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

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Again Hundreds Of Our Friends Have Written Concerning My Resignation

TEXAS PASTOR SAYS HE THANKS GOD FOR TBE'S EDITOR

Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Have in my hand the Oct. 16th issue of your paper telling a little of your trouble there. Bro. Gilpin, I want you to know that my heart and prayers are for you in this time of trouble.

Bro. Gilpin, you and I may not see eye to eye on every thing, but I want you to know that I thank God for you, and for the work that you have done, and know this, that my prayers are with you.

Cal Sims

NEW READER HAS LEARNED MUCH FROM THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

Arkansas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I have been reading your paper for about two months. No one knows what I have learned from it, and the things I never get in any other paper. I do not believe what is said about you.

I do enjoy so much the paper. Please do not use my name as my husband does not think we should give out flowers while we live, but I do.

Yours truly,
(Name withheld)

SURE GOD WILL GIVE US GREATER VICTORIES IN THE FUTURE

Macedonia, Ill.

Dear Bro. John:

Just a letter to let you know Bro. Gilpin, how much we suffer with you when we read your issue of Oct. 16th. But we both know that such will happen to any or all that stand for the truth as it is written in God's Word.

But we can't lose as our Lord Jesus Christ is for us and my experience so far is that we will have new and greater victories in

MORE INTEREST AS TO \$ A-MONTH CLUB \$

It is with joy that we note the progress of our Dollar-A-Month Club.

This week we heard from:

B. Easter, Detroit, Mich., who sent \$2.00; Samuel Affleck, Philadelphia, Penna, who sent \$1.00; E. D. Green, New Site, Miss., who sent \$3.00; Ellen Coxen, Evansville, Ind., who sent \$2.00; Elsie Tuggle, Aurora, Mo., who sent \$5.00; J. W. Roeder, McHenry, Ky., who sent \$12.00; Mrs. Belle Davis, Bridgeton, N. J., who sent \$2.00; Eula B. Pride, Tampa, Fla., who sent \$12.00.

We take pleasure in sharing with you the letters of Mrs. Tuggle, Mrs. Pride, and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Tuggle's letter follows:

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It saddened me to read of your resignation from the church I know you had learned to love so much. May the Lord lead you into a greater work.

I pray you do not stop the printing of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is an inspiration to me and has helped me so much. (Continued on page two)

the future.

With His love and grace upon you until He comes.

Harry Bayless

SAYS PAPER GETS BETTER ALL THE TIME

Utopia, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Please find enclosed two dollar bills for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, or where you need it most in your work. The paper gets better all the time. May God bless you and spare you many more years to carry on your work for the Lord's cause. I read the October 16th issue. It is sad to think such should happen, but I know God will be with you in all you do for His glory.

Sincerely your friend,
Mrs. F. A. Hicks

MISSOURI PASTOR REALIZES THIS PAPER HAS A WIDE INFLUENCE

Bennett Springs, Mo.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Wife and I are sorry that the Devil's crowd is causing you so much trouble. I am sure we all realize that in these last days, perilous times shall come, and Brother, they are here! More than one preacher who dared to buck the crowd and be unpopular has been "turned out in the cold." However, this is poor consolation to the sufferers. Only God can, and He will, heal the broken hearts caused by this wicked action.

There are very few people who will take the Word as it reads, and their number is fast decreasing.

We, wife and I, realize that a religious paper such as THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has a far wider influence than the same number of sermons and other talks spoken from the pulpit. Magazine publishers figure that not less than four persons read every copy of their publications. So multiply your mailing list by four and you have an exceedingly large audience for this day and age. You could well spend all your time with it, if you had some way to live. Perhaps revival meetings and Bible school work might keep

you going until you could spend considerable time with the paper. You would at least be your own boss.

We enclose two dollars of the Lord's money. Maybe we could get enough people who would contribute to your personal upkeep monthly to give you a sufficient salary. That might solve the problem.

May the Lord bless you and yours.

C. O. Baker

TEXAS PASTOR SAYS EDITOR'S MINISTRY HAS HELPED HIM AND THOUSANDS OF OTHERS

Gilmer, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received your paper yesterday, which I think is the best one in print. I also saw where the enemies of Christ and of the cause for which He died were still on the war-path against you as a minister of God. I pray to Almighty God that you will stay in the fight to the finish.

I know what you are up against for I have experienced about the same thing here in Texas for the past four months, but I thank God He promised us He would "never leave us nor forsake us and would not allow us to be tried nor tempted more than we were able." I want you to know I will be praying for you, and am willing to help you in any way I can.

I have all confidence in you as a man and as a preacher of the truth. O, I might not agree with everything you say or write, but no one does in every respect. But as a whole I do, and I thank God for you and yours, and for those precious girls of yours who wrote the little article in the last issue. I wish I could see you and we had time to set down and have a day's talk. I know my experiences and yours are somewhat alike.

I will send you money to support your paper once in a while. I know it is one of the best mission messengers I know, and I do want to see it, and you, go on for the glory of God. If you would like, I will furnish you with a message once in a while.

1. If a Baptist church grants a letter to a member to join another, but the member holding the letter joins another denomination, what steps should the church granting the letter take?

Recall the letter and exclude the member for heresy.

2. Is it scriptural for a Baptist church to have a deaconess?

No. No Scripture for such.

3. Explain John 6:44.

The will and affections and mind of a sinner are so depraved that he not only can not, but will not come to Christ, unless supernatural power is brought to bear upon him to make him come.

4. Is it right to accept Free Will Baptists without re-baptizing them? How about taking in a whole church at one time?

If they were regular Free Will Baptist churches, then they ought to be scripturally baptized and all their pastors ordained by the authority of some Missionary Baptist church. A whole church or many churches coming into our fellowship no more validates their baptism, than would one of their members seeing the error of his way and coming to us validate his

heretical baptism. When President Mullins said some years ago, that he would favor the reception of a Campbellite church on its baptism, if they would accept the Seminary creed, we believed his statement heresy of the most dangerous kind and still do. Follow that position to its logical conclusion and it will land you in the camp of the open membership Baptists like some of our English brethren. Baptism is declarative of a man's faith, not only as to whom he believes, but as to what he believes. A man, who joins a Campbellite or Pedo-Baptist church on his Baptist baptism, lied in his baptism or is living a lie in his present church membership. His baptism said when he was baptized that he was depending wholly upon the death of Christ for his sins and the resurrection of Christ for his justification and that alone for his present and eternal salvation. His going to another denomination is a repudiation of the Baptist faith. The Baptist gospel, symbolized by Baptist baptism, is the very heart of the Baptist faith. If he repudiates the Baptist faith and still holds to his Baptist baptism, his church life is a lie and his profession is a lie. (Continued on page eight)

I am not much of a writer, but you might make out what I mean so you could get it together for the paper. As I see it, Baptists in general are going "convention" as fast as they can, with all kinds of programs which are unscriptural. I do not want any part with it and do not have. I stand for the Bible only.

I thought a word from a minister, letting you know you have blessed my life and ministry times untold would help you just a bit. Not just me, Bro. Gilpin, but thousands of others. Most of them who try to drag a minister down are the ones who have not led a soul to Christ the Lord. I say again my prayers are with you to the end.

Yours under the blood,
R. R. Stracener

MICHIGAN PASTOR URGES US TO KEEP TBE GOING

Sagola, Mich.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Although I never had the good pleasure of meeting you in person, as yet, I feel rather hurt that you had to give up your pastorate, because of false accusations and troubles confronting you.

Please do not give up the printing of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. As you have stated, I, too, believe it is one of the greatest missionary efforts put forth by anyone. I believe God is well pleased with the paper, and as a word of encouragement, "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it

shall be for ever: Nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him."—Eccl. 3:14.

Also, "The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord SHALL BE SAFE."—Prov. 29:25.

Keep the Examiner going, it will grow, lost sheep will be saved, believers will be encouraged. Double the subscription rate if necessary.

Yours in Christ,
Ernest R. Perdue

FROM AWAY OUT WEST WE ARE REMINDED THAT GOD IS STILL ON HIS THRONE

Jacksonville, Ore.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Your congregation had its share of people with 'itchy' ears the same as the Baptist church here has. Both the pastor and co-pastor were 'fired' from this church recently, so don't feel you are alone in your misery.

We are standing behind you both in prayer and also to help you financially.

My husband is a printer so we realize what a big job it is to edit the Examiner. We feel you can reach more souls for Christ through the paper than over the pulpit, so if we can help keep you going we are most happy to do (Continued on page eight)

GO THOU AND DO LIKEWISE

Two of our friends from whom we heard recently sent subscriptions in behalf of their friends. One who enclosed six one-year subscriptions said, "I am suggesting to these, that if they like the paper, they follow my example, and give two or more subscriptions to ministers, teachers, friends, and lost ones."

The other letter, which came from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Taylor of Mitchell, Louisiana, said:

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We really enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In fact, it is the best paper we can get and the truest to the Bible. We do get a blessing from reading it.

And with this letter was enclosed one dollar and the addresses of two of their friends to whom we are to send the paper for a year.

How we do thank God for the example of these friends. It is a real encouragement and inspiration and challenge to this editor.

And by the way! Isn't there a Scripture which says, "Go thou and do likewise."

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AS TO THE GOSPEL"

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

—Mark 16:15.

This, beloved, is a most familiar text—a text which I have used many, many times. Always, in the past when I have preached from this text, I have used it from a missionary angle. I have preached to you of our God-given responsibility of carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth as a missionary. This last week in reading from the Word of God, I was impressed not from the missionary angle, but rather what it is that we are to preach to every creature—namely, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. So tonight, beloved, using this text as a basis, I want to bring to you a message on the

Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I read this text, I was impressed by the fact that God said that we are to preach the Gospel to every creature. I do not know that there is anything else taught in all of the Bible that every creature needs to hear but the Gospel. This last week I looked hurriedly through various Scriptures to see if there were anything else in all of the Word that we are thus commanded to preach to every creature, and I could not find in any specific place in all of the Word of God where we are to preach anything else to every creature except the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. As I read it, I asked myself several questions, which I want to ask and answer for your spiritual edification at this hour.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

"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 2:10,11.

You will notice that as the angels spoke unto the shepherds, that they said that they brought good tidings. The word that is translated "good tidings" is the word that is translated "gospel" elsewhere in God's Book, so that the angel was actually saying, "I preach unto you the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

There never was better news that ever fell on the ears of any (Continued on page two)

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Dollar-A-Month Club

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It and "Faith and Life" have been a stay to me.

