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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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What's Wrong With National Council?

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Modernism is on the aggressive today, and the chief instruments of aggression are the National Council of Churches and the World Council. The National Council was formerly the "Federal Council." Like the "Jehovah's Witnesses" they have changed their name. (Beware of those who change their names!) The old "Federal Council" was not started by the will of the churches. A group of self-appointed individuals, chiefly Modernists, formed the organization, then began to foist it upon the various religious groups. In one way or another, many of the great religious denominations were inveigled into

it, including Northern Baptists. Southern Baptists have steadfastly refused to enter the organization, although there is a liberalistic group of preachers and leaders in the South who seem determined that Southern Baptists shall be drawn in.

What's Wrong With The National Council?

To use Bible language, "Much Every way." Let us point out a few things:

1. THE LEADERSHIP IS MODERNISTIC. One of the past presi-

dents of the old Federal Council, was Harry Emerson Fosdick, half infidel Modernist, who preached a sermon on "The Sin of Worshipping Jesus." Other past presidents could be named just as rank as Fosdick.

2. THE LEADERSHIP IS UN-AMERICAN. A number of those in high position in the National Council, have been linked up with various subversive organizations. Bishop Oxnham is a good sample. They have been apologists for red Russia and the communistic system.

3. THE GOSPEL OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL is the false (Continued on page eight)

1. Is the soul of the infant pure in the sight of God?

Let God answer: "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." Again: "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies." God's Word says it is not.

2. Explain Matt. 18:3-4.

Just read the next two verses and the passage explains itself. Verse 6 says that the Master was talking of little ones that believe in Him.

3. Explain the difference in the standing of an infant and the regenerated person in the sight of God.

An infant is a sinner in two ways: it has the imparted depraved nature inherited from its parents and it also has imputed to it the Adamic sin. Rom. 5:11-18. The believer however has not only the Adamic sin but his own sins, past, present and future, all atoned for by Jesus Christ; and when he sins no sin is charged to him. Rom. 4:6-8.

4. What is meant by "doctrine of baptisms" in Heb. 6:2?

The Rev. Ver. margin gives

"teaching of washings" which is probably correct. It had reference to Jewish washings.

5. Will a woman violate the Scripture any more to preach in mixed assemblies trying to win the lost than she does in teaching or preaching "the all things" to mixed assemblies?

We think not.

6. Do men by disobedience to our Lord's commands delay His return to earth?

We doubt it. The Master said in Acts 1:7 that the Father had put "the times and seasons" of the Lord's return in His own power. If we could hasten His coming they would be in our power. The passage in Peter that speaks of "hasting" His coming is translated in the Rev. Ver. "earnestly desiring" His coming.

7. Why was Jesus baptized?

The Bible says "to fulfill all righteousness" and to "make Him manifest to Israel."

8. Are the words "elect" and "ordain" the same in meaning in the New Testament?

No, they are not. There are 11 (Continued on page eight)

Why Baptists Should Be Interested In Faith Missions For Catholics

Three-fifths of the people of the world have neither preacher, doctor, nurse, teacher nor Bible.

It is estimated that 160,000,000 people now living have never heard the gospel, and at least one billion have no saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The Bible plainly states that the gospel is the only means of salvation. "It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth"—Rom. 1:16. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved"—Acts 4:12.

The content of the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord—I Cor. 15:1-4. On the basis of this alone can men be saved through faith.

I. Whose Duty Is It To Preach The Gospel To The Whole World?

1. The duty of the church.
(1) The commission was given to an assembly of believers. (Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14,16; Acts 1:4,8). This was the church.
(2) The Holy Spirit was given to an assembly of believers. (John 20:19-23; Acts 1:8; 2:1). This was the church.

IT TAKES COURAGE

It takes courage not to bend to popular prejudice.
To live according to your convictions.
To refuse to make a living in a questionable vocation.
To say "No" squarely to something wrong when those around you say "Yes."

To remain in honest poverty while others grow rich by questionable methods.
To live honestly within your means, and not dishonestly upon the means of others.

To speak the truth when, by a little prevarication, you can secure some seeming advantage.
To do your duty in silence, obscurity and poverty, while others about you prosper through neglecting or violating sacred obligations.

To refuse to do a thing which you think is wrong because it is customary and done in trade.
To face slander and lies, and to carry yourself with cheerfulness and grace and dignity for years before the lie can be corrected.

To throw up a position with a good salary when it is the only (Continued on page eight)

The Antioch church was called to send Barnabas and Saul. (Acts 13:2).

2. The duty of the preacher.
Saul was called to be a missionary before the church was called to send him (Acts 9:15; 26:17). Knowing Paul as we do it is easy to conclude that he would have gone if the church had failed to send him.

Barnabas and Mark went out as missionaries without being sent. (Acts 16:39).

The preacher will be punished if he fails to preach whether sent or not. (I Cor. 9:16; Ezek. 3:18-19).

II. What Is Faith Missions?

1. The preacher goes with no guaranteed salary but trusts the Lord for support.

III. Why Baptists Need A Faith Mission

1. To demonstrate to this age God's willingness and ability to answer prayer.

2. Many men who can never go to college or seminary feel called to go. God can use them as He is using them here.

3. To get missionaries to the foreign fields fast enough to enter the open doors, before they close forever.

4. To strengthen the doctrinal teaching of the native churches. Many of our missionaries went to (Continued on page three)

Bro. A. J. Terry was a Baptist missionary in the state of Piauh, Brazil. He had some discussion awhile back with the Catholic bishop in that state. In that discussion he got out in tract form the following questions, which the bishop has never even tried to answer. Hand them to the nearest Catholic priest or neighbor and ask him to answer them. Bro. Terry translated it from Portuguese into English.

"Baptists do not follow any man; but Christ and He alone is (Continued on page eight)

PAY GOD FIRST

He is the preferred creditor. Fruitful seasons and good crops are His gifts. Good health and ability to work are His gifts. Even life and breath come from Him. Since He gives up all things He should be the First One honored and paid when we market what we have. The Bible is clear on that from beginning to end. When He redeemed Israel from the bondage of Egypt and saved their first-born alive, He demanded that all the first-born males of man and beast should be His. Num. 3:40-51. When the wheat and other bread crops (Continued on page eight)

A business man in Philadelphia said to me recently that he did not think any man could learn much about God until he had been knocked down. Pointing to a map of a mining region in Colorado where he had sunk \$400,000, he said, "That was the way by which I came to know God. Now, I am almost indifferent as to whether the mine succeeds or fails. As a matter of fact, it looks hopeful, but through that experience I have learned to know God in such a sweet and intimate way, that it has made money seem very small to me."

About a year ago I was calling on a friend who was the president of a bank. He informed me that he had been ill for several months and that the illness had left him almost totally blind. "I can see that someone is sitting in your chair," he said, "but if it were not for your voice, I would not have the slightest idea who you were." A little later wrote, "You left me a poem entitled, 'What Does It Mean?' which has been read to me over and over until I have absorbed the spirit of it, if not the words. To one who has been so extremely active as myself, and finally has had 'the hindering wall placed before his feet,' the sentiment expressed in the poem has been most helpful and I want to thank you for it."

In a recent letter he says, "For more than a year I have been totally blind. I am not praying for restoration of sight, which can never come, because of the withering of the optic nerve, but I am always praying with Paul for grace and strength, which I am thankful to say has been given me, and for that sight which Elisha wanted his servant to have, that he might see the hosts of the Lord arrayed on his side for his defense and salvation."

Here is a strong, active business man, so blind that he has to be led about the streets, but whose spiritual eyes have been so opened that he sees far more in this world than he ever saw before.

And what has caused the change? Trouble. Nothing else, probably could have arrested his attention and forced him to fix it on spiritual things so long and earnestly that now he actually pities the man who has good eyes, but who does not know the Lord. Truly his "light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working out for him a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." (Continued on page seven)

THE GREATEST BLOOD DONOR

Martin Leu has generously donated his 200th pint of blood to the Norfolk, Nebraska, Lutheran blood bank. He has given the twenty-five gallons in the last four and one-half years.

Doctors say that every ten minutes through the day and night, someone in the United States is being given a blood transfusion.

Martin Leu has, no doubt, saved many lives, without losing his own.

The greatest blood donor of all time was the Lord Jesus Christ. He said His blood was "shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28).

He did not give a pint of blood at a time; He gave His all—His life!

Persons have died who could not secure, or who refused to receive, blood transfusions. And all who fail to place faith in His precious blood lose the Saviour's free gift of eternal life.

"The sinner who believes is free, Can say, 'The Saviour died for me';

Can point to the atoning blood, And say, 'This made my peace with God.'"

The First Baptist Pulpit

"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

(Read Ezekiel Thirty-seven)

This is not an unfamiliar chapter. In fact, beloved, it is one that I personally have preached from many times, and many other brethren have likewise preached from this passage of Scripture. I might say that while it is not an entirely unfamiliar Scripture, it is a Scripture that has been badly abused by the expositors in the past. To me, it is quite obvious, both as to its primary meaning, and as to the application that I wish to make for your benefit today.

ISRAEL IS TO BE RESTORED.

In the eleventh verse, we read: "Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole

house of Israel."

In this verse, God has given to us a divine interpretation as to His Word. It is a very interesting story. God led the prophet Ezekiel out into a cemetery. It was not the kind of cemetery that you and I might be accustomed to seeing. It was not the kind where the grass was growing green and where the graves were all covered and the mounds were fully made. It wasn't the type cemetery where they had the mausoleums for the storing of our loved ones. It wasn't the type cemetery where the tombstones were pointing up into the skies, but rather, beloved, it was a graveyard where there wasn't a single tombstone, nor a sprig of grass, nor a single mound, nor a grave that was covered. As Ezekiel stood there and

looked out across that valley, he saw it filled with dead, dry bones. The vultures of the air had picked those bones of all the flesh thereof, and the bones had laid out in the weather until they were dry and bleached.

The bones were not in order. They had not been placed in the tomb or the grave, but rather, beloved, bones and bones and bones of all the different people were piled up within that cemetery. As Ezekiel stood in the presence of God to get the message from the Lord, God asked him if these bones might live. Ezekiel answered immediately, saying:

"O Lord God, thou knowest."

—Ezek. 37:3.

