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What Repentance Really Is

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Another Error Concerning Repentance

In the Catholic Bible (The Douay Version) the expression "do penance" is substituted for "repentance." For instance in Luke 13:5 we read, Douay Version, "Except you do penance, you shall all likewise perish." But there is a world of difference between "repentance" and "doing penance." One does penance by atoning for sin through fasting, eating macaroni instead of meat during Lent, or punishing oneself in some fashion. Thus one becomes, at least in part, one's own

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when there was enough sorrow or crying, He finally relented and saved the penitent. The plain truth is, this is a form of salvation partly by works, for it makes mourning a meritorious thing, and in reality leaves Christ and His atoning work out. Besides bawling, crying, mourning IS NOT REPENTANCE. The Bible makes this clear when it says, "godly sorrow WORKETH repentance." If that is true, then sorrow IS NOT repentance itself.

We were brought up in a community where Baptist churches had the mourner's bench. People would go down to the mourner's bench and would "repent," which signified to people that they were getting right with God. They bawled and "took on" audibly until sometimes the sound of the mourning could be heard outside the church building. This mourning was thought of by people as REPENTANCE. Crying is a contagious thing, and often the sight of others crying will induce one to cry without adequate cause. The mourner's bench idea seemed to be that God had to be gotten into the notion of saving—that

1. Is it right for a Baptist woman in a Baptist Church to teach the intermediate girls and boys, all in the same class?

Absolutely not! A woman should never teach when men are present. "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man" (1 Tim. 2:12). See also 1 Cor. 14:34-38.

2. Isn't it true that Paul was an old bachelor and prejudiced against women?

No! Paul wasn't a bachelor. He was a member of the Sanhedrin in his early life. Cf. Acts 26:10. To be a member of this body, he had to be married. However, even if he had been a bachelor, the Word of God is inspired and Paul's letters were all inspired of God.

3. How then can you explain, "I would that all men were even as I myself—I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I" (1 Cor. 7:7,8)?

Easily explained. Paul had been married. Had lost his wife. Was then a widower. He thus encouraged others, widows and widowers to remain single.

4. Well, then is it right for a

widow or widower to remarry?

Yes, provided he or she marries a Christian. Read 1 Cor. 7:39.

5. Is it ever right for an unsaved person to be married to a saved person?

Most certainly no. Read Deut. 7:1-4; II Cor. 6:14. When this occurs you have a child of God married to a child of the Devil. Usually the first has lots of trouble with his father-in-law.

6. Is it right to call a Catholic church a "house of God?"

No. Practically every commentator worth quoting declares that Rev. 17 describes Catholicism. The prophetic name for the Catholic Church in this chapter is "Mother of harlots." We are sure such an institution or the place they worship ought not be called a "house of God."

7. Where does the doctrine of the universal father-head of God come from?

From the Devil, where all other heresies originated. Read John 8:41-44. Jesus said the universal father-hood of God was a lie and that the Devil was the father of it.

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The Lord's Supper Always A Local Church Ordinance

By LOUIS A. MAPLE
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"It seems so unfriendly," said one lady. Another said to us, "But it seems unchristian." Still others occasionally say, "We never heard of such a thing."

What is it that seems so "unfriendly" to some, "unchristian" to others, and "unheard" of to still others? Each of the three discussions concerned the Baptist practice of "closed" communion. Let us look into the matter somewhat.

Unheard Of?

On May 19, 1904, A. H. Strong, systematic theologian of highest rank, president and professor of Biblical theology in Rochester Theological Seminary, great leader of northern Baptists, had this to say, "If I am asked whether Baptists still hold to restricted communion, I answer that our principle has not changed . . . We believe that baptism logically precedes the Lord's Supper, as

birth precedes the taking of nourishment, and regeneration precedes sanctification. We believe that the order of the ordinances is an important point of Christian doctrine, and itself teaches Christian doctrine. Hence we proclaim it and adhere to it, in our preaching and our practice . . . The recent advocacy of open church-membership is but the logical consequence of a previous concession of open communion. I am persuaded that this new doctrine is confined to very few among us."

