willing we hope to live to see this mission with missionaries in several other foreign countries. It is a faith work from beginning to end. We have no

paid officers. We have no office rent. We do not interfere with pastors or churches. If a church votes to support missions through Baptist Faith Missions, that is her God given privilege and authority to do so. If she votes to quit supporting the work, that too, is her God given right, and no one will interfere. Likewise this trip to Brazil and Peru is on faith. We do not have the money ourselves to go on, but we firmly believe that the Lord will provide for the trip. We believe that it is the Lord's will for us to go, so we have prayed about the matter and have told the people. Now it is our business to wait upon the Lord with faith, believing. If you believe this trip will help the cause of missions and the Lord leads you to have a part in it, then we thank you and praise the Lord for it. Our God is faithful. II Tim. 2:13; I Thess. 5:24; Psalms 89:33; Rom. 3:3.

## Paul Calley Is Learning The Language & Getting Ready

Dear Brother Overbey:  
I received your letter dated Mar. 1st, and also a few days later the one dated Feb. 28th. We were very glad to know that our household things were on the way, and that everything was in order to ship the car from New York. We appreciate the way you have taken to do everything for us, and all the way to New York. We are all well and happy in the car to New York. The attendance at the services has been good, and the fellowship good, but we have all of the new seats in the church now, and they are nice and comfortable. I will take pictures of the church inside and out and send to you as soon as my camera arrives. The attendance at the new preaching point has been good so far. It is located in a place that is thickly populated. We preach from the porch of a small store run by a widow woman. When we first arrived for a service the people were few, but after we sing a few songs the people gather around and we have a good crowd for our services.  
We are doing fair in learning to speak the language here. We take lessons each morning for one hour, Monday through Friday and have a very good teacher. The children in the church here have

been very kind to us and have also been a great help to us in learning this language. They never seem to tire in explaining to us how to say the words and their meaning. We thank the Lord for their brotherly love. All the natives here tell me that Brother Royal speaks this language exceptionally well. I hope that I can do as good. The native brethren in the church enjoy Bro. Royal's preaching and teaching and will take the truth when it is preached. Bro. Royal and I are thankful and give God the honor and glory.

They have been taught and continue to be, to observe the "All things whatsoever I have commanded you," just as our Saviour commanded in Matt. 28:20. Last Sunday I partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time since I have been here, and my heart was glad that the ordinance of remembrance of our Lord and Saviour was taken scripturally to the letter.

Bro. Royal and I plan on going to Cruzeiro do Sul as soon as my household things arrive, the Lord willing. We have moved into the house we rented a month ago and set up housekeeping once again. We had first planned to stay with Bro. Royal until our refrigerator and stove arrived, but someone got into the house we had rented and went through the furniture that we had already moved in. They did not damage or take anything, but we thought it best to occupy the house before someone did. We bought a small one-burner kerosene stove and borrowed a few things from Royal and Helen, until our things get here. We are making it just fine.

We join with that good soldier, Bro. Lewis in fond anticipation of your visit here. Truly it is needful that one of your brethren who have been so faithful in this work throughout the years have an "on the scene knowledge" of this great mission work, that is (Page four, Column one)

## Edward Overbey To Be Ordained To Gospel Ministry

Edward Overbey is to pastor Bro. H. H. Overbey's church the three months that he is to be in South America. He is also to handle the detail work as secretary of the mission. He is to be ordained to the full gospel ministry on Thursday night, May 27, 1954, by Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, corner East Canfield Avenue and Helen Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. By request, his father is to preach the ordination sermon. Some are coming from Illinois, some from Indiana, and some are coming from Kentucky. Come thou with us and we will do thee good. This is your invitation. It will be worth the trip just to see our new church building.

## HUNTERS SOON LEAVING FOR PERU

Bro. Carroll Hunter and family have been waiting patiently for their entry permit so that they can go to Peru to work with Bro. Mitchell Lewis. Bro. Lewis advises that he has received word from Lima that the "entry permit" will be granted in a few days. We are thankful for this good news. It has been a long wait, but there has been nothing we could do but pray about the matter. Several have made this a definite matter of prayer. As soon as the permit is received, then application will be made for a passport and as soon as the passport is received the Lewises will visit a Peruvian Consul and apply for a permanent visa for Peru. Their things will then be shipped to a seaport, perhaps New York City and from there by boat to Iquitos, Peru. The Hunters will go by air and arrive in Iquitos after two days of flight. Pray for them.

## Royal Calley Reports Real Progress In Brazilian Work

Dear Bro. Overbey:

We have received the checks for April, but as yet the checks for February have not arrived. I doubt very much that they ever will arrive now. We are using the April checks for the month of March. If the February checks should arrive we will use them for the month of April. I am glad to know that there is no way that we can lose the money they represent.

I cashed them for 53 Crs to the dollar. Paul could not cash his check at the same time that I did due to his blisters. He had to be there personally to sign. When he did get down there a couple of days later he had good fortune for the exchange had gone up a half cruzeiro, so he got 53½ for his check. I'm glad that it didn't go the other way, sometimes it does. It is best to try and find the best price that you can get as soon as they arrive for they always fall faster than they rise. When they raise the price, it is by a half cruzeiro at a time, but when it drops it drops two or three cruzeiros at a time.

Our meetings have been holding up well. We have new faces quite often at the present time. Since I have gotten better I get to do a lot of visiting. All of us average about two hundred visits a day. The only thing is that when I get sick they won't visit alone. As long as I am with them they work very well. I have put in a great deal of time visiting since I have been here. I visit six days a week. Almost all of our visits are futile as far as attendance is concerned, but there are a few that visit, and of them there are a few of God's elect waiting to hear the Word.

Our church seems to be enamored. I pray that it will stay thus. I have had many ups and downs with this church since I have come here, they have all been mad at me at times, but lit-

tle by little they changed their minds as to the doctrines that they were holding. Looking back now, it only makes the church seem that much dearer to me. I can see what a change there is in them from a year and a half ago.

I heard from my brother today that you have already driven the car to New York to be shipped. That certainly will be good news to Paul. It will not be long until I will be returning home on furlough, but he still has his three years to put in. He will really use the car the time that he is here.

It has been hot here for the last few days. It has not rained much for the past week and the weather gets a little hotter with each passing day. When it rains it gets cooler. It seems like that when it does rain it rains right at the hour that we have our meetings. I have gotten soaked to the skin so many times since I have been here that I don't think anything about it anymore.

There has been quite a bit of sickness among the members lately. I'm just about half a doctor here. The minute one of them gets sick he runs to me, and sometimes they keep me busy. I have read the Merck Manual all the way through since I have been here, but I find that the only way to recognize the different diseases and sicknesses that they have here is to see them over and over again.

We have opened up a new (Page four, Column one)

## NEW MISSION FIELD IS OPENING UP

We now have letters from a Brother who wants to go as a missionary to the foreign field. It is a field in which we do not now have a work. The prospects look good for opening a new work on a new mission field. Pray with us about this that the Lord's will may be done and not ours.

## REMEMBER BFM IN YOUR WILL

If you want your money to do New Testament Baptist Mission Work after you have gone on glory, then remember Baptist Faith Missions in your will. The Lord will bless you for it and the money will reap dividends for many years to come. Remember Baptist Faith Mission in your



## Missionary Lewis Is Striving To Give Truth To Catholics

Iquitos, Peru  
Mar. 23, 1954

Dear Friends,

Our Sunday school and church services have been down this month on account of rain. We are now teaching a class Tuesday night on the differences between the Baptist faith and the Catholic religion. Wednesday night our regular prayer meeting. Thursday night a children's class and Friday night I preach in a home at the port of Belem.

A wonderful opportunity is opening for us at Astoria, a small place two hours from Iquitos. A good sized oil refinery is being constructed and many workers with their families are moving into the area. Don Simon is well known there and many have expressed a desire to have more frequent preaching services. I would like to leave Iquitos on Monday about noon so that I could do some visiting in Astoria, preach at night and return to Iquitos early Tuesday morning. At present I cannot do this as Ruby does not have any help around the house and I would have to leave her alone with the children.

I have not made a river trip for over five months now due to the birth of Ronny and engagements that I have made in and around Iquitos. We have moved into a large two-story house which has a large back yard. We have finished the garage that joins the church and we are pray-

ing that some day we will need it for Sunday School rooms.

