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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:29.

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## The Bible--God's Revelation To Man

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For God to make anything, the earth included, and for Him to have brought forth man with capacity to know God, then for Him to fail to reveal Himself in any way to man, is unthinkable.

God HAS revealed Himself in a rudimentary fashion through nature, for "The heavens declare the glory of God."—Psa. 19:1. He has also revealed Himself in a rudimentary fashion through con-science. (See Rom. 2:14-15). He has revealed Himself more clearly through chosen men called prophets. (See Heb. 1:1). He has revealed himself still more wonderfully through a book which we call the BIBLE. (See II Tim. 3:16). Of course He has revealed Him-

self supremely through Jesus Christ. (Heb. 1:2).

### What Is The Bible?

There are counterfeit "bibles." The Mohammedans have one called the "Koran." The peoples of India have a collection of "sacred writings." None of the counterfeit "bibles" of the world bear the stamp of divine authorship, and the type of life produced by their teachings is low and base. Various "supplements" have been added to the Christian Bible, such as "The Book of Mormon," Mrs.

Eddy's "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures," etc. Attempt has been made to tack on the "Apocrypha" to the Old Testament, and some apocryphal books to the New Testament. Contrary to this, the Samaritans accepted only the first seven books of the Old Testament as the Bible, and the small remnant of that race that exists today still hold to those 7 books as the only Bible.

### WHAT DID JESUS ACCEPT?

He accepted the 39 books of our Old Testament as the written revelation which God had given up to that time. He did not quote from the "Apocrypha" or endorse (Continued on page four)

1. Do not the following Scriptures teach that the Israelites were the only people elected to be saved? I Chron. 16:13-17; Isa. 45:4,17,25; Rom. 11:7,8,11,25-29.

No. Some of these passages allude to Israel's election as a corporate nation to earthly position, privileges, and mission. Others refer to an individual election to salvation of some within the elect nation. But none of these passages teach that only Israelites were elected to salvation. Acts 13:48 applies to Gentiles. Paul was especially an apostle to the Gentiles, and in II Tim. 2:10 he spoke of laboring that the elect might be saved. Then in Rom. 9:24 Paul says that God calls Gentiles as well as Jews, and Paul taught that calling is according to God's eternal purpose. See Rom. 8:29,30; II Tim. 1:9. Or, to sum it all up, all the churches to which Paul wrote epistles were largely Gentile in content. Therefore, everything said in those epistles about election applies to Gentiles as well as to Jews. In addition to passages already cited, see Eph. 1:4; II Thess. 2:13. Add to all this the fact that Jesus taught that election applies to Gentiles in John 10:16.

2. Were they (the Jews) not a chosen people? I Pet. 2:9,12.

See above for answer to this question. In the passage given in the question, Peter uses the word "nation" in a figurative sense as alluding to the saved elect among the Jews and not to the whole nation.

3. Is there any Scripture showing that the Gentiles were included in election? or were they the strangers who were lost and without hope in the world? Eph. 2:11-13.

See above for answer to first part of this question. The passage given in this question describes the condition Gentile believers were in before conversion, but these same Gentiles had been chosen in Christ "before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4).

4. Was the Scripture preached to the Gentiles before the blinding of the Jews? Rom. 11:12-14; Acts 14:27.

That depends entirely upon when the blinding of the Jews is considered as taking place. But this has nothing to do with the main issue as stated in the first (Continued on page four)

## THE GREAT OUTSTANDING FALLACY OF ALL THE FAITH-HEALERS

By LORAIN BOETTNER

Faith-healers are very emphatic in their contention that sickness is always contrary to the will of God, and that only a lack of faith keeps any person from being immediately healed. These claims, however, fail to take into consideration certain Scripture statements which declare that on various occasions, God Himself, has inflicted the disease or the suffering for wise and beneficent purposes. Miriam was smitten with leprosy in order that she and Aaron might be turned from their sinful course (Num. 12:10). The Lord struck the illegitimate son of David because of the sin which had been committed (II Sam. 12:15). The psalmist said, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I may learn thy statutes."—Psa. 119:71. When Jesus was asked, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" He replied, "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." (John 9:3). The sickness of Lazarus was "for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified thereby." (John 11:4).

Paul was given "a thorn in the flesh, a messenger from Satan to buffet him, that he should not be exalted over-much." (II Cor. 12:7)—a physical handicap which we find was intended for a good purpose, namely, that his eminence and success beyond that of the other disciples should not fill him with pride and arrogance. Though he earnestly "besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from him," it was not removed. We venture to say that in all the world today there is not a Christian mightier in prayer, more devoted, more Spirit-filled and enlightened than was the Apostle Paul. If God would not remove this affliction, though He was besought so earnestly to do so, cer-

tainly the faith-healers should hesitate a bit before censoring the suffering saint of today for a lack of faith which they claim would, if he had it, bring relief to his body. When Paul was told by the Lord that it was better for him to endure this suffering, that the Lord's grace would be sufficient for him, he answered, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (I Cor. 12:9). In such cases where God is working out some great and good purpose (which probably is unknown to the person who suffers), no amount of prayer will bring healing. Further, we find Paul leaving Trophimus sick at Mile-tus (II Tim. 4:20), and in the realm of practical medicine urging Timothy to "use a little wine for thy stomach's sake, and thine often infirmities" (I Tim. 5:23).

### IN AN UNFRIENDLY WORLD--HERE IS WHAT A MINISTER MUST BE

A minister is a man with like passions as other men, even after ordination. But his aim is to be a man of God. Bondsman to Christ, as Paul put it. Therefore, as Paul wrote Timothy, he must shun a lot of things for Christ's sake. He is not to be a hermit, nor monk, nor prig, nor the slave of fictitious mannerisms. He is to be in the world, yet kept from its evil. Honesty should shine out of him like sunlight. He must pay his debts, speak truthfully of all, and walk without fear. He must be patient beyond the common limits. He must be kind and forgiving as is his Lord, even to his enemies, and he will have them. He must out-do the physicians in eagerness to serve even when tired. He must toil at his own task, as does the successful farmer or merchant. He must lead without bluster of the time-server and with the despot's tyranny.

Even Christ Himself, we are told, "learned obedience by the things which He suffered" (Heb. 5:8); and in bringing many sons into glory it was God's purpose also "to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10). The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews tells us that "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" (12:6); and again, "God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made par-

takers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." (12:7,8). Instead of sickness being an evidence of God's displeasure, it is oftentimes the mark of His favor. The plain fact of the matter is that there is not so much as one verse in all the Bible which states that God wills that His children should be kept from all suffering and affliction. There are many verses which teach that God chastises His children for their spiritual enlightenment. It often happens that the best saints in the church, those whose spiritual life is truest and deepest, are called upon to endure the greatest pain, while persons of immoral character often have relatively little suffering.

### GROWING MEN--AND NOT PEACHES IS GOD'S BUSINESS

A young man in a story was trying to establish himself as a peach-grower. He had worked for years and invested his all in a peach orchard, which at last bloomed bounteously — and then came a frost. He didn't go to church the next Lord's Day, nor the next, nor the next. His minister went to hunt him up and inquired the reason. The discouraged young fellow exclaimed: "No, and what is more, I'm not coming any more. Do you think I can worship a God who loves me so little that He will let a frost kill all my peaches?" The old minister looked at him a moment in silence and then replied kindly: "Young man. God loves you better than He does your peaches. He knows that, while your peaches do better without frosts, it is impossible to grow the best men without frosts. His object is to grow men, not peaches."

Health, is of course, the general rule for God's people. In each particular instance we are to pray for healing until it becomes clear that it is not God's will to heal the person; and then we are to pray for grace to bear it, that we may be able to say with Jesus in Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thine, be done." We are to remember further that no affliction can come to the children of God except as it is filtered through the sands of His love, and that it will not continue one moment longer than necessary to serve the wise and good purpose which He has in view. "To them that love God all things work together for good." (Rom. 8:28).

Twenty or thirty years ago, when a gentleman asked a lady to marry him, she replied, "You do me a very great honor, sir." When he said, "My dear, when will you give me the privilege of calling you my wife?" she answered, "Not for a year or a year and a half."

### REVERENCE--THE NEED OF AMERICA TODAY

When they went to the minister to get married, and he asked, "Will you take this man to be your lawful and wedded husband?" with a deep sense of God's presence, she replied, "I will."

Today the boy looks into the girl's face and says, "Kid, will you marry me?" and she answers, "I'll tell the world, I will!"

He inquires, "When shall it be?" and she responds, "Step on the gas, and let's go."

When she stands before the minister and he says, "Do you take this man to be your lawful and wedded husband?" she says, "You said a mouthful parson."

Now this is America. It has no reverence for the great things of life.

### A SUGGESTION WE PASS TO OTHERS

Bro. V. J. McNabb of Louisville, Kentucky, has been sending free subscriptions of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to a number of his friends, at the same time he writes them the following letter:

"GO AND DO THOU LIKE-WISE."