A young family from Kentucky was visiting our church and expressed amazement that we practiced restricted communion. When we told them that most of the Baptist churches in Kentucky and in the south generally practiced restricted communion, he became dogmatic and affirmed he had been in a good many and had yet to find his first Baptist church that practiced anything of the kind. Then soon after he joined himself to a northern church that opened the communion to all who professed Christianity. How unaware he was with the facts. In the ANNUAL of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1953, Houston, Texas, May 6-10, on pages 449-450 under the heading "Survey Made by States," under the sub-title, "What Your Churches Practice," we read the question and then its answer, "WHAT PERCENTAGE OF YOUR CHURCHES PRACTICE RESTRICTED, OR SO-CALLED 'CLOSE COMMUNION'? Answer—89 per cent." Think of it, near—

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DID YOU FORGET OUR PRESS PAYMENT DUE ON JUNE 27?

On June 27, we have a note for \$1000 and interest, as payment on our new press, which must be met and paid, by God's enabling grace.



To date, we lack about \$300 of the total amount needed for the payment, which means that unless within a very few days God moves upon the hearts of our friends to remember this work, that we will be unable to meet our obligation. I don't believe that this is going to happen. In spite of hard times and the fact that many of our readers are out of work, I believe that God is going to abundantly supply our needs within the next few days.

I have been telling you of this obligation within the past few is—

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What Catholics Would Find If They Read Their Bible

The members of the Roman Catholic Church have been taught so many things which the Bible does not teach that when they read the Bible they are surprised to find that there are many doctrines in their religion that are not in the Bible.

Lest they should discover the fraud that had been practiced upon them by their priests and teachers, the Bible was kept from the people as long as possible, and when this was found to be inexpedient the Roman Catholic Church published a Bible that is full of errors, and which has many foot notes which explain away the true meaning of the words. Also scattered through their Bible there are books which are not inspired and which are not a part of the true Bible.

When Roman Catholics read the Bible, they will find that the word "Pope" does not occur in it.

They will find that the Bible forbids the followers of Christ to call any man "Father." The word pope means Father.

"And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."—Mt. 23:1-12.

They will find that there were no priests appointed by Jesus Christ nor by any one else with divine authority since Jesus came.

They will find that there is no statement nor hint in the Bible that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was more holy than any other woman who loved and obeyed God. Jesus reproved one who voiced such an idea.

"And it came to pass, as he

spoke these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."—Luke 11:27,28.

All generations shall call Mary blessed because to her was given the divine favor of being the mother of the Saviour.

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. . . . For he hath regarded the low estate of his hand maiden; for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call thee blessed."—Luke 1:28,48.

When Roman Catholics read the Bible they will find that the Bible tells us that Mary was no nearer to God than any other woman who did His will and kept His

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NEW EVIDENCE CONCERNING FLOOD

From Sydney, Australia, comes a report that fresh-water sharks and huge sawfish have been discovered in a mountain lake 500 feet above sea level and twenty miles inland in Dutch New Guinea.

The fisheries officer for the South Pacific Commission, Hubertus van Pel, disclosed this when he arrived in Sydney from Biak.

Van Pel said the scientists caught the sharks and sawfish in a beautiful mountain lake called Sentani in the western part of the territory.

"The only explanation the Dutch scientists could give was that the lake thousands of years ago, was fed from sea at sea level," van Pel said. "Then a volcano eruption took the lake 500 feet up when the mountains rose out of the sea. The change from salt to fresh water was so gradual that the sharks and other habitual sea fish became acclimatized."

The scientists wouldn't admit—would they—that the flood in the days of Noah might have had something to do about that which baffles them?

"And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered" (Gen. 7:19,20).

PRIEST EXPELLED FROM RUSSIA

With tears streaming down his cheeks, a Roman Catholic priest bade farewell to his weeping congregation, as he was expelled from the Soviet Union. No reason was given.

The United States government protested that the ouster violates an agreement in the 1933 Roosevelt-Litvinoff pact granting American recognition to the Soviet Union. U. S. authorities contend the pact gave Americans the right to have a clergyman, priest or rabbi in Moscow to serve American citizens. This protest had no restraining effect.