I subscribed to "The Christian Truths," a weekly publication of the Catholics here in Iquitos. This week they tell of an Adventist who whipped a fifteen year old boy in order to make him go to church. They went on to say that whipping is not the way to make proselytes, etc. Anyone who knows anything of world history is familiar with the way that the Church of Rome makes converts where they have control, not with a whip but with the sword of persecution even unto death.

Again we are preparing our lesson on "Three Days and Three Nights." This time we plan to put announcements in the paper. I sold the Ecuadorian Consul a 45 sole Bible and told him about our lecture and he became very interested and said he would be certain to come.

The field is large and humanly speaking hard in and around Iquitos. There is plenty of room for all who are called of God to take the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ to the heathen, be they savages in the jungle or lawyers in their dens.

May the Lord bless each and every one.

By His Grace,  
Mitchell Lewis

## "Giving Your Heart To God" Is Shown To Be Unscriptural Talk

I am going to say something else too that I want you to think about. I noticed the expression here tonight (I know the brother will forgive me for drawing attention to it, but I thank God when I had it drawn to my attention), the Scriptures do not talk about the sinner giving his heart to God. That is not the way of the Gospel. The only passage in the Bible that uses this phrase is in Proverbs, where it says: "My son, give me thine heart." That is not the sinner, it is "My son," and those who are already sons of God, can yield their hearts to be cleansed and filled by the Spirit of God.

What is the Gospel? It is not me giving anything at all. I can give nothing. I am a poor bankrupt sinner, not a cent to my name. How can I give anything? Then what is the Gospel? "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever gave his heart to God should be saved?" Is that how it runs? Then I must have misquoted it. How does it run? "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." That is it—nothing that I can give, but something that I can take, and it is in John 1:12, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." Beloved, salvation from start to finish is something I receive, and the sooner I get into that line, the better for me. It is taking from His blessed hand what He offers, nothing that I can give.

You know it leads to a false impression, and it leads folk to think it is something on their part after all that they have accomplished; and many a young convert has gone away with the idea that he has made a contract or bargain with God, and he has been blinded to the fact that salvation is a gift and that it is in the person of the Lord Jesus, and he has been more occupied with his giving his heart than he has been with what Jesus has to give him.

I want everybody to get this straight, and I ask you this question: Not, have you given your heart to God, but have you received the Lord Jesus Christ? You see that is the Gospel. It is (Page four, Column four)

## The Need For True, Sane And Scriptural Evangelistic Efforts

Evangelism may be defined as the doctrine and preaching of evangelical principles. In short then, evangelism is the Gospel in action; or Christians cooperating with Christ, for the salvation of the lost. It is not a part of the Gospel but the very heart of the Gospel.

*The Importance of Evangelism.* In the very nature of the case, it would indeed be difficult, to over-estimate the necessity of New Testament evangelism. In the last analysis, and we may as well face this incontrovertible fact, it is evangelize, or perish. The keynote of the Commission is evangelism, and a church that will not carry out the Commission, is minus a commission, and should go out of commission.

Of all people Baptists should be the last to neglect evangelism. By evangelism God has made them what they are, by neglecting it, they will sign their own death warrant, and go the shadowy way.

*Discrediting Evangelism.* It will hardly be denied, that even among Baptists, evangelism no longer occupies its proper place. In many churches it is no longer magnified, but rather regarded as a matter of secondary importance. Voices are being heard among us denying both the necessity and wisdom of evangelistic services, and it is being discounted and discredited in the house of its supposed friends. Several causes have contributed to this tragic situation. Chief among these, perhaps, has been the stressing of financial needs and methods. Several years ago, there was a general awakening among Baptists that their gifts were not in proportion to their financial ability. Being rightly aroused on the question of finances, it was but natural, that for a season, they should neglect the weightier matter of evangelism. The failure therefore to emphasize evangelism was not surprising.

*Denominational Evangelism.* *Evangelism must be Christian Evangelism.* Better none, than a spurious evangelism. Alas, we have fallen upon times when even the Gospel is counterfeited. If there were a pure food law in the spiritual realm much of the current evangelism would be prohibited as impure, and many evangelists would have to seek other employment. Even faith is being counterfeited. In some quarters the bare belief of a bare fact, is substituted for a saving faith. Faith in Christ involves a trusting in, and submission to Him. Devils believe and tremble but certainly they have no saving faith. The basis of all evangelism, worthy of the name, is Christ crucified for our sins. The full recognition of the fact of total depravity, that the best of men and women, without Christ, are, at best, but lost and Hell-deserving sinners is absolutely essential to Christian evangelism. Any evangelism that does not preach salvation by grace through faith, as the one and only possible plan of salvation, cannot be correctly called Christian evangelism. Salvation by works, or water, cannot constitute Christian evangelism. Repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are indispensable in the Christian scheme of Redemption. The greater the pity, thousands are being lured into our churches, who have never really repented toward God, and are without a genuine faith in Christ. "Ye must be born again," is as true today as it was in the first century. Would that we might be permitted to see the old-time conviction of sin, and hear as of old the cry, "What must I do to be saved?"

It goes without saying, if the evolutionists, who are now blasting at the foundations of our Zion, are correct in their beastly conclusions, there is absolutely no need for Christian evangelism.

## Hallum Says The Heather Need Jesus, Not Masonry

Dear Brethren:

I wish to write about a phase of the mission work in eastern Peru that I have never written about before.

A subject that usually provokes a certain class of men to wrath, although they be professed believers in Christ who are supposed to "bear all things and endure all things and believe all things."—I Cor. 13:7.

We often hear the subject discussed, "Are the heathen lost

If we are only educated apes, trained dogs, fumigated fowls, refined reptiles, and tamed beasts, then why spend time and money in trying to evangelize the soulless progeny of beasts. Even the evolutionists who claim that we have souls are unable to tell at what point, in our ascent, or descent, the soul enters. It is worthy of note that no great soul-winner has been an evolutionist. God has not and will not honor the preaching of the destructive critic and evolutionist. Every theory of evolution is of the earth, earthy, of the beast, beastly, of the Devil, devilish. It denies the creation and fall of man, as given in Genesis, it denies sin, and therefore all need for a Saviour from sin; it regards Jesus Christ as an exalted brute; and has no place for prayer, or providence; it is half Godless, and wholly Christless—it is God's worst enemy and the Devil's best friend.

*It Must be Denominational Evangelism.* Every denomination should institute and control its own evangelism. Strictly speaking, undenominational evangelism is both absurd and impossible. It may be non-descript, but not undenominational. It would be well nigh impossible to preach, without preaching the doctrine of some denomination, and to the extent such doctrines are preached, the meeting smacks of denominationalism. Certainly the denomination that furnishes the doctrinal basis for the meeting should direct and control the meeting. The evangelism that does not originate with the denomination, and is directed and controlled by the denomination, starts nowhere, and leads to a blind alley.

Sometime since, an evangelist who holds membership in a Baptist church was holding a "union" meeting in Union, South Carolina. In reply to the question, "What denomination do you belong to," said, "That does not make any difference," refusing to tell his denominational affiliation. His questioner further inquired, "Are you a Mason?" To this the so-called Baptist evangelist replied, "Yes." It will be noted that he was not ashamed to let it be known that he was a Mason.

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without the Gospel?" We know the answer to that question which is YES.

I raise the question, "Are the heathen lost with Masonry?"

The circumstances that raised this question were these. The first missionary that went to Peru under the support of A.V.B.F.M. had a faithful follower named Santiago Ruiz Vasquez. Don Santiago admired that missionary, mentioning his name many times to me. He told me that this missionary was a Mason. He left the field after 16 months on the field due to his wife's sickness. I do not know how much help he got from the Masons as a missionary.

There is a Masonic Temple standing in the same square in which the Baptist church stands. This Temple was standing there when I arrived in Iquitos. I believe it was there before any missionary arrived in Iquitos.

During my stay in Iquitos as a Gospel preacher, I have worked from one end to the other three or four times, visiting practically every house, and I have never heard one person at any time say that any Mason had ever said anything to any one about the Gospel. I have never heard of any person being converted by the testimony given by a Mason, in fact I have heard scarcely any thing said about Masonry.

I doubt the name of Jesus ever being used in Masonic meetings as here are Jews, Germans, Englishmen, Chinese, Japanese, Americans, etc.

Masons, Oddfellows, etc., say that a man cannot reach certain degrees in their fraternities without believing in God and the Bible. Jesus is the central figure in all the Bible. The Gospel is the one great theme of the Bible.

The Gospel is the Gospel of grace, is unselfish, is for every one who is willing to hear and receive.