Dear Friend:

A friend made me a present of one year's subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, weekly published by John R. Gilpin, Russell, Kentucky, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Russell for about 25 years.

I liked the paper very much and tried to re-pay my friend, but was refused, so I am trying to make it up by giving away two subscriptions, one to you and one to another friend. In this day of modernistic teaching it is so good to get hold of a paper so sound in doctrine and so full of the meat of the Gospel.

I hope you like the paper. Please do not try to re-pay me, (Continued on page four)

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "The Supernatural Of The Bible"

"For as the rain cometh down ... so shall my word be."

—Isa. 55:10,11.

Let me remind you in the very outset that I believe the whole Bible. I do not put a question mark about any portion of God's Word. Starting with Genesis 1:1 and going all the way through to Revelation 22:21, I believe it word for word, verse by verse, chapter by chapter, and book by book. I insist, beloved, that I do not put a question mark about any part of this Bible, but take it all to be the Word of God.

In view of this fact, it isn't hard for me to believe in the supernatural and the miraculous. There's lots within the Bible that is of a miraculous, supernatural and heavenly nature, and since I believe the whole of the Bible to be God's Word, it isn't hard for me to believe in the supernatural and the miraculous in any wise at all. In fact, beloved, I think that it is a whole lot easier for me to explain the Bible than it would be for a modernist to attempt to do so.

Take the miracle of Israel's crossing over into the land of

Canaan at the flood stage of the Jordan River as an example. The people of Israel were camped on the plains of Moab ready to cross the Jordan River, but they had no boats. They had no way to get across, but God worked a miracle in their behalf. The Bible tells us how that God stopped the waters. As the waters came down, God piled them up, wave upon top of wave, and held them there while the rest of the waters flowed on, and the children of Israel marched dry-shod across the Jordan River.

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## \$ A-MONTH-CLUB \$

Three of our readers remembered the fact of a payment due on our press next June 27, and sent offerings this past week for that purpose. They are:

B. R. Matheney, Clendenin, West Virginia.

Mrs. Ray Calvin, Worthington, Minn.

Elmo Woodson, Little Rock, Arkansas.

God bless these three, and may their tribe increase!

We are a long distance from our goal of \$1000 and interest, and time is growing shorter with the passing of every day.

We must average \$43.00 weekly from Jan. 1 through June to meet this obligation. What will be your attitude during the next five months?



## DO YOU HAVE SOME MONEY TO LEND?

We are anxious to start reprinting "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine," by Eld. T. P. Simmons as early as possible.

The second edition, which we printed five years ago has been exhausted for several months, and we have calls for it continually. Within the past six months we have had inquiries (without any advertising on our part) for considerably over 100 copies.

The only drawback to reprinting it is the cost. It is a large and expensive book to print and will cost several hundred dollars. Frankly, we do not have the money with which to print it.

We can go to the bank and borrow it, but of recent date it came to me that there might be some one of our readers, or several, who would have some money which may be earning only a small rate of interest, who would be happy to lend such to us for this purpose, at bank rate of interest. We'll be happy to pay any of our readers 6 per cent interest on such a loan.

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We'll be most happy to hear from any of our readers who might be interested in thus working with us to reprint this book.



## "The Supernatural"

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Now, beloved, that is miraculous and supernatural. I do not have a bit of trouble believing it for I accept it as it is. However, the modernist or the higher critic takes that passage of Scripture and has to work awfully hard to get an explanation for it. He goes back and finds that there was a landslide in the land of Palestine—that the whole hillside fell into the Jordan River and damned up the river, and that was what caused the waters to be parted, so that the children of Israel got across safely to the other side. Beloved, a fellow has to work awfully hard, and has to have a

pretty good imagination to come up with an explanation like that. When the Bible says that God stopped the Jordan River in its flowing, and caused the children of Israel to march dry-shod from one side to the other, I do not have one bit of trouble in believing it. I just take it at its face value, and accept it as God says.

Let's consider another of these miraculous experiences. After the children of Israel had entered into Canaan, and had marched around the city of Jericho one time daily for six days and then on the seventh day marched around seven times—when they had finished circumnavigating the city of Jericho the seventh time of that seventh day, the Word of God says that the walls of that city turned loose, and fell down, and lay flat on the ground. I believe it, for as I say, I believe all of the Bible, and I take it all as God's Word and accept it as such. When the modernist reads that passage of Scripture, he pulls his hair, and walks the floor, and wonders, how he is to explain it, and he comes up in a few days, and says that they had a big earthquake, with the result that the walls of the city were knocked down by that big earthquake.

Now, beloved, isn't it a whole lot easier just to take what God says, and believe what God says in His Book, than it is to take the Bible and try to explain away the simple statements of God's Word? I say to you, I believe this whole Book to be God's Word. Therefore, when I read the miraculous and the supernatural of God's Word, I just take it as God says, literally.

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## THE BIBLE IS SUPERNATURAL IN ITS ORIGIN.

That is to say, beloved, this Bible which tells about so many supernatural experiences, is supernatural in its origin.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God SPAKE as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."—II Pet. 1:21.

Notice that it says that the Holy Spirit moved holy men of God to write the Bible. This Bible, beloved, is of supernatural origin.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God."—II Tim. 3:16.

Beloved, you can read these two Scriptures—and I can multiply them over and over again—and come up with the same general conclusion, that the Bible is of supernatural origin.

It is **always fresh**. Anytime you read from God's Word, you get a fresh, new message therefrom. Haven't you proved to yourself, as you have sat down to read from the Bible, some passage that you have read over and over again, that when you closed the Book you have found that there was a new message for you in that passage? Why? Why is it that you continually find something new in the Bible? Beloved, God wrote this Bible, and every time that you read from it, you see something new, because the mind of man can never fathom what the mind of God has produced.

Suppose that I write you a letter tomorrow and if I have intelligently expressed myself, you will gather my meaning at the first reading, or at best, when you read it twice, you are sure to gather the meaning of my letter. When you have gathered the meaning, you can lay it aside, and if you read it 100 times, you will not get anything more out of it than you did on the first reading of the letter that I wrote you. Why is it that when you read a letter that I write you, you get the meaning at the first or second reading? Beloved, the mind of man has produced that letter, and what the mind of man can produce, the mind of man can exhaust.

Beloved, that is not true of the Bible. The mind of man can not exhaust the Word of God. The more you read it, the more that you see within its pages. I tell you, beloved, because it is perennially fresh, and because there is always some new message there, I am convinced that the Bible itself is of a supernatural origin.

The unity of the Bible proves

## JESUS TAKEN TO GOD'S HOUSE

### I. The Circumcision Of Jesus. Luke 2:21.

This was according to O. T. law, and was performed on the eighth day after birth. Cf. Gen. 17:12; Lev. 12:3. It was required of all Jewish males, and was practiced both for hygienic and religious reasons.

### II. The Name "Jesus." Luke 2:21.

Jewish names always signified either the character or the mission of the individual as named. Thus Solomon meant "peaceable." Jacob meant "sneak-thief" or "supplanter." Samuel meant "heard of God." Cf. I Sam. 1:20.

The word "Jesus" literally means Saviour. This name was according to God's revelation through the angel (Mt. 1:21), and was most appropriate.

The name of Jesus is a name of **simplicity**—not difficult to pronounce nor understand—unlike Sennacherib, Artaxerxes, Sela-Hammakleoth, or Rabshakah.

The name of Jesus is a name of **beauty**. Some names are repulsive and hideous, such as Delilah, Jezebel, Hitler, or Mussolini.

The name of Jesus is a name of **suffering**. Cf. Mt. 16:21; Luke 22:15; Luke 24:46; I Pet. 2:21; Acts 3:18.

The name of Jesus is a name of **salvation**. When you speak of Rockefeller, one naturally thinks of money. Speak of Edison, and one thinks of inventions. Speak of Henry Ford, and one thinks of the automobile. The name "Jesus" has a different connotation. It is a name of salvation. Cf. Mt. 1:21; John 1:12; Acts 4:11,12.

The name of Jesus is a **conquering** name. Some have been conquerors for a season such as Nebuchadnezzar, Alexander the Great, and Hitler. Not so with Jesus. He will be ultimately Conqueror of all. Cf. Eph. 1:21; Phil. 2:9-11.

### III. Jesus Presented At The Temple. Luke 2:22,23.

This took place 40 days after child-birth. Cf. Lev. 12:1-4.

Jesus was not only taken into the temple—He was presented to the Lord. This is a lesson for parents, for some mothers and fathers are mighty careless about bringing their children to God's House. Some wait months and even years before they ever bring their babies into the church building. All parents ought to do like the parents of Jesus.

By presenting Jesus in the temple, the law was fulfilled. His parents thus complied with God's law. Cf. Lev. 12:1-4; Read Gal. 4:4-6. Jesus had to fulfill the law in every particular. If He had not, He would have been a sinner and would have needed a Saviour. Even this small detail would have rendered Him unfit to be our Saviour.

