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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 8:29.*

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## From Far And Near Our Friends Have Written Concerning My Resignation

### A LOVED KENTUCKY LAYMAN AND HIS WIFE ENJOY TBE

Lancaster, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We don't have words to express to you how very much we regretted hearing of all your trouble which in turn, caused your resignation as pastor of the church. We know too, Bro. Gilpin, that it will work for your good and His glory, even though for a season it is and will be grievous indeed.

It is our earnest desire that God will comfort you and your wife and children—that He will guide you always and keep you in the hollow of His hand.

Don't guess we'd know what to do without TBE and are glad you intend to go on with it and the Faith Missions.

Thanks be unto God for you and your family and the stand you have taken.

Very sincerely,

J. E. and Evelyn Crawford

### PASTOR HAPPY THAT WE HAVEN'T QUIT THE FIGHT

Des Plaines, Illinois

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

We were saddened by the news and are praying for you. We are happy that you haven't quit fighting the good fight of faith.

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

In the fight for Jesus,

Louis Maple

### HOW THIS LETTER DID THRILL YOUR EDITOR'S SOUL!

Ohio

Dear Brother:

Having read of your resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Russell, and also of the persecution and slander which you were compelled to endure, I felt a strong urge to offer my sympathy. Though, I am only a

very weak and unworthy layman, I, too, have had to face a veritable storm of persecution, slanderous falsehood, and adversities, so I know precisely what you are talking about. I have utmost confidence in you and am persuaded to believe that you are acting in accordance with the will of God. Though I have known you only through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and the far too brief meeting at the

Baptist Church of W. Va., I have come to love and respect you very much. Your printed messages have helped me immeasurably. Your fearless stand for truth in the face of unscrupulous opposition has strengthened me when I needed strength. I see in you a willing instrument in God's hands meant for the Master's use. I pray God that through your ministry, men will continue to believe, and the matchless name of God be glorified.

I especially admire the statement made in TBE by your daughters. It was a statement by Christian children concerning a Christian parent in whom they had implicit confidence. Thank God for young people of this type.

I hope, some day in the future, to renew acquaintance with you face to face, and to sit at your feet and feed on the good things of the Word. If these hopes fail to materialize, I have the assurance, that when we are assembled on love's eternal shore that we shall know each other there. Pray for me and my house, that we might fight the good fight of faith always.

Yours in Christ,

(Name withheld by request)

### TBE WAS USED OF GOD FOR THIS LADY'S SALVATION

Wytheville, Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

You don't know how astonished I was when I read of your resignation. How often have I wished that there was a pastor here like you and how good it would be to be able to hear the Word of God preached as you preach it.

I am so happy to know that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER will still be published. I thank God that it was sent to our home many years ago and has been a source of helping me understand the way of salvation, which I did not know. I had never heard it, or God was not ready to reveal it to me.

I'm enclosing \$1.00, use it in the way it will help you the most.

Of course, you have enemies, but remember you still have friends too. When I was out there last year I heard some of their lies, but never for a moment did I believe one of them.

I'll be praying for you in my weak way and may God restore your health and bless you and your dear family, is my prayer.

Trusting in our dear Lord and Saviour.

Mrs. W. H. Catron

### KNOWS THE EDITOR WILL COME THROUGH A RICHER PERSON

Richmond, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Have just finished reading the October 16th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, which tells of your resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Russell. I am so sorry to learn about this, but I feel confident that you have prayed this matter through and found God's will and I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He will open up a new field for you and your family and that He will continue to bless your paper. I don't blame you for choosing to continue with the paper, it is a firm stand for the Word of God.

I am sorry that you have to undergo this disappointment while you are ill, but after reading the fine message from your daughters and of the loyalty of your wife, son, and bookkeeper, I know you will come through the whole thing a richer person.

I, for one, will remember you in prayer as you have so faithfully remembered us. And if I can be of service in any way, please feel free to call on me.

Your friend in Christ,  
Ella B. Casey

### 1. Why is the Apocrypha in the Catholic Bible and not in ours?

The Catholics include the 14 Apocryphal books in their Bible because the Council of Trent on April 8th, 1546, under the control of the Pope, declared tradition and the Apocrypha canonical and authoritative. That was less than 400 years ago. Even Pope Gregory attests that Josephus and the Jews denied their inspiration and disavowed them. Origen, Athanasius, Hilary, Gregory, Nazianzen and other early Christian writers testify that they were not inspired and therefore rejected by them. The Westminster Confession, framed by 150 leading Presbyterians, declared that the Apocrypha is "of no authority," "nor to be any otherwise approved, or made use of, than any other human writings." So much for the history.

There are three chief reasons why Baptists and Protestants do not include the Apocrypha in their Bibles.

1. The internal evidence of the books themselves prove them to be uninspired.

2. In Christ's day the Old Testament, which was the only Scriptures used by Him, as none of the

New Testament was written as yet, was as definitely and authoritatively known and accepted as the inspired Word of God by all worshippers of the true God, as it is today. Although a number of the Apocryphal books were then in existence, they were not included in the Scriptures.

3. The strongest proof that they were not inspired, as we see it, is the fact that not one of the 14 books of the Apocrypha was ever quoted by Christ or a single one of the New Testament writers or referred to as a part of the Scriptures.

These are some of the reasons why Baptists and Protestants do not believe the Apocrypha is any part of the inspired Word of God and do not therefore include it in our Bibles.

### 2. Please answer the following question. As to sentences in I Sam. 28:15; Matt. 17:3, does this apply today?

The cases of Samuel and Moses and Elijah appearing again upon earth are exceptional. The medium herself was surprised and frightened at the appearance of Samuel, showing that her seances were frauds; and that she not

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### INDIANA PASTOR IS SURE GOD WILL VINDICATE EDITOR

Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Read your resignation and sorrow that goes within, in the Examiner. Mrs. Dotson and I tonight took your situation to the throne of grace, and asked the Almighty God through Jesus Christ our Lord to comfort your heart, and give great peace and assurance. It is just like Him to do so.

The enemies of truth and the Cross will stop at nothing in their assassination of the character of one who stands for the full proclamation of the gospel, and especially, the kind of message you deliver.

In the fifty years that lie behind, since I entered the ranks of the ambassadorship of Christ, I have had many "shakedowns" and assassins along the way. But there never has been one, not even one, that God has not vindicated me, sooner or later. He will you, and you need never worry. DON'T DEFEND YOURSELF, LET THE HOLY SPIRIT DO IT. HE CAN DO SO MUCH BETTER JOB THAN YOU.

The Devil oversteps his bounds, and over does the thing and injures his own progress. So, just let him rant and rave, "because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."—I John 4:4.

I am asking God to give me a little extra money so that I can

help your program of the Examiner through the months ahead.

Thanking you for courtesies of the past, and wishing you great victories in the future, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Benj. F. Dotson

### BRO. A. D. MUSE IS SADDENED OVER EDITOR'S RESIGNATION

Louisville, Ky.

My dear Bro. Gilpin:

I saddened, and our blessed Lord only knows how it did sadden my heart, when I read about your resignation. I thought surely the storms that you had been through and the church had been through with you, the winnowing out the chaff, had all completed its course and you were set in the hearts of your people to the close of your life.

Someone attempted to make a criticism or some slight remark sometime recently and I said, "I have spent thousands of dollars with Bro. Gilpin in the printing business. He is the fairest, finest, Christian gentleman I could ever hope to deal with."

Your devoted friend,  
A. D. Muse

### WANTS TBE PRINTED UNTIL JESUS COMES FOR US IN THE AIR

Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

To say that I was shocked when I received the October 16th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, is expressing it mildly. It grieves me

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### OUR RADIO PROGRAM

Each Sunday morning, your editor conducts a radio program over Station WWKO, Ashland, Kentucky, and from all indications thousands are reached thereby each Sunday.

WWKO is a most powerful station—5000 watts—and has a tremendous coverage. We have heard from hundreds of listeners within a radius of 125 miles of Ashland, covering the Tri-State area of Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio. In addition, we have heard from listeners in Tennessee, Wisconsin, Delaware, and Virginia.

Lots of weeks we receive 250 or more letters from our listeners. This is a good indication that there is a large listening audience who appreciate the message which goes out each week thereby.

We certainly beg you to remember this portion of our work especially in prayer.

Now that I am no longer pastor and have no fixed income, this program is entirely dependent upon

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "Christ's Unanswerable Question"

"What think ye of Christ?"

—Mt. 22:42

This question should be of interest to every Catholic, Protestant, or Baptist in all the world, it should be of interest to Jew and Gentile alike. It should be of world wide interest in view of the fact that we are considering the character of a world wide figure—the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the day preceding the time when Jesus asked this question, He had Himself been asked three questions. Early in the day, the Pharisees came with a question hoping to be able to entrap Him with His talk. It was the old question of church and state: "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?" (Mt. 22:17). When Jesus had routed this first group of

enemies, the Sadducees next came with the same purpose in mind. They did not believe in the resurrection nor in a future life; they did not believe in angels nor spirits. Hence, they came asking Him about the details of the future life saying, "In the resurrection, whose wife shall she be of the seven?" (Mt. 22:28). Still later in the same day, the Pharisees put forward one of their number, a lawyer, to ask Jesus a question of theology:

"Which is the great commandment in the law?"—Mt. 22:36.

Shrewdly, Jesus answered each of these groups of His enemies. He gave them an evasive, but a truthful answer on each of the questions concerning church and state, the details of the future life, and this theological question

as to the great commandment of the law. It was said that the Pharisees marvelled and the Sadducees were astonished at His answers. Then with these groups of His enemies already marveling and astonished at His teachings, Jesus put forth a question unto them: "What think ye of Christ?"

This is the question which I present to each of you. It is my desire to call up reputable witnesses that I might ask each of them this question.

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We shall first ask that innumerable horde of Old Testament prophets our question: "What think ye of Christ?"

"Moses, you wrote the first

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### \$-A-MONTH-CLUB-\$

Thanks be unto God and our readers for His goodness to us regarding this fund for the payment of our debt on our new press. Each week, this fund shows a small growth, through the efforts of our friends who contribute one dollar a month or more for the payment on our press the last of next June.