Masonry is selfish, and deceiving, for only a select few, those who are qualified as Masons.

Masonry can do nothing for a person that the Lord Jesus cannot and will not do for the person who asks, and trusts in Him. I had much rather by far, to trust the promises of Jesus than to depend on Masonry, the secret sign of the Christian is Faith.

I dare say that regardless of how many Masons or Oddfellows there are in Peru, or any other place, for that matter, the heathen is lost without a gospel minister to preach the Gospel to him.

A Mason told me a few days ago that most of the Masons in this town are members of Baptist churches, regardless of the fact that the Bible tells us not to be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers," and to "call no man master for one is your Master even Christ."

R. P. Hallum

## SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR BROTHER H. H. OVERBEY'S PASSAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA

DECEMBER, 1953		
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	_____	\$300.00
FEBRUARY, 1954		
P. L. Hendley, Farmington, Ky.	_____	1.00
Mirtie Gupion, Warm Springs, Ark.	_____	1.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	_____	150.00
MARCH, 1954		
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La.	_____	15.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	_____	50.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	_____	50.00
Total	_____	\$567.00

The above offerings were included in the regular report by the month. It is estimated that it will take about \$1600.00 for the three months trip to the mission fields in South America. Brother Overbey will keep a strict accounting of expenses and any left over will be turned into the mission treasury. If you would like to have a part in this trip, send your offering to:

ELDER Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer  
Baptist Faith Missions  
P. O. Box 551  
Evansville, Ind.

Tell him it is for Brother Overbey's trip to South America. The time is getting short. Do it now.

## How To Have A Real Missionary Spirit In A Baptist Church

The way to have a real missionary church is to preach missions, teach missions, talk missions, and sleep missions. The more a church gives for missions the more she will give for every other purpose. It is not enough to shed a few tears and tell how you love missions. The preaching and tear shedding must be followed up by real mission giving. You cannot outgive God. Three years ago this month of April, we broke ground and began to build a new church building on the corner of East Canfield Avenue and Helen Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. We started to build on faith. We asked the church to give more for missions than she had been giving before. The mission offerings increased and the offerings for the new building increased also. Each time we were ready for more materials the Lord supplied the money. The church was finished and the offerings averaged over \$134.00 per member last year. When the MISSION SHEETS come, the pastor places them on a stand at the rear of the church and announces from the pulpit that the paper has come and tells about the letters in it and urges the people to take home a copy and read it. There is no let up, missions is kept before the people all the time. In addition to giving to Baptist Faith Missions, this church gives to Mexican mission work, to mission work in the mountains of Kentucky, and to two preachers' schools that operate by faith and from time to time we help with an offering to Bro. John R. Gilpin for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Finally, to have a real missionary church, pray much about missions. Sincerely ask the Lord to bless the missionaries. Call each missionary by name before the throne of grace when you pray daily. Call them by name when you pray in your pulpit. The pastor should lead the way in mission giving and mission praying.



## Evangelism

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Mason, but was ashamed of being known as a Baptist. This backboneless "Baptist" has done more than any evangelist of our acquaintance to hinder the work of Baptist churches. His name will be given on request.

Strictly construed, a Union Meeting is impossible, and if possible impracticable and unwise. You can only unite things of a like nature. Things that are dissimilar cannot be united. Two cows and two horses do not make four cows and four horses. You cannot add a man and a monkey, and if you could there would be nothing to carry, but a "missing link."

It will be admitted that the various denominations hold radically different doctrines. The very fact that there are different denominations imply different doctrines. These differences are not, as some suppose, slight and immaterial, but radical and fundamental. Admittedly, the most important doctrine in the Bible is the plan of salvation; for the plan of salvation must decide the eternal destiny of the soul. In spite of this, Methodists and Congregationalists declare that salvation is by grace and works; Episcopalians affirm that salvation is by church and character; Presbyterians hold that salvation is by grace and infant baptism; the Disciples of Alexander contend that salvation is by immersion, while Baptists are unalterably committed to the plan of salvation by grace, through faith. Just how two or more of these several denominations can conscientiously enter into a joint effort for the salvation of souls is past all understanding. At best, such an effort can only be an honest "make believe," that can neither deceive a righteous God, or thoughtful men and women.

The differences concerning the mode and design of baptism, are equally as great as those concerning the plan of salvation. It may be replied that those, who for a season, engage in a united effort "lay aside their differences." This is equivalent to saying that for a season, they lay aside what they believe to be the Gospel and the once delivered faith. Surely no Christian can conscientiously consent to this.

The motive that prompts Christians generally to engage in a union meeting is a desire to make themselves believe, and to impress the world with the belief of the unity of professed Christians, concerning the plan of salvation. Keeping up appearances, at the price of dissimulation, is a costly and desperate experiment. "How can two walk together except they be agreed?"

If all the professed followers

of Christ can ignore their distinctive doctrines for a few weeks, or months, why not for all the months and years? Doctrines that are buried even for a season are not likely to be again for those who buried them.

The motive that not infrequently prompts the Union Evangelist, is a financial one. In a union meeting, Jew and Gentile; saint and sinner, alike, contribute, for business, political, or social reasons. That some of these union-tarion evangelists are good money getters, will be readily admitted by those acquainted with their methods. For example, a few years since, a noted evangelist was holding a Union meeting in Baltimore. The local financial manager asked the evangelist's business manager if he had any suggestions to make concerning the finances of the meeting. One of the suggestions was, that since many had asked the evangelist for his autograph, if those who wished his autograph would send the evangelist a check, he would personally endorse the check, and they would thus secure his signature. This announcement was duly made, and the spiritual profiteer was greatly profited thereby.

Another illustration of ecclesiastical "high finance" may be seen in inciting rivalry in giving, between certain classes of business men. For instance, a real estate firm, usually the largest is solicited, and others "jacked up" accordingly. Countless other objectionable schemes are resorted to that are contrary to New Testament teaching and unworthy of Christian gentlemen. The truth is, and the greater the pity, commercialized evangelism has brought the subject of evangelism into disrepute and discredited, with many, even Scriptural evangelism. The question with many of the undenominational evangelists is not how many souls will the Lord give, but how many dollars will the people pay. It is true of them, as of the pagan judge before whom Paul was arraigned—they hoped that money would be given them. Better bear the mark of Cain, and the name of Iscariot, than give God for gold and exchange Christ for cash.

It is an undeniable fact that an overwhelming majority of our pastors, are at heart opposed to union meetings, but are coerced into them through fear of the hurt that may come to their churches by not joining in them. In the last analysis, it is a fear of the steamroller. For our part, we would rather be run over, than to run with the crowd contrary to truth. Such pastors need to realize that one man with God, is in a majority. Before joining the procession we wish to know whether it is headed

# What The Name Baptist Stands For And Means To Any Truly Scriptural Church

The Baptist name is as divine as the Baptist church. Both came from Heaven. Both came from God. John was the name given the fore-runner of Jesus at His birth. He was called "The Baptist" because of his mission. These facts are very clearly stated in the Scriptures about his official name, "The Baptist." That name came from Heaven. God gave it to him. It was given to him because of the work God gave him to do. He was "sent from God" (John 1:6). God called him "The Baptist" before he started to preaching (Matt. 3:1). He was not called "The Baptist" because he baptized; for God called him "The Baptist" before he came to Jordan or preached or baptized. God gave him the name. God sent him. God sent him to preach. God sent him to baptize (John 1:33). God sent him to baptize only one class of folk, namely, those who were made disciples or Christians before their baptism (John 4:1). That those, whom he disciplined, were saved before their baptism is clearly proven by his demand "fruits meet for repentance" (Matt. 3:8). The axe was laid to the root of the tree. They died to their old or past lives of sin. They confessed their sins (Matt. 1:6). John taught them to believe on Christ (Acts 19:4). They received Jesus as God's Lamb to bear away their sins. That was faith in Christ (John 1:11-12). Then, having a new heart, a new life, they bore fruit. Luke tells in Lu. 3:8-14 the character of fruit John demanded before he would baptize them. In His opening sermon, called the sermon on the mount, in Matt. 6-8, Jesus Himself, made it very clear and plain, that only those, who had been born anew and were fruit-bearers could get His sanction and approval as subjects of baptism. Having had some understanding of why God chose this name and gave it to the fore-runner of His Son, who was to prepare the material, out of which Jesus was to organize His own church, let us now see if the Bible gives us any reasons as to why that name was chosen. You will find that there are a good many Scriptural reasons, laid down in God's infallible and inerrant word, as to why God called John "The Baptist."