Oh, what a man of faith was this man Ezekiel! He knew that if (Continued on page two)

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those dead, dried, bleached bones ever moved together so that each bone fit into its place and flesh grew upon them, and they walked again and breathed and had life—he knew that it must be only and solely through the power of Almighty God. As Ezekiel prophesied and spoke, those bones immediately came together, each bone in its place. Then it was that Ezekiel saw those bones standing up as a great army, with no flesh upon them and no life within them, and as he looked out across that valley, he saw not a valley filled with dead, dry bones, but he saw a valley filled with fleshless, spiritless, lifeless skeletons. Then as Ezekiel prophesied and spoke again, the Word of God tells us how that flesh came upon those bones, and how every one of those erstwhile skeletons had living flesh upon them. As he stood and looked further, he saw the Spirit of God come into those skeletons, now clothed with flesh, and saw life take hold of them, so that the entirety of that valley of dead, dry bones was made alive and they stood there as a mighty living army before the prophet Ezekiel.

We do not have to get out of the chapter to find the meaning of this passage of Scripture, for we read in this eleventh verse that God says that those bones represent the whole house of Israel, or, in other words, this chapter is to tell us of the resurrection of the Jewish people as a nation. I have said time and again since I have been pastor of this church that God is going to bless this world through the Jew, just like God blessed the world through the Jew in the years gone by. I would like for you to notice what God says concerning the restoration of the Jews.

"For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity: but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits: that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."—Rom. 11:21-26.

This warns us, as Gentile believers, that you and I should remain true to Him, and reminds us that we have just been grafted into the Lord. It tells us that the Jew has been taken out and we have been grafted in—that we should be careful lest we be set to one side and the Jew be grafted in again from whence he has

been removed. Then it tells us that out of Sion shall come a Deliverer, and all of Israel shall be saved.

Now, beloved, in view of the fact that this is a railroad town and you are familiar with railroad terminology, let me remind you that the children of Israel are just like a railroad car that has been put off on to a side track and left there, while the Gentile people today are on the main line. In the days gone by, the Jew was God's chosen people and God blessed the world through the Jew. Originally, the Jew was on the main line, but God, in the days of Jesus Christ, pushed the Jews off to a side track, and from that time on Gentile people have been on the main line. Some of these days God is going to pick up those Jews that He put on the



"Jesus, Saviour, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea."

sidetrack and He is going to bless the world again through the Jew, just the same as God blessed the world in the days of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob through the Jew.

Notice another passage of Scripture which tells us the same truth:

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a NATION BE BORN AT ONCE?"

—Isa. 66:8.

Bear in mind that the nation politically has already been reborn—that a few years ago the flag of Israel began to fly over Jerusalem for the first time in 2,000 years. Though the nation has been reborn politically, it has not yet been reborn spiritually. However, I will remind you that there is a day coming when every Jew in the world that is alive at that time, shall be saved in a single day's time. Listen:

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my

name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."—Zech. 13:7-9.

Politically, God has restored the Jewish people as a nation and the flag of Israel is flying. Some of these days there will not be a Jew in all of this world but what will be born into the kingdom of God. This, I think, takes place at the time of the battle of Armageddon. When it looks like every Jew in the world is going to be annihilated and slaughtered and that everyone is going to be killed in a single day's time, then it is that the Lord Jesus Christ will come and fight for His people. Then it is that the Son of God will come down and take the part of His people and save those who are left alive—everyone of them born into the kingdom of God in one day's time, so that we have a nation born in a day.

I come back to this passage in Ezekiel and I say to you that this story of the valley of the dead, dry bones—how that these bones became alive and flesh grew upon them and life was in them—tells us of the time to come when the whole house of Israel will be gloriously and completely restored.

II

BY WAY OF ITS TYPOLOGY, THIS PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE SERVES AS A MARVELOUS ILLUSTRATION AND A GLORIOUS PICTURE OF SALVATION BY GRACE.

First of all, it talks about this valley of dead, dry bones. Notice that it does not say that there was one bit of life there. These bones had been cleaned of the flesh by the vultures and had been laid out in the sun, so that there was no life within that valley. Surely they serve as a marvelous illustration of every man that is outside of Jesus Christ.

I stand here this morning and look out upon you WHO ARE DEAD SPIRITUALLY, and I say that you are just as dead as this valley of dry bones was dead physically. There is no individual who is yet unsaved, who is more spiritually dead than this valley of dry bones was physically dead. Tomorrow, I will be conducting a funeral service for a man who was one of my best friends. Last night, as I stood and looked upon his features and upon his body as it lay in the casket, I thought to myself, how dead he is today. His physical life is gone. There is not one bit of life left within his body. The last time that I had seen him a few hours before, there was at least a little semblance of life, though he did not recognize me and though he wasn't conscious enough to know that I was even in the room with him; but last night when I stood and looked upon his cold, dark face, I realized that he was absolutely dead and lifeless. My brother, my sister, those of you who know not the Lord Jesus as your Saviour are just as spiritually dead as that man is physically. You may be clothed and walking about and able to come here to the house of God physically alive, but spiritually you are just as dead as that man that is in his casket today awaiting his final burial on the morrow.

If you will turn through the Bible, you will find that it says that every man outside of Jesus Christ is spiritually dead.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall DIE."—Ezek. 18:4.

"The wages of sin is DEATH."—Rom. 6:23.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, for that all have sinned."—Rom. 5:12.

"That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. 5:21.

When Jesus was here in the days of His flesh, there were dead ones whom He brought back to life. The first one was Jairus' daughter, twelve years of age, who had been dead just a little while when He came into the

home. The Word of God tells us that miraculously He brought this one back to life.

Then we read that there was a son of a widow woman, who lived in the city of Nain, who died. Just as they were carrying him to his burial, Jesus came along and spoke to him and brought him back to life.

Then we read of a man named Lazarus, who, unlike the other two, had been carried to his burial and was already in the grave. The Word of God says that he had been dead for four days. When Jesus started to speak a word whereby he might be brought back to life, one of the sisters reminded Jesus that the body had already started to decompose and that He shouldn't disturb the body that was already in a state of decomposition.

Now notice, beloved, one of those three had been dead a little while and was still within her home. The second one had been dead long enough that the family was taking the body out to the cemetery for burial. The third one had been dead long enough that he had already been buried. All three of those individuals were dead, but there were differences as to their state of death. The Son of God came by and made all three of them alive. As the Lord Jesus Christ made these three individuals alive who were dead, so it takes the power of God to make dead sinners alive who are dead today.

I would remind you of that church of Ephesus as to what their spiritual condition had been previously. Listen:

"And you hath he quickened, who WERE DEAD in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

When Paul wrote the church at Ephesus, they were saved people and had been made alive, but prior to that time they were not alive. They had been dead, and God had made them alive.

I am saying to you this morning, sinner, friend, you are spiritually a corpse in the sight of God today. That is the reason why it is that so many people have no concern for the house of God. That is the reason why it is that thousands of people all over America never go to church services at all today. That is the reason why it is that you can pray around a man, you can preach over him, and you can allow hell fire and brimstone to fall upon him, and it makes no difference to him. He is not concerned in the least because he is spiritually dead. A dead man, my brother, isn't conscious as to what takes place about him.

Oh, listen to me, sinner friend, perhaps the reason that you are

in the house of God today is because the Son of God has begun to make you alive. I dare say that the majority of unsaved people would never even think of coming to God's house were it not for the Spirit of God calling them and forcing them to come.

I come back to this Scripture concerning the valley of dead, dry bones and I say that this group of corpses **HAD TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD BEFORE THEY WERE MADE ALIVE.** God told Ezekiel to prophesy unto this valley, and as he stood there he prophesied to them. When they heard the Word of God, they were made alive.

This leads me to say that there is not anything else that can take the place of the Word of God in the realm of salvation. You can tell all of the sob stories that you want to and you can make people cry until they shed barrels and barrels of tears, but you will never save one single person. I insist that all of the superficial means that are used by evangelists to get joiners for their church are spurious and heretical and unreal. There is only one thing that will ever make a man alive and that is the Word of God. As those bones were actually and positively lifeless until the Word of God was preached unto them, so, beloved, no sinner will ever have life until the Word of God has been preached unto the individual. No man will ever get out of that condition of spiritual death until the Word of God has been given unto him faithfully and fearlessly from God's Book.

"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God."—Rom. 10:17.

A man told me a few days ago that he went to a mourner's bench and prayed and he left there feeling so good that he knew he was saved. I asked him how much of the Word of God had he heard. I asked him if any body got down beside him as he was praying and read to him the Word of God. He knew nothing at all about having heard God's Word at all. All that he knew was that he had prayed. Will you believe that that man's conversion, or what he called a conversion, did not even last ten days? In less than ten days, he was worse than he had been before. Why? All that he had done was to reform. All that he had done was to turn over a new leaf. All that he had done was just to make a change in himself, and it did not last. My brother, no man will ever be saved until he hears God's Word.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you." (Continued on page seven)

DID YOU KNOW?

That God is going to put hooks in the jaws of the Russian Bear and lead that animal into the land of Israel.

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The little girl in the faded dress trudged determinedly down the road. In one hand she carried a pail of blackberries, with the other she twisted and untwisted a string on her pink sunbonnet. She wore no shoes or stockings, but under the pink sunbonnet a pair of steady blue eyes looked out upon the world, undaunted by many hardships. Myrtilla Lucy was not a stranger to them.

All at once she stopped. She set down her pail of berries and looked in the direction of a large grey stone building, not so very far from the place she stood. Her blue eyes gleamed, her lips parted in a smile revealing even rows of teeth as white as seed pearls. She drew a long breath.

"It looks good, that school does," she whispered. "Oh, if I could only go there and learn things; I'm prayin' that I can."

She stood there a moment longer gazing at the big stone building gilded by the splendor of a summer's sun; then she picked up her pail of berries. She walked on until she came into a closer view of the village nestling in the valley. Once she stopped to examine her foot that she cut suddenly on a stone; but she soon resumed her walking, trudging bravely on in spite of pain and weariness. She came at last into the town, with its beautiful residences, its wide streets, its well-kept lawns. At the largest and most imposing of these residences she stopped. She walked up the stone steps leading to the lawn, then to the broad graveled walk up to the large porch. She knocked at the massive door with-

out touching the electric bell so near it.

A moment later a white-capped maid answered it. When she saw the barefooted little girl in the faded dress she frowned.

"If you have anything to sell you should go around to the back door," she said sharply, "no one but callers comes here."