This week we received contributions from the following:

Eld. Carey Witt, Franklin, Ky.  
Joan Frantz, Detroit, Michigan.  
Mrs. C. N. Holcomb, Mayfield, Ky.

Mrs. Emma McKandless, Pennwell, Texas.

Mrs. Gilbert Elliott, Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Mrs. P. W. Marks, Rosedale, W. Va.

R. E. Murphey, Castor, La.

Mrs. W. A. Childress, Belleville, Arkansas.

Through the combined efforts of our friends we now have nearly \$200.00 in this fund. By God's grace we'll meet our payment when due next June.

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## THANKS! THANKS!

From the very depths of my soul, I thank our readers for the fine letters which I have received since the issue of October 16th was printed. From all over the nation have come hundreds of letters, whereby our readers have expressed their sympathy and likewise pledged their allegiance and support to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

I started out attempting to answer each of these letters personally and soon found that this was an almost impossible task. Hence, if I have not answered your letter, please accept this brief note as an expression of our thanks and gratitude to you for your kindness in writing me. You will never know how much it has meant to me until the day when we meet on Heaven's shore.

We are printing some of these letters in this issue. More of them will appear in the issue of next week. Yet for each one that we print, we will probably have to by-pass at least ten others, that we have not the space to print. Whether yours is printed or not, please be assured that every one is most deeply appreciated.

Again, let me say that I thank you most deeply for all your kindness to me. Each letter has caused me to thank God and take courage as I face the future. In the face of such assurances as we have had, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER must go on.

## THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

This is the title of Bro. Roy Mason's book on church history, which is now in its tenth edition, and which ought to be read by every Baptist in the world.

If every Baptist could be persuaded to read it with an open mind, apart from prejudice, it would put an end to the universal church, unionism, alien baptism, open communion, and all the heresies, which are generally connected with a false idea of the church.

Not only should Baptists read it—it ought to be read by those of other denominations. It will do more to make Protestants become Baptists, and Baptists to become better Baptists than any other book that I know of, the Bible alone excepted.

It sells for \$1.00 a copy; \$9.00 a dozen; \$32.50 for fifty; and \$55.00 a hundred. It was printed by us to sell at cost, being a missionary venture on our part. Within the past two months, we have disposed of over 3000 copies. We have about 2000 copies of this present edition left. You can help us, as well as the cause of Christ, and your own church, by ordering a hundred copies today.

## WAKE UP, AMERICA!

This is the title of an article which appeared in the October 16th issue of TBE, and concerning which we have had a tremendous response.

Many of our readers have asked if this might be had for distribution. We took it from a tract

Don't preach because you have to say something but because you have something to say.

written by Bro. R. F. Becker, Holland, N. Y. If quantities of this tract are desired for distribution, I imagine that such can be secured by writing direct to Bro. Becker.

It is a fine tract and the message thereof needs to be sent around the world. If Bro. Becker does not have sufficient quantities for mass distribution, and he will permit us to do so, I shall be glad to reprint the article in tract form if sufficient interest is shown by our readers.

Write me and tell me how many tracts you would like to have and how much you can contribute toward the cost. I can assure you that it will be a joy to us to reprint it in a really large edition for general distribution.

## "Christ's Unanswerable Question"

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five books of the Bible—the Pentateuch. You wrote that part which every Jew accedes to today. You led the Jews through the wilderness from Egypt to Canaan for forty years, and naturally you are still interested in their experiences and success just as of old. Greater honor perhaps came to you than the honor which came to any Old Testament prophet, for we read that God scooped out a grave with His hand in 'Nebo's lonely mountain,' which served as your last resting place. Then in the days of Jesus' flesh, you were called from your resting place and along with Elijah, you appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration to talk with Him about the death which He was soon to experience at Jerusalem. Therefore Moses, in view of your interest in the Jewish people, your wide experience with the Jews, the fact that you wrote under Divine inspiration so much of the Bible, and that you came down to earth to talk with Jesus, I ask you, 'What think ye of Christ?' Without a moment's hesitation, Moses answers,

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come."—Gen. 49:10.

"I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel and shall smite, the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth."—Num. 24:17.

"Isaiah, the Jewish people love you and respect you possibly on a par with Moses, for your marvelous influence upon this nation in days gone by. You had a wide experience extending over the period of the reign of four of Judah's greatest kings; you lived in Judah's golden age. Your words are still preached by their Rabbis, and revered by the thousands who adhere to Judaism. Eight hundred years before Jesus came to earth you lived. Since you spoke much of the person of the Messiah, I ask you, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."—Isa. 7:14.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace."—Isa. 9:6.

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows yet we did esteem him stricken smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastise-

ment of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:1-6.

"Jeremiah, you were called the weeping prophet since you wept because of the sins of Judah. The inhabitants of Jerusalem mocked your tears, and made fun of your sermons; they scoffed at your words; they persecuted you because of your preaching; they put you into a miry pit where you well-nigh famished, and had it not been for a colored man of Ethiopia, you might have expired there. In spite of all that was done to you, and in view of the fact that you have long since forgiven those who were your enemies, I ask you for the benefit of my Jewish friends today, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness."—Jer. 23:5,6.

"Micah, to the average Gentile, you are but poorly known. You lived in that day long gone by, having prophesied better than 26 centuries ago. Though very few Gentiles have more than a passing acquaintance with you, there is no Jew but what considers you as having spoken by direct inspiration from God. We are often told that you foreknew the very place of Jesus' birth to be that of Bethlehem. Is it true? 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be a ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."—Micah 5:2.

"Zechariah, you are even less eminently known to Gentiles than is Micah. Though my Gentile audience may know but little of you, my Jewish friends particularly remember your prophecy to the remnant that came back from Babylonian captivity after their seventy years exile there. My Jewish friends will recall that you, as one of the last of the prophets being even next to Malachi, encouraged that remnant with your prophecies. In less than 500 years after your prophecy, a man called Jesus was born. This same Jesus rode into Jerusalem one day seated on the back of a donkey claiming to be the Messiah of the Jews. In view of His claims, and since you lived nearer to Him than practically any of the remainder of the prophets, I ask you, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."—Zech. 9:9.

"Daniel, there is no Jew but what loves you. In the days of their exile into Babylon it was you who encouraged them with your prophetic messages; it was through your life and your example that they were blessed in the Babylonian captivity, and were preserved from the wrath of the king of Babylon; your pious example caused their minds to be set on God and it was through your praying that God eventually laid it upon the heart of the king whereby the remnant returned from this Babylonian exile. If you had not prayed concerning your people, perhaps the spirit of Cyrus, the king, would never have been stirred up in their behalf. I ask you, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting do-

minion which shall not pass away and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."—Dan. 7:13,14.

Time would fail me to call each of the prophets one by one. Your patience would not permit that I should examine them individually, and ask them personally, 'What think ye of Christ?' In a combined aggregate, may we ask the entire group, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."—Acts 10:43.

## II

Instructive as it is to listen to the testimony of the prophets, we turn now to the angels of God. In the Old Testament, the angels played an important part concerning the history of the Jews. The Father of the Jewish people once entertained angels unawares. When the Jews were in need of a great judge to deliver them from the Philistines, it was an angel which appeared to a family of the tribe of Dan telling them of the birth of a deliverer, Samson by name. When the Assyrians under Sennacherib, came down upon the city of Jerusalem in the days of Hezekiah, it was an angel who killed 185,000 of the Assyrians in a night's time. It is to these angels who played such an important part in the life, and times, and history of the Jewish people of the Old Testament, that we now appeal with our question, 'What think ye of Christ?' Gabriel, who announced the birth of Jesus to Mary, says,

"Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end."—Luke 1:30-33.

The unnamed angel who counselled Joseph to marry Mary when he was contemplating divorcing her thinking that she had played the harlot against him, says,

"Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall

call his name Emmanuel which being interpreted is, God with us."—Mt. 1:20-23.

On the night of all nights, when Jesus was born, it was an angel who preached the first gospel sermon preaching it to the shepherds. Listen:

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:9-11.

On that memorable night the first Christian hymn was sung, being the seraphic melodies of the angels. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."—Luke 2:14.

## III

Has it been interesting to you to hear the testimony of the prophets and to listen to the songs of the angels? Then surely the testimony of the friends of Jesus should be interesting also. "Simeon, you were an old man when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. It was written of you that you were a devout follower of the religion of the Jews. When Mary, and her husband Joseph, brought the child Jesus into the Temple, you took Him into your arms. Tell us, 'What think ye of Christ?'"

"Lord, lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."—Luke 2:29-32.

"Wisemen, surely if anyone could be called the friend of Jesus, it must be you. It must have been genuine interest and friendship which could cause you to travel from the far east following a star in order to worship Him. It must have been genuine friendship which caused you to present to Him your gifts and then depart secretly in order that you might not betray His whereabouts to Herod, knowing his murderous intentions. Wisemen, you told Herod the town of Jesus' birth. 'What think ye of Christ?' Tell us where he should be born." "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet and thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."—Mt. 2:5,6.

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## "UNTO HIM THAT LOVED US"

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Ironton, Ohio

Dear Elder and Editor:

When God is going to do something wonderful He begins with a difficulty.

If it is going to be something very wonderful, He begins with an impossibility.

Be of good courage, there remaineth much of the land to be possessed.

Be not dismayed for Christ shall be with thee. Study Isaiah 6 and Jeremiah 1 and the sending of Moses, and Psalm 51:12,13 and John 15:26,27 and the correction in Luke 1:15,16.

The prayerful are praying for you.

Mrs. T. W. Spradling

## HOPES TO NEVER MISS GETTING TBE

Walterboro, S. C.

Dear Brother:

Just have to take you by the hand and try to express my sympathy for you. To say that I was shocked is putting it too mildly. That is when I saw my TBE. I know something of what it is.

Well, any way I'm more sorry for you than words can express. I do hope and pray that the Lord will continue to use you in an even greater way than ever. I hope I will never have to miss our paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

I sure wish I could help you financially, but I'm 70 and the little that I get from the little church that I serve just about pays the gas bill. I'll not forget and if I ever can help, I will.

God bless you and your family, Brother John, is my prayer.