I'm sending you this \$5.00 to go on the \$1.00 a month fund. Will try and get my \$12.00 in on time. So keep up your faith and go on. We live by faith and try to do His will. I am a widow, and have had my share of trials and persecutions from those who should have been the ones I could lean on.

In His name,
Mrs. Elsie Tuggle

Mrs. Pride's brief letter is also most encouraging:

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am sending \$12.00 to help with the debt on your press next year.

Your column "I Should Like To Know," has been most interesting.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Eula B. Pride

Mrs. Davis' letter follows:

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was very surprised and sorry to read of your resignation at the church where you served for so long. I was a teacher in the public schools for 19 years and know that you can not please every one. I know how you feel over it. I have passed through something similar, the knowing that we are not wanted. But I feel that the Lord has a better and more useful place for you to serve. I was pleased to see my name in print in your paper, but did not know of it until last Sunday. I read the first page, but save your sermon for Sunday as I have no way of getting to church at the present time. Did not receive your paper this week. Your sermon on "Lord, or Luck" was wonderful and how true that the people of today also do not know as much as a dumb beast. I liked your three illustrations of it.

Enclosed please find two dollars that will pay me up for this year. But you may get more.

May you have greater success with your paper and God's blessings.

Sincerely,
Mrs. A. Belle Davis

For the benefit of our readers, we offer an explanation concerning the Dollar-A-Month Club. Last November we bought a large press so as to enlarge our paper. We assumed the debt that was against it and are to pay \$1,000 plus interest once each year—the last of June. This year I said nothing about it until the last of May and we were cramped exceedingly in raising this amount, by way of contributions, in so short a time. Bro. L. E. Jarrell, of Lordsburg, N. M., realized this to be true and he suggested the idea of appealing to our readers to contribute \$1.00 monthly toward this obligation. He suggested that if 100 would do so, the obligation could easily be met each year.

We thank God for the progress made thus far as we now have a little over \$200 in the fund to be applied against our debt next June.

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NOVEMBER 13, 1954

An Open Letter To Our Friends And Readers



The Thanksgiving Season

Dearly Beloved:

Another Thanksgiving season is fast approaching, and from the depths of my heart I thank Him "from whom all blessings flow," knowing that "every good and every perfect gift is from above."

I am thankful for my Saviour first of all and from within, I rejoice that my family is united in Him. We all fall far short of what we should be, but I am glad — most glad for an unbroken family circle in Him.

I am thankful for the measure of health He has given me. As I stated in the issue of October 16, I have been far from well, but considering the apparent miracle that He has wrought in my behalf, I feel indeed grateful to Him for this particular blessing. A few months ago, my chances for walking on grass much longer were indeed slim. As the Psalmist has said, "I was brought low, and he helped me." — Ps. 116:6.

I am thankful for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Many have been its enemies through the years, and yet God has wondrously blessed its ministry in the saving of the lost and the building up of the saved. It is always a hard grind, with much opposition, but also with much encouragement, I thank Him that He has kept this paper in the mails each week, and thus blessed our editorial efforts.

I am thankful for a host of loyal friends who have stood by me with their prayers, financial support, and testimony. Moses had an Aaron and Hur to uphold his hands. Many to whom this message comes have loyally upheld my hands like these.

I am thankful for all of God's providential leadings within the past year. God has separated me from those whom I thought were my best friends, thus teaching me that I am to lean entirely on Him, and not on any arm of the flesh. It has been a trying experience but I am thankful for it. Rom. 8:28 means more to me than ever before, and from the depths of my heart, I thank Him for all that has come to pass.

However, we are in need this year as never before financially. I've had to put more personally into the paper this year than ever before. When deficits have arisen, I have paid them from my salary as pastor. Now I have no salary to fall back upon, and as it appears we'll close the year at least \$500.00 in the red for operating expenses.

I'm asking all our friends whom the Lord has prospered to give as the Spirit of God directs toward our publishing work. Let me personally urge you to be extraordinarily generous now, as we need your gift to carry on. The high cost of living has limited in their giving hundreds of people with medium or small incomes who have heretofore been most faithful. Will those of you whom God has prospered make up for the limitations of others and our extra costs at this time?

We depend upon our Thanksgiving offering each year to lift our burdens at the close of the year. Your help this year will be most deeply appreciated, for we need your help as never before.

In Jesus' name, I pray that you may have a most thankful Thanksgiving, and that you will enable us to do likewise by your gifts.

Yours, forever in Him,

John R. Gilpin

"Questions And Answers As To The Gospel"

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man than the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It makes no difference how other things may thrill your heart or bless your soul, there is no other message that will ever be a better note of good news or of good tidings than the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God gives to us the definition of the Gospel:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the GOSPEL which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED for our sins according to the scriptures: And that he was BURIED, and that he ROSE AGAIN the third day according to the scriptures." — I Cor. 15:1-4.

Beloved, from this we have a divine-given definition of the Gospel. It is the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. I come back to my text, and I find Jesus in the closing words of His ministry here on this earth, saying to His disciples, that they were to go out into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. They were to preach the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

II

WHAT IS THE EXTENT OF THE GOSPEL?

My text says that we are to preach the Gospel to every creature. I do not know just who the elect are. I do not know just who shall be saved. It is not mine to know whom God has chosen before the foundation of the world that He might give unto that individual the breath of life, to make him a living soul in the kingdom of God. It is not mine to

know who shall become one of God's elect, but it is mine, as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, to observe God's command and to thus preach the Gospel to every creature. I say then as to the extent of the Gospel, that it is to extend to every creature throughout the entirety of this world.

"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.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ENDS of the earth." — Isa. 45:22.

I know not how far it may be to the ends of the earth, but God says that the man who is at the ends of the earth is to look unto Him and be saved. So, beloved, in the light of these texts concerning the extent of the Gospel, I am impressed to say to you that the Gospel is to extend to every creature throughout the entirety of the earth. It is our business to

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speaking the Gospel to them, and it is God's business to call out those who shall thus hear the Word of God.

On the day that the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, an inscription was placed upon His cross, which said, "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews." That inscription was written in three languages — Hebrew, Greek and Latin. I think there was a reason why it was written in these three languages. If you will pause to recall, it was the Greeks that gave culture to the world; it was the Romans who gave the law of the world through their Latin; and it was the Jew with the Hebrew language that gave religion to the world. So, beloved, when you read that inscription on the Cross in three different languages, you will find the extent of the Gospel. It is for the cultured Greek, it is for the legal Roman, and it is for the religious Jew. In other words, it is for the man who is depending upon the culture of the world, it is for the man who is depending upon the legal works of the law, and it is for the man who is depending upon religion. I say then, beloved, as to the extent of the Gospel, it is to extend to every creature throughout the entirety of the world.

You can go back and read in the Old Testament the story of the beginning of the nations how that God gave unto Noah three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and from those three sons have come the primary divisions of the races of mankind. From Shem has come the Jew, from Ham has come the Negro, and from Japheth has come the Gentiles. The eighth, ninth, and tenth chapters of Acts are each representative of these three races. In the eighth chapter, we have the story of the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch, a descendant of Ham, that was saved. In the ninth chapter, we have the story of the conversion of the apostle Paul, a descendant of Shem, or the Jew, that was saved. In the tenth chapter, we have the story of the conversion of Cornelius, a Gentile, being of the line of Japheth. I say, beloved, when you read the eighth, ninth, and tenth chapters of the book of Acts, to read of the conversion of a Negro, a Jew, and a Gentile, you can see that the extent of the Gospel, is that it is to reach out to all races of all mankind scattered throughout all the entirety of the world.

I go back to that day in the Old Testament when two boys came to bring their offering unto the Lord. One of them was named Cain and the other was named Abel. The Word of God tells us that these two boys came with their offering — Cain with a sheaf of grain, something that he had produced himself, while Abel came bringing a bloody lamb, a lamb dripping with its own blood as God had demanded. When these two boys came with their offerings, Abel was thinking about Abel, while Cain was thinking about Cain. They were not concerned about one another. They were concerned as to their own spiritual relationship with Almighty God.

If you will drop down the years to the night of that first memorable Passover, you will find that the father, acting as a priest for his own family, killed a lamb and caught the blood of that lamb in a basin, and took some hyssop and dipped it into that blood and struck the sideposts and the lintel above the door, and thus acting as a spiritual priest for his family secured the spiritual safety of all of his family that night. That father was thinking in terms of one family and one family only — his own.

If you will drop down a little further to the day of Atonement, you will find that the high priest, acting as a priest for the entire nation, took blood and offered a sacrifice first for himself and then for the entire nation. It tells us further that he took a goat and put his hands over the head of that goat and confessed all the sins and iniquities of all the children of Israel, and then sent that

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Your Editor Couldn't Resist Sharing Some Of His Correspondence With Our Readers And Supporters Again This Week

HEART ACHES BECAUSE CHURCH STABS TBE'S EDITOR

Orange, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received my BAPTIST EXAMINER last week as usual, and with deepest regret I read of your resignation from the First Baptist Church. I want you to know my heart aches for you. I know how you feel. After all of the years you have given the church your best, and proclaimed God's Word to them, and now they stab you in the back. We are only human and it's so hard for us. Sometimes I think it would be much easier and less trouble just to compromise and follow the crowd. And then I think of what Christ did for me, and I think how the crowd twisted and abused His precious Word, and I know I could never go along with them. I must remain among "The Faithful Few." Just read II Tim. 3:12, read both chapters of II Tim 3 and 4. I know you have read them many times in the past, but they will do you good now. Those times that Paul warned us of, are here now. The coming of the Lord is near at hand. To the world we are heretics and fanatics—that is their view of us. But God looks on the heart, and some day we will hear from our Lord the words, "well done." They will make us forget what we endured here for Him.

So Bro. Gilpin, "Be of good cheer." Rom. 8:28 is still true, and God never makes a mistake and He does all things well. He may use you greatly in the future for His glory.

As for your physical condition, so far, we can see a wonderful miracle of the Lord. He is "The Great Physician." He can do all things. My prayer that He will heal you and you will have many more years to serve Him, if the Lord tarries. In these dark days it is wonderful to know that the Lord is coming. It's so wonderful that God's people are not in the dark. We know from His precious Word what to look forward to.

Always praying for you.