Western observers speculated that the expulsion order of Priest George Bissonnette might be in retaliation for the refusal of the Washington government to allow Metropolitan Boris of the Russian Orthodox Church to extend the visit he has been making to the United States.

Priest Bissonnette, after repeatedly breaking down during his last service, told his listeners to worship in the future at the local church of St. Marie de Francois.

"If you cannot confess in Russian or Polish, just tell the Russian priest that you want absolution and you'll receive it," he instructed them.

How helpless is the Vatican with all its boasted power, the United States with its wealth and

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"GOD'S BLOOD BANK"

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul"

—Lev. 17:11.

I would like to remind you at the very outset of this message that the Bible has, and always will be, hundreds of years ahead of science. Every once in a while I pick up a newspaper and read where someone is complaining about the Bible being so far out of date, and how it would be im-

possible for men of science to accept God's Book, but instead of that being true, it is a serious perversion of the truth, in that the Bible is hundreds of years ahead of science, in most everything that science stands for today.

For example, we teach today in school that the earth is round. In contrast, you remember when Columbus had such a hard time trying to convince the King and Queen of Spain that the earth was round in order to get them to finance his expedition from Spain to the new country. They used to

think, and men of science agreed thereto, that the earth was flat. They thought a ship could sail out so far, and just drop off the edge, and that would be the end of it. Well, beloved, hundreds of years before Columbus ever sailed the seas—hundreds of years before the earth was ever circumnavigated—hundreds of years before it ever became known to men of science that the earth was round, God had already declared that to be true within His Word.

"It is he that sitteth upon the

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"God's Blood Bank"

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CIRCLE of the earth."

—Isa. 40:22.

In the New Testament we have another Scripture whereby our Lord tells us that the earth is round:

"In that DAY, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away. I tell you, in that NIGHT there shall be two men in one bed."

—Luke 17:31,34.

Notice in verse 31 that He is talking about His second coming, and He says, "in that DAY." In verse 34, He is talking about His second coming—the same event, and He says, "in that NIGHT," showing us that when the Lord Jesus comes back to this world again, part of this world will be in darkness, and part of it will be in light. From these verses we can learn the rotundity of the earth, for He says that when He comes, part of the world will be in darkness, and part in light. This is just one example, showing you how far ahead of science the Word of God is, for this was spoken by Jesus almost 1700 years before the men of science actually agreed and accepted the fact that the world was round.

Let me give you another example, beloved—the use of anesthesia in surgery. I don't know whether you know how old it is, or how long it has been since they began to use anesthesia in surgery. Sometime ago, I was down in Central Kentucky where the first ovarian operation was ever performed in this continent. I saw the place where that operation took place, apart from any anesthesia, how that four men held the woman upon whom the operation was performed. Each of the men held a leg or an arm while the doctors performed that operation apart from the use of anesthesia. Beloved, it hasn't been too long ago since anesthesia was discovered for use in surgical operations. We take it for granted today and we assume the fact that it has been here forever, but not so. However, anesthesia that is used in surgery was found in the early chapters of Genesis, for we read:

"And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he SLEPT: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof."—Gen. 2:21.

This is a reference to the creation of woman, how that God caused Adam to fall into a twilight sleep and how He performed the first operation on him, in that He took a rib from him and fashioned Eve to be his wife.

This is just another example, beloved, to show you how the Bible is hundreds of years ahead of science.

Let's take another example—the matter of submarines. When I was just a lad, scientists began talking about perfecting submarines, but even then, it was a long time before they were safe to the point that an individual could enter therein. Beloved, God talked about submarines some eight hundred years before Jesus Christ was born. Listen:

"They that go DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS, that do business

in great waters; These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep."—Psa. 107:23,24.

If you will read it closely, you will see that our Lord is telling about those that not only go down to the sea, but down into the sea, and how that in the ships in the sea they are able to see the works of the Lord and His wonders in the deep. Now this was written at least 2700 years ago, and yet, beloved, less than fifty years ago the submarine became a reality.