Yours till Jesus comes, W. C. Gregory

## OHIO LAYMAN PRAYS FOR EDITOR DAILY

Portsmouth, Ohio

My dear friend:

I was terribly shocked and surprised when I received the EXAMINER today and read your letter of resignation from the church at Russell. So sorry it was necessary. A man can't stand everything and you sure have the love of God in your heart, else you could not have stood the persecutions so long.

I'm sure glad to know your health is better. I get a lot of comfort from reading the 37th Psalm and I know you are familiar with it too.

Am praying for you every day as I have for a good many years and I know God will be with you. "I will put my trust in God and not be afraid." Remember what they (men) did to the Saviour and I suppose it will always be so when men stand up and preach the truth. Am enclosing \$5.00.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you and yours.

I am your friend Frank J. Pulsing

## HERE IS A GROUP THAT IS FOR US \$100 WORTH

Denver, Colorado

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We of the Missionary Baptist Mission wish to let you know we are still behind you and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER 100 per cent. Please use the enclosed check for \$100 in any way it is needed. We are remembering you in our prayers and are constantly reminded that TBE has done much to bring us together and help to establish this mission.

The work here is coming along very well. We haven't had exceptionally large crowds, but have very definitely had the blessing of God. There were nearly twenty at Bible study Friday night, including children, all of whom received all of God's Word. That isn't a great number for today, but so far as I know it is the greatest number assembled in this entire state for some time,

who meet these standards. I'd rather preach to a handful of sheep than a house full of goats. We are still teaching Bro. Simmons' book. Just finished the doctrine of baptism. Through what we learned in this study, one man who has only been saved about a year, "needed not to be ashamed" when three Campbellites confronted him with baptismal regeneration. Two of these were "big shot" preachers and they went at it like two hounds chasing a rabbit. What a surprise for them when the rabbit wouldn't run.

This work is carried on by faith, but we use U. S. dollars to pay the bills. It didn't take much to get started: one month's rent, \$45; piano, \$50; 2 1-4 doz. folding chairs, \$144.30; song books, \$34.80; window blinds, \$9.29; sign, \$4.00. For \$287.39 and a little labor we have a very nice little place to worship. I haven't gotten around to making an offering box as yet, but have received \$112.00 in the last two weeks to help with the work, and not one word was said about finances. We indeed serve an all sufficient God.

May He bless you abundantly as you continue to labor for Him.

Sincerely,  
W. J. Church

When you mentioned Boyce Taylor's shutdown of News and Truths, and his following death so soon after, I recall so vividly my sorrow over the loss of that paper and its editor.

Thank God for your courage and faith to carry the battle right on and press the battle in the face and the very camp of the enemies of our Lord and his truth. The Lord strengthen and prosper you.

Your brother in Christ,  
Carey E. Whitt

## VIRGINIA PASTOR FOR US 100%

Jonesville, Virginia

My dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received my Baptist Examiner in the mail today and also with the paper received one of the hardest blows that has come to me personally, for a long time.

I accept the fact that you have resigned at the First Baptist Church of Russell, but it was the notice that the Thanksgiving Bible Conference was cancelled that gave the the jolt that I have not got over yet. It is as you have mentioned it in the paper, though, that the conference could not be held since you were led to tender your resignation.

## A CHILD OF THE KING

Edith Lillian Young

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how could I be,  
When Christ the King is taking care of me?

Tired? Sometimes -- yes, more than tired; but then,  
I know a place where I can rest again!

Lonely? Ah, well I know the aching blight;  
But now I've Jesus with me day and night!

Burdens? I have them; oft they press me sore,  
And then, I lean the harder, trust Him more.

Worthy? Oh, no! The marvel of it is  
That I should know such boundless love as His!

And so, I'm rich; with Christ I am "joint heir,"  
Since He once stooped my poverty to share.

## AGED KENTUCKY PASTOR THANKFUL TBE IS TO CONTINUE

Franklin, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER came in yesterday's mail. I recognized it, but did not take time to even read one of the headlines till supper was over and I sat down to enjoy the feast of good things where the Word of God is being expounded, when I read the central headline of the front page.

This "blew all the top" off many things I was expecting and hoping for, but in your presenting the simple sad facts of the whole situation, coupled with your own steadfast faith in God, some of the truths between the many lines of statement after statement, my heart's faith was strengthened instead of strained.

"They that live Godly shall suffer persecution." "Friendship with the world (and worldliness) is enmity toward God." "When men shall persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my name sake, rejoice and be glad for great is your reward in heaven."

Well I think I can see now why my letter on other side was not mailed, so now I want to destroy that check and write another for double the amount with condition added -- let \$20.00 go for next year's obligation on printing press and the remaining \$20.00 to be applied where the present or future need is most pressing.

God's eternal Word. May the Grace of God sustain you in these troublesome times is our prayer in Jesus' name.

I am for you one hundred per cent.

Eld Joe Gadd, Pastor

## SORRY FOR MY ACCUSERS

Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I had thought to write you before I received your paper, but I hesitated to do so for fear you would think it none of my business, but my daughter Korky was so disturbed over the things you had been accused of, and I told her they crucified Jesus without a cause to put him to death. However it was through His suffering and death that we have life everlasting and I felt like that the best of God's people sometimes suffer the most to show a lost world that God is able to keep us under all circumstances to be a living witness to the power of God.

Some people may believe this gossip for a while, but dear Bro. Gilpin, I think it was Shakespeare who said these words -- "Right will right itself," and there are plenty of people who have faith in you and your good wife. I believe the Bible says, "It needs be that offences come, but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh." So look up. He who watches over the sparrow -- He careth when we are troubled and somewhere down life's short road of life someone who has caused this difficulty will reap or else in eternity.

I am a firm believer if we are going to Heaven we reap what we sow here. I do not know your accusers, but I am sorry for them, and I know you are. So be of good cheer and remember, those who live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. It seems the best of people have the most to bear, but He said He would never leave us nor forsake us. So again, I pray God's richest blessings upon you and yours through these trying hours.

Mrs. Edgar Kouns

## BROOKLYN LADY TRULY APPRECIATES EDITOR AND PAPER

Brooklyn 26, N. Y.

Dear Bro. and Sister Gilpin:

What a shock when I received the issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER on Saturday. I had just come from shopping, and I put my perishables away in the refrigerator, and I filled up when I saw the big print that you had finished your work as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell. Just tell me, what do people expect of you? You are only human. I have always marvelled and have mentioned in my letters from time to time of your wonderful work. Your sermons in TBE, which were those preached usually of a Sunday morning. Surely you must have spent many long hours upon your knees in prayer for the Lord to give you such forceful and spirit filled messages from His Holy Book, the Bible. Surely the Lord has been close to you.

Fear not what manner of evil man doeth unto us. For if God be for us who can be against us? No one. Each and every one must answer for the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or bad. Yes, James tells us the tongue is an evil member, a fire, a world of iniquity, unruly evil, full of deadly poison. To think just five or six months ago you were showered with such magnificent gifts from the members for your 25 years of service. Just seems unbelievable. People -- no telling what they will do. That's why I always say, look, look only to the One and only -- the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we do like Christian fellowship, true, genuine -- but sometimes they are persuaded by those who might just be babes in Christ, still only taking the milk

of the Word, and can be as Paul says, "Ye are yet carnal, ye are still in your sins."

As I went on and read of your sickness, and how the Lord has seen fit to keep you here on earth is proof that you are in the Lord's will, in the center of His will. You have found your place. In all those 22 months it was the secret prayer of you and your Lord. He has told us, if you have faith have it between yourself and the Lord, and it was all during the period that you brought out the 8-page paper and produced such wonderful articles, for I know every article which is sent to you must be read by you, for you wouldn't allow anything that wasn't right to be printed in TBE. Really the Lord was putting you to a test to see if you really were trusting Him; that "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20. Wonderful verse -- take it word for word, also Eph. 1:19; Rom. 16:25; Col. 1:19. I don't doubt for one minute but that you are in the center of God's will and you will have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. It looks like they expected the preacher to do it all, while the rest sit back in the comfortable pews and take in all the food and do nothing.

The Lord bless you, Brother and Sister, and your lovely daughters and son and daughter-in-law and little John R. III. I'll never forget his picture with that little bow tie; He's so bright and alert. I guess he keeps every one stepping, they have so much vitality at that age.

I have read all the articles in the October 16th issue except your sermon -- the sermons I like to read in one sitting -- saw it to be lengthy -- will read later, but wanted to get this letter off to you. My prayer that the Lord richly blesses you, strengthen and keep you, and supply your every need according to his riches in glory through Christ Jesus our Lord. Praying daily for you.

Edna L. Antusch

## DETROIT GIRL PUTS US IN TODAY'S "HALL OF FAME"

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received THE BAPTIST EXAMINER yesterday and read of your resignation. I wanted to write and express my appreciation for such a wonderful paper, and also to express my confidence in you.

At this time, when so many heartaches have come your way, it is good to have friends behind you, but as Bro. Overbey said in prayer meeting last night, it is far better to know God is faithful and will never forsake us. It seems to me that the men who really take a stand for all the Bible teaches suffer more in this life. But, really it is just as the Bible tells us. We can not be popular with God and with the world. It is impossible. The poem in your last issue entitled, "He Has No Enemies," really brings this truth out. The "compromiser" really will have all the world gives in pleasure and friends, but what of the life after?

All the cares of this old world will seem like a snap of the fingers when we have eternity to live.

I thank God for preachers like Bro. H. B. Taylor, Bro. H. H. Overbey, and Bro. J. R. Gilpin. I would put these three men in a present-day "hall of fame." Your lives and examples have meant much to me and I'm sure this could be said by others.

May the Lord bless you, Mrs. Gilpin and Ruth and Rhoda. You shall be in our prayers always. Keep up the good work on TBE.

Joan Frantz

# CULLED FROM LETTERS RECEIVED WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS

## BRO. CLARENCE WALKER SENDS ENCOURAGING LETTER

Dear John and Mrs. Gilpin:

Glo and I have just read your article concerning your resignation in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER which just came in this morning's mail. Of course I was surprised. Somehow I had the impression you would be the pastor at Russell until He comes, or calls you home. Our hearts went out to you both. I know you are passing through deep waters. Let me tell you both from experience and His Word—Our Lord never fails us. He has never promised us to make our pathway a bed of roses, but He has promised to be with us—His presence with us in the midst of our sorrows — is everything. I just want to drop you these words to let you know we are praying for you and that His will may be done. I do want to say—God bless you both.