I remain yours in Christ,
Mrs. C. E. Benjamin

P. S. I am going to join the Dollar-A-Month Club soon. My husband has been out of work. But you will hear from us soon.

FLORIDA PASTOR BELIEVES THIS PAPER TO BE MY MINISTRY

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I just received your paper. To say the least I was startled to know of your decision to resign.

After I had almost finished your article, my emotion caught up with me. As I write this letter my heart breaks.

I had at one time set my own sights high in God's service, for God's glory. Then I set about reading the life history of many famous men. To my amazement most all of them died with broken hearts. There is a definite relation between suffering and serving. The more alone we are, the more of His company we have. Mr. Spurgeon once spoke along this line by saying that mountain peaks are always lonely. No one but the Saviour really understands.

Bro. Gilpin, I feel like doing the very same thing you did, only resigning period. I am sure, except for God's grace and power is our lives, both of us would do that very thing. Humanly speaking we have every right to do so and feel justified.

Yet, He must be conforming us to the image of His dear Son. But to put off the flesh hurts.

I remember well how you told me that nothing just happened, even my visit in your home. I

know the same principle can be applied here.

Bro. J. R. Rice has made his paper his life's work. I realize we don't feel as he does about many things, but there is a plan for your ministry through the paper.

May the God of all grace stand by you now.

H. C. McSwain

REALIZES PASTORS WHO STAND FOR THE TRUTH ARE UNDER FIRE

Millport, Alabama

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour.

Yes, I was surprised in getting the last issue of TBS. But we need not be surprised at anything in these days—are not all preachers who are standing and contending for the faith under fire. It looks like it is just a matter of time until I will be "kicked" out here at Millport. The church at Lynn is now standing with me in the truth—only God knows how long this will last.

Bro. John, I want to thank you again for your friendship and your influence through TBE. I pray that you will be led of Him. All that matters for us anyway is

PREACHER'S WIFE SAYS TBE'S EDITOR THE BEST PASTOR SHE EVER HAD

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It was very sad news to us to read of your resignation of the Russell pastorate.

I do not believe any other preacher would have had the grace and the grit to stay there 25 years.

I have known you for 30 years. I have never seen anything in your conduct to cause me to believe any of the wild tales about you.

I have always had the very highest regard for you and your family. The love and loyalty of the members of your family to you and to each other is beautiful.

I knew you in my junior and senior years in Georgetown College. You were one of the few A students there.

Then you were our pastor when you first came to Russell. You were one of the best pastors we ever had. I believe you have been more faithful in your duty to God about preaching the Gospel from your pulpit than any minister that I have ever known. No Christmas programs or any other sort of simultaneous affairs have taken

INDIANA LAYMAN HAS SENT THIS PAPER TO 40 FRIENDS

Brookport, Ill.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and family:

This last Baptist Examiner sure was heart breaking when we read the Conference was cancelled. We had so planned to be in a great feast of God's Word again this year.

I don't know how many you pastored in the church at Russell, but you sure are a blessing with God's Word to many, many who read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I have subscribed for it for over 40 persons and many tell of the blessings and truths they receive from it. When the Examiner came to us last week I sat down and read it through and through and re-read about you resigning, as I couldn't believe it at first. That piece made us feel sorry for you and your family, but the other messages made us to rejoice and feel the greatness of our Almighty God, as you put His Word in such a great message. I pray God will use you more now than ever before. May those that love the truth help hold your hands up.

We have a good church home and a good pastor, for which we thank the Lord. They are few and far between in the days we are now in. We do love to read your printed ministry, and we know others do too.

Your friend in Christ,
W. A. Booker

ANOTHER PASTOR LOVES US FOR OUR STAND FOR THE TRUTH

Mansfield, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We are all remembering you in our prayers. We have never seen you, but somehow it seems we know you, since we see things so much alike.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has really been a blessing to us and we thank God for your stand. We as a church at Naborton think this is the soundest paper we can have to come into our homes. We want to stand by you in prayer and financial support.

I rejoice to know how you stand on Rom. 8:28. May the Lord God, who has all power, and is able to do all things, restore you to health. We really want THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to go out over the world.

If you ever need to call upon us for anything, feel free, as we all love you for your stand.

Eld. and Mrs. G. L. Burr

DECLARES HE HAS BEEN GREATLY HELPED BY TBE

Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother:

Words cannot express my feeling after reading of your resignation. It came as a great shock.

I know your many friends will offer in a more fitting manner than I, that which we all feel, and would like to say at this time.

The only thought I would like to express is that this comes from the depths of my heart. We outside of your community only know you as you are represented by THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. To say you come well represented can be attested by any or all of us who are privileged to be numbered among your readers. Its uncompromising stand for the truth, in all respects, clearly identifies you as a faithful servant of the Lord. What an honor!

Personally I and others I know, who receive your paper, have been greatly helped, as well as blessed by reading it. Maybe the Lord figures you can be of greater service to Him by the ministry of this paper, than to a small body in Russell.

Whatever may be the way He leads you, please know that I shall daily be praying for you,

your work, and your health. May God's richest blessings be upon you.

William Sinyard

P. S. Enclosed find one dollar to use in getting out THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Sure wish it could be much more. Use it where needed most.

THANKFUL FOR THE ONE WHO FIRST SUBSCRIBED FOR HER

Evansville, Ind.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I do hope you will forgive me for waiting so long to write to you. When I received the Oct. 16th issue of TBE, I thought I would write the next day or so, but have kept putting it off. The reason, I have so little to offer, but you do have my prayers as you continue to edit THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and I will send in offerings as I have them and occasionally a subscription. I am so thankful to the one who first had you send me the paper. I have enjoyed it through the years and have sent it to some of my acquaintances and friends and relatives. I have paid for a lot of them myself, but at times I have used some of my tithe money to send it to someone, especially whom I thought would enjoy and get benefit from it.

Enclosed you will find \$2.00 to be used as you find the need. Wish I could promise \$1.00 a month, but will say I will do the best I can.

May God bless you and your family is my prayer.
Ellen Coxen

DOESN'T SEE HOW SHE COULD GET ALONG WITHOUT THIS PAPER

Belleville, Ark.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just received my Oct. 16th issue of the paper. I want to say I was doubly shocked to read your resignation as pastor of the Russell church, but I feel like God will find a place for you. I pray He will.

I am so glad you are going to keep printing the EXAMINER, for I don't see how I could get along without it. It has been a great blessing to me in lots of ways. So much information on things that are going on in this wicked world, that I would not get any where else.

So, here is my \$1.00 for this month, and if the Lord wills it so, I will try to send one each month.

Please remember us when you pray.

Yours in Christ's name,
Mrs. W. A. Childress

SAVED UNDER EDITOR'S MINISTRY AND THANKFUL FOR HIS MESSAGE

Cabin Creek, W. Va.

Dear John:

The Christian people at the First Baptist Church in Russell should get down on their knees and truly thank God for the spiritual food, the plan of salvation, the Bible and church doctrines which you have brought and taught them in the past. I don't know of any Baptist Church in this Kanawha Valley that gets the proper teachings from the Bible. I have attended lots of them, the pastors here just don't preach and teach it, and if they did they wouldn't last long.

May God bless you and your family in many ways.

Your brother in Christ,
"Buster" Burton

WE ARE STANDING BY

So trouble has come your soul to try
Remember, we're your friends and we're standing by.
Perhaps there's nothing we can do,
The thing is strictly up to you,
For there are troubles all your own,
And paths the soul must tread alone;
Times when love can't smooth the road,
Nor friendship lift the heavy load.

But do remember you have friends,
Who will stand by until the end;
Whose sympathy through all endures,
Whose warm handclasp is always yours,
We hope somehow it will pull you through
Although there's nothing we can do;
And so with fervent heart we cry,
"God bless you friend," we're standing by.

—Mrs. John Lambert Catlettsburg, Kentucky

to be in His will. Glad you will continue to publish the paper. Complete in Him,
E. D. Strickland

ENCOURAGES US IN OUR TRIALS WITH 27 NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

Harriman, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am sending you 27 subscriptions to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER with check for \$13.50.

I was real sorry to hear of your resignation from the church in Russell. But I am sure the Lord has a place for you and that you will keep busy in the Lord's work. I know you must have gone through many trials in your work at Russell. I think any pastor or evangelist that preaches the truth today has it hard.

I am sincerely,
Mrs. A. Hanley

ANOTHER MICHIGAN PASTOR APPRECIATES THIS PAPER

Jenison, Mich.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Have enjoyed reading your paper THE BAPTIST EXAMINER very much. Have often reprinted articles in the "Christian Cynosure." I do regret reading about your resignation, but sincerely hope the paper will go on. I am enclosing a small token of appreciation and trust many others will do the same.

In the Master's Service
Pastor B. Essenburg

the place of the preaching hour in your pulpit.

We were members of the Russell church before you ever came there. I was a teacher in the Sunday School there and because I did not approve of getting out and selling magazines to make money, for the department, and also because I did not approve of, and did not help put on a Halloween party, I was not re-elected by the church to continue as a teacher there.

So I know the situation. It has been a difficult field. It surely is very much like Chorazin and Tyre and Sidon and other wicked places mentioned in the Bible. There probably was a lot of dirty gossip going on against God's true servants in these times just as has gone on for years against you in that area.

We just wanted to tell you that we do believe in you and we do understand the difficulties you have been up against and we think you have fought a good fight—you have sowed good seed—(God's Word), and you still have quite a task, with the paper. We believe God will take care of you in every way.

The other members of my family have already written you. I wanted to tell you how I felt about it. I am not very well. I have burdens and worries and I need your prayers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. T. Pelphrey

These Letters Have Brought Untold Joys In The Midst Of Sorrow

LOUISIANA PASTOR SAYS TBE THE BEST PAPER OF ITS KIND

Winnfield, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I deeply sympathize with you and your family in this hour of deep sorrow. I too, have just come through a heart-breaking experience that not only broke my heart, but left me in debt, so that I had to sacrifice my home.

I am quite a bit older than you. I am not 64 years old. They drove me out at an age when it is not possible to get other pastorate, and I am now broke financially, heart-broken, and my health gone, all because of those who set themselves up to take over the reigns of the church and drive their pastor out. May God have mercy on their souls is my prayer.

You are a young man, you can organize and build a church, you have a future, and may God bless you, and use you is my prayer for you.

I hope your health continues to improve, and that you are able to keep THE BAPTIST EXAMINER going, for it is the best paper of its kind I know anything about. If I ever get back on my feet again, I want to have some part in the expense of keeping it in the mail.