### IV. The Poverty Of Jesus' Parents. Luke 2:24.

They might have brought a lamb, which was worth about 75 cents in Jesus' day, or if one couldn't afford this, he might bring the offering Jesus' parents brought—a pair of turtledoves worth only a few cents. Cf. Lev. 12:6-8.

It is well for us to remember Jesus' poverty. He had no place to call His own. Cf. John 7:54—8:1; Mt. 8:20; II Cor. 8:9. What a marvelous blessing it is to us to recall that His poverty was for us—that we might be made rich.

### V. The Temple Officers Blind To Jesus.

There is not a hint that the temple officers saw

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7. Why was it Simeon and Anna saw Jesus as

also that it is of supernatural origin. Did you ever stop to think under what diverse circumstances this Bible was written? It was written on two continents. It was written by the authors thereof being separated by 1600 years of time. It was written in the most varied places. It was written, I might say, in tents, in dungeons, in palaces, and in cities. It was written by a varied group of individuals. Turn through the Bible and notice that it was written by judges and kings, by priests and prophets, by patriarchs, by prime ministers, by herdsmen, by scribes, by musicians, physicians, and by soldiers. Read it, beloved, and though it was written on two continents and over a period of sixteen centuries, and though it was written under various circumstances and by various indi-

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Luke 2:21-38

anything unusual in the offering of this child. To them, it was an ordinary ritual. They were so blinded by their ritual that they failed to see that it was God in the flesh, who was thus presented in the temple.

Many today are like these temple officers. They are so blinded by ritual that they can not see Jesus, whom their ritual should represent. There is none so blind as he who is blinded by his ritual.

### VI. Simeon Saw Jesus As God. Luke 2:25-35.

Since he was walking by faith, he could see what others failed to see, and thus he realized that Jesus was the Lord's anointed.

The Holy Spirit made this revelation to Simeon. vs. 26,27. It is well for us to remember that the only way we learn any spiritual truth is by revelation of the Holy Spirit. Cf. I Cor. 2:14.

Simeon saw in Christ not only salvation for the Jews but for all nations as well, vs. 32. The majority of Jews never realized the Gospel could be for anyone but Jews until Paul was caught up into a Heavenly trysting place and God made such a revelation to him. Cf. Eph. 3:8-10. Simeon, by revelation, believed in foreign missions. Would to God that all who profess to follow Jesus believed, as he. Cf. Mt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8.

Simeon gave a prophecy concerning Mary, vs. 35. Mary's honor as mother of our Lord must be attended by sorrows. This prophetic sword pierced Mary's soul at Calvary. Cf. John 19:25.

### VII. Jesus Is Salvation. Luke 2:30.

Salvation is not a creed. It is not a tenet. It is not an ordinance. Rather it is a person—the Person of the Lord Jesus. This is as the angel made revelation to Joseph before Jesus' birth. Cf. Mt. 1:21. May we always remember that the salvation of this world is entirely dependent upon the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Simeon was ready to die now that he had seen God's salvation, vs. 29. He had lived for that day, and now satisfied, he was ready to depart. No man is ready to die, however, until he has seen God's salvation in Jesus Christ.

### VIII. Anna's Adoration. Luke 2:36-38.

Anna had lived as a wife seven years and as a widow 84 years. Her prayers, fasting, and continuous temple attendance indicate her extreme piety (vs. 37). Like Simeon, she too adored and praised Jesus, for she saw in Him what all the world needs—redemption.

It should be remembered that in the days of the greatest impiety, God always has a few faithful witnesses, such as Simeon and Anna. Thank God it will always be such. The light will never go out. He has promised. Cf. Mt. 16:18.

### IX. Why Jesus Came To Earth.

Once Jesus as God was in Heaven. Cf. John 6:62; John 17:5. It is interesting to notice why He came to earth.

He was incarnated to reveal God the Father. Cf. John 1:18; John 14:9.

He was incarnated to destroy the works of the Devil. Cf. I John 3:8.

He was incarnated to take away our sins. Cf. I John 3:5.

He was incarnated to redeem this world back to God. Cf. Gal. 4:4-6.

## Questions For Discussion

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7. Why was it Simeon and Anna saw Jesus as

God, while the temple officers failed to do so?

8. What is the relation of Simeon to foreign missions?

9. What part did the Holy Spirit play in revealing Jesus to Simeon?

10. Why was Simeon content to die when he saw Jesus?

11. Will God always have a few faithful witnesses, such as Simeon and Anna?

12. Why was it that Jesus came to earth?

thereby the unity of this Book proves to me that it is of a supernatural origin.

When I think about the fulfilled prophecies within the Bible, I am convinced that it is of supernatural origin.

"Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them, or declare us THINGS TO COME, hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods."—Isa. 41:21-23.

Isaiah, in speaking for the Lord, says to these idol worshippers, "Let your idols tell us what is going to come to pass tomorrow, and

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THE FIRST STEPS ARE THE HARDEST

By JOHN R. GILPIN

The average person walks about 100,000 miles in life—yet the first 100 steps are the hardest. Baptist Faith Missions has been operating in Brazil since 1923 and in Peru since 1935—doing missionary work just like the Lord Jesus commissioned His churches to do. To say that several steps have been taken in this period of time expressing it mildly. Our missionaries have made many steps on the field, and also at home must be furlough, speaking to many churches and individuals, of the work which is dear to their hearts. Our board of directors have made many steps in planning, praying, and carrying on the work of missions. Our secretary, Bro. Overbey, made a great many sacrificial steps last summer, when he made a tour of the mission fields, bringing back reports and information that are invaluable to our work.

The letters written by the missionaries and the day-by-day diary of Bro. Overbey last summer read like the 29th chapter of Acts (if that chapter were ever written, I am sure these letters and diary would be a part of it).

The missionaries appear on pages 2 and 3. Our directors are, Eld. Harry Hille, Dearborn, Mich., president; Eld. H. H. Overbey, Detroit, Mich., secretary; Eld. Z. E.

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Mitchell Lewis, Now In The States, Tells  
Of His Itinerary For The Next Several Months

Dear Friends:

We arrived in Corpus Christi, Texas, September 9, 1954. We flew from Corpus Christi to New Orleans, Louisiana the same day. We had planned to spend two weeks or so in New Orleans while my wife and children had a thorough physical check-up at the Oschner Clinic. The doctor there informed us that my wife needed an operation, so we were delayed in New Orleans for almost seven weeks.

We boarded the plane for Detroit on the night of October 26. When the plane stopped at Memphis, Tenn., to take on other passengers, we met Bro. R. F. Halford, who was on his way to Detroit to be in a revival meeting at Grace Baptist Church. We arrived in Detroit at five-thirty in the morning, October 27.

We had the privilege of being with Bro. Harry Hille and the saints at the New Hope Baptist Church, November 17th through the 20th. We preached at Grace Baptist Church the 24th and the night of the 27th. Our hearts were filled to overflowing as we talked to old and new friends. At the present time we are in a meeting with Bro. Overbey and the saints of the Canfield Avenue Baptist Church.

We thank God for these churches that are so concerned about the "Great Commission." It encourages our hearts when we fellowship with the different pastors and churches and come to know first hand of their zeal for missions.

We plan to leave Detroit the 13th of December. We want to visit the Hunter family in Dale, Indiana. Bro. Hallum writes that they are making progress on getting the entry permit for the Hunters, so that they might enter Peru as missionaries.

We plan to be with Bro. Taylor and the Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind. Bro. Taylor wants me to speak six times at their missionary conference, December 19th through the 22nd. I have never met Bro. Taylor and his people, but we are looking forward to a great time of fellowship in the Lord.

From Indianapolis we plan to visit my wife's people in Fort Scott, Kansas and to spend the month of January with them.

Bro. Souder, pastor of the Mt. View Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Tenn., has invited us to be with them and other churches in that area for a few days in February. We are looking forward to meeting all these friends (Page four, Column one)

Missionary Hallum Tangles With A Jehovah Witness Representative

Iquitos, Peru.  
Dear Brethren in Christ:

I am beginning this report with a visit by Bro. Adolfo Nunes and three of his children. Bro. Nunes, wife and daughter, are the believers baptized in Polis about three years ago, they are Witotos (Indians) and very fine Christians. Bro. Nunes stayed overnight with us and ate breakfast with us. His children ate lunch with us that day.

They told about the death of the son of his brother, Ipolito, in whose house I used to preach when I went to Polis. None of his

family have received Jesus so far as I know. The son that died had heard me preach the Gospel several times.

His death was caused, they supposed, by the bite of a very poisonous serpent while he was hunting in the night. He felt something bite him and kicked it away, but did not see it and went on hunting, but died the next day.

Death from the bite of the Heron is something terrible they say. It is more poisonous than the rattle snake.

Last Sunday we had two Witoto Indian visitors in the church services which we appreciated very much. They were Senora Rosa and another woman that came with her who is not a believer. Dona Rosa is a staunch believer of Chewa, a place where Don Simon preaches regularly. Don Simon says that the Indians in Chewa, with the exception of two, are bad to drink; they come to hear him and go out and go to drinking.