1. The name Baptist is the only name in the New Testament that stands for a Baptized disciple.

All who have received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour are brethren (Matt. 23:8). All true believers are His disciples. Dis-

for Athens, Rome or Jerusalem. Blessed be the preacher, who if needs be, can stand alone with God, and having done all stand, and if needs be fight there, and die there, and thank God for the opportunity to die for the once delivered faith.

It Must Be Baptist Evangelism. If evangelism with Baptists should not be distinctly, and distinctively Baptist, then why Baptist churches and preachers? If we have no distinct message, there is no apology for our separate existence, and the sooner we go out of existence the better for all concerned; on the other hand, if we have a message for the world, that no other people can deliver, then it is our duty, in and out of season, to propagate this message by all fair and honorable means, and this by the grace of God we propose to do, the unionites and the self-confessed progeny of brutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Baptist who believes that one doctrine is as good as another, and believes that he can compromise his faith for the sake of peace, or popularity, is himself good for nothing as a Baptist, with spots, wrinkles, and every such thing. He deceives himself, but neither God nor the elect. If he ever comes to himself, it is hoped that like the prodigal he will come home, and when he gets there behave himself like a Baptist.

cipleship comes before baptism (John 4:1). All who have believed on the name of Jesus as their Saviour and Lord are God's children (John 1:12; Gal. 3:26). All the elect are called sheep. Before their salvation they are called lost sheep (Matt. 10:6; John 10:16). All the blood-washed are called saints (Heb. 10:10,14; 13:12). All disciples are Christians (Acts 11:26). Every one of these titles may be Scripturally applied to unbaptized believers. Not so with the name Baptist. Webster's latest unabridged dictionary defines a Baptist as "one of a denomination of Christians, who maintain that baptism should be administered by immersion and be administered to believers only." The name Baptists is Scriptural and is the only name that is Scriptural, that is used as a denominational name or can be so used. The name Baptist came from God: the name Christian came from the heathen. The name Baptist is a denominational name. The name Christian, according to Webster's latest and best, includes all believers in Christ. Note what he says. "One who believes or professes or is assumed to believe in Jesus Christ." According to the lexicons as well as according to the Scriptures, all of God's children are Christians. The only name in the New Testament that stands for baptized disciples or believers is the name Baptist.

2. The only New Testament name, that conforms to the Great Commission is the name Baptist.

In John 4:1 we are told that "Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John." John made disciples and then baptized them. Jesus made disciples and had the twelve baptize them. When He went to leave His last and final orders to the church He had established, He said: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20). What John began and Jesus continued, His churches were ordered to carry on and carry out without the changing of one jot or tittle until the end. The first Baptist made and baptized disciples. Jesus and the twelve and the seventy made and baptized disciples. When Jesus was going away He commanded His churches to make and baptize disciples until He comes again. The name Baptist is the only name that is a constant reminder of the commission given by the Lord Jesus to His churches until the end of time. It is a church name because it stands for a church program, the very program, that Jesus gave to His churches to do and to keep until He gets back. According to Mr. Webster, the name Baptist stands for the how and the whom of baptism, namely, the baptism of saved people by immersion. All others baptize babies or baptize sinners to save them or baptize in some other way besides immersion.

3. The name Baptist is a differentiating name.

It differentiates and distinguishes all who hold it from all other sects and denominations. It marks out the people who wear it. God said His people are a peculiar people. The name Baptist marks out the peculiarities of those who wear it. It distinguishes those who practice immersion only from all those who do not. It distinguishes those who baptize saved people from those who do not. It distinguishes those who are baptized Christians from those who are not. It distinguishes those who have Baptist baptism from those who have not. It distinguishes those who reject infant baptism from those who follow Rome and receive it. It even goes further than that. The name Baptist is so distinguishing a name, that heretical Baptist sects, such as Hard-

shell Baptists or Free-will Baptists or Seventh Day Baptists have to use a pre-fix of some kind in front of their names to mark them as "sick" Baptists, who are following a stranger. The only sheep that will follow a stranger is a sick sheep. So with Baptists. The pre-fixed Baptist is a sick Baptist or his prefix is a nickname. Like the Israelites in Old Testament days, Baptists have had many names; but they have always been the same people. The prefixes are soon dropped; but the name Baptist abides. God gave that name to the first one because of the work He sent him to do and it has been here ever since.

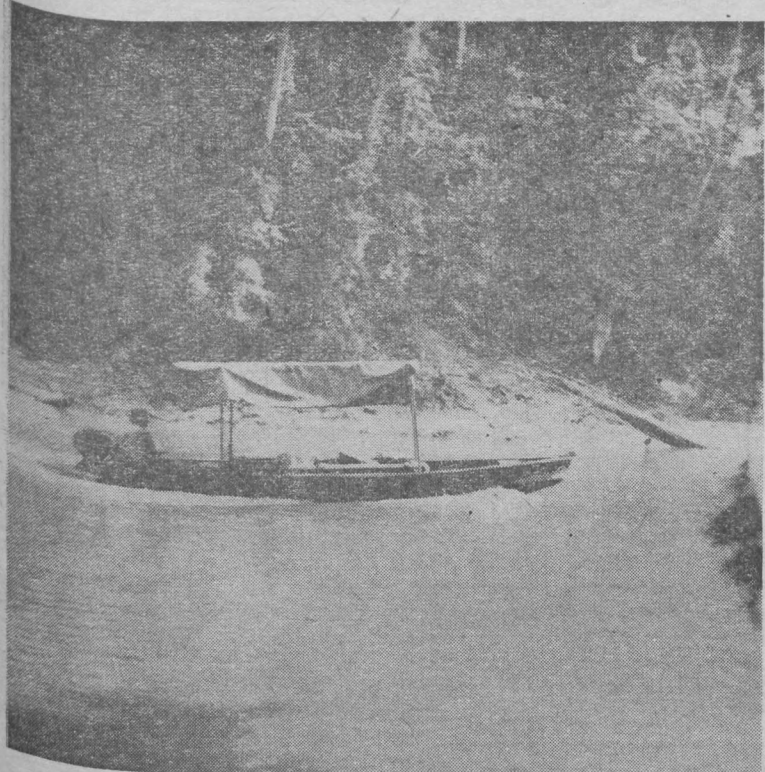
4. The name Baptist a divisive name.

The Lord Jesus said: "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay but divisions" (Luke 12:51). The Lord Jesus intended that His people should be a separate people. In New Testament days they were the sect everywhere spoken against (Acts 28:22). The Lord Jesus foretold the night of His betrayal and crucifixion, that His people would be a despised and a rejected people. The name Baptist is divisive in any community or crowd. He said they hated Him and they would hate His people (John 15:18-25). Everything that makes for unity among Baptists makes for division between Baptists and all other people. Baptist churches are never united unless they are separated from everybody else. There are no exceptions to that rule. The Lord Jesus sees to that. If Baptists are friendly and obedient to Christ, Christ's enemies are not friendly to them. "Friendship of the world is enmity with God." There is no straddle or compromise. You are wholly on Christ's side or wholly on the world's side. The Baptist name meant separation from the world in the first man who wore it. John the Baptist lost his head because he would not compromise on the divorce question. Paul declared: "There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6). Seven ones to make one. No unity unless agreed upon those seven ones. What are they?

"One body" — a local church. Each local church the body of Christ in that community and He has no other. "One Spirit"—the Holy Spirit. Each Baptist church built for a "habitation of God in the Spirit" in the community where located. "One hope"—the finished work of Jesus Christ. Not a dozen or an hundred ways to Heaven. Jesus is the way. "One Lord"—the Lord Jesus. No human lords over God's heritage. The Lord Jesus head over all things to each of His churches. "One is your Master—all ye are brethren." The Lord Jesus the one and only Lord of Baptists. "One faith"—which the Word calls "the faith once-for-all delivered to the saints." No new truth. If new it isn't true: if true it isn't new. "One God and Father" — the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and our Father through Him. No universal fatherhood of God. He has no Ishmaels no "bastard" children, no "wood's colts." Every child of God like Isaac, a child of promise and supernaturally born (Eph. 1:19-21). The name Baptist has always been a divisive name because it stands for the whole truth without compromise. All Baptists have not so stood, but the name stands for division and separation. And God blesses and prospers them when true to their name. That is why the blood of the

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## HOW MISSION WORK IS CARRIED ON IN FAR OFF PERU BY GOD'S MEN



Our native Peruvian Missionary, Simon Gaima steering Bro. Lewis' boat with outboard motor in the Mamon River near Iquitos, Peru. He is on the way to witness to his people, of the saving grace of Christ.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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NOTICE

Anyone desiring more information about this mission work write to the Secretary of the Mission. Address your letter to:

H. H. OVERBEY  
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Detroit 11, Mich.

Royal Calley

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preaching point in Educandos. We had over a hundred persons the first night. I don't know how it will be the second meeting that we will have there. They always come the first time out of curiosity, then after that they stay away in droves.