Your brother in Christ,
Henry H. Powell

THANKFUL GOD HAS SHOWN OUR INNOCENCE

Baseline, Michigan

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received the paper you sent to me, was glad to get it. However, was not glad of some of the things I read in it, but the will of the Lord be done.

May God's blessings rest upon you and family is our prayer. Since we learned of your resignation, have tried to take you to the throne of grace.

Glad you are going to continue the paper, for it has been a blessing to so many, and I am sure that the Lord will open up a way and a place for you to preach the Word.

I am also thankful unto the Lord for the way He has shown that you were innocent of the thing the Devil accused you of.

I am sure the words of the Lord are true, that, when the Devil comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him.

May the Lord give you grace in this hour, shall be our prayer. Give the family our regards and God bless them too.

Prayerfully yours,
Eld. Eugene Clark

GRIEVED OVER OUR EXPERIENCES

Leet, West Virginia

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received your Baptist Examiner yesterday and the first thing I read was your giving up the pastorate at Russell Baptist Church.

No one knows how it touched my heart to know the pain and agony that you were going through.

But remember they accused Jesus and they will accuse all Christians. So just hold on to God's unchanging hand and He will see you through. I am praying for you.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Dewey Sperry

WEPT, KNOWING HOW ENEMIES FIGHT A MINISTER

Chesapeake, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I wept when I received the paper. I went through one church

split and know what length some so-called Christians will go to destroy a minister.

If you are in God's will you will triumph.

"If God be for us who can be against us?"

I only have a small income, but am enclosing \$1.00 for paper.

Yours for the Cause,
M. F. Efav

ENCOURAGED IN PAST BY OUR STAND

Brookneal, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gilpin:

I believe as long as I can remember, my father (B. W. Daniel) has been a subscriber to your paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In many ways it has been a help to us in our home and church life. It encourages us to stand for those things we believe the Bible teaches to be right and against the modern teachings which we believe are wrong. There have been times when it seemed as if we were alone in the fight, when it was some comfort to know that John R. Gilpin and his family were still standing firm and holding the fort at Russell, Kentucky.

I am remembering you in the trials you are now facing and praying that God will give you faith to keep on believing there are greater blessings ahead for you and that you will say with Job: "He knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." We also pray that your health will continue to improve, that you may be spared for more and greater work for the Lord.

I am enclosing \$5.00 to be used in your work.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. M. Clark

TBE SURELY MUST GO ON

Port Allegany, Pa.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

The October 16th issue of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER at hand. My heart goes out to you as I know a little of such things myself. If I only lived where it were possible for me to give you help in publishing the Examiner. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER must continue. Go ahead fearing nothing!

Yours in God's abounding mercy,
G. T. Tubbs

Psa. 92:12,13; Isa. 40:29-31; Isa. 66:2,5; Psa. 34:7.

LIKES THE WAY WE QUOTE AND EXPLAIN GOD'S WORD

Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I learned with deep regret Thursday that you had resigned as pastor at Russell. My son, who is 37 years old and has thought so much of you down through the years, brought the paper and said, "Mom, we won't go hear Bro. John R. Gilpin." I said, "Oh, what has happened?" I had thought all day I would write you telling how much I enjoy your broadcast and your girl's singing. In fact, I've never heard anyone beat you in quoting Scripture and explaining same. To say I was shocked is putting it mild. I go through so much, Bro. Gilpin, so many heartaches and have for so many years, that you surely do have my deepest sympathy.

Have a fine neighbor, Mr. Ed Ball, who speaks so highly of you. God bless you and yours richly, are my prayers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. W. Griffith

ANOTHER PASTOR KNOWS HEARTACHES A PASTOR HAS

Winter Haven, Fla.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I've never seen you and you've never seen me, but I've learned to love you because of your stand for the truth.

I'm one of Bro. Roy Mason's converts who has been preaching the gospel for about 15 years and I know something of the heartaches and heartbreaks a pastor has. I'm praying that God will be with you and give you greater victories in the future than he ever has in the past.

A friend of mind just ask me, "What good paper (religious) would you suggest me subscribing for?" I suggested THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. He is a "lay-Methodist" preacher of the "old-school." He abhors the things that Methodist do and stand for today—but tradition. Enough said.

I'm sending \$1.00 for him, Mr. W. A. Kelly, Box 928, Winter Haven, Fla. And, I'm sending another \$1.00 for you to use as you see fit.

Sincerely in Him,
R. H. Malcolm,

THINKS TBE IS FINEST PAPER HE HAS EVER READ

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus. Just received THE BAPTIST EXAMINER today and read where you have resigned your pastorate. Will be praying

me. Will be looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

James 5:16; Jude 1:24,25.

Your brother in Christ,
George W. Nichols

FRIENDS OF BY-GONE DAYS PRAY FOR EDITOR DAILY

Orlando, Florida

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just saw in the Ashland paper where you had resigned as pastor at Russell church. Dear Bro. Gilpin, we want you to know that we still pray for you and love you. My wife had a stroke on the 6th of May, 1953 and she still prays for you each night. Hope you will remember her in your prayers. We were members of the Pollard church, now live in Orlando, Fla. I hope you remember us.

May God bless you Bro. Gilpin.

Yours,
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Abbott

PASTOR APPRECIATES TESTIMONY OF EDITOR'S DAUGHTERS

Toledo, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just a line to let you know

OUR PASTOR

*Who is it calls when we are ill
With cheerful words and right good will,
And lingers gently then to pray
And soothe our care and fear away?
Our Pastor*

*Who is it comes when sorrow falls,
When death of friends our heart appalls,
And tells us of the mansions fair
And that sweet home, "just over there?"
Our Pastor*

*Who is it shares our happiest hours,
When life is crowned with wedding flowers,
And to the scene lends added grace
By reverent voice and kindly face?
Our Pastor*

*Who is it that on the Lord's Day
Points us to Heaven, and leads the way,
And brings a message from the Word,
Until our hearts within are stirred?
Our Pastor*

*For whom then shall we daily pray
And ask for him God's grace always,
And wish for him a blessed year,
With new-born souls his heart to cheer?
Our Pastor*

for you and your family that the Lord will work out all matters to His honor and glory.

I am in my first pastorate and being a young man of 27 years of age. I don't know what to say about this matter, but just hold you up to the Throne of Grace daily.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is the finest paper I have ever read in my life. People say a lot about my being a single man and hold an office as pastor, but they are all mostly people who know nothing of the Word of God. I was planning on coming to the Conference this fall with a couple more preachers from up here. People today are more interested in a social gospel than to really get the meat of God's Word from faithful men such as you and many more preachers who are standing for the truth. By the things that happen we can see that the Scriptures are being fulfilled daily.

In the future, would count it a joy to meet you and fellowship with you in the Word of God. Would gladly accept and appreciate any advice you could give

that we received your paper today and were very shocked to hear that you had left the care of the First Baptist Church. Although we were more shocked when we learned of the reason, than we were at the leaving.

We have only met you the one time when we passed through Russell last spring. Our heart goes out to you in this matter. Even though you have been in the ministry years longer than I have, I know a few of the troubles that pastors go through.

Bro. Eugene Clark is here in a meeting with us at the Liberty Church, and we are trying to pray for you. I think of the promise the Lord gave when he said, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Truly we are living in the day Paul spoke of and said perilous times would come, and also the Lord Jesus tells us that He won't suffer us to be tempted above that which we can stand.

We will certainly be rewarded for suffering persecution for His name sake. Thanks be unto God that counted us worthy, putting us in the ministry, and certainly

God in Heaven knows. I appreciate the testimony that the girls gave in regard to the work you are doing. We all make mistakes and all of us have our faults, but certainly I don't believe this accusation that has been sent out against you. Vengeance is the Lord's and He will repay. Praise God. Pray for us and the work here that it will grow and magnify Jesus Christ our one and only Saviour.

Your brother under His blood,
John T. Hardie

PLEDGES HER FRIENDSHIP TO EDITOR ANEW

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

I am sending you \$2.00 to be used for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I want you and your family to know that I am your friend, for your ministry has meant much to me.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you and your family is my prayer.

Your sister in Christ,
Verda Hayes

PRAYS GOD TO CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS PAPER

Guthrie Center, Iowa

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

So sorry to hear of the strife in the church there.

We have gone through a similar experience in our Baptist church here. The pastor was forced to resign.

May the Lord lead you into a greater field of service and continue to bless THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

We like your straight forward messages of God's Word and also those against Modernism and False Doctrine.

James Wheeler

FALLS BACK ON GOD'S WORD

Lafayette, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Your resignation from your long and fruitful pastorate would seem unfortunate if we did not have God's Word, which teaches us that His ways are not man's ways and that His ways are as high above man's ways as the heavens are high above the earth.

To me Psalms 37:5 seems to be the answer.

Eld. A. C. Morris

PASTOR'S WIDOW KNOWS WHAT A PASTOR GOES THROUGH

Worthington, Minn.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I'm indeed sorry to hear of the difficulties you've had to go through. Having been a pastor's wife I know something of the burdens of a pastor and his family and more especially where there is the true preaching of the gospel. As often as Mr. Rust set the scripture before us which have to do with suffering for Christ's sake—when problems and difficulties caused worry, I've had to comfort and encourage with the same truths.

I'm sure you've rendered a great ministry to your own people through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as well as to a host of others and we need the plain teaching and preaching and publishing of the Word in these troublous times when much of Truth is evaded.

I realize you've been under a heavy load. My sincere prayer is that our dear Lord will restore you to good health and that you may continue your faithful and important ministry.

I'm enclosing \$3 which I hope will be a little help in your present situation.

Most sincerely,
Mrs. Harm Rust

WE THANK GOD FOR THESE LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

VIRGINIA LAYMAN LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING TBE

Gladys, Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was very sorry to read about your resigning your church in Russell, although I realize it's very hard for a person to stand for the truth in this day and time, without persecution. We, speaking of my family, look forward to receiving THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and I would like to send \$1.00 to help with the cost of publishing it. Please renew Mrs. William Fariss' (Rt. 1, Gladys, Va.) subscription for 2 years.

My prayer is that the Lord will bless you even more abundantly than you could hope for, for we know that "all things work together for good to them that love God."

A Brother in Christ,
B. W. Daniel

A FRIEND OF MANY YEARS ENCOURAGES US

Genoa, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Was sorry to hear of the tearing up in your church, but the pressure from the high places Paul warned of is just getting stouter. We are having trouble in all the churches where the Christ of the Bible and His Word is being taught, and I think it is getting more intense every day. The big gathering is getting close. So don't be shocked at anything that happens in the political or ecclesiastical world.