With Love,  
Clarence and Glo

## FROM AN OLD COLLEGE MATE

Louisville, Ky.

Dear John and Family,

It was a great surprise, shock and grief to us to learn of your resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church. I believe now that you have taken this step that it must be of the Lord, for certainly if you had allowed your human feelings to enter into such a decision you would have resigned long ago.

I am sure that you will be just as busy as your physical condition will permit. You have all one man ought to do just to edit and publish THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. But I realize there is no support from it as you are now publishing it. I have no doubt you will be getting support from Bible conferences, revivals, etc. I would not be in the least surprised if other and larger churches will not be seeking your services as pastor — churches that would gladly relinquish much of your time to the Examiner, even if it meant employment of a full time assistant pastor. God has greater plans for the future than anything we can think or dream.

Until I get back into the Army or other remunerative employment I cannot be of much help to you financially, but I assure you our hearts are with you and we shall remember you in our prayers. As we can we will send you a few dollars for The Examiner and now that your pastor salary is cut off I feel you must be paid a salary from the shop. Perhaps your shop can take on more job work to make a salary for you possible.

Let me assure you again that there has never been a time when we have entertained the least doubt as to your complete integrity.

It thrilled our hearts to hear how God had miraculously healed you of the threatening brain tumor. God doesn't do His miracles just for our individual enjoyment, but always because he has further work for us to do.

Please let me know if there is any way in which I can be of service.

Yours in Him,  
Bill Pelphrey

P. S. Use check (\$18.00) enclosed for Examiner or for your family as you see fit.

## FROM A PASTOR WHO HAS HAD A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE

Brookhaven, Miss.

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Greetings in the Name of our never-failing and all-sufficient

God and Saviour!

Yesterday I received the Oct. 16th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and immediately ran through it; now I have just finished reading most of it more carefully.

Although we have never been in full agreement on everything, yet I recognize your privilege of believing as you do, and I believe that you accord me that same privilege. However, I am deeply grieved to learn of the circumstances which now seem to prevail with you and your family. Perhaps one reason for my feeling so keenly about it is that I passed that way before. The story is known to you, I believe. In case I did not send you a copy, I am enclosing one of my experience, plus the testimonies to God's faithfulness in caring for my family and me.

It all sounds so natural. Among our Southern Baptist Convention churches it is becoming more and more the "order of the day." I suppose that I learn of another case like it on the average of at least one a week. The fact that it happens also among the independent Baptist churches is another evidence that "Baptists are Baptists," no matter where you find them.

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. I would like for you to remember me to Mrs. Gilpin and the girls. It was good to have fellowship with them at a Bible conference in Evansville.

Yours in holy bonds,  
R. F. Hallford

## A W. VA. LAYMAN ENCOURAGES US

Richwood, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

When I received THE BAPTIST EXAMINER this week there was a great heaviness came over me. My wife called me to supper just a few minutes after I got the paper, and there we poured out our hearts to God in your behalf.

Maybe I ought not, but things of this sort grieve me deeply, and truly these are perilous times and people will not endure sound doctrine. But there is one thing sure—God's Baptist people are with you.

We have a men's prayer band on Saturday night and I heard your name mentioned a number of times, so you have Christ and prayers of His people, and I praise the dear Lord for a man who has Bible convictions and is not afraid to preach them.

Here is \$1.00 Bro. Harry Ziccofse gave me to send to you with the little I am sending (\$2.00). Take this \$3.00, use where you need it most. I trust all of your readers and listeners will come to your aid, because few preach the Gospel these days.

I am glad to inform you we have a wonderful pastor who loves the Lord and His people and I can assure you he stands with you.

The radio program comes in very good and we enjoy the messages a lot.

We the people of the Lord must take courage and look up for the time of our redemption draweth nigh.

May the blessings of the God of Israel rest upon you and yours.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
H. F. Blake

## W. VA. LADY SURE WE PREACH THE TRUTH

Vienna, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am so sorry you are ill, I do pray and trust you will soon be well.

I have been reading your paper for quite awhile. I also read my Bible a lot and I am sure you preach the truth.

I hope God will make it possible to continue the paper. I do enjoy it so much and hand it to others.

I am sending one dollar to have

you send The Examiner to my prayer.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. L. M. Rogers

## A SHUT-IN LIKES OUR MESSAGES

Prichard, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I heard your good sermon on Sunday morning over the radio. I think it is wonderful. You give more Bible than any man that I ever heard. I also appreciate THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I think it is very good.

I am sorry you have such accusations.

We should be glad that God is our just Judge. Our Bible tells us that every heart knoweth its own bitterness. God's servants seem to have the hardest trials. All we can do is to trust God to carry us safely through this sinful age of time.

Please remember me in prayer.

Sincerely yours,  
(A shut-in listener)  
Mrs. Lydia Havens

## LOUISIANA LADY URGES EDITOR TO PRESS FORWARD

Mansfield, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

Just read in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER where you had resigned. I know it is hard to believe Rom. 8:28 after so many years there. The church is a part of you. But being the man of God you are, by the grace of God, you can take it with a smile and with faith in God, press forward in your work. Those who are in the wrong will pay. May God have mercy on them. In the end you will win.

As a Christian and teacher of God's Word, I've been in the fire and even with a group that was put out, but, oh, how God has vindicated us many times. Now I'm back in Grace Church teaching the Bible. Yes, I suffered and shed tears, but it kept me on my knees and made me a stronger

with the paper. Here is a little gift (\$5.00) to help you along.

Sincerely yours,  
Herschall Estes

## THANK GOD FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS LETTER

Evansville, Ind.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I have intended to write to you before now. We have been traveling a good bit since my resignation and I have hardly written anyone; however, you have been in our thoughts and prayers.

It was a shock to learn that after a quarter a century the church which you have so faithfully, sacrificially, and courageously served has allowed a few disgruntled and backslidden members to so distress you that you have resigned your pastorate. I cannot help remembering the words of our Lord, "It is impossible but that offences will come; but woe unto him through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and be cast into the sea." (Luke 17:1,2). I feel that the most thoroughly unfortunate people in your area are those who have offended you and your family.

My family and I were visiting with Bro. Overbey when we were told, after he had called you on the telephone, that you had definitely resigned. Mrs. Sims said, "It makes me want to cry." I felt the same way, but it was with a sadness deeper than tears that I contemplated the fickleness of humankind and the desperate wickedness of the human heart which brings about the persecution of men of God.

I firmly believe that you are better off. God will cause this to "fall out to the furtherance of the Gospel" as you proclaim it. He will vindicate you and your character. He has blessed you with an unmatched influence for good through the pages of the Examiner. He has given you a godly, faithful wife and two loyal, courageous daughters. You have much to thank God for, and I trust you realize that you have a million times more than anything you lost. Mrs. Sims and I want you and your family to know that you have our unswerving friendship and admiration. We love you in the Lord, and appreciate you greatly.

Please do not feel that my failure to renew my subscription reflects any dissatisfaction with the paper. Frankly, I have not had a penny above living expenses, tithes, and offerings for months and have gone even deeper in the red. However, I not only intend to subscribe, but also to help in the support of your work as soon as I am located.

I am to supply for Bro. Eugene Clark this Sunday. He is a real friend to me, and I am sure that you realize how much he loves you and prays for you. Bro. Overbey especially has been so helpful and kind to us in our time of need and also Bro. Hille. And they all love you and are behind you all the way.

If there is ever anything that we can do to serve you, don't hesitate one moment to ask. Our prayer is that you may have your greatest ministry from now until His second coming.

Sincerely your friends,  
Mr. & Mrs. James H. Sims

## SIMMONS PLEDGES HIS SUPPORT FOR THE FUTURE

Evansville, Indiana

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was sorry indeed to learn that it had become necessary for you to resign your church. However, I trust God will manifest a gracious purpose in this. I am glad that God has given you determination to continue the publication of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I will do all I can to help by getting subscriptions wherever I can.

T. P. Simmons

## BROKEN THINGS

Bob Jones, Jr.

Five broken loaves beside the sea and  
thousands fed  
As Thy hand, Lord, in breaking, blessed  
the bread.

Men would the throng in emptiness have sent away  
Whose need was met with broken bread that day.

A broken vase of priceless worth rich  
fragrance shed  
In ointment poured in worship on Thy head.  
A lovely thing all shattered thus -- "What waste,"  
they thought.  
But Mary's deed of love Thy blessing brought.

A broken form upon the cross and souls set free.  
Thy anguish there has paid the penalty--  
Sin's awful price in riven flesh and pain and  
blood--  
Redemption's cost, the broken Lamb of God.

Oh, break my life if need must be.  
No longer mine, I give it Thee.  
Oh, break my will; the offering take.  
For blessing comes when Thou dost break.

## TEXAS PASTOR SUFFERS WITH US

Petersburg, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I read in the October 16th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER of your resignation with heartache. I am a Convention preacher, but have read your paper with much joy and profit through the years—and my heart goes out to you now. We preachers know what another can suffer.

You have my prayers and know God will lead you out in a glorious way. Keep the good paper going. Enclosed check for 2 years subscription.

J. Harvey Scott

## 'BAMA LAYMAN GLAD FOR THIS PAPER

Phenix City, Ala.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I'm sorry to hear about your trouble in your church. I know trouble of that description is trying on the nerves.

The people who love the truth would be lost without you. We are certainly glad you have decided to carry on the paper. Your many readers will rejoice in this too.

We will be praying for you. May God give you many years in the promotion of His work, is our

servant. Lying tongues can cause us much grief.

You have a wonderful family and they know their Dad and husband.

Your readers down this way are praying for you and yours.

We may not understand in full until we walk the "Golden Streets." Then we won't care — will be so happy.

We do appreciate the paper you put out. God grant you can keep it going.

You do have our prayers and heart-felt sympathy. May our God who knows all things heal your broken hearts, and use you in a mighty way to prove His Power and Love.

Your friend in Christ,  
Mrs. M. A. Ailstock

## KENTUCKIAN DOESN'T THINK GOD IS THROUGH WITH EDITOR

Owenton, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just a word of encouragement as you're going through great trials.