"I ain't got anything to sell, and I'm a caller too," she answered, with childish dignity. "I've come to see Mr. Peterman."

The maid started.

"Law, child, you ain't got no kind of a chance to see Mr. Peterman. He's the busiest man in town. He hasn't time to spend on little girls like you."

The child's eyes suddenly filled with tears. "But I've walked eight miles," she said, resolutely winking back the tears. "I've brought him these blackberries, too, and I must see him. I can't"—her little lips set themselves in firm and sudden lines—"I can't go home until I do see him."

The maid looked at her again, at the weary little figure; the bare dusty, small feet; the determined gleam of her blue eyes.

"Well, wait a minute," she said not unkindly, "and I'll see what Mr. Peterman says." A moment later she came out.

"You can come in," she announced briefly. The little girl followed the maid through a wide and spacious hall into another room, where a man sat busy with some papers at a table. He had grey hair; sharp, shrewd eyes. There was a stern, sad look in his face, as if he seldom smiled. He lifted his head when the two came in. The maid spoke.

"This is the little girl, Mr. Peterman," she said.

Silas Peterman pushed away his papers.

"Well," he said, as the maid turned away, "what is it you want with me?" The little girl came nearer.

"May I sit down, sir?" she asked in a sweet, clear voice. "You see, I've walked a long way, and once I cut my foot on a stone in the road?"

"What did you take such a long walk for?" demanded Silas Peterman, still gruffly. "There, sit down."

The little girl took the chair he indicated, still keeping the pail of berries by her side.

"I wanted to see you," she said simply.

"To see me; what for?"

The little girl looked back at him gravely.

"I wanted to ask you," she began slowly, "if you wouldn't send me to that school for girls on the hill yonder. Folk tell me you've heaps of money, and I thought maybe when I explain things to you, you wouldn't mind having me for an investment."

"An investment?" cried Silas

Peterman.

The little girl nodded.

"Yes, an investment; you see, sir, I've always wanted to learn; but at home I haven't any chance. Mother has five others besides me, and dad, he can't do much 'count of his poor health. I thought if I could get you to send me to school, why, when I did get educated, maybe I could do something for you. I ain't got no kind of a chance the way things are, so I picked these berries and brought 'em to you for a little present, and I made up my mind I'd come out open and honest and ask you to send me to that school. Nobody knows I come, not even mother."

Silas Peterman stared at the small shabby figure, too astonished to speak.

"What made you come to me?" he demanded after a short silence.

The little girl sighed.

"There wasn't anyone else to come to," she replied. "I don't know of anyone that's got any money except you. I heard dad tell mother how rich you were, and that you never yet put any money into anything that wasn't a good investment. And then I thought I'd come and tell you that I'd be a good investment myself. I'm little now, but I'll grow, and maybe when I'm grown you'll be glad you helped me. You never can tell what will happen in this world. Oh, please sir, send me to school and let me learn. I'll pay it back, truly I will. When you get old I'll come and take care of you if you need anyone, but please—please send me to school. The world is just full of things I don't know about. To go without an education is most as bad as being blind. When you don't know anything you can't see with your mind. It's all dark. You understand what I mean, don't you?"

Silas Peterman continued to study the small, earnest face.

"That's a new thought, he answered, "about the mind being blind if one isn't educated. And so," he added reflectively, "you came to me to help you and you brought me some blackberries?"

"Yes sir, the finest I could pick. It was all I could do for you, but I think you'll like 'em. They make good pies." She lifted the pail of shining blackberries and placed it on the library table. There was a silence.

"Well," said Silas Peterman at last, "I am inclined to accept you as an investment, much as I know I shall regret it. I've been disappointed a great many times in those I've tried to help, but I'm going to give you a chance. It rests with you whether you make good or not."

The little girl in the faded dress sprang up.

"You won't be sorry," she cried. "I'll learn everything I can, and some day I'll do things for you—"

"Come along, Myrtilla Lucy, come along," called a man in a blue shirt and overalls one September morning. "Say goodbye to ma and the children. It's time to go." Out from the cabin door a little girl ran swiftly. She wore a clean gingham dress, and this time she had on shoes and stockings, but she wore the pink sunbonnet. A slender, stoop-shouldered woman in a limp calico gown came out with her, followed by five children.

"Good-bye, ma," cried the little girl flinging her arms about her mother's neck. "You won't miss me too much, will you? I'll be home Christmas and I'll write every week. Good-bye, Nellie and Luella and Buddy and Ned and Nancy. All of you help mother."

"Good-bye, Myrtilla Lucy," they all cried in chorus. "Write us what they have to eat and if the teacher's cross or not."

"I will," said Myrtilla Lucy. "I will."

As they jogged along in the little rough wagon her father turned to her.

"It beats all that Silas Peterman is going to educate you," he said.

"Folk do say that he is powerful close, and yet sending you to school don't look much like it. Well, I'm glad you are to have your chance, Myrtilla Lucy."

"Well," said Silas Peterman to the president of the college one day, "how is that little girl I sent you last fall doing? Is there anything to her?"

The president of the college smiled. He was a portly gentleman with kind eyes. "There is a great deal to her," he replied. "She's the biggest girl we have. She's at the head of all her classes. She leaves nothing unlearned that comes her way." He hesitated. "May I ask how it came that you decided to educate her?" he said. Silas Peterman smiled a little.

"Well," he replied, "I'll tell you. I did it for an investment."

It was twelve years later. The physician looked grave as he studied his patient.

"Mr. Peterman," he said finally, "you need a change, a trip, a long rest; but someone will have to go with you. Don't you know anyone? Some capable young woman upon whom you could depend? Someone who would cheer and brighten you and see to your meals and your medicine? Think now, among all the young people you know surely there is someone."

Mr. Silas Peterman shook his head. He looked shrunken and old and sad as he sat there.

"Who wants to cheer up an old crabbed invalid?" he replied.

"What young person would be willing to devote her time to a sick man? I haven't anyone related to me to look after me and I wouldn't ask it of her if I had. We'll say no more about it."

Just at that moment the door opened and a young lady in a grey suit entered. She was slender, erect and blue-eyed—a very vision of health and hope and happiness.

"I've just heard of your illness, Mr. Peterman," she began, as she went forward to greet him. "I came on the first train."

Mr. Silas Peterman looked up. A smile broke all over the thin, worn face.

"If it isn't Myrtilla Lucy!" he said. "But what," he added, "have you done with your school?"

"They can get a substitute," she replied gaily; "but you can't—you know you can't. Nobody can take care of you as I can. I'm going to stay while you need me. The school can take care of itself."

The physician's face immediately lost its anxious look.

"Just the thing," he cried approvingly. "And may I ask sir," he added, turning to Silas Peterman, "who this young lady is?"

But it was Myrtilla Lucy who answered. She glanced down the vista of years and saw herself a small, ragged, little bare-footed girl, with her pail of blackberries by her side. She saw the man who had opened the magic doors of education to her and given her an entrance into an enchanted land. Myrtilla Lucy had come into her own, but she owed it all to the sick, lonely old man in the invalid's chair opposite. She did not forget it. She bent forward suddenly and took Silas Peterman's hand. She pressed it lovingly between her two young firm ones. She laid a strong arm about the tired shoulders. Her turn had come. She looked at the physician.

"Did you not know," she said gayly, "that over twelve years ago Mr. Peterman made an investment? He took a little ragged girl out of a log cabin and sent her to college. I am that investment."

But it was Silas Peterman who spoke this time. He too, looked down the long years and saw Myrtilla Lucy as she had looked that August day with her bare feet and faded dress, her eager blue eyes. She had told him that some day he might need her. A great wave of thankfulness rolled

over his heart. He wasn't alone any longer. After all, he had someone to lean on, someone who would stand in the place of his own daughter had she lived. The little bare footed girl in the faded dress had made good. He turned to his physician.

"Yes," he said, and his voice trembled, "she is an investment, and the best one I ever made, praise the Lord."—A True Story.

Another Alabama Pastor Plans To Be At Our Conference



ELD. BOB THROWER

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. It was so kind and gracious of Christ to pay our sin debt. We can really sing, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe."

Bro. Gilpin, I count it a real joy to be able to read The Baptist Examiner each week. I know that I can count on this paper for the whole truth. So many social (easy going) Christians skip over most of the Bible, but thanks be unto God, The Baptist Examiner does not skip over any of the Word of Truth. At the present we have a good many families in our church taking this good uncompromising Christian paper. We hope to have all of them taking it in the near future. I commend this paper to all saints everywhere. To all truth loving pastors I say, "Get The Baptist Examiner in every family of the Church."

The Thanksgiving conference is in the near future. I know this will be a time of rejoicing in the Lord. My soul needs to be fed. At Russell I know I will hear all of the Bible preached. At Russell I know I can count on men who will stand in the gap and not compromise the truth.

This will be my first trip to the First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky. I can hardly wait for all the spiritual discussions with you and other good preachers. This being my first trip does not make me a stranger by any means. The saints of God and the Word of God are never strangers among those who know Jesus as Saviour. I am, Lord willing, coming to Russell with an eased and free mind to fellowship with God's people, and to hear His Word preached.

In closing may I say to all preachers and laymen, "If you have never been to Russell, Ky., come and join us in the fellowship. We will have a wonderful time in the Word and Spirit." Until the Thanksgiving conference let us pray, invite some one and above all come if at all possible, I remain,

In His Service for Sound Doctrine,

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Faith Missions

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their fields before their doctrinal views were fixed and since entering their fields they have had no time to fix many important points. Some of our settled and abler men should supplement the work which has been begun on these fields. It may not be wise for the board to violate a fixed policy to send older men. If such men are called of God this plan could take care of them.

5. To enlist idle money which belongs to God. Two-thirds of our Southern Baptists give nothing to missions. Many of them would support a man whose doctrines they know and approve.

6. To emphasize the value of evangelism in mission lands. We need schools and teachers and doctors, but the fundamental work is the preaching of the gospel. A group of men called of God to preach would do for our Baptist work what the missionaries have done for the China Inland Mission.

THE BEST

God has His best things for the few
That dare to stand the test;
God has His second choice for those
Who will not have His best.

I want, in this short life of mine,
As much as can be pressed
Of service true for God and man;
Help me to be my best.

I want to stand, when Christ appears,
In spotless raiment dressed;
Numbered among His chosen ones,
His holiest and best.

I want among the victor throng
To have my name confessed;
And hear my Master say at last,
"Well done; you did your best."