Yours in Him,
R. E. Pinson

HASN'T CHANGED HIS MIND—STILL BELIEVES IN EDITOR

Columbus, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Elbert has been thinking every day he would write you, but he has been in bad shape and it's awfully hard for him to use his hands to write, but we want you to know we think of you and remember you in prayer.

We know you have had it pretty hard there and some of the people haven't been very nice to you. Seems you did the only thing you could do, but after twenty-five years, it surely would be hard.

Elbert said to tell you he still believes in you, hasn't changed his mind a bit, and I guess you know how I feel about you. You have always been my friend.

Our kindest regards to you and Mrs. Gilpin.

Sincerely,
Lydia and Elbert George

ANOTHER PASTOR BELIEVES CHRIST'S COMING NEAR IN VIEW OF SATAN'S FIGHT

Pinckneyville, Ill.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It has been my intention of writing you ever since reading of your resignation of the work there. It is evident such as this makes one feel the soon coming of our precious Lord. However, we know that the Lord will use you elsewhere, perhaps even in a greater way. Your faithfulness to "preach the Word" will not go unblended, even though your rewards are in Heaven for same.

Your keeping the paper will be deeply appreciated by all your readers. I do hope the church prayed about it much and considered the vastness and extent of yours and the churches ministry through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Surely any true child of God can understand the wiles of Satan on this point. If he can stop the mouth of men like yourself, it is just a further step to lead the churches off into apostasy, and stamp out what little truth is being preached.

Our prayers are with you at this time and our heart-felt sympathy

as we know what a blow it is to be spiritually hurt, a hurt that this world knows nothing about. A hurt that only Christ Himself can share as He died with a broken heart.

Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus!

Yours under the blood,
Lloyd W. Hagel

LAD IN HIS TEENS SAYS MY MESSAGES HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION

Louisville, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was sorry to hear about the trouble you had and about you having to give up your church. I know that all the tales that were told about you were made up and not true. I think that you did well to stay with that job so long. Jesus probably would not have done the job much better under such circumstances. The sermons that I heard you preach were a great inspiration to me and I enjoyed my visits in your home.

I am sure that the Gospel has always been preached from your pulpit. I have traveled around and visited many churches and I know that this is not true in many churches.

We all think a lot of you and

and false doctrine we may expect Satan to do all he can against the true servants of the Lord.

However, I want you to know I sympathize with you, and I am with you and appreciate the stand you have taken for the truth.

I am glad the good old BAPTIST EXAMINER will continue its visits to my home, for it would not seem like home if it were to stop.

My prayer is, that the Lord may use you for the glory of God, and the establishing of His churches, and the salvation of the lost.

Yours in the Master's Service,
Eld. R. G. Richardson

CHICAGO WOMAN REMEMBERS US IN PRAYER

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is."—Jer. 17:7.

Just received and read your paper and so will write you at once. You are and will be remembered in prayer. This comes to mind, "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." "Yea, and all that will live

He Chose This Path For Thee

He chose this path for thee,
No feeble chance, no hard, relentless fate,
But love, His love, hath placed thy footsteps here,
He knew the way was rough and desolate,
Knew how thy heart would often sink with fear;
Yet tenderly He whispered, "Child, I see
This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee,
Though well he knew sharp thorns would tear thy feet;
Knew how the brambles would obstruct the way;
Knew all the hidden dangers thou would'st meet;
Knew how thy faith would falter day by day,
And still the whisper echoed, "Yes, I see
This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee,
And well He knew that thou must tread alone
Its gloomy vales and ford each flowing stream;
Knew how thy bleeding heart would sobbing moan,
"Dear Lord, to wake and find it all a dream."
Love scanned it all, yet still could say, "I see
This path is best for thee."

He chose this path for thee,
What need'st thou more? This sweeter truth to know
That all along these strange bewildering ways,
O'er rocky steeps, and where dark rivers flow,
His loving arms will bear thee "all the days,"
A few more steps and thou thyself shall see
This path is best for thee.

remember you in our prayers. We hope you have a better life from now on. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,
Sam Pelphrey

TBE KEEPS HIM SINGING IN HIS HEART EACH WEEK

Tampa, Florida

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Enclosed find \$1.00 to help you in getting out your paper for the Lord's glory.

I look forward to getting the paper each week, as it lifts me up and keeps me singing in my heart.

So sorry to hear of your trouble in the church, but as you know the closer we live to the Lord, the more trouble we have but everything will work out to the glory of the Lord.

Henry Hatfield

WOULDN'T SEEM LIKE HOME WITHOUT TBE

Normantown, W. Va.

My dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was very sorry indeed to hear of your resignation of the First Baptist Church of Russell, Kentucky. But in these days of peril

godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

"Fear thou not; for I am with thee. Be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."—Isa. 41:10.

God's Word is precious, our guide and comfort.

Remembering you and yours in prayer and the ministry of the paper.

May the Lord bless you and yours.

Sincerely in Him,
Mrs. Myrtle Troxell

IN CANADA, HE APPRECIATES EDITOR'S FIGHT AGAINST HERESY

Langley Province
B. C. Canada

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

I was reading in the paper of your resignation of the church and words can not express my feelings at this time. As we have never met face to face, we have met many times through your paper and I have come to know you by your articles and if the Hecklers would only stop, take time to

read it, seeing the truths that are there and to the many places that it travels, that no man bothers to go and to know of the many that have been saved through the articles and the effort, time and money that has gone into it, no one would say that you were putting too much time into it. Truly they have lost their love for lost souls, God's Word and the Truth. Although I doubt very seriously if they ever had such.

I am a young preacher going into my second year of pastoral work, and I don't mind saying I have gotten much help, thoughts, and sermons out of the paper. Some of the helps have been instrumental in winning the lost. I don't mean I don't have a mind of my own to study God's Word and to preach it the way that I believe it should be taught and preached. I am a Missionary Baptist, and although I might not fully agree with everything that you write, we do agree on the fundamentals and the cardinal doctrines of the Bible and the principles we must stand for, if we want to remain, "The Church that Jesus Built." I certainly appreciate your boldness, courage, and love of the truth and the way you fight heresy of all kinds. But just remember, that such stands were what caused the great apostle Paul to suffer the trials and hardships that he did, and any time that you or any one else takes such stands, trouble will come of it, for the Devil will not take it lying down, for the paper is a great weapon against what he is trying to put over. The sorrow of it, is that he, much of the time will use whom we think are our best friends, the ones that we have tried to help the most. If I was asked what I am most thankful for outside of salvation, I think it would be, "I don't have to stand before the Lord at the Judgment Seat to answer for anyone but myself. Truly we should be praying for the ones that have brought all this to pass, for the Bible says, "For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord," and again, "The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."—Heb. 10:30,31. If we are faithful, and it seems that you have never taken a back seat in carrying out the job the Lord has laid on your shoulders, and that you have preached the Word fearlessly, I am sure you can say as Paul, "I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." That is what I meant in not having to answer to the Lord for others, when we are faithful in what He has called us to do.

Never think you are alone, our prayers are with you and I know there are many over our great nation that love THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and its editor, that are lifting up prayers to God on your behalf.

A Brother in Christ,
Clint Wilkins and Family

SUPPORTING TBE IN LOVE WITH THEIR GIFTS

White Plains, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We are sending this (\$30.00) in love.

Mary Dunlap
Laura Dunlap

DECLARES TBE HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO HER AND OTHERS

Powell, Penna.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Words cannot express how grieved and shocked I was with the terrible news my BAPTIST EXAMINER had for me, when I opened it up yesterday. It is hard to believe as yet that such a thing could happen to you by your church that you had always spoke of so highly in your paper. I will surely hold you up to the throne of grace, and this thing that has happened to you, daily,

until the Lord shows you why He has let this happen to you and your faithful family. As you say these things are happening all over. They have in several churches around here. But it seems that God has permitted it to separate the faithful from the unfaithful. Perhaps that is what has happened to you. Surely there is a faithful remnant that will stand by you and you can start another true testimony in Russell or some place near, as the Lord directs.

Praise Him that you are still going to continue with our beloved paper. It has been such a blessing to me and to a good many in our church.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Emma Haight

UNTOLD HELP AND UNCOUNTED BLESSINGS HAVE COME FROM TBE

Evansville, Ind.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received my BAPTIST EXAMINER this morning and was shocked and grieved to hear of your troubles. I do not know you personally as I am a member of a General Baptist church and have only come to know your paper through a Missionary Baptist friend. But I wrote you a letter some time back asking for answers to some questions and you very kindly answered all of them and sent me a years' subscription to the paper as a gift. I have received untold help and uncounted blessings from it each week. I look forward to its arrival as I have never done with favorite magazines, etc. So you know what it has meant to me. We are a young family, my husband and I are in our 30's and we have four small children, two of whom have been left handicapped by polio. So we do not have much money, but as soon as possible, I will send a donation to your paper to help a little in carrying in on. I will do this because I believe with you that God wants it to go on, and also to show my appreciation to you for sending it to me free. I will renew my subscription every time it runs out, as long as there is a paper, because I would not cheat myself of the blessings it holds for me.

I shall pray for your good wife and children, too, for I know this is particularly hard for them. May God bless you richly and I hope the paper continues to fight worldliness and stand for God's Word, clean, pure, and unchanging.

Yours in the Lord,
Mrs. C. T. Haskins

IN FLORIDA THIS FAMILY GIVES US A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Titusville, Fla.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We are sorry to learn of your sickness and sorrow and troubles in the church. You have our vote of confidence and we feel that we can sympathize with you just a little because of our experience of persecution just recently.

We are happy in serving the Lord in Southside Baptist Church of Sanford. Bro. Bill Stevens is the pastor. For the first time in years we can put all the tithes in the church treasury and know that it will be used to the glory and honor of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Some months back I noticed a marked difference in the richness of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and the sermon in the Oct. 16th issue was one of the best.

We have been praying for you since we first learned of your troubles. May God use you to His honor and glory for many years, to come.

Yours in His service,
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Chaudoin

LETTERS LIKE THESE ENCOURAGE US TO KEEP UP THE FIGHT

DIDN'T LIKE TBE AT FIRST; BUT IT HAS BEEN AN EYE OPENER

Marion, Ohio

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

You know it is getting like the time of Noah and Lot's time. The more you preach about salvation and telling the people that time is almost at the end—that they should turn their face from worldly things and look up to God for forgiveness and believe, instead they say that you're crazy and then start to say evil things against you and the rest of the believers. Acts 13:14.