Your ministry through the Examiner has meant a lot to me. Your bold stand for the truth helps others to stand. I don't believe the Lord is through with you yet.

Glad you intend to keep on.

# TESTIMONIALS LIKE THESE BRING MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT

## FROM ONE PASTOR'S WIFE TO MY WIFE

Evansville, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Gilpin and girls:

I want you to know that neither Mr. Sims nor I believe any of the things that have been told on Bro. Gilpin. We feel it an honor to have him for a friend and a brother in Christ.

I read last night the article which the girls wrote in the paper. It was so discreetly worded and yet so clear that I am sure everyone who wants to will understand the situation. I know you and Bro. Gilpin must be very proud to have two such lovely daughters who are obviously so well brought up.

We are so glad that Bro. Gilpin is going to continue the paper and as soon as we are located again with some visible means of support, you can be sure that we will do our part in helping him. I am sure that the Lord in time will completely vindicate Bro. Gilpin and show his enemies up to be the liars they are. Someone has said, "Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle for them all."

We will remember you daily in our prayers and hope you will do the same for us. Bro. Gilpin's article in the paper was a real encouragement for us since we, too, are starting over.

We love you very much.

Sincerely,  
Betty Gray Sims

## EVANGELIST SPENCER KNOWS OUR HURT BY EXPERIENCE

St. Cloud, Florida

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was surprised to read in the October 16th EXAMINER of your resignation, etc. Expect you could tell much as a result of indicated experiences that HURT more than many realize. I am praying that you and yours will know the LIFT of God's abounding grace and that you will be able to contend for the Faith in this season of unfaithfulness when many "will not endure sound doctrine." I know MUCH of sore persecution as ungodly folk "banded together to destroy." Acts 17:5-6; 24:5-14; II Tim. 4:10-16. "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me" as I trust He will you. We know that in the end "All things work together for good to them that love God," though, for a season, we may be grievously depressed. II Tim. 3:12. You are very fortunate in having a family who so genuinely help. May our Heavenly Father give you wisdom and strength to know and follow in the center of His will and way.

In Him,  
Eld. Earl A. Spencer

## BRO. WAUGH SAYS I AM A "CHILD OF LIGHT"

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just received the paper with the announcement of resignation. I thank God for your faithfulness to His Holy Word; may this hour, as I know it shall, (Rom. 8:28) be a blessing in disguise.

But I was especially struck with remembrance of, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." I thank God you are a child of light. Had you been a machine man, a child of this generation, you would have started looking out for your own welfare and made the "proper connections" gracefully to migrate to another pastorate.

How few people will realize that your move is the Scriptural and Baptistic move. But few Baptists are Baptists today! Their hope is in men, not God.

I thank God for your grand daughters (not granddaughters) and their faithfulness to God and His servant, their daddy. Our prayers shall be for you and

yours. To have known you and your family is as gracious a mortal experience as I have known.

I am enclosing a little token of my love and appreciation (\$3.00). I would make it more if I could, but Satan is very busy against the Lord's own and we recently hit the bottom with but \$1.81 in our account. But whether our financial account is up or down, when we are the Lord's, our look, hope, and certainty, is ever up! Hallelujah!

And I believe, you are directed in all of this, up! I am happy God has led you to stay with the Examiner. Thereby you reach the multitudes and God will bless His Word.

Bro. Muse has always insisted since first I saw your name, that all your accusations have been false! From the clarity of your ministry and having been in your presence some four days, I too, join the camp of friends and oppose from every side the lies of the enemy.

God bless you mightily.

In Him,  
Raymond A. Waugh

## FOR ONCE I'VE MADE THE CONVENTION BOYS HAPPY

Irvine, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Having heard of your resignation from the church in Russell and the accusations which were brought against you, I felt impressed to write you and express my sympathies and my concern. My wife and I think much of you and your family and I want you to know that we are confident that the Lord will bless you and care for you in this time of persecution.

It is sad that the "Program boys" are making a big thing of this. They are gloating in the fact that you, an independent (a curse-word in this association), are in such a predicament. I overheard a conversation yesterday at a so-called mission rally of a school of missions in which they were expressing their glee. I could hardly restrain myself from getting into the middle of it with them.

May the Lord bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ  
Billy E. Parrott

## THANK GOD FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS GREATLY LOVED FRIEND

Burnside, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

In looking over the current issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER I was surprised and shocked to learn of your resignation as pastor of the church at Russell.

I feel sure that you have given the matter much thought and that you felt the leading of the Holy Spirit in making this decision.

You know of our interest in you and your work, and we want you to know that we will continue to pray that the Lord will lead you each step of the way in the future. I feel that Romans 8:28 will continue to be a reality in the life of God's children, and that somehow out of this He will get glory, and that it will work out for the best.

With every good wish to you and your family from the Grissoms, I am

Sincerely,  
T. B. Grissom

## OHIO FRIENDS THINK GOD HAS SOMETHING GREATER IN STORE

Lucasville, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We take your paper and sure love to read it, and I think any who love the truth would love to read it. We sure love your raido messages.

We pray God's blessings upon you spiritually, materially, phy-

sically and financially; according to His riches in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We believe God permitted your people to persecute you, because He has a greater work for you just like Joseph. His brothers envied him and sold him, but God made him a ruler in Egypt. So God has something better for you.

Ed and Martha Hoskins

## MISSIONARY LEWIS THINKS OF EDITOR AS ONE OF GOD'S NOBLEMEN

New Orleans, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and family:

Bro. Overbey writes that you have resigned as pastor at Russell, Kentucky. I know not the cause, but I do know that you are one of God's noblemen. We pray that the Holy Spirit may endear Himself to you and yours in a special way.

Again the Lord has blessed me by bringing my wife through a successful operation. We expect to be on our way to Detroit around the 22nd of this month.

If I can serve you in any way just let me know.

By His grace,  
Mitchell Lewis

## MISSOURI EDITOR SENDS GREETINGS

Springfield, Mo.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I regret to note that you have resigned the pastorate which you held for so long and through which you have done such solid, productive work. I sincerely hope that you will find even a pleasant and more fruitful ministry. And of course I shall be delighted to see you the next time you are through here.

With all good wishes,  
Cordially yours,  
Noel Smith

## RETIRED EVANGELIST FROM NEW YORK LENDS ENCOURAGEMENT

Springville, N. Y.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am sorry, I am shocked, to read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER that came today, and read of the ending of your pastorate. I shouldn't be shocked or surprised, as a man of experience of more than fifty years standing, and have been, it seems like, kicked about like NOBODY'S DOG, etc.,

have failed in the past, and the kind and wise providence has permitted me to be here these years in spite of everything the Devil tried to do. I have always desired to get to see you and talk with you. I do not desire to write some things. I must draw this to a close, but remember that Paul said, "Woe when all men speak well of you." I have said I was willing to be judged by the character of my enemies, etc.

Sincerely,  
S. David Sikes

One benefited by reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and thanks to the editor.

## MICHIGAN LADY HAPPY PAPER IS TO CONTINUE

Jackson, Mich.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Words will fail to express my deep concern and sorrow for the existing condition that compelled you to resign your pastorate, but I glory in your determination to carry on with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is a splendid little paper, has been a wonderful help to me and the only way I can help you is to send out subscriptions occasionally to friends whom I love and feel should be benefited by your wonderful expositions. Already they have told me how they love the little paper. I will be sending more names later on. You see, my monthly state aid is all I have to depend on. How I long to send you a handsome check to help carry on your work. The most I can do is pray, and that I love to do. Believe me Bro. Gilpin, I will be praying for you, your dear wife and family. May our dear Lord, "who never fails" supply your every need, grant you courage and health to carry on in this most precious work for Him.

In Christian love,  
Mrs. D. J. Hommerding

## NEARBY FRIENDS ARE ENJOYING THE PAPER

Catlettsburg, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just a few lines this morning to let you know we still enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and still consider you as our friend. Have been intending to write you but have just neglected it.

We still remember your kindness and helpfulness to us during our daughter's illness and death. We talk so much of the message you gave at her funeral. We especially remember those words you said, "It's a joy to stand beside the casket of one who has gone to be with the Lord, which is far better." These words have been a great comfort.

We are glad to hear that God answered prayer in regard to your health. Hope you will soon be completely recovered.

May God continue to bless you in your work for Him.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. John Lambert

## PRAYING HIS BLESSINGS ON EDITOR'S MINISTRY

Grayson, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am praying that in all your difficulty He will bless. I saw in your paper about your two daughters. I congratulate them on the stand they have taken for the Lord. I have been a member of the First Baptist of Grayson for 35 years. Am saved and ready for the coming of Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Trust your health will get better. Please find enclosed \$2.00.

Yours in Christ,  
Charles Easterling

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## FAITH

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea  
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;  
I will believe the Hand which never fails,  
From seeming evil worketh good for me.  
And though I weep because those sails are tattered,  
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered:  
"I trust in Thee."

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return  
Unanswered from the still, white realm above;  
I will believe it is an all-wise love  
Which has refused these things for which I yearn;  
And though at times I cannot keep from grieving,  
Yet the pure ardor of my fixed believing  
Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt, though sorrows fall like rain,  
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;  
I will believe the heights for which I strive  
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;  
And though I groan and writhe beneath my crosses,  
I yet shall see through my severest losses  
The greater gain.

I will not doubt. Well anchored is this faith,  
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale;  
So strong its courage that it will not quail  
To beat the mighty unknown sea of death.  
O, may I cry, Though body parts with spirit,  
"I do not doubt," so listening worlds may hear it,  
With my last breath.

## LIKES PAPER AND DESIRES TO SEE IT CONTINUE

Danville, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am writing to say that I hope and pray that you will be well very soon—that the spots on your brain will all disappear.

I want to say how much I enjoy your paper. I think I like best the "I Should Like To Know" column. It has helped me a lot to understand some things I didn't understand before.

And I sincerely hope that the paper will go on as it has been. I didn't even know about your paper until friends of mine had it sent to me, and I thank them very much for it.

We are sending you two dollars to do with as you see best. We want to give it as a gift.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. John Shearer

a part of the time. Illegal business meetings, and about everything the Devil could concoct, with the help of crooked deacons and others and due to my experiences, I am able to, in part, understand the situation. Even though it's long distance, I have been able to read a lot through a knot-hole in the fence.