Now is the time of Carnival here, or so they think. All you see at night is love making and drunkenness. They sure did name this season right, for carnival means fleshly in Portuguese. They go real strong right up to Ash Wednesday, and then they have their time of penance. Such is Catholicism. I talked with one ardent Catholic man here, and he said that he was perfectly faithful to his wife except at carnival time, when he got drunk every night and committed adultery with some prostitute for the whole month of February. I told him just how disgusting that sounded to me. He just laughed and said that he made up for it all during Lent.

I suppose that the Hunters will be coming out here soon. I know that Bro. Lewis and his wife must be anxious for their arrival. The month before they come out here I would like for you to take a hundred dollars out of our salary for them as a gift from Helen and me. I have never forgotten the kindness the Lewises showed us by their gift to us, and we would like to follow their thoughtful example.

There is not much more I can tell you at the present time. Remember me to your family and to the church you pastor. May God bless you.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Royal H. Calley

Paul Calley Writes

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second to none in soundness in carrying out the great commission. We salute Grace Church and her good pastor in the name of our Saviour for the interest they have taken in your endeavor to make this journey. May the Lord lead others to do likewise. May the Lord bless you and the brethren there.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Paul M. Calley

The Baptist Name

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martyrs is the seed of the church." Separation means persecution and persecution means multiplication and growth. A compromising church is always a dying and waning church. God so wills it and He works all things after the counsel of His own will.

5. The name Baptist an Exclusive name.

The Lord, who founded the first Baptist church, never aimed for them to take in everybody and his dog. "Without are dogs." Baptists have no fellowship for lots of folk and lots of things. They are not inclusive, but exclusive. In I Cor. 11: 19-21 R. V., Paul said these wise words: "For there must be heresies among you that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When therefore ye assemble yourselves together it is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper." God never intended for Baptists to be a "mixed multitude." Through all their history when the "mixed multitude" have corrupted our churches,

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Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	\$ 15.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, North Kenova, Ohio	22.60
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	32.12
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	51.35
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	87.27
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	7.65
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	50.00
First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Ky.	25.00
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	7.35
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	44.26
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	200.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	12.41
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	37.89
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
Sylvania Hills Baptist Church, New Brighton, Penna.	6.38
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	18.70
Naborton Baptist Church, Naborton, La.	28.19
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Adult S. S. Class)	7.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	10.15
Bible Baptist Church, Marietta, Okla.	20.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	19.58
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	35.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.	60.00
Westwood Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	21.80
Immanuel Baptist Church, Dayton, Ky.	25.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	24.88
East Main Baptist Church, Des Plains, Ill.	10.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	28.50
Little Obion Baptist Church, Wingo, Ky.	36.69
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	8.54
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, W. Va.	6.95
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	52.43
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	5.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Buchanan, Ky.	9.82
Repton Baptist Church, Repton, Ky.	15.00
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	51.81
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, W. Va.	6.00
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	25.25
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	25.00
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio	37.44
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	148.50
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (Passage for H. H. Overbey)	50.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.	8.00
Julian Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	34.56
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	5.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	54.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B.T.U.)	6.24
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class Passage for H. H. Overbey)	50.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	15.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	15.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	33.91
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	175.59
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	18.98
Liberty Point Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	32.02
Good Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	135.76
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
Miss Marguerite Hallum, Hammond, La. (For H. H. Overbey's Passage)	15.00
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	150.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	10.00
Mrs. Lillian Barker, Covington, Ky.	5.00
Mrs. Mable Pasqual, Vineland, N. J.	10.00
Mrs. A. B. Harris, Texarkana, Ark.	7.00
Ronald E. Hall, McLeansboro, Ill.	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Elton Bush, Grayson, Ky.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Moore, Ft. Gibson, Okla.	10.00
Clinton H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	10.00
W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	50.00
Miss Emogene Kiger, Webbville, Ky.	10.00
Total	\$2784.57

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they have sloughed off the heretical and the worldly. The name Baptist stands for cleanness and separation. The Lord Jesus sees to it that they are true to their name. About 100 years ago Baptists sloughed off the Hardshells and Campbellites. We are now in the process of sloughing off the Modernists and Unionists and Highbrows. Heresies are permitted to crop out among Baptists that the approved may be made manifest, Paul said, that is the only way for Baptist churches to rid themselves of the worldly and the heretical. If the churches do not put out the heretics and the worldly, the indwelling Spirit, who abides in each local body of Christ, causes that crowd to get out, because He has no fellowship with them. "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us:

but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not of us" (I John 2:19).

The very name Baptist stands for separation. By instinct and tradition and teaching and creation and history and love they are a separate people. The Lord Jesus their head, the Holy Spirit their life, the New Testament their rule of faith, their individualism one of their fundamentals — all combine to make and keep them an exclusive rather than an inclusive people. 1900 years of teaching and of persecution by all other sects has served to accentuate their exclusiveness. It will always be so. The Lord Jesus started them that way. And they get more so, rather than less so if possible. You can not make Baptists like anybody else. They are a free people and you can not bind them. And their freedom and their one-ness in Christ and doc-

Calling All Mission Lovers . . .



If you believe in a missionary program that is free from modernism, is strictly Baptist, and which is free from heresy, then we invite you to share and work with us.

God's Sufficiency Enables Us To Face Any Difficulty

"Who is sufficient for these things?"—II Cor. 2:16.

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of God."—II Cor. 3:5.

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work."—II Cor. 9:8.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13.

No program is big enough for any man or any church that they can do themselves. That is Paul's statement in the second Scripture quoted above. He was not sufficient to think anything that he wrought, though he labored more abundantly than they all, was of himself. I Cor. 15:10. Either of two things will be true of any man who thinks he can do his task; either he will fail or the task is one that requires no faith and gets God no glory. If there is anything written large upon the pages of Bible history it is that God gives to all men of faith a bigger task than they can perform in order to make them trust in Him. Out of 32,000 men God told Gideon to send 31,700 back home, after testing them out, because He had too many for the victory to be one that would glorify God. When David went out against Goliath he went "in the strength of the God of Israel, whom Goliath had defied."

"Giving Your Heart"

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something to be received for, "He that hath the Son of God hath life." It is not your giving, it is your receiving. And believing in the New Testament, is receiving. "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." You see receiving is believing and believing is receiving, exactly, because faith is but a hand that is stretched out to take what is there.—Pelsham.

trine, because they all believe the same Book, make them throw off all ritualism and formalism and tradition of men and seek the heights of freedom and fellowship in the heavenlies.—Taylor.

When Sennacherib sent word to Hezekiah that his God was not big enough to deliver him, God sent word by Isaiah for Hezekiah to trust Him, He would attend to the job. He did and like all things God does, He did it well. The death angel destroyed 185,000 in one night of the flower of Sennacherib's army. When the 12 spies came back from their 40 days' tour through the promised land, ten had so little faith, as to say the task God gave them was an impossible task. God killed them by a plague at once. Then He cursed all Israel that agreed with them to wander for forty years in the wilderness, a year for each day, until all of them died. The two men of faith, Caleb and Joshua, that said that God was sufficient for any task that He ever gave His people, were the only men over 20 years of age, when they came out of Egypt, that entered the promised land. More frequently than for any other single sin did the Master censure the 12 for their little faith or unbelief. Mark you He called them "fools," "slow of heart" or dullards, "wicked," "perverse" and asked "how long He should bear with them" because of their little faith.

God gives to every man and every church a task which it requires faith to undertake and God to work out, because He wants His people to be in fellowship with Him and depend upon Him in all His work. What is wholly impossible to mere man, is not only possible but easy for the faith-filled man, who counts on God. Jonathan and his armour-bearer routed the whole Philistine army, when Saul was terrified and all Israel scattered and in hiding in caves and mountains because their confidence was in themselves and the job was an impossible one for them; but Jonathan started out with the postulate that God was able to deliver by many or few and God did for two believing men, what the whole army of Israel could not do. Our God is the God of impossibles. All any man needs is to find out what God wants him to do and then to put himself in God's hands and it shall be done. "All things are possible to him that believeth." God is looking for men to trust Him that He may do the impossible through them to His own glory. Will you be such a man or woman?



## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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tially by grace — partially by works — partially by God and partially by man. As a result, Paul wrote to them and told them that he marveled that they had turned away from what he had preached to them so soon. Not only did he say that he marveled but he declared that if any angel from Heaven were to preach any gospel unto them than that which he had preached, let that one go to Hell. I tell you, brother, you can't read statements such as these and then go around and say, "Dear Brother so-and-so is such a good man." Brother, God did not put a head on you just to keep your backbone from unraveling. God put a head on you — He put a conscience within you — He put a heart inside of you, and put a brain in that head, and gave you a Bible that the Holy Spirit might lead you in the understanding of it, so that you would be better able to contend against these false teachers. Why, I heard one of the brethren of our church speak just a short time ago about a man whom he had heard preach, and he spoke of what a wonderful sermon that man had preached. I happen to know personally, beloved, that that preacher is a rank heretic. How can a man sit under the ministry of a heretic and not himself be contaminated thereby, unless, beloved, it may be that that man knows not the Lord Jesus to start with. I tell you, brother, if a man's saved, he ought to have enough spiritual perception to understand when a man is preaching heresy. Paul speaks of the man that preaches heresy saying, let him go to Hell. My brother, that is where he is going and the crowd that follows him, that is where they are going.

They had these false prophets back in Ezekiel's day. We have them today. We have more false prophets today, beloved, than we have true ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. There are lots of false preachers who today tell you you have to be baptized to be saved. There's lots of folk who tell you you have to work in order to be saved. All I have to say about them is this, if they believe what they preach, they're not only false prophets, but they're going to Hell when they die. If they don't believe it, they're hypocrites, and the Word of God says a hypocrite is going to Hell. Oh, I tell you, my brother, it blesses my soul when I turn here to the Word of God just to hear what God says, how that we're to be warned relative to these days in which we live. It grieves me more than I can say, beloved, that anyone who claims to be a Baptist, who claims to know the Lord, seems to think that everybody that comes along is to be catered to. God's people, beloved, ought to read the Word of God and understand it and then ought to stand for it, instead of going along with, and coddling with and catering to the crowd that knows not the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me read to you another Scripture. I want you to see what God says about false prophets. We needn't to think they all died out in Ezekiel's day. Paul says,

"Beware of dogs."—Phil. 3:2.

Do you know what the word, dog, means, beloved? It means "preacher." Now, let me prove it to you. We read in Isaiah:

"His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant, they are all DUMB DOGS, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way every one for his gain, from his quarter."

—Is. 56:10,11.

So, brethren, when Paul writes to the church at Phillippi and warns them to beware of dogs, he's talking about false preachers and he says that we are to be aware of them. We are to be mighty careful about them.

The other day in a conversation, I made mention of the fact that we have folk who drive many

miles to come to this church on Sunday. The man with whom I was talking couldn't understand why it would be necessary to drive 30 miles or better to come to the House of God on Sunday, that there were plenty of churches closer, and plenty of preachers that they could listen to. Certainly there are plenty of so-called churches and plenty of so-called preachers, but, my brother, God doesn't want us to listen to so-called preachers and attend so-called churches. God wants His people to stand up for the Word of God. Men ought to drive 100 miles on Sunday to hear God's Word, if necessary, rather than walk across the street to hear a compromiser.

I want you to notice another Scripture. I want you to see what God says about false preachers. Let me read it to you in Jude:

"But these speak evil of those things which they know not; but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gain-saying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage."—Jude 1:10-16.

Brethren, that's the crowd God's warning you and me against today. I'll not take time to give an exposition of this portion of Jude except to say that God therein gives a description of the false preachers of this day.

Let me read you one other text: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."—I Tim. 4:1.

Now, brother, can you read these Scriptures that I have read to you this morning and then go around and say, "Bro. so-and-so is such a fine fellow." Oh, if there's anything in this world that makes a pastor feel that his ministry is all in vain, it's when a man who's supposed to know something — it's when a man who's supposed to have been taught something, thinks that every man who claims to be a Baptist is preaching God's Word. Oh, brother, you and I need to remember, they had false prophets back here, but the false prophets they had in Ezekiel's day were not, in any wise at all, followers of Baal. They had plenty of the followers of Baal—they had plenty of Baal's prophets—they had plenty of false prophets who were idolaters, but the crowd that Ezekiel was talking about was the very men that claimed to be God's prophets, yet God told Ezekiel to prophesy against them that prophesy out of their own hearts.

### II

Now, that leads to a second thought. God says something about punishment for these false preachers, for in the eighth and ninth verses, He says,

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God. And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the assembly of my people, neither shall they

be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord God."

Now, what does God say about these false prophets? First of all, he says, they cannot even come into the assembly of His people. Israel was to shut them out just the same as you would a leper. Furthermore, he says, there'll be no record of them for the future. And not only that, they shall have no future inheritance within the land. Now, brethren, that's what God said about these false prophets back in the days of Ezekiel. What does God say about the punishment of false prophets to day? Suppose we turn to just one passage of Scripture. In Revelation, after he has described Heaven in detail and after he has given us a marvelous picture of what Heaven is to the extent that every truly born-again believer ought to want to go there and ought to be desirous of wanting to be there right now, John says,

"For without are dogs."

—Rev. 22:15.

Where does God say the false preachers are going? The Word of God tells us that they are going to Hell. You can't tell me that a man who would sit down beside a dying woman when she asks him to tell her how to be saved, and he tells her she is all right as she is—you can't tell me that the man who would sit there and pacify her and tell her she was perfectly all right and that she was going to Heaven—you can't tell me there is any place good enough for a man like that, except to go to Hell. You can't tell me that the man who stands up on God's day and tells people for years and years and years that there's no Hell to worry about, that if they live the best they can, when they die, they'll go to Heaven, you can't tell me there is any place good enough for a fellow like that except Hell. God says that's where they're going.

### III

I want you to notice how these false prophets were giving forth a false peace to the people, for in the tenth verse, it says,

"Because, even because they

have seduced my people, saying, Peace: and there was not peace."

Notice, a false preacher seduces a people by saying peace when there is no peace. It's a whole lot easier for me to sit down beside you and tell you that you are perfectly all right, then it is for me to read you a passage of Scripture such as, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" or "The wages of sin is death," that cut you to the very quick. It's a whole lot easier for me to give you something that will make you feel good than it is for me to give you something that will cause you to feel badly for the time, and maybe even have you get mad at me. Certainly, there is the temptation to the preacher, the temptation to be a false preacher, to say "peace," when God says there is no peace.

Listen to me, brother. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can make peace. You can't make it. Someone may say, "Well, I made my peace with the Lord Jesus 30 years ago." Well, brethren, you're definitely wrong. You didn't do any such a thing. I didn't make peace for myself nor for anybody. I've never made peace for any individual, not by my preaching, nor by the baptistry. In no manner at all do I make peace for an individual. Do you know who makes peace for you? Listen:

"For to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace."—Eph. 2:15.

Who made peace for me? The Lord Jesus Christ. Who made peace for all the elect from the day of Adam down to this? The Lord Jesus Christ, and none but Him. When a false prophet tells you that you're all right, and you don't need to be saved — that everything's all right with you, just remember this, he's nothing but a false prophet, for the only one that can make peace with your soul, is the Lord Jesus Christ.

### IV

Then, Ezekiel, said that this crowd of false preachers were building a wall that wouldn't stand, for he says that the wall they were building for defense was a wall of untempered mortar. Listen, the tenth and eleventh

verses.

"And one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar: Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower."

What does this mean? A wall, beloved, is for protection. Figuratively speaking, these prophets were building a wall for protection. It presented a fair appearance. It contained solid material, but it lacked one essential element. It had been daubed with untempered mortar and though it offered protection, that wall couldn't give protection since it was built of untempered mortar. Just one thing wrong, but that one thing was enough to ruin it all.

Let me tell you this morning, if there is one thing lacking so far as the Lord Jesus Christ is concerned, the wall that you have for your spiritual protection today is all in vain. The Lord Jesus said:

"One thing thou lackest."

—Mk. 10:21.