Four weeks ago I announced that I would have a test for them next Sunday. I asked them to write on a slip of paper the subject of the preceding Sunday. Only three could tell.

I put them to the same test the following Sunday. Not more than four could tell. Try it on your congregation.

Juan Castro and the Jehovah Witness fellow are the only men workers in Iquitos, Juan tells me. The Jehovah Witness fellow has certain fellows that he visits and teaches, and Juan visits these same fellows and teaches them the truth and shows them the errors of the teachings of the Jehovah Witness worker and this provokes this fellow.

Here is a translated copy of a letter that I wrote and sent to the

Jehovah Witness worker who is a Negro.

"Sir: Please lend me your attention a few moments.

At the corner of Napo and La Condamina Streets stands a small temple; in this the people called the Missionary Baptists meet. They are organized into a congregation that is called a Baptist church.

You ought to read the history of the Baptist churches, it is a history highly interesting. This history began with a man called John the Baptist. He was a man sent from God. This history you can read in the four Gospels, that is, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, of the Book which is called the New Testament of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. The history of the Baptists begins with John the Baptist, and Jesus Christ even though they were not called Baptists for some centuries.

First they were called Disciples, afterwards they were called Christians. Read Acts 11:26. Then the Christians were known by many names according to the place in which they were and their leader. Nevertheless they were the same class of churches and Christians until the beginning of Catholicism, then there were two classes that were called Christians.

It ought to be very interesting to you to know that more than fifty million of these Christians that are now called Baptists, suffered as martyrs for the love of the Word of God and Jesus Christ. They have suffered persecution throughout all the world.

In brief, we preach the Gospel, that is to say that Jesus Christ the Son of God, died for our sins

according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. You can read these words in the book of I Cor. 15:4.

By the preaching of this Gospel, millions of lost sinners have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and have lived separated and holy lives.

We shall continue to preach this precious Gospel to all the lost. We are not, as some, that go about seeking those that are already believers, in order to make proselytes of anybody that we can. This form (manner) of working is vile, wicked and unworthy.

The man that has a message that is worthy, ought to carry his message to those who have not heard this message.

There is a sect that call themselves Jehovah Witnesses. I don't know why they call themselves that. They spend all the time trying to make proselytes, as a general rule they work with those that do not know the truth (ignorant).

I well remember the propaganda sent out through the mail by the founder of this sect, a man named Charles Russell. He gave himself the title, "Pastor Russell," saying that he was preaching to ten to twenty thousand persons each week. It was a lie, he was not a pastor.

His successor called himself by his self imposed title, "Judge Rutherford." Following his death the sect called itself "The Bible Students International Association." Now they call themselves "Jehovah Witnesses." I do not know of what thing they are witnessing. They are denying the truth written in the Book of Jehovah.

Now then, if you want to know

what they are teaching in the Baptist Temple, go to the Temple at the hours of worship and listen. You can hear the following truths: We teach that God is eternal; that God is triune, and one God; that God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and sovereign over all things; that He is truth and love and merciful.

On the other hand we teach that man is a fallen creature, totally and universally depraved; that God saves all that repent and believe on His Son Jesus Christ; that is by the grace of God, not by works; that all who reject the

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SOME THINGS TO  
PRAY ABOUT

Remember the requests for prayer that Bro. Hallum and Bro. Calley made. Remember to pray for the missionaries by name regularly. Pray that the Lord will call out new missionaries. Pray especially for Mrs. Royal Calley that the Lord will be with her and bless her in the birth of her baby in Brazil. We have not received a letter from Bro. Royal Calley nor from Bro. Paul Calley for this issue of the paper. Bro. Paul and family have been in the far interior of the Acre Territory on a long journey and we are hoping to have a good report of his journey for the next issue of the paper. They are to return to Manaus and ship their things up river by boat to Cruzeiro do Sul; this boat trip will take about 30 days. They will go by flying boat and arrive in one day. Then they must wait for their kerosene stove, refrigerator and other household items. Pray for them.

LETTERS FOR  
YOUR CHURCH

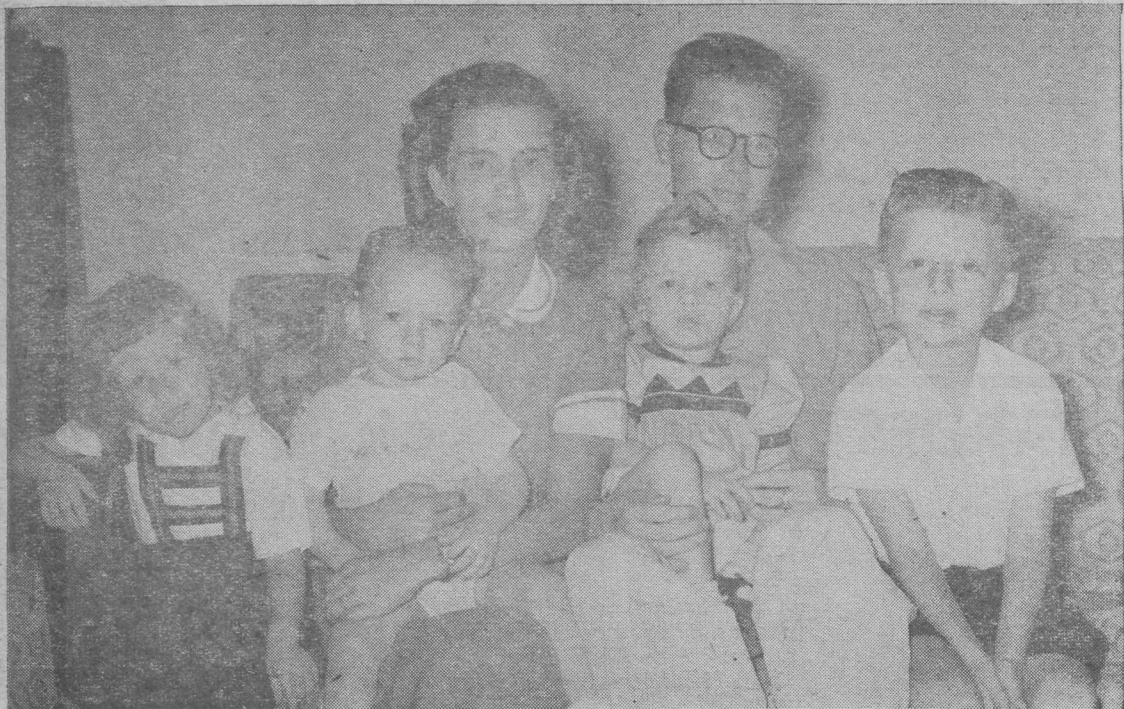
Pages two and three of pictures in the November issue of the MISSION SHEETS have been printed on nice heavy white paper. Also the pictures of all our missionaries on pages two and three of this issue are to be printed on the same kind of paper. Then, the Lord willing, one each of these posters will be mailed to each church who has a part in the support of this mission work. These posters are to be mailed out in a mailing tube so that they will not be bent and damaged in mailing. Because of the heavy rush of what they mail at Christmas time, these tubes will not be mailed out until after Christmas. When you receive them we hope that you will post them in your church so that all can see the pictures of your mission work and missionaries, and where they are located. If you do not get a tube of these posters by the end of January, and you (Page four, Column one)



The trouble with playing on the modernist playgrounds you have to play their games.

## OUR MISSIONARIES

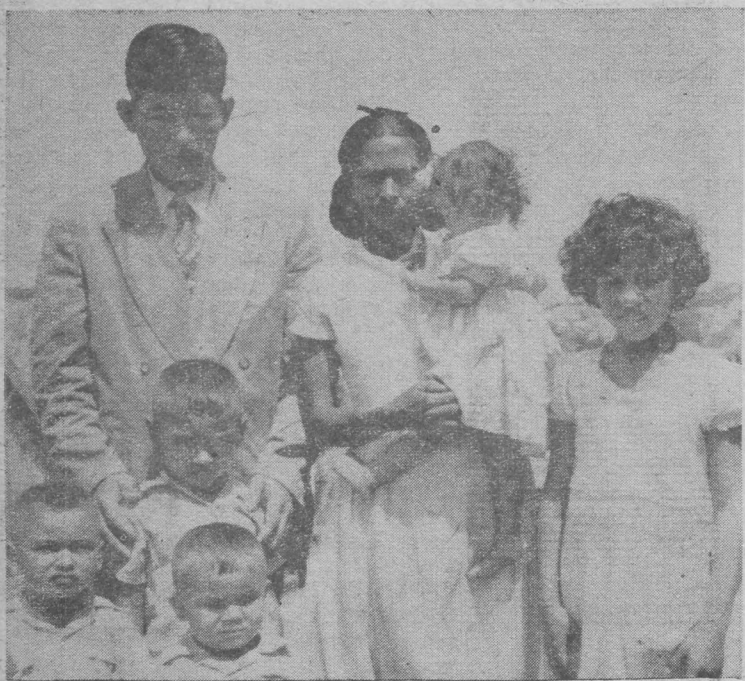
## Baptist Faith Mis-- L



Elder Royal H. Calley, wife (Helen) and children. They live in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Elder Richard P. Hallum, wife (Fannie) and daughter, Marguerite. The Hallums live in Iquitos, Peru.