At times when they kick us out of one place, they find they have kicked us into a better, bigger place of usefulness. The kicking process isn't painless, nevertheless, that is that.

You have stood strong for truth and fearlessly, no cowardly-sneaking manner about it. That has helped me and may the Lord bless you at this particular time. I am aware, awake and don't need to be told anything. I know what a pastor or editor or author may get if he stands and speaks and writes for the truth. I think I can tell you of murder plots that

# HUNDREDS LIKE THESE HAVE COME OUT OF BOX 7 LAST WEEK AS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SUPPORTERS AND EDITOR OF PAPER

## SAYS PAPER HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION

Carrsville, Virginia

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Words cannot express just how sorry I am that you have met with such opposition in your fine work for the Lord. Your paper has been such an inspiration to me. May the Lord bless you and your paper is my prayer. Am sending a small offering and when I can will send more.

I am so sorry about your health also. I have always been weakly, and now need my strength more than ever before, as I have twin babies 14 months old that require so much work. But they are beautiful babies and with the Lord to lean on He will give me strength to push on.

Your daughters are beautiful and I know they are much joy to you in your time of much burden and worry.

May the Lord give you much strength and heal your body so your work for Him may live on and on.

Must close, but Bro. Gilpin, I know you will be victorious for the Lord needs more just like you.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Merrill Thompson

## BELIEVES WE'LL COME OUT AS "REFINED GOLD"

Marion, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am a subscriber to your Examiner. I like it very much and enjoy the "Question And Answer" column. I feel like you are led by the Holy Spirit in your every move. I believe you will come out as Job, "Refined Gold." Surely the Lord will repay you in a bountiful way.

My prayer is that you may do His will and be submissive to Him. I do hope you may continue THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, it is one of the best Baptist papers I know of. I read it all with pleasure. It appears there are many things this day and time to try men's hearts and turn them away from God, if possible. I am trusting the Lord will provide you a way and you have my prayers to this end. I am enclosing my check for \$5.00 to help you and yours along the way. Spend as you see fit and may the Lord's richest blessing rest upon you and family, I am,

Yours in Him,  
A. E. Brown

## SOUTH CAROLINA FRIENDS WHO PRAY FOR US

Fairfax, S. C.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

After returning from my work this evening I found my copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER had arrived in the morning mail, but after reading of your resigning I can say I was almost speechless.

We are praying more than ever before that it is all God's will and plan that you have a most wonderful and fruitful future for our Lord. I can not express my feelings just as I would like to but you and your fine family can know that you have friends in S. C. who are praying for you and love you all.

I have always made it my business to stand behind my pastor, unless he should start preaching false doctrine. It is every child of God's duty to do so, and any who would fail to do so cause doubt in one's mind.

I know from your sermons in TBE that only the true notes of the Gospel fall from your lips and we are thankful unto God for such a man who will speak up

for our Lord and break the Bread of Life to his flock as you have.

May God bless you always and I know He will, for God answers the prayers of His children, for He has truly answered prayers for this family and in great and glorious ways.

You may count on us to help on the expense of printing the paper. Our gifts may not be big, but God does great things with little gifts when they are given in the name of Christ Jesus.

Truly God has blessed you in your illness and our prayers shall go unto the Throne of Grace that you may be completely healed. I feel in my heart that God has a bigger task for you and doors will be opened soon.

God's richest blessings to you and your family.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton

much needed. May God lead you in its continuance for His glory.

Then to bring this letter to a close and to make it practical, I enclose a \$10 check to be used as needed for the furtherance of God's cause. I assure you that my concern for the cause would say \$100, but I'm under financial limitations.

Praying God's richest blessings upon you and the family, I remain,

Yours in Him,  
DeWayne W. Austin

## WANTS TO HELP IN THE FIGHT

Harrisburg, Ill.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am sending you a dollar to renew my subscription. I didn't think I would renew. But when I

## IN THE FURNACE

*He sat by a fire of seven-fold heat,  
As He watched by the precious ore,  
And closer He bent with a searching gaze  
As He heated it more and more.  
He knew He had ore that could stand the test,  
And He wanted the finest gold  
To mould as a crown for the King to wear,  
Set with gems with a price untold.  
So He laid our gold in the burning fire,  
Though we fair would have said Him 'Nay,'  
And He watched the dross that we had not seen,  
And it melted and passed away.  
And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,  
But our eyes were so dim with tears,  
We saw but the fire -- not the Master's hand,  
And questioned with anxious fears.  
Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow,  
As it mirrored a Form above,  
That bent o'er the fire, though unseen by us,  
With a look of ineffable love.  
Can we think that it pleases His loving heart  
To cause us a moment's pain?  
Ah, no! but He saw through the present cross  
The bliss of eternal gain.  
So he waited there with a watchful eye,  
With a love that is strong and sure,  
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat,  
Than was needed to make it pure.*

## THANKS GOD FOR THIS PAPER

Hamilton, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Well, praise the Lord, that although Satan has been trying you sore, you have not dipped your colors or lowered your standard. Your courageous stand for Biblical truth and fight against all false teachings have been a tremendous source of encouragement to me these last few years since I became acquainted with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

I, too, know a little of what it means to be a Biblical Baptist and the opposition that you encounter when you refuse to compromise. After graduating from the Seminary I was with Clifford Randall in Science Hill, Ky., for a few months, but they made short work of me there. I started from nothing and organized two Baptist churches in Indiana. The first one was taken away by a "Diotrephes." The last one I left recently as I didn't have the time nor money to do battle against all the opposition any longer. It was real missionary work in a new territory and I had to work full time in a factory.

I do thank God for your ministry through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Yours is one of the unique papers of this day and very

saw your last paper, I decided to assist you in your fight against the powers of modern religion. I do not agree with you on all the doctrine you preach, for I think you are wrong. However, I believe you are honestly wrong, but I think you would like to be right. But you do have good articles in your paper.

Sincerely yours,  
Aaron Reeder

## 76 YEARS OLD BUT WANTS A PART IN PRINTING TBE

Harrodsburg, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was so very sorry to hear of your illness and it seems a miracle the way it turned out, and I do sincerely hope it will heal entirely and you will have many more days on this earth to work for the Lord.

I am sorry to hear of the church difficulty, but it seems Satan is working overtime and he surely is at the head of this. But as you say, the Lord watches over His own and it may be His way to place you some where else where He wants you.

I do hope you can get the debt paid on the printing press and print THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for a long time to come. It has been a real blessing to me, and

I am sure to many many more.

I have perfect confidence in you and believe you a sincere Christian. I hope you and your family will be very successful in all you undertake, and lead many souls to see the way clearly.

I am sending you \$1.00 and how I wish I had a great deal more to send. I am 76 years old and a small income, but I want a little part in printing TBE and will send more as I can. My deepest sympathy to you and yours.

In Christ,  
Mrs. W. O. Prewitt

## FLORIDA LAYMAN REMINDS US OF GOD'S PROMISES

Gainesville, Florida

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

The October 16th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER arrived yesterday. In it I noted your resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church. In time of stress and testing there are no words that can edify like words of our Lord.

"He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Psalm 103:10.

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Acts 20:24.

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." II Cor. 4:17,18.

"In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer." Isa. 54:8.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy." John 16:20.

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." I Peter 5:10.

"Behold happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; he woundeth, and his hands make whole." Job 17-18.

"Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." James 5:11.

"But rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified." I Peter 4:13-14.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." II Tim. 3:12.

"But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." I Cor. 11:32.

"The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate." Psalm 34:22.

"The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right

hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore." Psalm 121:5-8.

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power; That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." II Thess. 1:11-12.

Yours in Him,  
Zach Savage

## SAVED AND MADE TO REJOICE THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF THIS PAPER

Carrsville, Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I'm writing this in behalf of my husband and myself. Our hearts were sad as we read your BAPTIST EXAMINER yesterday and we just want you to know that our hearts go out to you and that we are standing behind you with our prayers. May your enemies be caught in their own snares, and may our Lord bring you out victorious. We feel certain that He will do just that. Oh how exceedingly precious are His blessed promises at a time like this, such as Romans 8:28-31; Mt. 5:11,12, etc.

Bro. Gilpin you said in the paper that you felt that God has a mighty work for you on this earth yet. We feel that way too—we feel that you are one of God's greatest men on this earth. He has used you in a mighty way in the past and we feel that He has greater things for you in the future. I am one of those who can bear witness as to what you have done through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, because God used it to save my soul and, oh, how my husband and I both have been blessed and edified down through the years (I believe we have been receiving it ever since you started printing it). Oh, how we, who have thus been saved and blessed, ought to pray and give as never before. Oh, if only I had some money to send I'd be so happy, but as it is my husband is working only 4 days a week at present and as we have 4 children to support we haven't been able to do as we would like. However, we are going to pray as never before, the Lord willing, that God will make it possible for us to give more and also that He will open the hearts and pocketbooks of others who are able and that He will make this one of the mightiest works on earth, for in our opinion, it is worthy. I'm sure that only eternity will reveal the good that this paper has done, the souls that have been saved and edified and the truth that it has spread. Oh, how this world does need the truth.

So, you just keep up that wonderful faith that you have, Bro. Gilpin (how we do admire your courage and faith) and may God give you health, strength and comfort and bestow His richest blessings upon you and yours. We'll be praying for you always as long as God gives us the breath.

Two grateful Christian friends,  
Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Parrish

## SURE GOD WILL SPARE THE EDITOR

Wellston, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Let not your heart be troubled. I am sure God will spare you many years to feed his sheep.

Yours,  
Mrs. Earl Kasee

## "Christ's Unanswerable Question"

(Continued from page two)  
one of the strangest characters that ever stalked across the pages of human history. You were the last of the Old Testament prophets, and at the same time, the beginning of the New Testament. You were like the landing on a flight of stairs—you were higher than those before you, and yet lower than those that should come after you. You were the first Baptist preacher we ever read of in history. You baptized this man Jesus, although with a great deal of reluctance on your part. You denounced the Jews for their hypocritical professions of religion. Tell us, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

"Nicodemus, I am glad that you came to Jesus one night; I am glad that we have evidence of your profession of faith in Him: I am happy not only because it means your salvation, but since you were a fine high type moral man—a preacher of religion—you stand as an example to tell us that regardless of how good and moral one may be, he still needs Jesus. Nineteen hundred years ago you came to Him by night to talk with Him relative to His miracles and His theological teachings of religion. Do you remember that night? Do you recall that He emphatically declared the necessity of the new birth when He said to you, 'Ye must be born again?'