Give me, O Lord Thy highest choice
Let others take the rest;
Their good things have no charm for me,
I want thy very best.

THE LIFE OF FAITH WITH ITS BLESSED RESULTS

"By faith Moses." We are so apt when we think of Moses to picture a great giant leading two or three million people, and we focus our gaze on the man. But the Holy Spirit wants you to see some one else. It is his mother. "By faith, when he was born, his mother hid him for 3 months." She did it by faith. His mother's faith took hold of the throne for that boy, and I think she said something like this: "O God, they are killing all the babies in the land, but, my God, I claim Thy protection for my boy." And the Holy Spirit puts it on record that, in response to her faith, God protected and kept him. But there came another test to that mother. There came a time when she had to let him go. It typifies a similar time in your life and mine. How comfortable we feel when our children are there for your prayers, and at a certain time at night they are all in. By and by they start off to face life for themselves. Ah, when the time came for little Moses to leave home, his mother put him in a little ark, just as much a type of Christ as Noah's ark. How did she do it? "By faith."

What happened? Forty years went by. He grew up among aliens. He lived in a palace. It may be that his mother died in

the meantime. He has forgotten God, home and mother. One day there comes a strange feeling in his heart. He gets a loathing for Egypt. He must go home and back to his mother and his mother's God. He made the great choice and refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; refused to live any longer in Egypt, and took the pilgrim path. And the Holy Spirit wants you to know that back of that was the Holy Spirit and his mother's faith. Have you got a boy, Mother? Keep on praying. Keep on trusting.

A profigate, a little while ago, sent for me on his dying bed in the very house where his godly father and mother used to have prayer with me in my early ministry. His hair was as white as snow because of sin rather than of age. I was surprised that he sent for me. As I went into the room he asked the women he had been living with to go out. Without a word he felt under the pillow and out came a Bible. I knew what it was—his father's Bible. Sobbing like a child he said, "My father's book. He prayed for me a hundred times in this very room. Can God have mercy on a sinner like me?" I said: "Yes. God will answer your father's and mother's prayers." He confessed his sin, and I left him happy. Two days

later I went to bury him. God had taken him home. The only life that is practical is the faith life, blessed be God. Had I time, I would go back to Abraham because Abraham characterizes another phase of the faith life. You remember the one word we have three times about Abraham, obedience. . . . "Abraham obeyed God." "Abraham obeyed God." "Abraham obeyed God." That is all the man of faith has to do—just obey God. That is a work of faith—and the only work of faith is to obey God. He is not a hard taskmaster. Abraham says, "If you will obey God unto this day, in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen." What shall we see? No matter what the difficulty is nor how difficult it may be; no matter if you cannot understand what He is asking you to do, if you will obey God when you come to that place, you will find God has been there before you, and has made provision for you. It will be Jehovah Jireh, the Lord provides. Another thing you will see how sacred at that place the surrendered life is to God.

Have you ever heard anybody talk about Isaac's faith? Why have we not heard? We don't know anything about it; we don't want to know. And yet it is there! What do you mean? Isaac was a man who never stood for his rights. He would not fight. He was always giving in. Do you ever find Isaac asserting himself? When he was to be married, they sent another man to do his courting for him. He got a better wife than some who make their own selection. The Holy Spirit selected his wife for him, and every Christian young man and woman should let the Holy Spirit do the same thing.

Isaac as a prosperous ranchman with a lot of cattle, dug some wells. Down came his enemies, and they said, "Isaac, these are our wells." Now they were not; but Isaac said, "Take them and I'll dig more wells." He went back a long way and dug some more. When he got those dug, back came his enemies and said, "These are our wells." "Take them," said Isaac; "I'll dig more." You cannot fight with a fellow like that. You remember the fellows who had a quarrel over a farm fence. They litigated until one farm was litigated away. The remaining farmer approached the new proprietor of the adjoining farm and asked, "Are you the new proprietor?" "Yes." The new owner knew of the controversy and he said, "That fence is going to be moved. How many feet is the fence on your land?" The other told him it was three feet here and six feet there too far over. And he gave instructions for the fence to be moved six feet here and twelve feet there, twice as far as the other man claimed the land. "What do you mean?" "I mean we shall have no more quarreling." And the man who had fought so long over that fence would not consent to the removal of the fence. Don't you see? You cannot fight a fellow like that. What is the use of talking about that kind of faith? Not one of you is far enough advanced for that.

There came another test for Isaac, and I see him upon the altar. It is the will of God; he is to be offered as a sacrifice. No rebellion and no resistance. If this is the will of God, let the knife fall. The knife is about to descend. Just as it almost reaches his heart, the arm is arrested, and a voice says, "Abraham, lay not thy hand upon him." "It shall be seen in the mount." How sacred to God is the life wholly surrendered to Him! Oh, young person in this company today, don't be afraid to commit all your interests to God. God knows how to provide for and protect His own.

We also learn what an irresistible claim the surrendered life has upon the Almighty God. Twice God says, **because, because.** O Abraham, I swear unto you, **because.** Oh, I tell you some folk get more from God than others, and it is "because." That is what I want you to see. "Because thou hast done this thing." "Because thou hast not withheld." "Because thou hast given me everything, Abraham, I will give you everything." "I will bless you and make you a blessing, because thou hast not withheld aught from me." And when we throw ourselves ever upon his grace and surrender everything we are or have to Him, it is then we prove the riches of His grace and love. "Until this day in the mount of the Lord it shall be seen."—Alliance Weekly.

How An Unsaved Church Member Came To Jesus

"I was forty-five years a member of the church, before I knew that I had to be born again. I had read the Lord's words to Nicodemus many a time, but I never thought they applied to me. I considered myself a very religious woman. We had 'family worship' in our house morning and night. Things went on like this, until a neighbor came in one day and told me that she had been converted; that she knew all her sins were forgiven, and that God had given her eternal life. I shook my head, and said I feared she had been hearing 'error,' and that I would 'tell the minister.' I brought him to see her next afternoon, and he said she had been misled, that nobody could be sure in this life that they were saved, and asked her to remember the Paraphrase

which says—

'High is the rank we now possess,
And higher we shall rise;
Though what we shall hereafter
be
Is hid from mortal eyes.'

The woman smiled, and said she was as sure of salvation as God's Word could make her, and added—'Surely you must be terribly in the dark, if you think that is the meaning of the Paraphrase. It says nothing about salvation being "hid" by God; but the devil does blind folks' eyes, and hides it from them.' I was angry at the woman for speaking to the minister in that way, but I could not forget her words. I thought—'maybe she's right after all.' I could not rest, but went back, and asked her to tell me her 'opinions.' 'Read your Bible,' she said, 'you will get God's opinion there. Never mind what I say, or what your ministers say, but see what God says.' I went straight home, took my Bible and sat down, determined to find out if I could, what God had to say about it. I came upon this verse—"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that believing ye might have life through His name." (John 20:31). That was something new to me—"That believing ye might have life;" and then I read "These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God that ye may know that ye shall have eternal life" (I John 5:13). I saw the whole way of life in a moment. It was not religion; it was not Sabbath-keeping; it was 'believing on Christ' that gave life; and it was not 'hid from mortal eyes,' but written in I John 5:13, that all who do believe may 'know' that they 'have eternal life.' The Book tells me I am saved, and although I cannot see to read it now, my grandchild reads it daily to me, and I praise the Lord."—A Reader.

Jesus Christ, A Saviour Of All Classes

1. **THE ASTRONOMER** — Christ, the Bright and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16).
2. **THE BAKER** — Christ, the True Bread (John 6:32).
3. **THE BOTANIST** — Christ, the Plant of Renown (Ezek. 34:29).
4. **THE BUILDER** — Christ, the Foundation (Isa. 28:16). Christ, the Chief Corner Stone (I Pet. 2:6).
5. **THE CARPENTER** — Christ, a nail fastened in a sure place (Isa. 22:23).
6. **THE ELECTRICIAN** — Christ, the Light of the World (John 8:12).
7. **THE FARMER** — Christ, a Corn of Wheat (John 12:24).
8. **THE FLORIST** — Christ, the Rose and the Lily (S. of Sol. 2:1).
9. **THE GEOLOGIST** — Christ, the Rock of Ages (I Cor. 10:4).
10. **THE HEBALIST** — Christ, a Cluster of Camphire (S. of Sol. 1:14). Christ the Root of Jesse (Isa. 11:10).
11. **THE HORTICULTURIST** — Christ, the True Vine (John 15:1).
12. **THE LAWYER** — Christ, the Testator or Covenantor (Heb. 9:16,17).
13. **THE MERCHANT** — Christ, the Pearl of Great Price (Matt. 13:46).
14. **THE PHYSICIAN** — Christ, the Balm of Gilead (Jer. 8:22).
15. **THE SAILOR** — Christ, a Refuge from the Storm (Isa. 25:4).
16. **THE SHEPHERD** — Christ the Lamb without Blemish and without spot (I Peter 1:19).

"THIS MAN"

(HEB. 5-14)

MRS. LILA HUGHES

Born of a virgin
In Bethlehem small,
No room in the inn,
But a dark cattle's stall.

Heralded by angels,
Announced by a star,
Whose glimmering light
Led the wise from afar.

Feared by the king
Whose fright drove him wild,
Kind Joseph fled
For the life of the Child.

At twelve in the temple,
With the learned gathered 'round,
With Heavenly wisdom
He their's did confound.

He came to His own,
But His own knew Him not.
With publicans and sinners
He cast His poor lot.

The foxes had holes,
And the birds had their nest,
But the Son of Man
Had nowhere He could rest.

Despised and rejected,
Acquainted with grief;
In the world's judgment hall
He wore cursed-earth's thorn-wreath.

Like a lamb to the slaughter
He was led to the Cross
And suffered hell's agonies
To purge man from his dross.

All the sin of the world
On His lashed back was laid;
For redemption and pardon
The full price He paid.

"It is finished," He cried,
With a triumphant shout,
Then bowing His head,
His spirit went out.

Three days in the tomb,
His pierced body lay,
Then His spirit returned
Upon the third day.

The first day of the week,
In the dawn cold and gray,
Sad Mary Magdalene came
To see where He lay.

She heard His sweet voice
As He called her by name,
"Rabboni, (My Master)!"
He had conquered death's realm!

Death could not hold Him
In Joseph's sealed tomb,
For this Man is God
The eternal "I am!"