Elder John Dias and family. They live in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Elder John Dias. (See family\*at left). Brother Dias is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.



Elder Carroll W. Hunter, wife (Effie) and daughters. The Hunters have been waiting for over a year for a permit to enter Peru.



Elder Miguel Ibernón and family. They have seven children living and five dead. They live in Codajaz, Amazonas, Brazil.



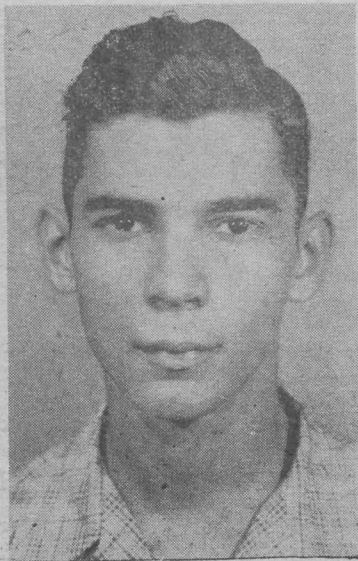
Elder Miguel Ibernón. (See family at left). Bro. Ibernón is pastor of the church at Codajaz, Amazonas, Brazil.



Elder Cicero Bispo and family. Two married daughters n...en he...ture. They live at Campo de Santana, Acre, Brazil.



Elder Francisco Santiago. He lives in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil and is pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church.



Elder John Bentes. Bro. Bentes is the only unmarried missionary. He lives in Manaus, Brazil and works with Bro. Royal and Paul.



Elder Cicero Bispo. (See family above). Bro. Bispo is pastor at Campo de Santana, Acre, Brazil.



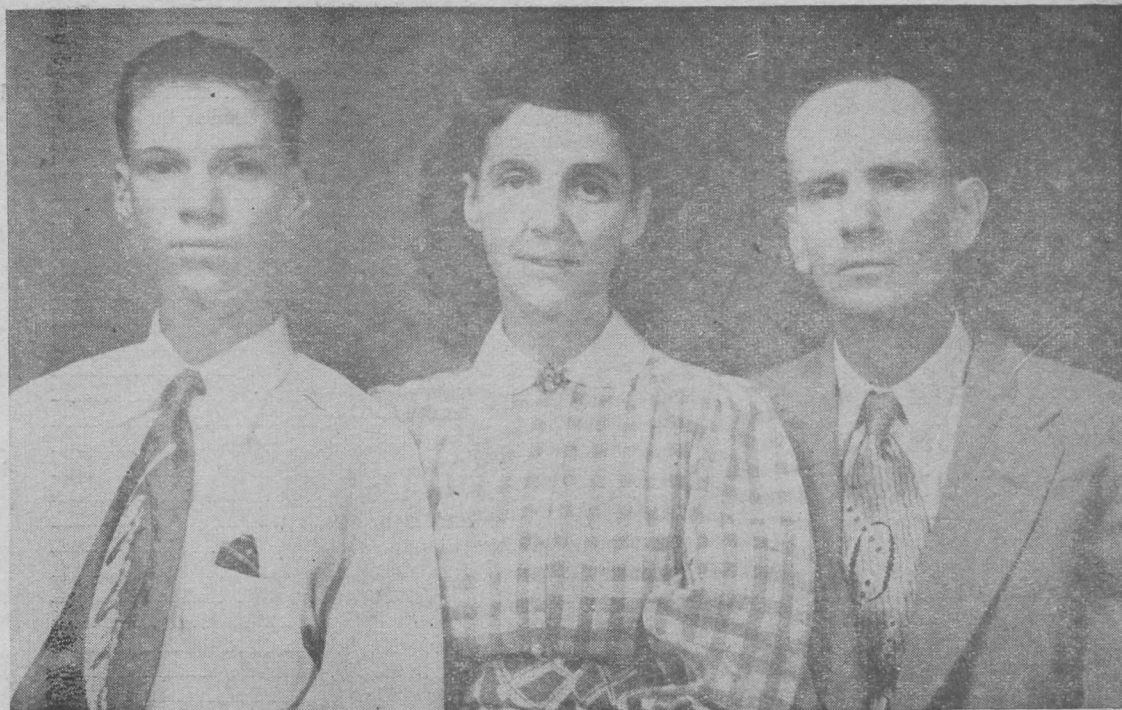
The old saying "Birds of a feather flock together" is not only true with birds, it is also true with preachers.

Mis-- December, 1954

## OUR MISSIONARIES



Elder Mitchell E. Lewis, wife (Ruby) and sons. They live in Iquitos, Peru.



Elder Paul M. Calley, wife (Florence) and son, Leslie Paul. They live in Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil.



Elder Juan Castro and family. They live in Iquitos, Peru.



Elder Juan Castro. (See family at left). Bro. Castro works in the city of Iquitos, Peru.



Elder Mario Araujo and family. They have nine children living and three dead. They live in Japiim, Acre, Brazil.



Elder Simon Gaima and family. They live in Iquitos, Peru.



Elder Simon Gaima. (See family at left). Bro. Gaima is a missionary to his own Witoto Indian people near Iquitos, Peru.



Elder Mario Araujo. (See family above). Bro. Araujo is pastor at Japiim, Acre, Brazil.



Elder Zacharias Nunes de Abreu. Bro. Zacharias lives and does mission work in the State of Ceara, Brazil.



Elder Francisco Lima. Bro. Lima lives at Morapirango, Acre, Brazil and is pastor of the church there.



Elder Eufrazo Soraes. He lives near Cruzeiro do Sul, Acre, Brazil and does mission work on the Jurua and other rivers.



NOTICE

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

H. H. OVERBEY  
1210 E. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit 11, Mich.

Posters

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want one of each, please write to: H. H. Overbey, 1210 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit 11, Mich., and ask for them and they will be mailed to you as long as they last.

Lewis Letter

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whom we have not met before.  
Bro. Carl Sadler, pastor of the Dripping Springs Baptist Church, Olmstead, Ky., and I might add one whom we do know and love in the Lord, has invited us to be with them sometime during the month of March.

We have two invitations to be with churches in Florida. Bro. William L. Stephens, Sanford, Fla., has asked us to be with them in a meeting, also Bro. Packham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hampton, Florida, wants us to speak at his church.

Truly we praise God for these opportunities to tell of the need in South America. I thank God for the churches and individuals that make Baptist Faith Missions a reality.

We covet an interest in your prayers that our heavenly Father will grant us wisdom in speaking and physical strength and protection as we travel over this great country of ours.

While in Indiana we must see the beloved treasurer of Baptist Faith Missions and my father in the ministry, Bro. Z. E. Clark.  
Mitchell Lewis

(Editor's Note: If you would like to have Bro. Lewis visit your church and speak, write and let him know. Address him at: 1210 E. Grand Blvd, Detroit 11, Mich., and the letter will be forwarded to him).

Hallum Letter

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grace of God through His Son, shall be punished eternally in fire. It is torment. Read Matt. 24: 51, also Matt. 25:46; Luke 16:19-31; Psa. 9:17. This place was prepared for the Devil and his angels. The man that enters this place shall be an intruder.

Now friend, I counsel you that you leave your heresies, to repent, and to believe in the Lord, receive pardon, receive the Spiritual new birth, and the Holy Spirit. This would be much better than trying to deceive the people, trying to tear down the Baptist church. That is a terrible sin. Read Matt. 16:18,19; 28:18-20.

H. B. Taylor used to say, "If it is in the Bible it is Baptist, if it is not in the Bible it is not Baptist."

Now then you can open the New Testament and let your finger fall on any passage and say it is Baptist doctrine. (Rev. 6:9). The souls of those that die in Christ immediately go to be in the presence of Christ. Or you can open the New Testament to Luke 16:22. It is Baptist doctrine. The soul of Lazarus was carried to the bosom of Abraham by the angels. Or if the finger falls at Matt. 25:46, the unbelievers went to torment eternal, horrible thought, nevertheless it is Baptist doctrine, for it is in the Bible, it is Christ's words.