So you will have our prayers that you may carry on your work as God sees to it.

Your paper has really opened our eyes to so many things. Of course I have a confession to make. At first I didn't care much for it, but the more papers we received the more we liked it. So Bro. Gilpin, keep up the good work and may God be with you and your family.

Our eyes were opened and we accepted the Lord recently and I think that is why we get more out of it than before. I Cor. 1:2-7.

Since we have gotten a lot of good out of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, we are sending you some money and names of people that we think will get some good out of it. We also would like to have ours renewed as it is up in December of this year.

If it hasn't and there should be some left over, use it for the Lord's work.

May God be with you and your family always. You will have our prayers.

Yours in Christ,
The W. E. Alexander Family

ENJOYS READING TBE AND WANTS IT TO CONTINUE

New Site, Miss.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am sending you an offering on your press, or use it in any way you see fit. I regret very much that you have resigned from the church, but hope you will soon find a field to work in. It seems the Devil is doing everything in his power to defeat God's people in this time of wickedness.

We enjoy reading TBE very much. Hope you can continue to send it out.

Yours in Christ,
E. D. Green

MINNESOTA DOCTOR BELIEVES EDITOR A MAN OF GOD

Worthington, Minn.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER or October 16th. I believe you are a man of God, called to do His work and He will bring everything out alright. I am praying for you. Enclosed \$10.00 given as unto the Lord.

Yours under the blood of Christ,
Dr. D. J. Dunn

TWO YOUNG PREACHERS ARE REMEMBERING US IN PRAYER

Evansville, Indiana

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Both Johnny Hollowell and myself are backing you and the Lord's work there. I don't know just how to express myself, but we have been praying for you and your family and will continue to do so.

I hope we can still have a Thanksgiving Conference some place and you will get to preach the sermon you have prepared. Anyway I hope to see you and express myself to you personally.

Yours in His service,
Charles Stobaugh

P. S. Also praying that THE

BAPTIST EXAMINER will continue publication.

SURE EDITOR HAS COMMITTED NO GREAT WRONG

Ansted, W. Va.

Dear Brother in Christ:

It has been quite a while since I have written to, or seen you. It was at Russell one time with Pastor Stanley Neumann in connection with the conflict of the Ansted Baptist Church with the un-Godly lodge system. In passing I should like to say that your help at that time was both amazing and invaluable. I have not been in contact with you since because I am one of the least of God's servants, and I didn't see how I could be of any help to anyone who had so many smart and influential friends. Rather, I thought I would just be imposing on your good time.

I was very shocked to read of your resignation because I thought you were firmly entrenched with a faithful and loyal group of supporters. God alone knows why I was laboring under this delusion, because I have yet to see a man teach the great doctrines of God's Word, standing for election, predestination, perseverance, etc., fighting feminism and the Hellish world systems such as lodgism, and have many friends. I want to say that I am sure that only the grace of God can cause a man to stand as you have.

I am not able to give you financial support, but I certainly intend to help you every way I can. I shall remember you in prayer and encourage others to do the same. I thank God that you intend to continue THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. If there is anything I can do to help you please let me know. I am sure that anyone who loves Jesus and His Word as well as you do, has committed no great wrong. One does not walk in the light, and do the deeds of darkness. I know that God will continue to bless both you and your family through His Son Jesus. There is one great blessing connected with trouble, you will find out who are your true friends and of like mind.

Yours in Christ,
Watson K. Dufour

W. VA. PASTOR ENCOURAGES US WITH GOD'S WORD

Normantown, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

As a brother and friend thinking of you this morning in my prayer, I have been moved to tears and my heart is filled with sorrow for you, and I have been prompted to write you a few lines, which I trust will help to cheer your heart.

First of all remember that the Lord is a very present help in time of trouble. "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not: I will help thee: fear not, for I have redeemed thee: I have called thee by thy name: thou art mine."

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee: and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned: neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God."—Isa. 43:1-3.

Take courage, fear not. Ye are of more value than many sparrows. May you and yours share the grace of God in time of trouble. There is a war being made against the true ministry. Just recently I was put out of a church which I had pastored 7 years. You and yours have my prayers and sympathy. May I have your prayers. I have a bad heart condition since the latter part of July, and my doctor says I must take a few months of complete rest.

I trust that you will be able to continue with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I wouldn't want to do without it. I know of no sounder,

better Baptist paper than THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It has been a source of inspiration to me and a lot of my people. So may the Lord strengthen you for His work.

Your Bro. in Christ,
A. S. Reed

BEGS US TO TAKE COURAGE AND DO GOD'S WILL

Vincent, Ohio

Dear Sir:

I really enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and don't want to do without it.

I can partly sympathize with you. I was forced to remove my letter from my home church because I stood for God's Word. It really hurt at the time, but now I can see that God knows best.

I beg of you with all humility

FLORIDA LADY PLEDGES HER PRAYERS IN OUR BEHALF

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

Just came by my mail box and found THE BAPTIST EXAMINER there. Needless to say the first thing that caught my eye was the article about your pastorate, coming to an end. I am ashamed that it took such news for me to write you, but pray for me. What can one person say in words to encourage a brother. My trials of life have been so small compared to yours, but this one thing I know and believe. Psal. 118:6 — "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear what man can do unto me."

The message from your girls moved me, to say the least. How low some people must stoop to find their own levels. But our God

heart aches for you, and for those who cannot see that they need a pastor who upholds and preaches the Word of God. I know it must be heart breaking to you, but I also know they are the losers, not you. The world needs men like you, and they need THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, as it was never needed before. It is the best paper I ever read, and its teachings so true to God's Word. But such seems to be the case everywhere today, they don't want God's Word. People seem to want things of the Bible smoothed over, the world is so modern. They want to go to church on Sunday, and to dances and movies and organizations all the week.

I know of trouble in many churches around, due to modernism and the Convention.

I cannot tell you how long, but for some time in the past I've prayed for you and for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, that it may never cease to come, that it might be sent to many more every week and that its message might save souls for God. And I certainly will remember to continue in prayer for you, and ask others in our church to pray for you too. May God bless you in all you do.

Yours in Christ,
Freda Blackwood

THINKS TBE THE MOST VALUABLE LITERATURE

Springfield, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Sorry to hear about your trouble, but glad to hear that you are going to continue to publish your paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I have been a subscriber for several years and think of it as the most valuable religious literature I have ever known.

I do not wonder at a man getting into hot water when he stands for the truth as you do, such as election, etc.

That is the way our Lord got in trouble and had to die.

Yours in His name,
Purdum Carney

P. S. Please find enclosed a small gift of \$2.00.

DOESN'T THINK ANY PAPER GIVES MORE LIGHT THAN TBE

Livermore, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Family:

Since reading my last paper, I hardly know how to start this letter. I know it is not sympathy you want or need, for I firmly believe it was the working of God's hand, and that He has greater things in store for you. He who has Christ needs not the sympathy of any one; their love, yes. Your true friends will still love and trust you. You and your wonderful family will always be in my prayers. May God bless every effort you make for Him.

I met Mrs. Gilpin's mother Sunday. She was visiting in my Sunday School class. I was surprised to learn that you were her son-in-law. I never got to talk long with her, but long enough to let her know what I think of you, and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I don't think there is a paper printed that gives us more light on God's Word than TBE, and I thank God for men who stand for the truth.

May God's children ever be found in the center of His will working for Him, is my prayer.

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 to help carry on the work of Christ.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. W. H. Buchanan

SAYS TBE IS ONE OF THE BEST

Linton, Indiana

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We like THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is one of the best. Use the dollar we are sending for what you need most.

Yours truly,
Carolyn Hobbs

A SERMON TO PREACHERS

I am greatly disappointed with some preachers of today, With their logic and their ethics, their aristocratic way; With their science and their theories, and then "new Theology."

Full of everything but Jesus and His love for you and me.

There is plenty in the Bible for the preachers of today, If they will but search its pages and for help divine would pray;

For God's Word is everlasting, and it never will grow old—

'Tis, indeed, a priceless treasure—far more precious é'en than gold.

What we want is consecration in a good true man of God,

With a Bible education, and a love for God's dear Word; Who can lead us and direct us to the truth, the life, the way,

Which brings peace to soul and body through the burdens of the day.

If the preachers in our churches would preach Jesus crucified.

How through love for us He suffered, and through love for us He died,

Then our pews would not be empty, as so many are today,

But be filled to overflowing, in a Pentecostal way.

What we need is just plain gospel, in the good old fashioned way,

Place of Emerson or Shakespeare, or some topic of the day,

What care we for all their sayings, or their teachings true and tried?

We just want the dear old story of the Saviour crucified.

That alone can make men better, that alone can make men free—

Just the precious, dear old story, of God's love for you and me;

That is what the people's wanting, there is where the crowd will be;

Where they hear the same old story which they heard at mother's knee.

—Christian Herald

to take courage and do God's will regardless of people.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Maggie S. Sevy

ONE OF OUR FINEST YOUNG PREACHERS AND HIS WIFE DECLARE THEIR LOYALTY TO EDITOR

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

We want you to know that we are behind you 100 per cent. We do not believe the false stories that your enemies have started about you.

We are praying that the Lord will bless you and your family abundantly and will use you even more than He has in the past.

Your brother and sister in Christ,

Eld & Mrs. Edward H. Overbey

is just, He will attend to all concerned.

My prayers have gone up before for you and your paper, not with regularity, but the Holy Spirit as my guide they will be more.

I pray the people who have caused you grief will be converted and brought to their knees before our Lord. I pray that you listen closely to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and be kept close to the throne.

Your sister in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Mrs. Mary Brown

IN MAINE TBE AND ITS EDITOR ARE APPRECIATED

Dennysville, Maine

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It is hard to find words to express what is in my heart, in regard to your resignation, but my

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scapgoat out into the wilderness and turned that goat loose. The man whose business it was to turn loose the goat came back and made a report as to how he saw that goat running out of sight in the distance, figuratively saying that their sins were thus carried away. Beloved, that priest was not thinking in terms of one man, nor was he thinking in terms of one family; rather, he was thinking in terms of one nation—mainly, for the Jewish nation alone.