Since you were a Jew and He was a Jew, and since many of my audience tonight are Jews, I ask you, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."—John 3:2.

"Woman of Samaria, I speak to you as I spoke to Nicodemus, I am glad that you were saved and that your character found a place in the Word of God even if your name was omitted. To be sure, first of all I am glad that you are saved, but especially am I glad to recognize you as one of Jesus' friends in view of the example which you present. You had had five husbands, and you were living with a man in open sin when Jesus came to you. You were ostracized from society in that day. It is too bad you were born nineteen hundred years too soon, for if you had lived today, you would be the 'belle' of society in every town. With your ways with men, you would be much sought after today. Your name would grace the society page of every modern daily newspaper. Since you were redeemed from all your sin, you serve as an example, and by your conversion you tell the world that none can be too low nor too vile to come into the Kingdom of God. That must have been an eventful day in your life when you came out to Jacob's well to draw water and found Jesus seated there. Whether you recall how He looked or not, I am sure that you remember many of the things which He said. When He began to talk with you about the 'water of life,' you thought he was talking about natural water, didn't you? You even admitted to Him that you were expecting the Messiah. What you said to the men of the city of Sychar I would be happy to consider as an answer to my question, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"—John 4:29.

"Paul, you never had the honor of seeing Him face to face; you never walked with Him in the days of His flesh; you were a stiff-necked, proud-hearted disbeliever for years after others had received Jesus as Saviour. The first thing I remember of you, you were opposing those who had believed on Him. It was then that you were assisting in the stoning of a young man who claimed that Jesus was the Messiah. Later on, after your great experience on the roadway to Damascus, you became one of His followers. As you yourself said, 'You were one born out of due time.' (I Cor. 15:8). You walked with Him in service for 30 years; you preached the Bible for 25 years. After you had been in His service nearly 30 years, you wrote to the church at Rome relative to the theological problems which center in and about the life of Jesus. Tell me now, after you have had these 30 years experience with Him, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Rom. 1:16.

### IV

Lest I become tedious by calling in too many of those whom He had befriended, and who became His friends, I call in His disciples and ask them the same question: 'What think ye of Christ?'

"Andrew, it looks like you had a 'knack' for personal work. You were the one who found the lad with some loaves and fishes and brought him to Jesus whereby a great miracle was wrought through His hands. You were one of those who told Jesus about the Greeks who had said, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' (John 12:21). On the day when you first saw Jesus, you hurried away to begin your personal work by going to your own brother in the flesh, Simon Peter. What did you say to Peter in order to interest him in Jesus? 'What think ye of Christ?'

"We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ."—John 1:41.

"Philip, the world knows but little of you, yet you were close enough to Jesus that you felt at liberty to talk with Him, and you thus went with Andrew on the day when he told you about the Greeks who desired to see Him. Philip, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"We have found him, of whom Moses, in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."—John 1:45.

"Nathaniel, you surely were the skeptic of the twelve apostles. Do you remember that when your friend Philip first spoke to you about Jesus, that you even doubted that anyone good, or anything worthwhile could come out of the city of Nazareth? Well, Nathaniel, after you saw Him, and had had fellowship with Him, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel."—John 1:49.

"Thomas, your skepticism never manifested itself until after Jesus was taken from you. I imagine your doubt was only natural though, and that it was an easy matter for you to question the resurrection, in view of the fact that you were so discouraged because of His death. Thomas, you saw Him not only alive, but you

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saw Him after He came forth from the grave; tell us, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"My Lord and my God."—John 20:28.

"Simon Peter, we are sure that if you were here today, you would deny many of the things that have been said about you relative to your primacy and the fact that you were the first pope. We just don't believe this, for you told us yourself that you were only an elder—just a preacher. You were so careful when you wrote your first letter to disclaim all superiority over any of the rest of the disciples.

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who are also an elder."—I Pet. 5:1.

"Since you were so careful in that you did not want men to mistake you for the Christ, tell us, Who is Christ? 'What think ye of Christ?'

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."—Mt. 16:16.

### V

My Jewish friends, in the main, are as far from infidelity as they are from Christ. They believe in God. Though they may reject Jesus as His Son, still they believe in God the Father. Twice during the ministry of Jesus on earth, the Father broke the Heavenly silence with His voice. When Jesus was baptized, and when He was transfigured, the Father spoke. May each Jew and Gentile as well, in my invisible audience lift his eyes heavenward now and say, 'Oh, God, what think ye of Christ?'

Listen: "And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him."—Luke 9:35.

### VI

Since we have accepted the words of God the Father, and have taken His testimony in answer to this question, we likewise turn to the enemy of our souls. We even appeal to Satan. It isn't often that I would be willing to accept anything that He would say, or that I would want to parley long in talking with him; yet believed, the Devil

knows more about Jesus than any preacher living today. Did not James write,

"Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe and tremble."—James 2:10.

In view of this fact, I ask Satan, 'What think ye of Christ?' and he immediately answers back, 'What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not.'—Luke 8:28.

### VII

I realize that there are those listening to this broadcast who desire that we shall convict Jesus. Since they have rejected Him, nothing could please them more than that we should find whereof to convict Him. Since the Old Testament prophets, the angels, His friends, His disciples, even God the Father, and the Devil of Hell have all testified in His behalf; we now call upon His enemies to see what they have to say concerning Jesus.

"Judas, you betrayed Him; you loved 30 pieces of silver—\$15.95 more than you loved Jesus. Even though you followed with Him for three years' time, still you betrayed Him. Of all ungrateful wretches, you are the worse. The basest ingratitude I have seen in any man appears in you. But tell us, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."—Mt. 27:4.

"Pilate, this Jesus came before you for questioning and for trial. You were the one who sat upon the bench; you had sworn to uphold the law; you washed your hands of the whole matter on the day of the trial, but what you needed was that God might have washed your heart. It is true that you did wash your hands in water, but it requires more than water to wash away the guilt and the enormity of your sin—your passing judgment on one when even the witnesses disagree, and when you yourself knew He wasn't guilty. Pilate, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"I find no fault in this man."—Luke 23:4.

"I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it."—Mt. 27:24.

And now, beloved, to you of my audience, I ask the question, 'What think ye of Christ?' To both my Jewish and Gentile friends, I present this question, 'What think ye of Christ?' We would expect His disciples, and His friends to testify in His behalf; yet in this instance, we have seen the Devil, along with the angels, and prophets, and the Father speaking well of Him. Even Judas and Pilate in their testimony laud and praise His character. In view of all of these testimonies, I ask you, 'What think ye of Christ?'

"What think ye of Christ? is the test

To try both your state and your scheme; You cannot be right in the rest. Unless you think rightly of Him.

As Jesus appears in your view, As He is loved or not; So God is disposed to you, And mercy or wrath is your lot. Some take Him a creature to be, A man, or an angel at most; Sure these have not feelings like me,

Nor know themselves wretched and lost; So guilty, so helpless am I, I durst not confide in His blood, Nor on His protection rely. Unless I was sure He is God. If ask'd what of Jesus I think, Though still my best thoughts are but poor,

I'll say He's my meat and my drink, My Life, and my Strength and my Store, My Shepherd, my Husband, my Friend, My Saviour from sin and from thrall; My hope from beginning to end, My portion, my Lord, and my (Continued on page eight)

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## I Should Like To Know

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only did not call back the dead ordinarily; but that she was more surprised and scared than any one that one from the dead should really appear. The appearing of Moses and Elijah with Christ on the Mount of transfiguration was not a seance but a revelation of resurrection glory to the disciples for the confirmation of their faith. No medium even claims to bring back the dead in resurrection glory. The transfiguration was out on the mountain in broad daylight; not in a dark room or at night.

3. What was the nature of the temptation? Was Eve's sin as great in the garden of Eden as Adam's? Is woman's responsibility in the family (toward God) equal to man's?

The temptation was three-fold in the garden of Eden. It was an appeal to appetite. The forbidden fruit was "good for food." That was physical. It was also soulful. "It was pleasant to the eyes." That is what the Bible usually means by "sensual." It appeals to the aesthetic taste. To that class of temptation belong the nude in art, the sensuous in music, the theatre and the movies, the novel and practically all modern fiction. They gratify and feed the desire within for that which is "pleasant" to the flesh. That is a very subtle form of temptation and all the more dangerous for that very reason. Lots of folk in their religion go in only for the pleasant and think that is worship. It is demon-worship perhaps as all false worship is. I Cor. 10:20. The devil's shrewdest temptation now-a-days is right there. He makes the people clamor for "smooth things," for "pleasant things," for things that entertain and please the natural man in religion, rather than for the truth and the things that please God and belong to real worship. That is his work as "god of this age." Children's day exercises, sensuous singings, lectures in the pulpit, dismissing services for worldly programs and other like entertainments, and all other performances in churches primarily for the entertainment or pleasing of men, rather than for the worship and glory of God are subtle temptations of the devil. The third thing in the temptation was the appeal to the intellectual and spiritual. The fruit was "to be desired to make one wise." Eve's was the same temptation exactly that is offered by our modern colleges, universities and seminaries, namely, to know apart from God, or to know in addition to God and His Word, or in other words, to pry into God's secrets and find out what He has not seen fit to reveal and thereby have some knowledge independent of God and His revelation. The devil was the author of that temptation to Eve and he is the daddy of higher-criticism, evolution, rationalism, and all "science falsely so-called" or philosophy that "opposeth and exalteth itself above all that is called God." This temptation was both intellectual

and spiritual. Wisdom is heart knowledge. To know with the head is intellectual; to know with the heart includes not only the head knowledge, but faith and experience. The curse of modern education is that it leaves out the heart and destroys faith, without which there can be no spiritual knowledge or wisdom. Eve got no wisdom by yielding to the temptation. No lie gives wisdom; only the truth can make wise and free. A school which does not make the Bible the center of its course cannot make wise or true or free. It can turn out only fools and knaves and weaklings and slaves. "The heart of education is the education of the heart." The desire to be wise above what is written or apart from the Bible is the same subtle temptation and brings the same disastrous end always that it brought to Eve and her posterity. This temptation was an appeal to pride and pride is first intellectual and then spiritual. When it reaches the heart it is cancer to the spirit. It blights and destroys all fellowship with God and all spiritual power with men. It made a devil out of the leader of Heaven's music (Satan) and brought all our woe and trouble upon Eve and all her descendants.