Again if your finger falls at Luke 16:22,23, the rich man died and was buried (his body), and in hell he lifted up his eyes being in torment, this also is Baptist doctrine.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER, 1954

Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla. (Hope Bible Class)	\$ 50.00
Ocoonita Baptist Church, Ocoonita, Va.	36.00
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	12.22
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, W. Va.	15.00
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill.	65.78
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	121.35
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
East Side Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	6.75
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio	32.50
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	6.94
Mount View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	58.60
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio	36.56
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	22.50
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	37.85
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	28.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	10.85
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Dycusburg, Ky.	31.78
South Side Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, W. Va.	11.03
Bethel Bible Baptist Church, Mansfield, La.	10.00
Goodwill Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	105.26
Southside Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	46.71
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	49.77
Bible Missionary Baptist Church, Marietta, Okla.	20.00
South Union Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	30.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	14.14
Southside Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	10.00
Smyrna Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	20.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Boaz, Ky.	15.00
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	12.12
New Hope Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	34.80
First Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Blackburn Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Iquitos, Peru	10.00
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	16.10
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	43.84
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Ky.	13.00
Kirbyton Baptist Church, Bardwell, Ky.	55.87
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	6.59
Mount Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	84.21
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, W. Va.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	11.25
Grace Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.	23.65
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Adult S. S. Class)	5.00
Water Valley Baptist Church, Water Valley, Ky. (Junior S. S. Class)	15.00
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Keefeton, Okla.	20.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	15.00
South Bristol Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	5.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	300.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (B. T. U.)	4.71
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (Ladies Bible Class)	10.00
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	7.60
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	25.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	6.01
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, W. Va.	5.00
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio	68.76
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	80.70
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, W. Va.	5.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	19.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For Bro. Overbey's trip)	50.00
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich. (For Boat for Paul Calley)	33.38
Calvary Baptist Church, Harvey, Ill.	100.00
Appalachian Missionary Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	22.50
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	16.37
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	50.00
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Carson Hensley, Flatwoods, Ky.	7.00
Mrs. Casey Merritt, Lesage, W. Va.	16.25
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall, Woodway, Va.	2.00
Mrs. Clarice McMackin, Ironton, Ohio	5.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robbins, Port Norris, N. J.	15.00
A Friend in Brooklyn, N. Y.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Willis, Monticello, Ark.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
R. E. Murphey, Dayline, La.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleson, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Riemann, Bay Shore, L. I., N. Y.	50.00
A Baptist in Philadelphia, Penna.	3.50
R. R. McTaggart, Melbourne, Fla.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Patrick, Greenup, Ky.	20.00
Mrs. Jack Allen, Williamsburg, Ky.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	20.00
Mrs. A. B. Harris, Texarkana, Ark.	10.00
Clinton H. Craig, Robertsburg, W. Va.	15.00
Comer Warren, Detroit, Mich. (For Paul Calley's boat)	10.00
Mrs. Edith Barker, Lincoln Park, Mich.	2.00
Miss Mertie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark.	1.00
Hopewell Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Ill.	75.00
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	8.44

TOTAL \$2619.24

As the Lord leads you send all offerings for mission work to the treasurer of this mission. Address to:

BAPTIST FAITH MISSIONS  
Z. E. Clark, Treasurer  
P. O. Box 551  
Evansville, Indiana

The total amount received to present for the purpose of purchasing a boat for Paul Calley is: \$110.38.

Again the New Testament is opened and the finger happens to Testament and let the finger fall on I Tim. 6:16. This is another on Ecclesiastes 12:7. He would Baptist doctrine. Jesus Christ, find the same truth, "the body King of kings and Lord of lords shall return to dust and the spirit was raised from the dead, the first to God who gave it." fruits from the dead and posses-

sing his immortal body and as is said here, He only hath immortality, up to this moment. Jesus Christ is the only one that has immortality.

Perhaps you know that the words, mortal, immortal, mortality, immortality, refer only to the body of man, not to his spirit therefore, before resurrection of the body, the man does not possess an immortal body. Read I Cor. 15:51-54; II Cor. 5:1-6. Surely you ought to be convinced after reading these words.

Again read Philippians 1:22-25. These words take away the foundation upon which exist the sect that is called Jehovah Witnesses, Russellism, The Watch Tower, Millennial Dawns, International Bible Students Association, etc. I repeat that if it is found in the

Bible it is Baptist doctrine.

Richard P. Hallum.

The First Steps

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Clark, treasurer, Evansville, Ind. Eld. Eugene Clark, Baseline, Mich.; Eld. James H. Sims, Evansville, Ind., Eld. James Masterson, Lexington, Ky.—and a finer group of men never lived than these. This all adds up to many man steps that have been taken in half of Baptist Faith Mission. Let us hope that we have taken the hardest ones, in these first steps that we have taken. With our eyes on the Lord Jesus, and with faith in God, may we walk in step together, as we begin the new year of 1955.

EXPENSES FOR H. H. OVERBEY'S TRIP TO MISSION FIELD

I left Detroit, Michigan on June 2, 1954 and was in Brazil for two months and in Peru for one month, arriving back in Detroit

For Passport Pictures, Passport, trip to Brazilian and Peruvian	
Consulate offices to get visas	\$ 28.85
Serum for one shot (other shots given free)	1.00
Round trip airplane fare, including insurance	782.15
Cost for traveler's checks	3.75
Camera, film, pictures, developing, etc.	125.75
Glasses for Bro. Miguel Ibernson	22.00
Medical expenses for Miguel Ibernson and X-ray for his wife	10.00
Glasses for Bro. John Anastacio	9.00
Material to make suits for eight Brazilian preachers and two wives and children	148.15
Hotel expense in Lima, Peru	12.15
Maps of Brazil, Amazonas, Acre, Peru and books	20.00
Expenses while in Manaus, for trip into the Acre Territory and trips to mission points in Peru	157.75
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THREE MONTH TRIP	\$1320.00

I received from Bro. Z. E. Clark, treasurer, \$1,400.00. After returning from trip, I deposited back in Mission account, \$30.00, leaving the net amount received from the Mission treasurer, \$1,320.00. Received as designated offerings for this trip to date, \$1,175.00. Balance needed \$145.00, to equal total expenses of \$1,320.00. When this trip was planned, Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, which I pastor, voted me a three months leave of absence with full pay for the support of my family while I was away. They also voted to pay \$300.00 towards the expense of the trip to start the fund and to guarantee the funds for the trip if enough was not sent it. So the amount yet needed is guaranteed by Canfield Avenue Baptist Church and will

be paid so much each month paid in full. We thank every church and individual who had part in helping to pay for this trip. We needed a suitcase and one of our members gave us the money to buy it and we bought our clothes and other personal effects for the trip ourselves before leaving. When all the funds are in, we will publish a list of all who had a part in making this trip possible. We believe that this will be of great help to the mission work, both here and on the mission fields. The missionaries were encouraged and they tell that it was a great help to the work on the field. May the Lord bless each and every one who helped to make this trip possible.

H. H. Overbey

EXPENSES FOR LEWIS FAMILY TRIP HOME

Air passage: Iquitos, Peru to Lima, Peru. Corpus Christi, Texas to New Orleans, Louisiana to Detroit, Michigan.	\$ 275.31
Boat passage: Lima, Peru to Corpus Christi, Texas	912.25
Hotel in Lima, Peru	17.85
Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana	7.15
Taxi fares	16.25

TOTAL COST FOR TRIP HOME FROM MISSION FIELD \$4229.25

Bro. Mitchell Lewis, wife and two sons, left Iquitos, Peru, Aug. 24, 1954 and arrived in Corpus Christi, Texas on September 9, 1954. From Corpus Christi they went to New Orleans, La., to the Oschémér Clinic which specializes in tropical diseases. They were there about seven weeks, where Mrs. Lewis was under medical treatment and surgery. They arrived in Detroit, Mich., on October 27, 1954, after three years and four months in Peru. This was their first furlough trip home and they will be returning to Peru the last part of 1955, the Lord willing for a stay of four years.

EXPENSES FOR TRIP OF HALLUM FAMILY BACK TO THE MISSION FIELD

Brother R. P. Hallum, wife and daughter, Marguerite, returned to mission field in Iquitos, Peru in August, 1954.	
Airplane tickets New Orleans to Lima, Peru	\$1155.50
Airplane tickets Lima, Peru to Iquitos, Peru	76.00
Hauling baggage from Hammond to New Orleans	30.00
Renewal of Passport for Bro. Hallum and wife	5.00
New Passport for Marguerite Hallum	10.00
Two Peruvian Visas	20.00
Hotel expense for ten days in Lima, Peru	68.40
Customs, handling, and hauling to Lima Airport	158.30
Air freight from Lima to Iquitos	130.90
Telephone expense	11.20
Ocean freight on baggage	148.90
Export papers	4.50
Receiving and storage	2.00
Drayage to ship	8.00
Crating marking and banding	16.50
Arranging and handling	25.00
Insurance on freight	16.50

TOTAL COST FOR TRIP INCLUDING FREIGHT ON BAGGAGE \$1887.30



A good church sign: "You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out."

## "The Supernatural"

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they can, we will believe that the idol is god."

Let me tell you something, beloved, only God can foretell what is going to take place tomorrow. Man does not know what is going to happen. In the realm of politics, in the realm of statesmanship, in the realm of religion, or in the realm of the weather, no man can not prophecy with any degree of accuracy, twenty-four hours hence. Man does not know what is going to happen tomorrow, but, beloved, God, in the Bible, has given us multiplied prophetic utterances that have found their fulfillment down through the years, with hundreds of years lapsing between the prophetic utterance and the time when it was fulfilled. Beloved, it proves to me that the Bible is of a supernatural origin.