If you will notice, the concept of religion had grown. In the days of Cain and Abel, they thought in terms of one individual; on the night of the Passover, the father thought in terms of one family; the high priest thought in terms of one nation—the Jews. Beloved, no Jew ever got beyond that stage in the Old Testament. That is why it was that Jonah refused to go to Nineveh and preach. He could not see that God could, or would save a Gentile. That is why it was in the Old Testament that not a single Jewish prophet was concerned with the salvation of Gentile folk. Beloved, when the Lord Jesus Christ came into this world, He did not die for one man, as Cain and Abel offered a sacrifice for one man; He did not die for one family, as the father offered a sacrifice for one family on the night of the Passover; He did not die for one nation, as the high priest offered a sacrifice for the one nation of the Jews; but when the Lord Jesus Christ died upon the Cross, with His arms outstretched, it seems to me that that was an indication that the extent of the Gospel was for the entirety of mankind.

I rejoice tonight when I tell you that the Gospel is to be preached to every creature throughout the entirety of the world, and it is God's business to seek out those of His elect whom He shall save.

III

WHAT DOES THE GOSPEL DO?

"For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have BEGOTTEN YOU THROUGH THE GOSPEL."—I Cor. 4:15.

These folk at Corinth to whom Paul was writing were saved people. They had been saved as a result of Paul's ministry in the city of Corinth. Now what was it, beloved, that caused them to be saved? What was it that brought about the means of their salvation? Paul says, "For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

The Gospel, which is the story of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, is that which begets you to new life in the Lord Jesus Christ. No man would ever be saved if it were not for the Gospel of the Son of God, for it is through the preaching of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ that men are begotten through the Saviour. Just as the mother is the agent through which the child is begotten in the mother's womb, so the Gospel is the agent whereby the sinner is begotten unto salvation.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

—I Pet. 2:24.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."—I Pet. 3:18.

From these verses of Scripture you can see what the Gospel does in our behalf. It is the Gospel—the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ—that makes us alive and begets us spiritually in the Lord Jesus Christ.

My brother, no man has ever been made alive spiritually be-

cause he joined a church. No man has ever been made alive spiritually because he submitted to the ordinance of baptism or the Lord's Supper. No man has ever been made alive spiritually because that man has ever done one single good deed. No man has ever been made alive spiritually because of the hearing of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV

WHY DOES NOT THE GOSPEL AFFECT ALL?

Why is it that we are commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature and yet the Gospel does not affect every creature? Why is it that we are commanded to preach the Gospel and yet all will not be affected thereby? We do not have to get out of the Word of God to find the answer to that question.

"But their MINDS WERE BLINDED: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ."—II Cor. 3:14.

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."—II Cor. 4:4.

This would tell us that the Devil has blinded the eyes of the unbelievers. The reason that so many people hear the Word of God with their natural ears but fail to hear it with their spiritual ears is because so many people have been blinded by the Devil. The reason that so many people will come to church and listen with the natural ears and go away and show no concern whatsoever is because the Devil has blinded their minds so that they can not see nor understand the things of God.

Many a time after I have preached on Sunday, having worn myself out trying to present the Gospel of God's Son, some Christian friend will say, "Bro. Gilpin, you have labored so hard for the cause of Christ and have done your best to make the message clear. I just do not see why it is that everybody does not receive it. I do not see why it is that every one does not accept Christ as his Saviour." My brother, I can understand. To that individual who is saved, the message from God's Word is plain. To that individual who has become a child of God, it is simple; but before that individual is saved, he is blinded by the Devil. The only way that any individual can ever be saved is when the Lord Jesus Christ tears the blinds from that individual's eyes, illuminates him, and shows him the truth of the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is all that he needs in order to be saved, and become a child of God.

We have a marvelous illustration of this in the book of Acts. When the apostle Paul arrived in the city of Philippi, he went out on the riverside where is was legal to have a prayer meeting. In the city of Philippi, the only place that the Christians could gather together and have prayer was on the outside of the city limits, out by the riverside, and when Paul went out by the river, he found a group of women having a prayer meeting. One of them was a saleslady, a lady by the name of Lydia, a seller of purple, and the Word of God tells us that as Paul preached, her heart was opened to the Gospel. Beloved, it was not because of any particular ability on the part of Paul that the Gospel took hold of her, but rather, it was because that the Holy Spirit took the message of the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and opened the mind, the heart, the eyes, and the understanding of Lydia so that she became a child of the living God.

You ask me why it is that all men do not believe. You ask me why it is that men listen Sunday after Sunday to the Word of God and are never saved. You ask me why it is that so many people will hear the Word of God and never seemingly show any concern at

FOOTSTEPS BEFORE AND AFTER PRAYER

"COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO TOIL AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL LET YOU REST. LET MY YOKE BE PUT UPON YOU, AND LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE-MINDED, AND YOUR HEARTS WILL FIND REST, FOR THE YOKE I OFFER YOU IS A KINDLY ONE, AND THE LOAD I ASK YOU TO BEAR IS LIGHT."

MATT. 11: 28-30
(GOODSPEED TRS.)



all. I will tell you why, beloved. It is because that the Holy Spirit has never opened their eyes and showed them the truth. They are blinded to the truth, and unless the Holy Spirit opens their eyes, heart, and mind, they will never understand the truth that the death, burial, and resurrection will save their souls.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."—John 6:44.

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

Beloved, you have to learn spiritual truth with the Holy Spirit to teach you. The Holy Spirit has to be your teacher if you are to learn the things of Almighty God. Why is it that God says to preach the Gospel to every creature? Why is it that the extent of the Gospel is unto all nations of all the world, and yet only a comparatively few out of the nations are going to be saved? Simply because the eyes of men are blinded, and only as the Spirit of God opens their blinded eyes and minds and hearts, will they ever come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

V

IS THE GOSPEL PERVERTED TODAY?

If you will turn to the book of Galatians, you will find that the Gospel in Paul's day was badly and sadly perverted. Listen:

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

In Paul's day, Paul was not the

only man who was preaching. There were lots and lots of preachers in Paul's day, but there were mighty, mighty few who were preaching like the apostle Paul. Wherever the apostle Paul went, he stood out for sovereign grace. Wherever the apostle Paul went, he preached that God had to do the saving. Wherever he went, beloved, he preached the Gospel that I am preaching to you tonight. But after Paul had been to a certain locality and would move on to some place else, there would come in other preachers, following him. There would come in other preachers after him, and they would pervert and change and twist the Gospel that Paul had preached. It was thus in the regions of Galatia. Paul had been there some five years before. The people had heard the Word and had been saved as a result of the message that he had preached. He had gone elsewhere and now he writes back to them, having heard that there had been false preachers come into that area, and how those false preachers had perverted the Gospel by preaching another message. Beloved, what was true in Paul's day is true a thousand times more today. For every man that you find, who preaches the Gospel of the Sovereign God, I can find a thousand preachers who pervert the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Take for example that individual who comes to you and tells you that all you have to do to be saved is to come to a mourner's bench and mourn and accept Christ as your Saviour. That man, my brother, is a perverter of the Gospel of the Son of God. Or take that individual who tells you that all you need to do is to be baptized. Beloved, he is perverting the Gospel of Christ. Or take that man who tells you that all you need to do is to reform, turn over a new leaf, and to change your life yourself. Beloved, he is a perverter of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. I come back to my

original statement and say that the Gospel is the death, the burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that no man will ever be saved except by and through the death of the Lord on the Cross of Calvary, and when anybody preaches to you anything else today, or when he tells you that there is any other way whereby you can be saved except through the death of the Son of God, that man is a perverter of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

VI

WHAT IS OUR DUTY CONCERNING THE GOSPEL?

Our duty is to give the Gospel to every creature that we can find.

"Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly, TO PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THE REGIONS BEYOND YOU."

—II Cor. 10:15,16.

Paul's desire was to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond. That ought to be your attitude toward the Gospel. It ought to be my desire to not only give the Gospel unto you, but to reach out into the regions beyond—to every man and woman that I might speak to personally, to every individual that I can speak to over the radio, to every individual that I can send my paper to. Beloved, I want to give to the world, to the regions beyond, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul, contemplating that truth, realizing that it was his duty and his business, said:

"Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"—I Cor. 9:16.

Beloved, what was true of Paul is also true of you and me. Woe be to the missionary who becomes anti-missionary in his work. Woe

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I Should Like To Know

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sion, is hypocrisy. If a man repudiated the German government he would not still fly the German flag. If he did, everybody would say that at heart he was still German and was a traitor to his country for pay or to save his hide. So with a man who repudiates his church and joins another and still holds on to his baptism. He is a traitor to his heart convictions and a hypocrite in his life; or his baptism was a lie when he submitted to it. Baptism is a sign or a badge. When a man quits what his badge represents he ought to throw away that badge and put on one that represents what he now believes. We do not agree at all with a modern Baptist editor who said that he is opposed to alien immersion, but don't make it a test of fellowship. We make it a test of fellowship. Free Will Baptists are only wet Methodists, or deep water Methodists after all!

5. Explain John 10:16.

The other sheep were the Gentiles. They too, will not come unless they are brought by divine power through the preaching of the Word.

6. Explain John 14:12.

First this proves that the overwhelming mass of church members are not saved. If they were they would do the same work Jesus did. If they have believed in Christ, they have the same life in them that Christ had in Him and will do the works Christ did and even greater works, because they have the indwelling Spirit in them all the time.

7. Explain Rom. 11:16.

They had not all heard the Gospel and they could not hear without a preacher.

8. Explain I Cor. 7:14.

Some folk thought that Paul's command for believers to marry no one but believers meant that if either party was saved after marriage they ought to separate. Paul said, "No, it does not mean that, if they can live together in peace; the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the believing husband. Otherwise the children would be unclean, i.e., illegitimate. But that is not true. The children are holy in the sense of being legitimate and the fruit of the marriage holy." It has no reference to personal holiness. There are no proxies in religion.

9. Explain II Cor. 12:14.

The passage does not mean laying up money for children, for Paul had neither money nor property nor natural children. He was speaking of his spiritual children, those whom he led to Christ and called his children. Since he is talking of his spiritual children, he is also speaking of spiritual blessings and gifts, which he wants to pass on to those who were his converts. It was unheard of that a missionary should be laying up for other folks' natural children because he was their spiritual father. The passage has no reference to laying up earthly treasures. Jesus forbade that.

10. Explain I Tim. 4:1.

This refers to the teachers of salvation by works, apostasy, keepers of the sabbath, modernists, unionists, observers of Easter, spiritists, Russellites, Holy Rollers and all other kinds of teachers of deadly heresy.