Perfected forever
His sanctified ones;
One offering for sin;
The blood of God's Lamb.

On Olivet's heights
The commission gave He,
"Go, preach, baptize and teach,
And with you I'll be."

Ascending victorious
Back into glory,
He left His own church
With redemptions true story.

At the right-hand of Majesty
To be seated is He,
'Till His enemies are made
His footstool to be.

In clouds of great glory
One day He will come,
To judge this old earth,
Then He'll make it His home.

Once He left Heaven's portals
To taste death's dread sting,
But soon He is coming
To be earth's King of Kings.

Forever with Jesus
We then shall be!
Immortal! redeemed!
From sin ever free!

With joy unspeakable,
In measure untold,
In Christ's own image
We then shall unfold.

At the Great White Throne
judgment
Will the lost hear their fate;
Doomed to eternal Hell!
Repentance? too late!

Like Esau who sought it
With tears burning hot;
Man's works cannot save him
When Hell is his lot.

If unhallowed feet
Trample Christ's precious blood,
Despite the Spirit of grace
Man insults Holy God.

Oh, sinner friend,
Will you hear Him today,
Repent of your sins
And from them turn away?

Only in Him
Are your sins forgiven.
Only in Him
Is there sure hope of Heaven.

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Catholic Editor Admits That Peter Was A Married Man

In the "Question Box" of the Catholic Register, of Toronto, Canada, appeared the following: "I hear it said that Peter was a married man. Is it so?"

"Yes, St. Peter was a married man, but was among those who left all to follow the Lord and preach the gospel. The law that priests shall not be married is not a divine law, but what we call ecclesiastical, and the church made it because an unmarried clergy is doubly efficient for many reasons. . . . And the constant experience of all Christian times shows that the experiment, if so it may be called, has been a signal success. . . ."

The Proper Attitude Of Saints Toward Worldly Pleasures

The question of the correct attitude of the young Christian toward amusements is of grave importance to the individual believer, and to the church in general.

Thousands of professing Christians are carried along by the ever growing tide of pleasure, and attend the theater oftener than the house of God; and are more thoroughly versed in the rules according to Hoyle, than in the gospel according to John.

To this situation is largely due the deplorable spirit of deadness, which everywhere pervades our churches.

The activities and interests of the true Christian life are counted too dull and uninteresting for Twentieth Century Christians, and the prayer meeting has well become a thing of the past.

What then, in the face of these conditions, should be the attitude of the true child of God?

Some ministers of our acquaintance have said, "We cannot fight the inevitable. The people will have amusement, and if the church is to hold the people, it must provide for their social needs."

And so certain churches set aside evenings to be devoted to dancing, cards, theatricals and the like.

A minister in the writer's home city recently issued an appeal to the church in general, asking that the theater be recognized as its "sister organization," and that the church "work with" it, that it may become "a great and uplifting moral force."

The idea seems to be, that to attract and hold the young people to the church, worldly amusements must be brought into play.

But God's Word does not countenance such a method of attraction to the church.

Take I Cor. 10:31, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Apply this to modern amusements, theatre-going, dancing and card-playing.

The theater is by no means an institution "to the glory of God." Granted that some plays may be morally good, yet none of them are to God's glory, and many are decidedly harmful. The theater and the Christian church have nothing in common.

And as to dancing. I speak as one who knows all the arguments in its favor, and I say that the dance is by no means of God. . . . It has been the cause of numerous moral wrecks, and is at the bottom of hundreds of divorce cases. The Christian who earnestly desires to follow his Lord, and is walking by the power of the Holy

We are glad to learn the Editor of the Catholic Register acknowledges that Peter was a married man, and the law that priests shall not marry is not divine.

That this so-called law has rendered the clergy of the church of Rome more efficient we are not prepared to grant, and that the experiment, for we deem it an experiment, has been a success, we also deny. We could urge all priests to read carefully the words of Paul concerning the office of a bishop: "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife . . . one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all devils." "Now the Spirit speaketh how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?" (I Tim. 3:1-7).

We would call the attention of all Roman Catholics to the fact that the law that priests should not marry is not only not a divine law, but is a diabolical one. Paul speaks of it as "A doctrine of devils." "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; speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."—I Tim. 4:1-3. — Gospel Message.

Spirit, can have no part in the dance.

The same applies to card playing. There are hundreds of criminals in our penitentiaries, whose career of crime can be traced to the pack of cards. Card playing does not come under the category, "to the glory of God."

Read the eighth chapter of this same epistle. I Cor. 8:11 asks, "And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?"

The occasion is well known. It was a custom in Corinth to sell in the public market meat which had been offered to idols. The Corinthian saints, enlightened to the fact that "an idol is nothing," and that therefore the meat offered to an idol is made neither better nor worse by being so offered, were wont to buy this meat.

But there were, apparently, some who did not possess this spiritual discernment, and who regarded an idol as something to be feared and worshipped; and who could not, therefore, partake of this meat without giving offense to their conscience.

Seeing the broad-minded saints partaking of this food, these were emboldened to follow their example, thereby sinning against their own consciences.

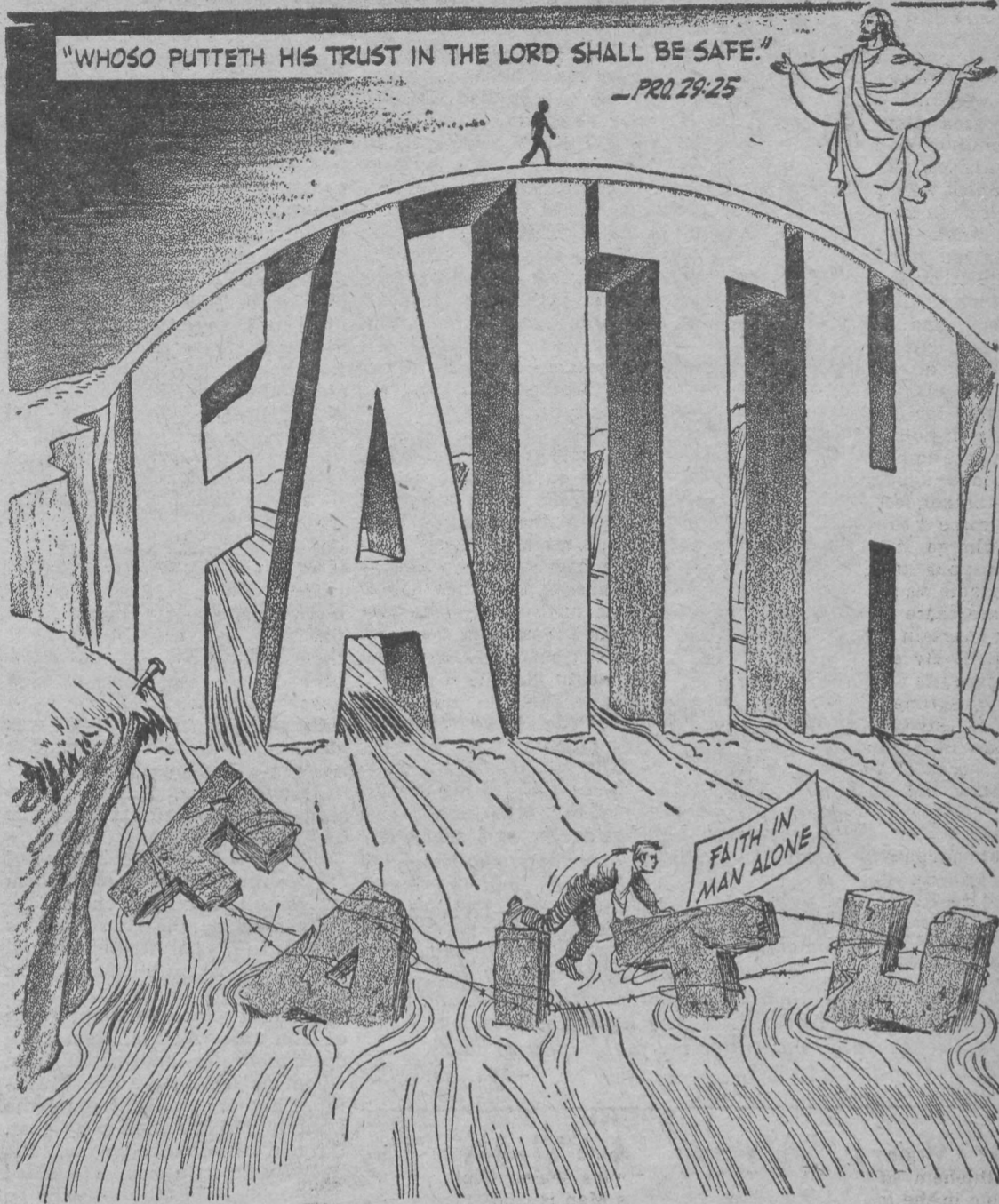
Paul, having this difficulty brought to his notice, tells the Corinthians that they are correct in their contention that meat offered to an idol is in no wise different from meat not so offered. He commends their knowledge and says, "To us there is but one God."

"Howbeit," he continues, "there is not in every man that knowledge."

"Take heed," he warns them, "lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak."

The argument here is for the Christian who enjoys the "good" plays, or who "can see no harm" in some dances.

HOW SPAN YE THE TIDE ?



FALSE PROPHETS

Bible Says—I John 4:1-3

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby knew ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that

This man says, "But surely I, with my discernment and moral character, am not to be deprived of the enjoyment of a clean, first class drama because of the lack of moral force and spiritual discernment of some man of mean intelligence."

The Corinthians may well have said, "But surely the broad-minded man, with the deep spiritual insight, is not to be held in bondage because of this weak one, who is a mere superstitious ignoramus."

Paul, speaking by the Holy Spirit, gives the answer to this question. It is Paul's one answer to every problem, the only solution to the problems of the child of God.—The Cross of Christ He asks, "Shall the weak brother perish for whom Christ died?"

Thus he places the cross between the Christian and the world and hence, between the Christian and the world's amusements.

We see that the Christian cannot ignore the fact of his influence on the unsaved.

If we partake of these amusements, we are opening the gates through which some soul, following our example and lacking our discernment, may be swept into hell. My example, in patronizing these worldly amusements, may cause another man's eternal ruin.

If we are truly "born from above" we cannot ignore the claims of the man "for whom Christ died."

(This article is the more interesting and useful because written by a youth of twenty-one).