When I consider its indestructibility, I am further convinced of its supernatural origin. You cannot destroy the Bible.

The old king Diocletian, in the early years of Christianity, made a tremendous effort to destroy all evidences of it. He had Christians killed by the hundreds and by the thousands, and thinking he had succeeded, he had a medal made in his honor, with his picture on one side and with the words, "The religion of Christianity is destroyed, and the religion of the gods is restored," on the other side. He thought that he had succeeded, but the old book still remains today.

Suppose that a man had been dead at the stake time and time again, yet when his ashes cooled, he emerges and walks away unharmed. He has been put into the dungeon and left to rot and die, but after centuries of time, out from that dungeon he comes forth alive. This same individual has been thrown into the sea to be drowned again and again and again, and each time survives the ordeal of the water. This individual has been crucified again and again and again. He has been killed. He has been stoned to death, but always arises from his funeral to walk away unscathed. You were to see an individual like that, you would say that that man was a superman.

Beloved, this Bible has had an experience worse than that which I have described, but it has survived and survived down through the ages. Its indestructibility proves to me that this Bible is of supernatural origin.

## II

### THE BIBLE IS A RECORD OF A SUPERNATURAL PERSON.

I do not make any apology for the fact that I believe that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. He was a supernatural person. You and I are just fleshly, but Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. He was a supernatural person. He said:

"For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me."—John 6:38.

Beloved, the Bible is the record of a supernatural person. It thrills my soul to know that when I preach and talk about Jesus who died on the Cross, I am not talking about a man, but I am talking about a supernatural person—God in the flesh.

Surely He was supernatural. His birth was prophesied. In Genesis 3:15, we find Him spoken of as the

seed of a woman, and when He came, He was born of a virgin without a human father, fulfilling the prophetic utterance that He would be the seed of a woman.

Even the very place of His birth was prophesied, for we read:

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

—Micah 5:2.

Beloved, when He was born, He was born in the city of Bethlehem. Surely you can not read these prophecies without realizing that the Lord Jesus Christ was a supernatural person.

Look at Him on the night when He was born and a star was hung in the skies in His honor. See the star as it guided the wise men from the far East until it came to rest over the house where the infant Jesus lay. I tell you, my brother, He was a supernatural person.

Listen again as I read more prophecies which were fulfilled by Jesus:

"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."

—Isa. 53:2,3.

Can you imagine a Jew writing that, when every Jew was looking forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? From the very hour that sin became a reality, and Jesus, as the seed of a woman, was promised — from that time forward, every Jewish woman looked forward expectantly, hoping that she might be the mother of the Messiah. Every Jew looked forward to His coming, yet in Isaiah's day, 750 years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet declared that He was despised and there was no beauty about him that He should be desired. Beloved, only because that it was of God, was that prophecy ever written.

Notice again:

"They pierced my hands and my feet."—Psa. 22:16.

Capital punishment for the Jew was never anything but stoning. Crucifixion was an unheard of thing at the time when the Psalmist David wrote the 22nd Psalm. So far as history shows, there had never been a person put to death by crucifixion in the land of Palestine 800 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Capital punishment had always been by stoning, but when the Psalmist wrote, he said that Jesus was going to be put to death by crucifixion. This literally came true.

Read all through the Bible and you will see that this book tells of this supernatural Person.

Head the Psalmist:

"They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink."—Psa. 69:21.

Here, one of the events which was fulfilled at His crucifixion is predicted. This prophecy that vinegar would be given Him was literally fulfilled some 800 years later. You can't read such a remarkable fulfillment of prophecy without realizing that he was a supernatural Person.

The prophet Zechariah even foretold the exact amount for which Jesus would be sold. Hear him:

"And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver."—Zech. 11:12.

Perhaps the most remarkable of all Scriptures though which show Jesus to be a supernatural Person are the following:

"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth."

—Isa. 53:7.

In this we have the prophecy,

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and in Mark's Gospel, we have the fulfillment.

"But Jesus yet answered nothing: so that Pilate marvelled."

—Mark 15:5.

Look carefully at these, and dozens of other passages which find their fulfillment in Jesus. Study carefully through all the Word of God and you are bound to come to the conclusion that the Bible is the record of a supernatural Person.

Then look at His life, as recorded in the four Gospels. Study His many miracles. Look at His power over disease and nature. See Him triumphant over death and the grave in the resurrection and in His ascension. One can not study His life without the absolute conviction that He was supernatural.

This Book, which I say is supernatural in its origin, tells us about a supernatural person.

## III

### THE BIBLE CONTAINS A PROMISE OF A SUPERNATURAL EXPERIENCE.

On the night when Nicodemus, with all of his wisdom and intellect, came to Jesus, the Son of God in substance, said unto him, Nicodemus, you need more than wisdom, more than culture, more than religion, and more than intelligence. There is something that you need that is more than what you have thus far received: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

I tell you, beloved, this Book, which is, as I say, supernatural in its origin, and which speaks about a supernatural person, contains a promise of a supernatural experience — "Ye must be born again." That is a supernatural experience. It is not natural. Men can join a church, men can be baptized, and men can get religion, but, beloved, these are not supernatural experiences. Being born again is supernatural. It is a miracle. It is divine.

Let me give you two experiences.

A Buddhist priest, in the country of Tibet, was rummaging through the Buddhist temple one day, years ago, and came upon a copy of the Gospel of Matthew, which had been given to someone, and who had left it within the temple. This Buddhist priest opened this Gospel of Matthew out of pure curiosity and began to read it, and as he did so, he read through the fifth chapter and the eighth verse, which says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." He closed it. He couldn't read it any further. He said, "I am not pure in heart, and I shall never see God." I can not begin to tell you the agony, the torture, and the torment that that Buddhist priest passed through. Day by day his conviction deepened, and day by day his agony for sin grew greater, and day by day that man's soul suffering became more intense. One day he heard that there was a foreign missionary, commonly called a "foreign devil," in a town nearby. He listened cautiously and carefully because he wanted no one to know that he was listening. Under cover of night, this Buddhist priest slipped out of the temple and made his way to the city where this man was, and told him of his experience and of his desire that he might have a pure heart—that he might see God. That missionary sat down beside this man and told him that Matthew 5:8 was definitely true, that only the pure in heart would see God, and how that God gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die upon the Cross so that men's hearts might be made pure—that by the blood of the Son of God their sins might be washed away, and that they might be pure in heart. That man who had never seen a Bible, who had had only the Gospel of Matthew, and who had read only the first four chapters and the first eight verses of the fifth chapter, and who for a year had suffered in his soul with intense agony, listened in rapture and was amazed as he heard how that Jesus' blood was able to cleanse

from all sin—and that that blood was able to purify and to make pure the heart of man. Beloved, that Buddhist priest was saved. I tell you, the Bible gives the promise of a supernatural experience.

About forty-five years ago, a man stood on the dock in Liverpool. He was a Christian man, although he knew but little of God's Word. He was handing out tracts to all passers-by, and a rough sea-going sailor received one of those tracts and stuffed it down into his pocket and walked off. Three weeks later aboard ship, that sailor looked for something with which to light his pipe, and he reached into his pocket and found a piece of paper which he realized was the tract that had been handed to him a few weeks before. With a vulgar oath, he tore it into shreds and threw it down, and as he did so, he saved one piece that he might light his pipe. On the piece that he had saved were these words in large letters, PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD. For days and weeks, that sailor was tossed and torn with the emotion of the flesh and the pull of the Spirit of God. As he would walk on deck, his feet would echo, "Prepare to meet thy God." As he would go about his work, and as men would speak to him, their voices seemed to echo, "Prepare to meet thy God." As he would stand on board ship and look out across the waves, it seemed that the waves themselves would echo again and again, "Prepare to meet thy God." Eventually, when the voyage was ended, the sailor looked up the man who had given him this tract, and this Christian man, in a simple manner, told him that there was a way that men prepared to meet God, and that was by the death of Jesus Christ who paid for all the sins of God's elect. That man was saved, and for the last forty-five years he has lived

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## CONCLUSION

Beloved, a book which will lift men up to God must have come down from God. "For as the rain cometh down, so shall my word be." God's Word comes down from Heaven, and it lifts men up to Heaven by telling them of Jesus. Thank God for a supernatural Book like this!

May God bless you!

## I Should Like To Know

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question.

5. Was not Eph. 3 addressed to the Gentiles?

This chapter and all other chapters of the epistle were addressed to the church at Ephesus, which was composed largely of Gentiles. But this has nothing to do with the question as to whether Gentiles were included in election, as Eph. 1:4 shows.

6. Do not the following Scriptures teach that the crucifixion of Christ on the cross covered the sins of all men? John 12:32; Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 5:18; I Tim. 2:1-7.