11. Explain Titus 3:10.

That means church discipline. The church member, that is heretical in doctrine of stirring up a faction in a church, after two warnings by the pastor or church, ought to be excluded.

12. Explain I John 3:9.

That means, that when a man is born again, he has a new nature

given him from above. That new nature can not sin because it partakes of the divine nature. In that new nature the Holy Spirit dwells and conducts the fight for the crucifixion of the old nature.



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I feel certain God has touched that tumor and is healing it already. A group of us will join in prayer to that effect.

Take heart, dear friend, God is still on the throne.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Herbert De Vos

PREACHER'S DAUGHTER SENDS ENCOURAGING LETTER

Carlsbad, N. M.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I suppose that only a preacher can truly understand and sympathize with a preacher in trials, disappointments and criticism that he suffers in God's ministry, but as a preacher's daughter I want to express my deepest regret that these things come so often in the lives of God's men. And though God's Word admonishes that such will be the case in the lives of "all that will live Godly," it's still hard to take when it comes; and though God warns those who offend that judgment will fall, nevertheless such continues to be true and of course, will until Christ comes again. Isn't it a joyous hope to look forward to the day when misunderstandings and trials will be over and we can live in real peace and happiness?

It is so hard for us to understand why such things must be, but we have the assurance that God will permit nothing to happen in our lives that is not for our ultimate good and for His glory, and could we wish it to be any other way? I am praying that God will give you peace and contentment to rest in His will until you can see and understand why this trial had to come in your life. Perhaps God has in store for you greater things that you have ever yet experienced. Surely He has or He would not have so miraculously spared your life.

Bro. Gilpin, I have asked you that you remember our church in prayer and I want you to continue to do so, please. By God's grace it has held together, but there is something hindering that only God knows and can solve. It takes patience to wait for God to make His will known in what He would have us to do, but that is the only course we can take and not go ahead of Him.

I am enclosing two "subs" and a small offering. I wish it could be much more, but it comes with a prayer that God will lay on the hearts of many others to contribute to your support during this time of need. I am also enclosing some poems. Do with them as you feel God would be pleased. I realize that I am so apt to make mistakes so feel free to make any changes in them that you think best.

Yours in His love and grace,
Mrs. Haley Hughes

IN TENNESSEE THIS PREACHER WOULD HATE TO SEE TBE GO OUT OF BUSINESS

Columbia, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am somewhat surprised to learn of the turn of events there in Russell. I hardly know whether to sympathize with you or to congratulate you. At any rate Romans 8:28 is still true.

I am enclosing \$2.00 for you to use in any way you think best. I wish that I could do better. I am praying that you may be used of the Lord in even a greater way than you ever have been. I would hate to see THE BAPTIST EXAMINER go out of business. Please pray for me.

Sincerely in Christ,
C. W. Howell

BELIEVES EDITOR TO BE A MAN OF GOD

Fordsville, Ky.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Am sorry to hear of your trouble. I love to read TBE. Your sermons are so interesting.

I believe you are a man of God. If you had not been called, I don't see how you could have delivered such Scriptural messages.

May God bless you!

Albert Duggins

PRAYERS GO UP FOR EDITOR IN N. C.

Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just a line to let you know that I am praying for you in this your hour of trial and testing. I know that anyone who will take a stand and stand for the Truth will be talked about, slandered, and falsely accused. Any one who does not go through these things is doing very little for our blessed Lord.

I pray that God will supply your every need. Pray for me that I may grow strong in the Lord and do just what He would have me to do for His glory. I want to renew my subscription for your paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I get a wonderful blessing from reading it.

Yours in Christ,
J. P. Lawrence

SENDS MONEY TO KEEP THIS PAPER IN THE MAIL

Pollock, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am indeed sorry about your pastorate at the Russell Baptist Church. The Truth is what most people of today don't want. I thank the Lord there are still some few preachers that will stand for the truth. I do hope you can keep this paper. I am enclosing a little money (\$3.00) and hope it will be of some help on the paper.

A brother in Christ,
Maurice Robertson

AGED GEORGIA PREACHER ADMIRES EDITOR'S COURAGE

Midland, Ga.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I read of your resignation, that closed your work as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell. Also your resignation address was a masterful discourse and expressed my sentiments very mildly.

The Devil is making master strokes at God's preachers nowadays, and the preacher (?) who is not feeling his Satanic majesty strokes, can very well rest assured that he is compromising, and is not preaching the Gospel of Christ. The reason he (the Devil) is making such master strokes against God's men, is, he knows that he hasn't got many more days in which to work, that he, together with the false prophets will "land" in the "lake of fire," very soon.

I admire your courage in refusing to give up the printing of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and I know you are, and will reach more people with the Gospel through the paper than you were and would through the pastorate of the First Baptist Church.

I am enclosing \$1.00 to help you in your work. Wish it was one hundred, but I am a retired Baptist preacher, in my 72nd year, with a very meager income. I am praying for you.

Accept my thanks for all your kindness to me.

Love and best wishes to you and yours, I am yours because of Calvary.

A. Z. Mathews

BELIEVES IN EDITOR OF TBE, WHICH HAS BEEN A GREAT INSPIRATION

Anawalt, W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Just a few lines today to let you know I enjoy your paper very much, it has been a great inspiration and holds forth the truth to a lost and dying world. We

regret to hear that you have resigned your pastorate the First Baptist Church.

Bro. Gilpin, we believe in you, and what you stand for and we do know that the Lord will stand with you, when the enemy hollers, the loudest. We have had these troubles, and we know just how to sympathize with you and yours. Only one year ago this month, some of the enemy of our church rose up and tried to make trouble in our church. They tried every way to go out to other people, but everything they did turned on their own head, and they finally joined the Northern Baptists, but that has not settled the road on which they will travel. The Lord said, "Vengeance is mine," and He will repay. Keep on preaching, praying and trusting and God will take care of you. Remember we are praying for you and yours.

Your friend in Christ,
S. W. Davis

PROMISES \$1.00 AS OFTEN AS GOD MAKES IT POSSIBLE

Carlsbad, N. M.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I was deeply hurt when I read about you not being pastor in Russell and awful sorry to hear of the cancellation of the Thanksgiving Conference as I know it would be a great blessing to everyone. I had planned on trying to raise money for my Sunday School teacher so she might attend but God has His plans, so Brother cheer up and I pray God to give you the faith and strength to carry on as you feel led by the Holy Spirit.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Gilbert Elliott
P. S. Enclosed is my \$1.00. God willing I'll send it as often as possible.

PRAYING THAT OUR WORK WILL BE GREATER IN THE FUTURE

Alexandria, La.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Am sorry to read of your resignation from the church I know you love, but it seems like the Devil never lets God's people alone, I am sorry for the ones that caused this trouble. May God have mercy on them.

I thank God that you are going to keep your paper coming to us. I know that God will take care of you and maybe He has another and bigger job for you somewhere.

I have been wanting to write you about my sister who has gone to her reward. On September 11th she passed on. She loved you and your paper, as I do, but the Lord called her home. She suffered much as she had a cancer. She was confined to her bed for five months and altogether she suffered five years with it. Had to have her arm removed two years ago, but she was glad to suffer, she said, if it pleased the Lord or glorified Him. She always had a smile on her face. She was Mrs. Beulah Blalock, 1149 Hodges Street, Lake Charles, La. She and I married brothers, and I am Mrs. D. F. Blalock, 2400 Madeline St., Alexandria, La.

Enclosed find check (\$3.00). Use it anywhere you need it for the Lord's work and I am praying for you and hope that your work for the Lord will be greater than ever and the one that has caused all this trouble will see her mistake, and apologize for it. I am still enjoying THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and give it to friends to read. I would like for every family to have it.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. D. F. Blalock

EXPECTS TO KEEP US IN MIND AT A THRONE OF GRACE

Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am very much saddened by developments which caused your resignation from the great First Baptist Church in Russell.

I am praying that our Father,

God, will soon place you in another pastorate and that your success may be even greater than that which has been yours at Russell.

The fact that you do your mission work through a different channel than we do ours, does not hinder you from being a thoroughgoing Baptist; and I for one, recognize you as such; and it is my purpose, God being my helper, to keep you in mind, when I make my supplications at the throne of grace.

My humble prayer is that, our Father in Heaven, may richly bless you and yours, now and always.

Your brother in Christ,
R. D. Maum

FLORIDA LAYMAN KNOWS THE DEVIL HAS BEEN BUSY

Melbourne, Fla.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am terribly sorry the way they have used you. I think it is getting to be the same all over. The old Devil is busy as a bee upsetting all he can, and it seems to me he is gaining ground.

Just keep on trusting and I know my Lord will not allow the Devil to have the victory. I will send some money when I can, and use it as you please. I will do what I can to help you.

Yours in the Lord,
Wm. McTaggart

SYMPATHY EXTENDED BY LOUISIANA READER

Ball, Louisiana

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

It was with deep regret and much sympathy that I read my last BAPTIST EXAMINER, but I can't say that I was surprised. It has been more of a surprise to me to learn that there are a few really large Baptist churches left.

Yours respectfully,
Mrs. Jack R. Howell

"Questions And Answers As To The Gospel"

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be to the child of God who becomes o-missionary in his heart. Woe be to the child of God who has been saved, and who fails to give out the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to those with whom he comes in contact with day by day.

When I was just a boy, before I ever became a preacher, I remember very definitely an individual who was drowned in the community not far from where I lived. In a season of high water, he came along the road to ford the creek and he allowed his horse to get in the wrong part of the creek bed. The buggy was carried farther into a deeper pool and the man was drowned. But there was another man who was riding in the buggy with him, and they pulled him out. When they pulled that man out that was still living, the first thing that he did was to point back to where he had been pulled from, and to gasp that there was one other drowning in that pool.

Listen, beloved, if a drowning man is pulled out of a body of water and he thinks of that other man that is in there drowning, surely those of us who have been saved from a Devil's Hell and are on the way to an angel's paradise, ought to be thinking of others that are still on the road to eternal damnation, and are lost without the Gospel of the Son of God, and it ought to be our desire to give out the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to everyone that we should meet. May God help you to realize that every person that you meet is one of those individuals who needs the Gospel, and he is one of those individuals to whom God said we were to preach the Gospel, to the ends of the earth. May God help you by His grace to be faithful to the task and to the commission that He has given us. May God bless you!