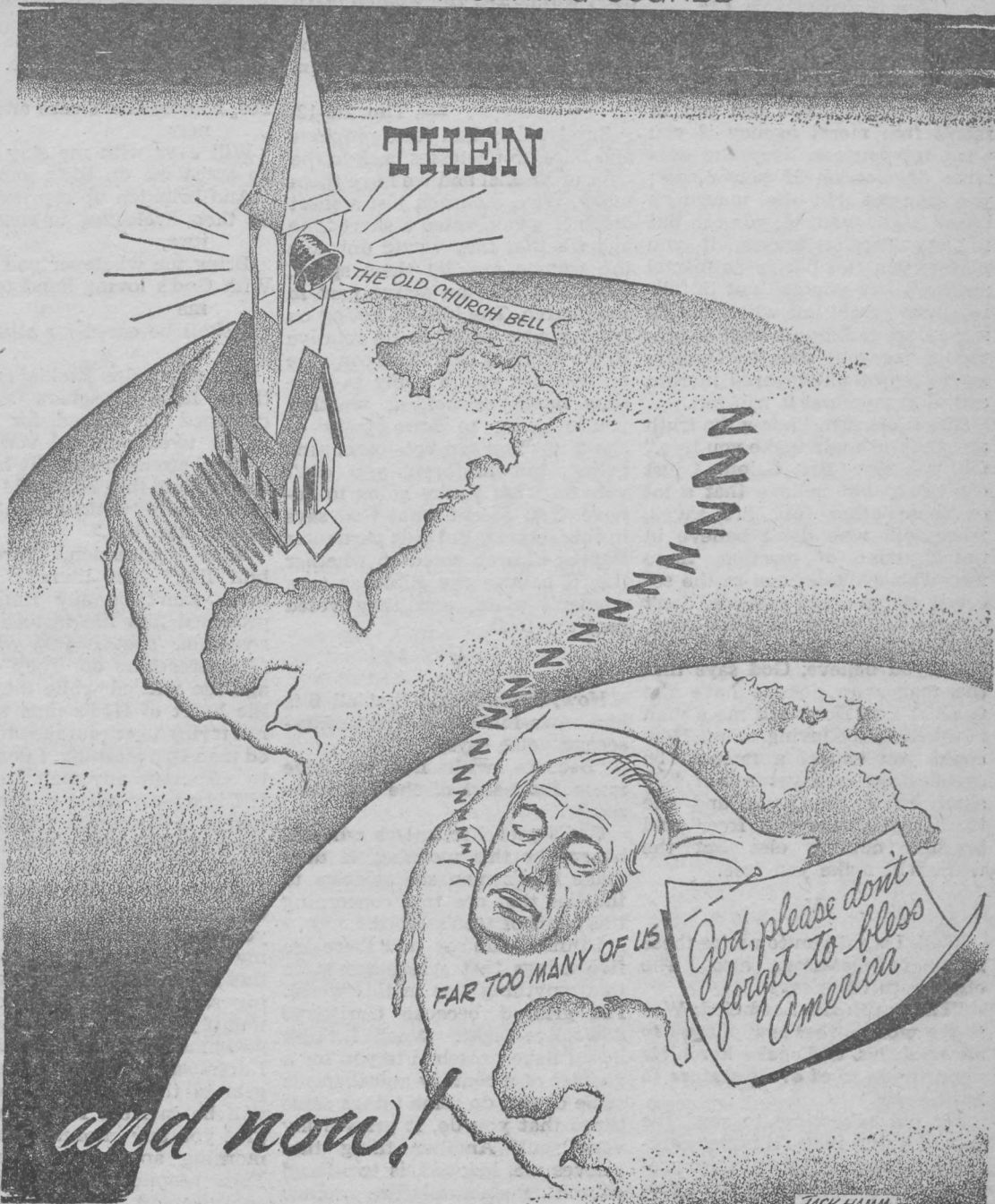
He might have had everything else, but that one thing was enough to send his soul to Hell. Listen, what did these prophets lack back here? One thing. The wall they had built for protection looked good, it appeared to offer protection, it was built of good materials, with one exception. God called it untempered mortar. What was it? There wasn't any truth about it. It lacked truth. Listen to me brother, if the wall of protection that has been built around your soul isn't built with truth, it makes no difference how good it looks, it won't serve the purpose in God's sight. Jesus says,

"The truth will make you free."

John 8:28.

Brother, nothing but the truth will stand. You can build all the walls you want to, figuratively speaking, for protection, but if they aren't built with truth, they are valueless; they're built with untempered mortar. Build your wall, beloved, put in Arminianism (Continued on page four)

## SUNDAY MORNING SOUNDS





## "An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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If you want to, you can put in man's free moral agency if you want to; you can deny the doctrine of election if you please; you can put in the mourner's bench if you want to; you can put in an altar of prayer, if you please; you can put in baptismal regeneration; you can put in falling from grace; but when you do it, you are building a wall of protection for your soul, that you're laying up of untempered mortar, and God says that it will fall.

The Bible says, "know the truth and the truth will make you free." Oh, you say, "Bro. Gilpin, I just can't help but believe that a lot of these other folk are saved, these folk who don't believe in the doctrine of election, these folk who don't believe in the security of the saved and who don't believe that if you're saved once, you're saved forever. I don't care what you believe, God says that the man who doesn't have the truth is lost. Don't tell me a man is saved by believing a lie? How could you expect a man to be saved if he believes a lie? "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," and brother, nothing else but the truth will make you free.

V

Well, I want you to notice these false prophetesses, also. The eighteenth verse says:

"Thus saith the Lord God: Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls."

I'll not take time to read the rest of it, but if you'll notice carefully, he's talking about false prophetesses—women who were prophets, who were trying to prophesy. You'll notice he said that they sewed pillows to all armholes. They were aiming to make folk feel secure and at ease. You know what a pillow is. Why, it's to make you comfortable, and the figure of speech that Ezekiel uses here is to show us that these false preachers and preacheresses were trying to make folk feel secure and at ease.

Now, it is true, beloved, that God had some true women in the Old Testament who prophesied. They never did prophesy to men. They always stayed in their place and prophesied to women. That was true both in the Old and New Testament, but listen to me this morning. Will you believe me this morning when I tell you that the greatest heresies in this world are heresies that have been started by women preachers? Theosophy, Spiritualism, and Christian Science, which have deluded more souls I think than all other false religions—which have sent more people to Hell than any other false teaching that has ever come into the world—those three religions have all been started by women preachers and are carried on today in the main by women preachers.

Well, maybe it would be a good time this morning, since I am talking about these women preachers just to turn to the New Testament and read to you again what God says relative to a woman's place in a church. Baptist women who love the Lord want to be in the place that God's assigned to them.

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."

—I Cor. 14:34.

"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with

good works. Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

—I Tim. 2:8-12.

Surely, they had false prophets and false prophetesses back in the days of Ezekiel and we have them today. Why, a church just a short distance away, voted a short time ago whether they would unbridle the women and let them speak, pray, and take an active part in the church. The idea of voting on what you're going to do relative to the Word of God! You can vote on whether you're going to have song books or not, or whether you're going to have pews or stand up. You can vote on church policy, but brethren, you can't vote on what you're going to believe. You accept what God says in this respect. But this particular Baptist Church voted on whether they'd believe the Bible as to a woman's place, and they voted contrary to it.

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Now, Ezekiel said that all this had a two-fold effect. The twenty-second verse says,

"Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad."

God's preacher knows whereof he speaks this morning. It does make God's man sad relative to the lies that are told concerning the truth of God's Word.

I think I can say that there are five things that grieve me more than anything else in this world. I'm grieved because Christians don't live right. When I think how I have preached to you for a quarter of a century and then see some of you do some things some times that you do, it grieves my very soul. Another thing that grieves me, beloved, is two-faced church members. The fellow who's always dressed up for Halloween, always got a false face on, putting on one face to his preacher or Sunday School teacher and another face when he's behind his back. There's a third thing that grieves me, beloved, a lack of finances to carry on God's work. I've grieved over that as the years have gone by. When I think about the need of the gospel to be preached in Brazil, Peru, and to the uttermost parts of the earth, it grieves me, beloved, when I see so little of God's money being used in that manner.