—Moody Monthly

confesseth that Jesus Christ is both the Father and the Son." II Peter 2:1

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God, and that is that spirit of anti-Christ whereof we have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Listen—What

SPIRITUALISM states: Jesus Christ was not divine. He is now an advanced spirit in the sixth sphere. He never claimed to be God manifest in the flesh and does not at present.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE states: Jesus Christ is not God, as He is said to have declared. "Christ is a divine ideal."

THEOSOPHY states: Jesus gave to the world fragments of teaching of value as bases for world religion, as did men like Buddha, Confucius, Plato, Pythagoras, etc.

MODERN THEOLOGY states: A virgin birth and a literal resurrection are no essential part of Christian faith. A man so good His deluded followers took Him for a god.

RUSSELLISM states: The man Christ Jesus never rose from the dead. The man Jesus is dead, forever dead.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISM states: Christ returned in 1844, not to earth but to the sanctuary (somewhere in Heaven). He is engaged in examining the sins committed by His people.

MORMONISM states: Jesus was married at Cana to the Marys and Martha whereby "he could see His seed" before He was crucified.

Joseph Smith is a descendant of Christ.

Beware Of False Doctrine

II Cor. 11:23

"Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."

II John 9

"Whoso transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath

THE HEART

"Search me, O God, and observe my heart. Try me, and observe my cares: And see if there be any idol-way in me, And lead be in a way age-abiding."—Ps. 139:23,24.

There are few that pray the prayer, the Psalmist prayed! The Psalmist David was a lover of the truth. He never tried to hide his sin for the sake of his reputation; but he desired that his heart should be clean before the Lord; so he prayed that the Lord should search his heart, and observe it for Himself. Such a prayer is surely becoming to the believer.

Many Christians reserve a part of themselves for other purposes outside of the Lord, but the Psalmist had only one purpose, and that was to please the Lord. He knew the wickedness of the heart — how it was under the power of the wicked one. In Jer. 17:9 we read: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

Only the Lord can change the heart. Oh! what peace floods the soul, when the heart is fully given over to the Lord; and the blood of Jesus cleanseth all the past! And as we continually yield to Him, the stains which sin has left, are drawn out by love and grace.

The Lord takes delight in using even the most unlearned, whose hearts are surrendered to Him. (Continued on page eight)

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Y'ALL COME

Lord Willing, We Will Be There



"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."—Heb. 12:6,8.

"If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail."—Psa. 89:30-33.

Do You Want A Trip To Russia--All Expenses Free?

A House committee has voted to pay the travel expenses of any United States resident who desires to take up permanent residence in Russia.

The unique proposal was adopted by the House Foreign Affairs Committee with the necessary expenses to be taken out of foreign aid funds.

Under the proposal sponsored by Committee Chairman Robert Chipfield, Republican of Illinois, any persons accepting the offer would not be readmitted to this country once they went to Russia to live.

Chipfield expressed hope that the Soviets will counter with a similar offer to enable Russians to come to the United States.

Up to the time of going to press, no one had accepted the government's generous offer—and there is no sarcasm in this statement.

There must be hosts of people in the United States who have been made to believe that Russia is positively the best country on earth for common people.

Why the government is not being besieged by this sincere group, for free tickets, is somewhat difficult to understand. For it is not the least bit difficult to imagine the great rush if the Soviets countered with a similar offer to enable Russians to come to the United States.

Before criticizing the people who say they esteem Russia to be vastly superior to this country, yet do not hasten to accept a bona fide offer of an expense-free trip there, let us ask a more important question. Why are so many people who say they sincerely believe Heaven to be a place of absolute perfection in every way, hesitant to accept a free passport and passage thither?

They say they desire to go there, and even hope to some day, yet they have not applied to Him who said: "I am the

way . . . no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). The Lord Jesus paid the price of entrance to Heaven with His own precious blood on the cross; and He will take all who come to Him by faith, to that glorious place.

You may have your own thought as to why certain persons in the United States who say they believe Russia to be the Utopia of the world, do not accept a free trip there; but what is your thought regarding your own failure to accept the Saviour's offer of a free entrance to a glorious Paradise?

What Happened As A Sunday School Teacher Failed

The peril of compromise has been vividly revealed in an incident reported by Wilbur Chapman: "A tramp once entered an evangelistic meeting. At the close it was thrown open for anyone to speak; he arose and said: 'This is the chapel I used to attend when I was a little boy. My father was an officer in this church. He used to sit in that pew. There were seven of us boys in our Sunday School teacher's class, and we very much loved and respected her. She used to take us home Sunday afternoons, and we used to have music and refreshments, and then we had a look over the lesson for the following day. After a bit, in order to keep hold of us, she introduced cards. She showed us how to play them, and she showed us a number of tricks, and so on. We soon began to ask her to have a little less of the lesson and a little more of the cards, and to show us a few more tricks. Shortly after that we began ceasing to go to her house at all, and we took to cards and cigarettes at other places. Then we took to gambling and as a matter of course, we left the Sunday School and her

evening class together. I want to tell you what has become of those boys. Two of those seven boys have been hanged, three others are in state prison for life, the sixth one, if the police knew where he was, would be there, too; and I am the seventh, and if the police knew I was here, I should be behind the bars in double quick time. All I have got to say is that I do wish my Sunday School teacher had never taught us boys how to play cards! He had no sooner finished than a woman dressed in black, staggered forward and fell before his feet, and she cried: 'My God, I am that Sunday School teacher!' She left the meeting, never to return."—Selected

Here Are Some Valuable Hints For Worshipers

On the way to church—"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord." Recall thy mind from things seen and temporal; fix it on the unseen and eternal.

Speak not of the faults of others; think of thine own. Thou art going to ask forgiveness.

On entering the church—"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

Thou art come into the presence of Him unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Therefore, humbly kneel before the Lord thy Maker, and pray that, through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit, thou mayest be filled with repentance, thy thought be lifted up, and thy desires drawn forth unto God.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

When the service is ended—"My house is the house of prayer." Ye shall reverence my sanctuary.

Remain for a while in silent prayer for thyself, for those who minister and those who worship here, and for all good Christian people.

Be quite and thoughtful as thou art leaving the church that the impressions of the divine service may deepen; soon enough will the world crowd back into thy heart. It is God's house, even when prayer is ended.—Gravett.

Worldly Philosophy In Baptist Schools

It is astonishing now much time out Baptist schools waste teaching foolishness and falsehoods. Much of their science is falsehood and all their philosophy is foolishness. God said so, Paul speaking of the Greek philosophy to the Corinthians said: "For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

Note five things God says about all human philosophy:

1. He will destroy it. Why teach in our schools what God has to unteach and destroy before He can use them?
2. It is foolishness.
3. It leads no man to God.
4. Men know God and truth only by revelation. The Bible alone is God's revealed will and wisdom to men.
5. Preaching the Book is God's way to make men wise.

"DEAR BRO. GILPIN"

Yours is the best paper I have ever read. It is certainly true to all Bible doctrine. It has been a great blessing to me. May God bless you.

Phillip Graham
Basin, W. Va.

I surely do enjoy The Baptist Examiner very much, and do admire your boldness in standing for the truth. I want to thank you for the "Question and Answer" column. You see, I live in a locality that is permeated with Church of Christ doctrine and Roman Catholicism. So you see, you give me so many real answers for this erroneous doctrine. Wish we could have you for a meeting in this town.

Yours in Him,
Francis E. Moore
Hundred, W. Va.

Your paper is still "tops" in my estimation. It continues to be a great inspiration to me.

Your friend,
E. D. Strickland
Millport, Ala.

The Baptist Examiner has been a great blessing to me and I look forward to receiving every copy. Many times my soul has been thrilled by the way you expound some of the doctrines I cherish. Some day, the Lord willing, I am coming to Russell just to shake John Gilpin's hand. May God bless and lead you in all you undertake.

Yours in Christ,
Floyd H. Cotton
East Aurora, N. Y.

I have been reading your paper for several years, and have enjoyed it very much. I thank God that there are still preachers with the courage to stand up and preach the truth in this modernistic day and age. May God bless you in the wonderful effort you put forth in your paper in proclaiming the truth.

Yours in Christ,
Chester A. Pulst
Plant City, Fla.

I am thankful for you and The Baptist Examiner.

Your friend,
Maggie Sevy
Vincent, Ohio

I have enjoyed your paper very much. It has helped me a great deal in living and in doing what is right. In the fight of faith it has given me stronger faith, and it has revived me to fight the good fight of faith; to overcome evil with good. I am sure that everything will work out for you by trusting in Christ. Always be abounding in faith.

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Truly we behold and feel the mighty power of God working with you and through you.

We need your enlightening and encouraging messages especially for these troublesome days.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Garnet Klinker
Denison, Iowa

The Baptist Examiner has been a blessing to us through the years and we want the truth circulated.

Yours in His name,
Mr. and Mrs. Oral Stephens
Lansing, Michigan

I have been wonderfully blessed by reading TBE. I have enjoyed your exposition of the book of Ezekiel.

Yours respectfully,
E. H. Craft
Dille, W. Va.

Just Supposing As To Salvation

Suppose it were true that a person once saved could be lost again.

Suppose such a person, to gain Heaven, would then have to be saved all over again.

But suppose the person in question never did get saved the second time and, departing this life a lost man, went finally to the lake of fire—after having once been "saved."

In what sense, then, was he first saved? What was he saved from? Was he saved from the penalty of sin? No, for he did not escape the lake of fire. Was he saved from the power of sin? No, for he fell back into sin and died a lost man. And most assuredly he was not saved from the presence of sin. None this side of Heaven have yet been saved from that.

What was he saved from then? The answer is: Nothing at all.

He may have thought he was saved. He may have felt saved. He may have acted as though he were saved. His friends may have thought he was saved, but in the final analysis, he was saved from nothing.

Salvation, to be anything more than a mere term, must be everlasting. Any person who has been saved has been eternally saved. Anyone who dies in a lost condition never was saved at all. Does this mean we must wait until after this life is over to find out? No. We may be saved now and know it. This is evident from such passages as I Cor. 1:18, where the Apostle Paul refers to "us which are saved."

How can we be saved? See John 3:36:

"He that believeth on the Son"—that's what to do.

"Hath"—that's when you get it.

"Everlasting life"—that's how long it lasts.

Would You Be A Tither If You Had \$10,000?

Six persons on Copley Square, Boston, Mass., were asked this question: "If you had a chance to spend \$10,000 in one day what would you buy?"