Judged by its consequences and punishment, Eve's sin was greater than Adam's in the garden. Her curse was greater, for it included not only the pain of child-bearing, but her perpetual submission to man and her eternal prohibition by God Himself from ever being a leader of spiritual things. I Tim. 2:8-14. Woman's responsibility in the home is as great as man's though he is to be the head of the home and the teacher of the children. Eph. 6:4. Women are commanded to be workers at home. Titus 2:3-5. Everywhere else except at home man's responsibility is greater—in business, in church, in politics, etc. The Bible is a very old-fashioned book and its model women were home bodies, who would not shine much in any kind of a modern assemblage, religious or otherwise. They were modest, quiet, becomingly-dressed women, workers at home, who were known away from home, not by their own activities, but by their husbands. Prov. 30:23; I Tim. 2:9; I Pet. 3:2-6, which we very earnestly commend to all our women readers.



## Letters

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when I think of the false charges that the Devil has hurled at you through the enemies of Christ. But I still believe Rom. 8:28 and believe that it will all work out for good. My prayer is that God will use you in a greater way than ever before. I pray that the Lord will see fit for you to publish THE BAPTIST EXAMINER until He comes for us. I would be lost without it and I want to pledge to you my prayers for its continuation and also shall render to you financial aid as the Lord provides.

There is lots more that I would like to say but I don't know how to express my thought very well in writing. I hope that if the Lord is willing I can see you in the near future and then I can sit down and talk with you till my heart is content.

May the Lord richly bless you and yours as you continue in your great work for our Saviour.

A brother in Christ,  
E. W. Tompkins, Jr.

## SHOCKED AT WAY YOUR EDITOR HAS BEEN MISTREATED

Ivydale, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

After stripping the wrapper from your last copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER this morning I was surprised, and shocked at the way you had been mistreated, and falsely accused. After reading what you had written, then read the statement that your two fine daughters had made, it brought

tears to my eyes, just to think, that after all the years that you had given to the church, and to the editing and printing THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I just had to stop and go to secret prayer for you and your fine family, and I can assure you that I will be praying for you and your two wonderful young girls, and your fine son, who sacrificed his business in order to help out with the paper. I am enclosing \$1.00 for one year's subscription to the paper, although I know it is only 50 cents per year, but as long as you print the paper and it comes to me, I am going to pay \$1.00 a year instead of 50 cents.

It makes me rejoice to think how the Lord has healed you, and I am hoping that you will find more and even better work for the Lord in the future, and I believe with all my heart that you will. With very best wishes to you, and all your fine family, I will close.

Respectfully,  
Ellis Friend

## DEVOTED HIS PRAYER MEETING TO EDITOR'S PROBLEMS

Glen Dean, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

As I write this letter to you my heart is pained deeply by the false accusations that have been hurled your way. At the same time my prayers go up for you and your family in this time of sorrow and heartache.

I pray to God that you may continue your work in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for I believe that it is God's will.

I know that there comes a time when we ask the same question that Job asked, why the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer, but His Word tells us that we must suffer for righteousness sake.

When a preacher separates himself from the crowd and preaches the great truths and doctrines that are contained in God's Word then he is going to make enemies, but Psalms 119:98-100 gives us courage to go on.

I have never met you, but through TBE and Bros. Clark, Simmons and Overbey, I feel that we are close friends. I know something of the problems that are facing you now for I am undergoing the same thing at this time.

Thank God there is one great source from which we can draw courage and strength in the time of need and that is God's Word and prayer. My mid-week prayer service tonight will be devoted to you and your family in behalf of your problems. I am willing to take this stand openly and offer my services in any way they can be used. When one of God's elect dares to become a Daniel, then he finds himself in the minority group.

May the Lord richly bless you and your family and give you the courage and strength to carry on the work that He has called you to do. I know that the Lord will watch over you for He keeps His preachers in His hand and if you are not one of God's called preachers, then no one else is. Hoping to see you soon in person or else meet you in the air. I continue to pray for you and yours.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
Bro. Otis Stallings

## SAYS HIS CONFIDENCE IN EDITOR IS GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE

Lynn, Arkansas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Received your paper this morning and after reading of your resignation as pastor of your church, our hearts go out to you. We have been having trouble in our church here in Arkansas and I know something as to what you are going through. Our prayer is that God who supplies all our needs shall give you grace in this trying hour.

After reading about the lies that have been told on you and your attitude toward them that have done this, we can say that God

has given you more grace than He has us, of which we are thankful.

We want to say again that we look forward each week to receive TBE. Keep the good work going and may God's richest blessings rest upon you as you continue in the service for the Lord.

We are sending you a love offering which is not much, but trusting that it will help you in a small way.

Yours under the Blood,  
Eld. Brooks Glenn

P. S. We will be praying for you. Our confidence is greater in you than ever before.

## A PASTOR'S WIFE TELLS OF BLESSINGS SHE HAS HAD THROUGH TBE

Richmond, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

Since receiving the copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER which told of your resignation at Russell, Ky., and of your illness, I have meant to write you and Mrs. Gilpin, Ruth, and Rhoda a letter. Our hearts simply go out to all of you.

Yet, I don't know when the paper was ever more of a blessing, well, blessing is far from the word I should use to express myself. Before I go any further with this letter let me say right here — Don't Ever Stop Publishing THE BAPTIST EXAMINER!

I wish I had the chance to tell every person who felt you were giving too much time to your paper of the times I know beyond all shadow of doubt God used that paper at just the right minute in my life; I think surely they would be appeased. There are far too many instances to ever start telling them here on paper.

I've got to tell you this one though. I hardly know how to go about relating this in order to make it mean just exactly what I want it to.

Referring to that particular copy of the paper in which you told of your serious physical condition, we were deeply stirred and our hearts made heavy because of that. But I know that as sure as I sit here writing you this morning, that God caused you to write that article that very week because He wanted me to read it and take hold again by faith.

I don't like just now and here to start telling you my condition. Heaven knows you're got enough burdens and care already. But in order to tell you how I was so greatly helped that morning I received the paper, I must go into a few details.

As you know, in a previous letter I told you how I have been so very sick for about six months now, and I wrote you requesting prayer, and I do thank you and the church for remembering me. I do know that God answered because I was able to get up and at least cook for the family and wait on them some.

However, I still wasn't getting along like I should and about three weeks ago I was X-rayed again, and my doctor here in Richmond informed me I had a cyst inside the liver which had already calcified and there was no way to remove it. He gave me quite a bit of assurance though since he says it will never develop into anything, but is most likely to stay benign. He also told me that after a period of six weeks if I didn't respond favorably to treatment which I'm now taking, they would be compelled to remove the gall bladder.

I just can't tell you how awful depressed I became. I guess because of the nervous condition I've suffered for about four years, I simply was so sick in body and mind, I had to just about take my bed again. Somehow I just felt like I couldn't go on. The devil almost had me whipped, to tell you the truth.

Then I got THE BAPTIST EXAMINER the Monday following that awful week, and there was the story of how doctors had given you six months to live, and that humanly speaking it looked pretty bad for you, and then how of its own accord the tumor on

your brain had bursted, even astounding your doctors, and that did it for me. I found myself almost saying aloud, "God, if you can do that for John Gilpin, you can do just that for me." I asked God then and there to remove the fear and worry from my mind, about my physical condition, and I'm happy to say He has. I believe too that He is going to prevent my having an operation. He has moved mountains in both our lives in the last week.

I just wish I could impress some of those who felt you were spending too much time on a paper that doubtless blesses lives by the scores every week it goes out. Selfishly speaking for a moment, if it never blessed any but my own, the numerous times it has, it would be worth every extra hour and minute you put in it.

My heart goes out to all of you in these hours of trial for you. Reading of your illness and all this other, made me think again of the old quotation: "I cried when I had no shoes, then I saw the man who had no feet."

I just pray that God will bless you more than ever and use you greater than in all your past years.

Well I see I've done it again, sat down to write you a few lines and ended up writing you a few pages. That seems to be one of my underlying faults. But I'm glad now that I've written you this letter. For over a week I've intended doing it, but I don't think the old Devil even wanted me to write you encouraging THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. He's got me to put it off by finding me numerous tasks to do. You know I think this morning he even made the stack of clothes I've got to iron look higher, and the sink had more dishes to wash in it than I've seen in ages, but I've conquered him for once by doing that which I believe God wanted me to do.

God bless every one of you.  
Mrs. Leona Kays

## RADIO LISTENER IS BLEST THROUGH RADIO AND PAPER

Rush, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

What a joy I got this morning when I turned my radio on and heard your program. I didn't get my paper until Saturday. Since you are not pastor at Russell I thought you might not be on WWKO. I got a pleasure out of knowing that we can still hear and read your messages.

Your paper is just wonderful. We really enjoy it. I gave my old copies to friends and now they also listen each Sunday.

Although I don't belong to any church, I truly believe you must be a wonderful man, otherwise you couldn't preach like you do.

Do hope that your health will be better in the future, and keep up your good work. I know the Truth will always stand.

You keep preaching and we'll keep listening.

Your radio friend,  
Mayme Gillum

## ALL THE WEIGANT FAMILY SEND GREETINGS

Russellville, Ark.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

Our heart goes out to you in prayer, knowing our dear Lord will continue to bless you in a marvelous way. You have and always will be a great inspiration to us.

We were recently encouraged to leave a community because of our stand for our Lord, and it was a blessing to us. So I know this will be a blessing of our Lord to you dear people. We will continue to pray for you. Please pray for us. Prov. 3:5,6. Jim Weigant, Sr.

Mrs. J. B. Weigant  
Janice Weigant  
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