A fourth thing that grieves me, beloved, is the lies that have been told relative to myself and the First Baptist Church of Russell, but I think I can say to you this morning that the thing that has grieved me more than anything else in all the world has not been any one of these, but rather it has been, beloved, the false preachers that are accepted by the world, whereas I and other men who stand for the Word of God are repudiated just because that false preachers have the preeminence. It isn't an easy thing to be a preacher. I speak to you out of my heart this morning when I tell you your pastor gets plenty burdened and plenty worried sometimes. I speak to you this morning my brother, from the very depths of my soul when I tell you sometimes the anchor drags mighty heavy. Sometimes, beloved, we just wonder why God keeps us here in view of circumstances, and I can say to you this morning, that the thing that grieves me more than anything else in the world is when I stand up to preach to you God's Word that it's frowned down upon by many so-called Baptists who think that surely some heretic to the right of us, or this heretic to the left of us, is preaching God's Word. Ezekiel said the lies of these false preachers made the hearts of the righteous sad. I've always been glad that in spite of that, we always have a blessed assurance that God goes with us. As the poet says,

"There's an unknown path before me  
And yet I fear it not,  
I know that in all the years gone by  
That whatever has been my lot,  
That a kind and heavenly Father

Planned and drew the way for me,  
And I know that in all the future  
Watched over I shall be.

Yes, I know God's care and kindness  
Will ever with me stay  
To assist me on life's journey,  
And brighten up my way.

So then, welcome, unknown future,  
Bring me whatever you will,  
With God's loving hand to guide me  
I shall be cared for still."

One thing else, Ezekiel said that these false preachers also encouraged the wicked, for he said in the twenty-second verse,

"And strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life."

That expression, "promising him life," just literally means, there won't be any Hell. They promised him life instead of destruction. That is just what the false preachers do. They encourage the wicked while they make the heart of God's man sad. I'm not trying to encourage any wicked man this morning. I don't want to encourage any man in his sin. If I know my heart this morning, I want to discourage you from the error of your way right now.

If I know my heart, sinner man, I don't want to give you one whit of encouragement as long as you're in your sins. God being my helper, I want you to realize this morning that you're on sinking sand. I want you to know that if you were to die now, you'd go immediately to a devil's Hell. I don't say by the time the hearse gets to the cemetery, your soul will be in Hell. I don't want to give you any encouragement this morning apart from the Bible. False prophets will give you encouragement. False prophets will promise life to you and tell you there isn't any Hell to worry about. I don't want to do that. I want to tell you there is no hope in any wise at all for you. The only hope I can offer to any man is the hope that is mine in Calvary. The only hope that I can offer to any individual is that hope which grows out of the cross of Calvary and as I look up this morning, I say,

"Rock of ages cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in thee."

May God help you to hide yourself in that Rock of Ages and find the only hope that is to be found for any man in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!

## "I Should Like To Know"

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or will it be in the middle of the Tribulation week that they shall be raptured?

It seems quite obvious to me that the saints will be raptured prior to the Tribulation. I don't think that God's own will be in any part of the Tribulation.

8. What does the word "rapture" mean?

It comes from the same word from which we get the word "rape," and means to "seize forcibly."

9. Just how can you say that tithing is taught in the N. T.?

To me it is as plain as any other doctrine that is taught in the N. T. and a great deal plainer than some of them. Our querist ought to read Mt. 23:23 and Heb. 7:8. In Heb. 7:17, it is said that Christ is a priest "forever after the order of Melchisedec." Melchisedec was a tithe-receiving priest and since Christ is after the same order, then logically Christ is a tithe-receiving priest today.

10. Is it wrong to give money to the Seventh Day Adventists, when you know they are using it to help those in need and

when you know they are supporting doctors who are helping others in foreign lands?

I wouldn't give money to any heretic, regardless of what he was using it for. There are plenty of sound Baptist benevolent agencies and sound Baptist mission organizations that I can give more money to than what I actually have to give. If I preach salvation by grace and then give to the Seventh Dayists who teach salvation by law, I'm playing Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde religiously.

The government statistics show that Seventh Dayists have the highest average per capita gifts of any denomination. Actually, this is a lie. The truth is, they are the greatest beggars on earth. If every Baptist and Protestant dollar that goes through their hands were taken from them, they would be one of the poorest group of givers on the North American continent. Just as long as Baptists and others are deceived into thinking they are supporting a good benevolent work, these heretics will continue to prey on them.

11. Who are the non-elect?

Everyone whom God has not chosen unto salvation. They are not the group spoken of in II Thess. 2:13 or Eph. 1:4.

12. Did Christ die for all?

No, He died only for the elect. Jesus said that His blood was shed for MANY—not for all. Read Mt. 26:28.

13. If God works on the basis of election, why send money and missionaries to Christianize foreign lands?

We ought to do it because God said to do so. This is enough reason in itself. Any Christian ought to want to be obedient to his Lord's commands, and surely the Great Commission is one of His commands. Furthermore, God has ordained the means whereby His elect are to be saved and the preaching of His Word is the means that He has ordained. See I Cor. 1:21. Since no one will ever be saved who does not hear the Word of God in some manner (Rom. 10:17) then it is our duty to preach the Word to everyone we meet, not knowing who the elect are, and leave the matter of salvation in God's hands.

14. Doesn't the Bible say "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," if we don't obey and a soul is lost, won't that one's blood be upon the one who was called to go?

Not one of God's elect will be lost. John 6:37 is most explicit in declaring that all of God's elect SHALL be saved. In some manner God will get His message of salvation to all His elect. We may lose our rewards for not being faithful in sending the message of Truth and Grace, but God won't lose a soul. All whom He foreknew will eventually be glorified in Heaven. Read Rom. 8:29, 30.

15. Where does the Bible say that a church should vote on a saved person becoming a member of a church?

Acts 10:47; Rom. 14:1. Paul tried to join the church at Jerusalem, but they wouldn't receive him until Barnabas vouched for his conversion.

16. Is the "ungodly" and "the sinner" mentioned in I Peter 4:18 the same?

Yes, they are identical — both represent the lost — the unregenerate.

17. Were there any elect at the time of the flood except Noah and his family?

I think not. We read of no one else who found grace in God's sight except Noah. Gen. 6:8. Furthermore, we are told that his act of faith condemned the world. Heb. 11:7. This indicates to me that all others were lost.

18. Are those whom we call the non-elect guilty of the unpardonable sin?

Some of them may be, but certainly not all of them.

19. Is the rejection of Jesus as Saviour the unpardonable sin?

Jesus Himself makes it clear that this does not touch the unpardonable sin in any wise at all. The unpardonable sin is attributing the works of Jesus Christ to the Devil. Read Mt. 3:29, 30.

## Great Texts

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have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins; return unto Me; for I have redeemed thee."—Isa. 44:22.

John Wanamaker's: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."—Heb. 11:6.

—A. C. Dixon

## Grace

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through faith.

2. Not of works.  
3. The reason for this is to preclude man's boasting.

4. But we are saved FOR THE PURPOSE of doing good works. Works therefore become the result of salvation, and not the CAUSE of it.

What Form Do Works Take As Satan Makes It To Supplement Grace?

1. Altar work to get saved. The altar or the "mourner's bench" has been devised so people will depend upon human exercises to get them right with God. Such makes tears, prayers, agonizing, etc., meritorious exercises which induce God to save.

2. "Falling from grace" doctrine, adds work to grace in the matter of salvation. The idea is that one is saved by grace, but must finish the job by "doing." This is the error of the Galatians. (See Galatians 3:3). Read also Galatians 2:16-21.

3. Dependence on ordinances to finish out salvation, is to add works to grace for salvation. Baptism is a human act, and as such it is in the nature of a work. If baptism is essential to salvation, then salvation is partly by works. But the Bible distinctly says, "and NOT of works." The Bible says that the "gospel is the power of God unto salvation"—not baptism. The Bible says that "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin." If from ALL sin, there is none left for water to cleanse from.

The Lord's Supper is turned by the Catholics into a thing that has saving power. They teach that the actual body of Christ is eaten—partaken. They lay the cracker on a dying man's tongue, and that is supposed to assure his future. Jesus never intended that these two ordinances should be understood as having supernatural power.

4. Keeping the law is added by such people as the Seventh Day Adventists, as necessary to salvation. They utterly ignore such passages as Gal. 3:10-12, 24-26. Those who hold to the necessity of doing anything for salvation, don't grasp God's true way of salvation at all. They don't see the point. Whole religious systems with millions of adherents, don't even begin to see the truth as to how God saves men. It is not accidental that this is true, for "the god of this age, hath blinded the minds of men, lest the light of the glorious gospel . . . should shine unto them."

The Rarest Person To Find

One of the rarest persons to find anywhere is the preacher who and truly and consistently preaches the GRACE OF GOD. Many preachers are mentally muddled and their preaching is a scramble of law and grace. If one is wrong about grace, he is wrong on just about everything.

Soldiers of the Lord are doing real fighting when they are on their knees.