One said he would buy a lot of books for his library. Another said she would use the money to help her husband through college; a third said he would buy a house and lot; the fourth said she would build a cottage by the sea; the fifth one would buy a Piper Cub airplane; while the sixth said she would spend it traveling.

One wonders how long it would have been before a person could be found who would say in substance: "First of all, I would give

the Lord His portion, then think of others and myself."

Even a man like Jacob, whom many criticize said to the Lord: "Of all that Thou shalt give to me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee" (Gen. 28:22). There are many who give a fifth, and others there are who give practically everything to the Lord.

Fritz Kreisler, the famous violinist is reported saying: "I have a right to use for myself only that which will make me more efficient and more fit for the purposes of the kingdom of God."

If you and I were suddenly entrusted with thousands of dollars, how would WE spend it?

"An Exposition Of Ezekiel"

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Brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation THROUGH sanctification of the Spirit and BELIEF OF THE TRUTH.—II Thes. 2:13.

Beloved, you have to believe the truth in order to be saved. You can believe a lie and go to Hell. If a man tells you that all you have to do is to join the church to be saved, you can believe it and go to Hell. If a man tells you that all you have to do is to join the church and be baptized and live a good life and you will go to Heaven after a while, you can believe it and you will be damned, because you will be believing a lie. If a man tells you that just before you die to confess any unconfessed sins and say, "Oh, Lord, forgive me for any unconfessed sins in my life," and you believe it, you will be damned when you leave this world. Beloved, you must believe the truth. It is the Word of God that brings salvation. It is the Word of God that tells you about Jesus Christ, who alone is able to save. No man will ever be able to receive Jesus unless he believes the truth that is recorded in the Word of God. Only as you hear and believe can there ever be life. You will be a dead sinner the rest of your days unless you hear the Word of God and by hearing it, you are brought to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I want you to notice another part of this by way of typology. Not only were these sinners dead as illustrating the part of every sinner and not only was it necessary that they hear the Word of God in order to be made alive, but, beloved, the WIND HAD TO BLOW UPON THEM BEFORE ANY LIFE CAME INTO THEM.

In verses 5-10, we read:
"Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind. Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army."

Notice, beloved, that life came in this group of skeletons when the wind blew upon them.

Follow with me in the New Testament and see that the wind is a type or emblem of the Holy Spirit.

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is everyone that is born of the Spirit."—John 3:8.

God said to Nicodemus: "You hear the blowing, but you can not tell where it is going, or where it is coming from: so is every one who is born of the Holy Spirit," as if to say that the wind is a type of the Holy Spirit of God.

Listen, beloved, I can not tell you how the Holy Spirit comes into your life. I can not tell you where He comes from nor where He goes. I can not tell you much about His operations, but I can say this, that as I have seen evidences that the wind has been blowing, so I can see evidence that the Holy Spirit has been working in you. These individuals were not alive until the wind blew upon them and new life came into them, and no man will ever be spiritually alive until the

new life comes within him.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."—I Cor. 2:14.

My brother, you have to receive the things of God from the Holy Spirit. There is not a man or woman in this house that will ever be saved, that will ever come to have spiritual life, unless the Holy Spirit comes within him. The most persuasive preacher in this world may stand before you and may argue with you at length. The best friends that you have may pray over and around you. You may pray for yourself. You may be baptized and you may join the church. You may do all the things that a religious man ought to do, but you will never be saved until the Holy Spirit comes within you and makes you alive. Oh, it grieves my soul to think that all around the country, men are preaching that all a man needs to do is just to turn over a new leaf and join the church and be baptized and do the best that he can, for salvation.

Sometime ago, a woman over in the state of Virginia, eighty years of age, said to me, "Bro. Gilpin, before our present pastor came here, all I heard in the years gone by was that all I needed to do was to be baptized and do the best that I could, and just before I died to ask the Lord to forgive me for any unconfessed sins." She said, "I joined the church when I was ten years of age, and until my present pastor came, I never heard anything about the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ." She said, "You are the second preacher that ever preached Jesus Christ as the hope of a sinner to me." That woman is not an isolated case. All over this world there have been people who have been deluded, who have been baptized and who thought that that was all that was necessary for their salvation. Hear me this morning, the Spirit of God has to quicken you and make you alive, or else you will never be saved.

Notice again by way of typology that this was nothing SHORT OF A MIRACLE. There was the boneyard. There were those graves. There were all of those skeletons lying there bleached in the sun. Ezekiel knew that he could do nothing about it. He knew that it would take a miracle of Almighty God to make those bones live. My brother, I say to you this morning, it takes nothing short of a miracle to save any sinner and make him alive to God today.

Let us go back to the Bible to the story of the camel passing through the needle's eye.

"And Jesus said, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, Who then can be saved?"—Mt. 19:24-26.

Listen, beloved, there has been an awful lot of effort made on the part of religious expositors to explain away that passage of Scripture. I heard one fellow say that there was a big gate that they opened up sometimes to let the camels and the people come through. Then there was a little gate that a person could bend over and walk through, and if a camel wanted to, he could get down on his knees and crawl through it also. That gate was called the needle's eye. The camel could get through, but it was awfully hard for him to do so. I have heard preachers say that this was the explanation of this passage of Scripture.

Beloved, that is not true. There is not a history in all of the world that will even indicate that there was such a gate as that in all of the city of Jerusalem. There is not a history in all of the world that would indicate that there is a little gate that a camel could crawl through, that is called the needle's eye. I tell you, beloved, it means exactly and literally what God says, that it is an impossibility to put a camel through the eye of a needle, but God could

do it. God could put a camel through the eye of a needle if he wanted to do it. It would be a miracle, but God could do it.

Brother, sister, I say to you this morning, that when God saves any man, it is a miracle. When God saves a man, a miracle is wrought in behalf of that individual. The day that the Lord Jesus Christ saved my soul, He worked a miracle for me. The day that He saved those of you who are redeemed this morning, He wrought a miracle for you. Sinner friend, if ever you are saved, it will be a miracle of grace that is wrought in your behalf.

Let's get another illustration of this truth to show you how that God works miracles. In the Gospel of John we read that Jesus came to a home that was having a wedding feast where they ran out of wine. When they told Jesus about it, He worked a miracle. He told them to fill up those empty water pots with water, and when they did so, He told them to draw out and give to the governor of the feast. When they did as He said, they found that the water was turned to wine—better wine than they had had. When you read that, you will say that anybody that can take water and put it into an empty, lifeless water pot and make wine out of it, performs a miracle. Beloved, our lives are just as cold and dead and empty and useless to the Lord as those empty water pots. That empty water pot represented me before I was saved. It represented you before you were saved. Sinner friend, you are just as cold and empty and lifeless and dead, and you are of no value to God, but as Jesus put that water into those water pots and worked a miracle and made water turn into wine, so the Lord can do the same thing for you. The Lord Jesus Christ can give to you the Word of God within your heart and the Holy Spirit can bear witness to that Word, and you can leave this place alive, a miracle having been wrought in your behalf.

Come back to this passage of Scripture and see that it is the

GRASPING HANDS OF AGGRESSION



"What causes wars and contentions among you? Is it not the passions which are ever at war in your natures? You covet things and cannot get them; you commit murder; you are envious and cannot gain

your end; you fight and make war. You have not, because you do not pray; you ask and yet do not receive, because you pray wrongly, your object being to waste on your pleasures what you acquire."

--Jas. 4:1-3 (Weymouth Trs.)

Blessed Troubles

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The Ministry Of Suffering

These incidents show what a large and blessed ministry trouble has in opening our eyes to the deeper things of life. We see also why it is that God who causeth all things to work together for good to those who love Him, mingles the bitter so plentifully with the sweet.

He knows that the natural heart is not inclined toward God, but away from him. We are so busy digging in the dirt for dollars that we do not look at the Son of Righteousness until He puts us on our back, where we can only look in one direction, and that is upward. Only through suffering does God seem able to break the bands of selfishness which bind us to this world, and reveal to us Jesus the sympathizing Saviour, thus binding us to Himself with eternal bonds of gratitude and love.

Someone has said, "He that is mastered by Christ is the master of every circumstance. Does the circumstance press hard against you? It is the Potter's hand. Do not push it away. It is shaping you into a vessel of beauty and usefulness for eternity. Your mastery will come, not by arresting its progress, but by enduring its discipline."

restoration of the Jewish people. The Word of God says that it is the restoration of the house of Israel, but in its typology it tells us that you and I are spiritually dead, and as those bones had to hear Ezekiel preach, so you have to hear the Word of God, and as the wind had to blow upon them to make them alive, so the Holy Spirit has to come into you. As a miracle was wrought thereby, so when God saves you, a miracle of grace has taken place in your behalf. Oh, might the Holy Spirit come into your heart, and may God work a miracle in your behalf today.

May God bless you!

And just as the stars are invisible by day, but shine out in all their beauty at night, so God fills the Bible with special promises to those in trouble—"For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion (literally, in a leafy bower, fragrant, sheltered and cozy). "In the secret of his tent shall he hide me" (Psa. 27:5). So too in Psalm 46:1 he says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help (that is an immediate, right away help) in trouble."

Psalm 107 tells the sad story of four different classes of people who wandered about by themselves until they were hopeless. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses." No wonder he exclaims again and again, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness."

In these sad times when trouble is more plentiful than ever, what a comfort to realize that God is able to use every bit of it as a finger board to point living and dying men to the Cross of Christ. Let us keep the promises of God in sight in our homes, and places of business, and let us fill our correspondence and conversation with the words of Jesus.

God's Challenge To Those In Trouble

"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Psalm 50:15). "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15).

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame (Continued on page eight)

I Should Like To Know

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words translated "ordain" and none of them ever mean "elect." The word "elect" never means "ordain."

9. Does either one mean a period or point of time, at which a man's destiny is fixed for eternity?

Election has nothing to do with a period or point of time. It is God's sovereign act from before the beginning of time. It was instantaneous. It was unto salvation, which salvation takes places in time "thru" the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth. All whom God elected are called unto salvation, Paul said, "by our gospel." The words translated "ordain" are used more frequently of men than of God. When used of men they always refer to some period or point of time and when used of God, they most generally do, tho' possibly not always.

10. In Acts 13:48—last clause—"believed" what?

What they heard namely, "the word of the Lord."