No, not all men in the sense of the totality of humanity. John 12:32 and I Tim. 2:1-7, mean all without distinction, that is, men of all nations, tribes, tongues, races, classes, etc. The drawing of John 12:32 is the same effectual drawing mentioned in John 6:44. It cannot be said that Christ has in anywise drawn the millions who have died without so much as having heard of Christ. Acts 17:30,31 has nothing to do with the atonement, but with God's command and judgment based on human responsibility, which is grounded in the fall of the race in Adam. Rom. 5:12. In Rom. 5:18, as in the former verses and the following verse, the subject under discussion is not the sufficiency of the atonement; but actual justification. See verse 19. Because of this fact, A. T. Robertson, though an advocate of a general atonement, felt compelled to say on this verse: "The first 'unto all men' as in verse 12, the second in verse 17, 'they that receive,' etc." (Word Pictures in the New Testament). Likewise A. N. Arnold, also an advocate of a general atonement, remarks of the verse: "By the apostle's scheme of doctrine all men, as a matter of fact, are divided into two classes, the one class under the headship of Adam and the other under the headship of Christ..." (An American Commentary). This

## REDEMPTION

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Blood is the price of redemption—  
Blood which is taintless and free;  
Such as the Son of the Highest  
Offered for you and for me.

Blood is the price of redemption;  
Yet there are many who say—  
Haughty of heart and self-righteous—  
"I will seek some other way."

Blood is the price of redemption!  
Hush! for the Spirit doth say:  
"It is the Blood maketh atonement;  
There can be no other way."

Blood is the price of redemption;  
Life—and not silver or gold;  
Not in its fulness of beauty—  
Life, at its death-point and cold.

Blood is the price of redemption,  
Price, which One only could pay;  
One Lamb alone, without blemish,  
Beareth our world-sin away.

whole section of Romans must be taken together. Thus the former verses and verse 19 explain verse 18. The second "all men" of verse 18 is the same as the "many" of verse 15, "they which receive," etc., of verse 17, and the "many" that shall be made righteous of verse 19. II Cor. 5:14 should settle the question as to the ones for whom Christ died. All for whom he died died representatively in Him.

7. Is not Rev. 22:17 a free offer of salvation to all men?

This is an invitation to all who are willing to take the water of life freely. But none ever become willing except those whom God draws and makes willing according to His eternal elective grace. See Jer. 17:9; 13:23; John 3:19; John 6:37,44,65; 12:37-40; Rom. 9:16; Phil. 2:13.

8. When Christ returns and calls the saved people off the earth to meet Him in the air, what will they take place on the earth and how long a period of time will go on before Christ sets up His kingdom on earth?

The great tribulation period will then ensue, as described in Rev. 6 through 19, a period seven years in length.

9. Did Judas eat the Lord's Supper?

No. Any harmony of the gospels will show that Judas received the sop (John 13:26-31), a part of the passover, and went out immediately before the institution of the supper.

10. What is spiritual circumcision?

Spiritual circumcision is the dethronement of the carnal nature as the ruling power in one's life. This is accomplished in regeneration.

11. Explain Gal. 5:6-11.

Paul teaches here that neither the performance of the physical rite of circumcision or failure to perform it has anything to do with salvation.

12. What does Acts 22:16 mean?

The words "wash away thy sins" are symbolic in meaning. That Paul was saved on the Damascus road is proved by his own declaration that he was called to preach there. See Acts 26:12-18.

13. In what way are we baptized into Christ? Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3.

We are baptized into Christ symbolically. To "put on Christ" is to acknowledge that we are followers of Christ in God's appointed way by being baptized. But faith comes before baptism in the Scriptural order and we become children of God (legally) by faith. Gal. 3:26. When a man believes he is already a child of God. I John 5:1. There is not a Campbellite on the face of the earth that can justify his theory of

receiving the forgiveness of sins in baptism in the light of this latter passage.

14. Explain "ye are fallen from grace" in Gal. 5:4?

The Galatians had professed salvation through faith, which means salvation by grace. Later some of them had been persuaded that it is necessary to keep the law also in order to be saved. Thus they had turned aside from their profession of salvation by grace. Any man who professes faith in Christ and says that he is saved and then later says it is necessary for him to perform any sort of good works in order to be saved has done exactly what the Galatians had done. That a man cannot have salvation and then lose it is proved by the following passages: Jer. 32:40; Psa. 89:28-35; Isa. 55:3; John 4:14; 10:27-29; Rom. 4:4-8; 8:28-39; Eph. 1:4,13,14; 4:30; Phil. 1:6; II Tim. 1:9,12; Heb. 7:25; I Pet. 1:5; Jude 24.

15. Is Nazarite and Nazarene the same?

No. A Nazarite was one who, under the law of Moses, was especially consecrated to God. See Num. 6. A Nazarene in the Bible was any inhabitant of the city of Nazareth. See Matt. 2:23.

16. How does the "church of the firstborn" (Heb. 12:23) apply to our day?

The church of the firstborn in this passage is the gathering of the redeemed at Christ's return. Its only relation to our day is that it is now in the process of formation. It has no real existence now. When it does come to exist, it will be an assembly in harmony with the meaning of the Greek word for church, which is "ekklesia."

17. Is there any salvation without water baptism, as the Friends church (Quakers) teach?

The Quakers are wrong in repudiating water baptism altogether, but they are right in teaching that it is not essential to salvation. Baptism has nothing to do with salvation except to symbolize it. Salvation is entirely apart from all works of every kind. Rom. 4:1-8; Eph. 2:8-10. The gospel is "the power of God unto Salvation" (Rom. 1:16), and baptism is not a part of the gospel. See I Cor. 1:16; 4:15; 15:1-5.

18. Is there any difference between an ungodly man and a sinner?

Strictly speaking, a "sinner" is anyone who falls short of the perfect standard of God's righteousness. "Ungodly" means "destitute of reverential awe toward God." Even a lost sinner may have a form of godliness. But an ungodly man is a sinner who openly flouts God.

19. Did Paul approve of holidays?

Paul disapproved of Christians' keeping the holidays (or holy-

days) of the law, because that would indicate to others that they considered themselves under the law. Col. 2:16. On the same score I am sure that if Paul lived today he would disapprove of the holidays (Christmas and Easter) which we have borrowed from the pagans on the ground that the keeping of them would indicate affinity toward paganism.

20. What does the Bible say about Baptist churches sending Christmas presents to their missionaries?

Nothing.

21. Does a true Baptist church receive lodge members?

There are many sound Baptist churches that have lodge members in them. There are very few who make this a test of fellowship. This does not mean necessarily that these churches approve of lodges. Neither does the writer approve of them. The leading lodges are anti-Christian and are patterned after the ancient mysteries of the pagans, principally those in which the sun was worshipped. The leading lodges also teach salvation by works and character. But many lodge members have never realized this. Frankly, I do not think a true Baptist church ought to allow anyone to be a member of a Baptist church and any lodge at the same time.

## The Bible

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it at all. Moreover Jesus promised further revelation. (See John 16:12-13). This we have in the Scriptures of the New Testament. It is interesting to note for instance that the apostle Peter recognized the writings of Paul as "Scripture." (See II Pet. 3:16). In very early times the authentic Scriptures of the New Testament were recognized by Christian people, and we find the collection of Scriptures complete very soon after the days of Christ.

Why Should We Believe The Bible To Be Inspired?

There are a number of good reasons for holding to the inspiration of the Bible. We suggest just a few:

1. The wonderful unity of the

Bible. We have 66 books, written over a period of 1500 years, men of different degrees of education and culture, yet telling the same story. The books constitute in reality ONE BOOK, telling the story of God's redemption of man from sin. Only as a Divine Hand led, could this result have been achieved.

2. Fulfillment of prophecy. Man cannot unaided foretell the future with any accuracy. That the Bible does, proves its divine origin, and it DOES foretell the things of the future in a marvelous way. For instance, concerning Christ, messianic predictions of centuries find exact fulfillment in Him. On the day of the crucifixion alone, nearly 50 separate Bible prophecies were brought to fulfillment. In our day, we have seen the Jews returned to Palestine, as long foretold in prophecy and the nation Israel reborn. The very eyes of John Urquhart in his book on prophecy, lists 400 more prophecies accurately and minutely fulfilled. This precludes guesswork or happen so.

3. The marvellous effect of the Bible on human life. In our own experience we have seen wicked, depraved people converted as a result of their reading the Bible and it meant a complete revolution in their life. Why the strange power of this Book? The answer is, it is more than a human book. Time and space is not afforded to add the many other reasons for believing the Bible to be inspired of God. We pass on to ask—

How Was The Bible Inspired?

By the Holy Spirit. (See II Tim. 3:16). Literally, this says, "Scripture is inbreathed of God." Time and again we read, "God SPAKE ALL THESE WORDS." This gives the METHOD of inspiration, and that method is VERBAL. God did not merely inspire the "general idea." He inspired the very words of Scripture, and many illustrations of this can be given. The curse of the ministers of this day is loose views of inspiration, and those loose views were obtained in schools which biased students in that direction.

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