11. Is it the teaching of the Bible that when a Christian dies he gets his reward?

No. He does not get his reward until after the resurrection. Yet it is very true however that he passes to his reward, for he is rewarded only for the "deeds done in the body" and his work ceases when his spirit leaves his body. That is the reason that it is folly to hold on to your money until you die and then in your will ask your heirs to do with it what you would not do with it while you live, namely, give some of it to the cause of Christ. I doubt very seriously if men ever get any reward for what they leave to God's cause in their wills. They do not give it and God rewards us only for what we give. They hold on to it as long as they can and then, when they have to give it up anyhow, they ask their heirs to give some of it to the Master's cause. The Master no where promised any reward for post-mortem bequests. That is not really the dead man giving. It is exactly the opposite. He doesn't give it but holds on to it as long as he can and then tells his heirs to give it.

12. Can a letter be granted to parties, saying they are in good standing and in full fellowship in the church, if they are at outs with some of their neighbors?

Yes, if the neighbors are not Baptists. Yes, if the neighbors are Baptists and have not brought the matter up in church.

13. A number of members were excluded from a Baptist church for contempt. Another Baptist church received them by relation. Did this church do right?

On general principles, no.

14. When a Baptist church calls a pastor, has the church a right to invite anyone to preach in the pulpit without his consent?

Yes. A Baptist church has a right to invite any Baptist preacher they want to, to preach in their pulpit. That is one of the things that is lawful, however, but not expedient. While they have a right to do so, they ought not to do so without consulting the pastor, if he is on the field; and it is certainly very unbecoming in them to invite anyone to do so that the pastor does not want to preach in his pulpit.

15. If a man received into a Baptist church on Methodist baptism after being ordained by that Baptist church, becomes dissatisfied with his baptism and is scripturally baptized, is his ordination valid?

No.

16. Were all that ate of the five loaves and two fishes quickened to the knowledge of the truth?

No. Read John 6:22-29.

17. Explain Matt. 8:11-12.

The children of the kingdom cast out were unbelieving Jews. Those coming from east and west etc., were believing Gentiles.

18. What period does "this generation" cover in Matt. 24:34?

Includes the Jewish nation throughout this age.

19. Is there any harm in buying and selling dogs?

None that I know of.

20. Should anyone keep inviolate all the law, at death what would be his reward?

There isn't any such man. Paul said so. Gal. 3:10-11. If any man were to do it the Book says: "The man that doeth them shall live in them."

21. Was the Ethiopian eunuch a Negro?

Yes. Note Jer. 13:23.

22. Is it right for Ladies' Aid Societies to have sales of wearing apparel, etc., to buy fixtures for a church?

No. God's plain word is for us to give as God prospers us; to bring all the tithes into the storehouse; as many as are willing hearted let them bring the Lord's offering. It is further said that God accepts only the willing gifts of willing-hearted givers. It is all right for a woman to sell anything she makes in her own name and give the money to the church, if she wants to. It is not right to have such sales in the name of the church.

The National Council

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"social gospel" rather than the gospel of the grace of God to individuals. (See Gal. 1:6-9).

4. THE COUNCIL HAS ISSUED ITS OWN BIBLE, copyrighted in which effort is made to undermine fundamental doctrines such as the Virgin Birth of Jesus. The profits from the sale of this Bible goes into the coffers of the National Council. They make "merchandise of the Word of God."

5. THE COUNCIL SEEKS TO STOP BIBLE BELIEVING MEN from preaching the Gospel over the air. They have tried to stop religious groups from buying radio time on the open market, insisting on the giving of "free time." They then want that free time bestowed on them. Yes, and they have gotten millions of dollars worth of free time. Charles Fuller, DeHahn and others must pay for time, while the National Council speakers speak without charge.

What About The World Council?

The World Council is set for the distribution of the evils of the National Council on a worldwide basis. This World Council had their meeting at Evanston,

Ill., recently for 17 days. The American Legion protested against the meeting as there were plans to bring in Communist propagandists from Iron Curtain countries. Effort was made to prevent these from obtaining visas on their passports, but without success, for John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, has been prominent in National Council circles. A former Czech ambassador to the U. S. branded Prof. Josef Hromadka, prominent World Council delegate as a "reliable tool" of the Communists. Czech refugees who fled from Communism staged demonstrations and carried banners at the Evanston meeting, denouncing Hromadka and Bishop Peter of Hungary as traitors to Christianity. Despite protests made to him; despite resolutions of the American Legion; despite demonstrations of the Czech refugees, President Eisenhower addressed the World Council. He appealed for all religious faiths that believe in a "Supreme Being" to join in a mighty simultaneous act of faith. That raises the question: Does the president believe that it is enough to have faith in some sort of "Supreme Being?" There are "gods many and lords many" as Paul says, but all save one is false. Paul further says "ONE LORD" (Eph. 1:5). The Mohammedans say, "There is one God—Allah." The Bible teaches "One God—Jehovah." "Know ye that the Lord, he is God." (Psa. 100:3). Both Mohammedan and Christian believe in a Supreme Being—but what a difference in that Being! The World Council is not concerned about which God, just so one believes in one of some kind.

Pay God First

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were harvested He demanded the "first of your dough." Num. 15:21. "The best of your oil, the wine and the wheat" were to be His and the "first-ripe" in all the land. Num. 18:12-13. The firstling of every cow and sheep and goat were also His. Even the firstling of an ass had to be redeemed by a lamb or have its neck broken as an acknowledgment of His rights to the first-born.

When they went to battle and He gave the victory the first of all the spoils, both of man, beast and property, belonged to Him. Num. 31.

When they entered Palestine all the spoil of their first conquest at Jericho belonged to God and Achan died for taking what was God's for himself.

Solomon says: "Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all thine increase." The first of all inheritances or gifts or income of any kind is God's.

Pay God first and He will help you pay others.

MY BIBLE AND I

By ADA R. HABERSHON

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh;
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship unchanging, my Lamb and my Psalm.

We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life had grown weary, and death e'en was nigh;
But all through the darkness of mist or of wrong
I found there a solace, a prayer, or a song.

So who now shall part us, my Bible and I?
Shall "isms" or "schisms" or "new lights" who try?
Shall shadow for substance or stone for good bread
Supplant Divine wisdom, give folly instead?

Ah, no, my dear Bible, exponent of light!
Thou Sword of the Spirit, put error to flight!
And still through life's journey, until my last sight,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.

Ohio Pastor Is To Lead Singing For Our Conference



ELD. WILLARD WILLIS

I'm glad that you have asked me to lead the singing during the Thanksgiving services. I'm sure a great blessing is in store for me and all who attend.

We are living in a dark age and it gives one much needed courage to meet and associate with those who are enduring the same difficulties.

I am expecting a week of warmth by God's fireside of love.

I recall when I was a boy I would stay out in the cold until I would nearly freeze. I would then race to the house to warm myself by the old grate fire. It was always a treat to warm myself, while I watched the fire crackle and burn.

I am expecting to recall those days during the Thanksgiving services (not physically but spiritually). I expect to get out of the icy world of sin to warm my soul as I worship God during the services. I expect to watch those God-called ministers as they burn with God's love. I expect to feel the warmth of that love as their cup runs over and radiates to my soul and others who listen.

I am sure that such a week as this will give me new courage and a greater determination to go again into the icy world to do the will of God.

I will be praying for you and the services.

May God bless and keep you.

Your brother in Christ,
Willard Willis
Middletown, Ohio

Blessed Troubles

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kindle upon thee" (Isaiah 43:2).

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee with the right hand of my righteousness." (Isaiah 41:10).

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Why God's Children Suffer

"I love my child, I note his slightest need;

I long to prosper him in all his ways,

To give him quiet nights and peaceful days;

But if I do, he'll lose himself from Me,

My outstretched hand he will not wait to see;

I'll place a hindering wall before his feet;

There he will wait, and there we two will meet.

I do it not in wrath for broken laws

Or wilful disobedience, but because

I want him nearer, and I cannot wait

For him to come for he might wander late.

My child will wonder, will not understand,

Still half in doubt he'll clasp My outstretched hand;

But when at last upon my heart

Nuts For Catholics

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their Leader and Head. They do not accept any authority except the Holy Scriptures as authoritative over men's consciences and lives. They do not follow Luther, Calvin or any other Reformer. They are older than the Reformation and for that reason are not Protestants. Therefore we request that from the Bible, which is the only authority upon spiritual questions, that they cite us their authority for the following:

1. A Bible text that proves that we should pray to the Virgin Mary?

2. A Bible text that proves that Mary was conceived without sin.

3. A Bible text that proves that the apostle Peter did not have a wife.

4. A Bible text that proves that ministers ought not to marry.

5. A Bible text that proves that Peter was bishop in Rome.

6. A Bible text that proves that the Pope is vicar of Christ and successor of Peter.

7. A Bible text that proves that the priests can forgive sins.

8. A Bible text that proves that the wine in the Lord's Supper ought to be taken only by the priests.

9. A Bible text that proves the existence of the Roman mass.

10. A Bible text that proves that the priests have the power to change the bread and wine into the body, blood, soul and deity of Jesus Christ.

11. A Bible text that proves that there are seven sacraments.

12. A Bible text that proves that the use of images was recommended by Christ or His apostles.

13. A Bible text that proves the existence of purgatory.

14. A Bible text that proves that there is more than one Mediator.

15. A Bible text that proves that we should pray for the dead.

16. A Bible text that proves that we should fast on Fridays.

17. A Bible text that proves the infallibility of the Pope.

18. A Bible text that proves that baptism washes away original sin and transforms one into a Christian, sons of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

19. A Bible text that proves that children who die without baptism go to a place called "Limbo," and that proves that such a place exists.

20. A Bible text that proves that Jesus or His apostles baptized children or that approves the baptism of children.

21. A Bible text that proves that the Roman church has the right to change the act of baptism from immersion to sprinkling, or to change any command or teaching of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

22. A Bible text that proves that a man ought to be persecuted and cursed because he has conscientiously abandoned the religion in which he was born and has accepted the religion of Jesus Christ.

It Takes Courage

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business you know, and you have a family dependent upon you because it does not have the unqualified approval of conscience.—Selected

The Heart

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They have no choice as to where the Lord may use them. They continually say an Amen to His will, even though it may mean to go to the darkest parts of the earth, to take the gospel to those who have never heard; for they know that He will go with them and will lead them.—Selected

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He will have ceased to wonder what it means."