Notice again, the number of stars in the skies. For years and years, scientists used to discuss the number of stars, and they used to count with the naked eye about 4,000 stars. Scientists used to declare up until about three hundred years ago that that was all the stars that there were in existence, but when Galileo came along and developed the first telescope, they counted at once, even with his crude telescope, 600,000 stars. Today, beloved, with those great telescopes that have been invented, scientists can count as many as 350,000,000 stars and moons. Even then, with the scientists counting so many stars and moons and stars, they can not count them all, for we read:

"The host of heaven cannot be numbered."—Jer. 33:22.

In other words, the stars and the suns and the moons in the skies are so great in number that they can not be counted and can not be numbered by man, yet, beloved, scientists used to say that four thousand was the extreme limit of the stars. Now they realize that there are 350,000,000. 2500 years ago, Jeremiah said that the host of Heaven could not be counted.

"Notice once again how science is far behind the Bible. Take, for example, in the matter of airplanes. I can remember when I was a boy going to the county fair, and one of the big attractions, was the fact that they had advertised that they were going to have an airplane there. It was the first time that anybody in that whole area had ever seen an airplane. When I say that, indicating that I was a boy, I am not saying that I am as old as Methuselah. Because we see airplanes about us all the time, and because we can look up into the skies and see them most anytime that we look, you might think that I am an exceedingly old man, but I want you to know that less than forty years ago when they advertised that an airplane was to be at the fair, everybody in that whole community wanted to go there to see that airplane. Yet, beloved, do you know that the Bible tells us that airplanes were in the providence of God, long before science knew anything at all about them.

"Who are these that FLY AS A CLOUD, and as the doves to their windows?"—Isa. 60:8.

I will not take time to read more of it, nor read the context of it, but I will say in passing, that the passage of Scripture is plainly and unequivocally speaking about the modern airplane. This was written about seven hundred years before Christ was born, so you can see that the airplane was a known factor of Almighty God about 2700 years ago, yet, beloved, it took science at least 2600 years to catch up with the Bible.

I
THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD.

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1955

SARAH'S DEATH AND ISAAC'S BRIDE

GENESIS 23—24

I. Death, The Inevitable Lot Of All. Gen. 23:1-2.

Just as we have noticed with all Bible characters, whom we have studied, Enoch alone excepted, so death comes to Sarah. However, she lived nearly thirty years after the birth of Isaac to enjoy this child of laughter.

II. Abraham Seeking A Cemetery. Gen. 23:3-10.

Like many today, Abraham waited until the hour of death to purchase his cemetery lot. But unlike many today, he had a reason for waiting. Cf. Heb. 11:10. Since Arbaham was journeying with God, he had no time to think of earthly possessions until such became necessary.

III. An Oriental Business Deal. Gen. 23:11-20.

Ephron said, "The field give I thee." (v. 11). If an American or an Englishman were to say this, we would expect an outright gift, but not so with an Oriental, for he expects full price. The Mexicans are much the same. If you enter a Mexican house, they will tell you that everything is yours, cows, chickens, lambs, furniture, wife and all, but you had better not take this for granted.

IV. God Answers Prayer. Gen. 24:12-21.

The statements are so simple that comment should be unnecessary.

V. Worshipping. Gen. 24:26.

When the servant perceived that God had led him to the right place and had directed him in this quest for the bride, He paused to worship God. Cf. Dan. 2:19. If only a servant did this, then how should a son or daughter of God act?

VI. The Servant's Faithfulness. Gen. 24:33.

Oh! That God's children were as faithful to do His will!

VII. The Proposal. Gen. 24:35,36.

The first thing mentioned is the fatness of the pocketbook. Evidently, marrying for money isn't so modern after all.

VIII. Marriages Made In Heaven. Gen. 24:42-45.

The servant's argument in these verses is that the match was made in Heaven and not of sulphur.

IX. Submitting To The Will Of God. Gen. 24:50.

Cf. Acts 5:38,39.

Even though the Word of God tells us that the life of the flesh is in the blood, this fact wasn't accepted until just a few years ago. For years and years, doctors and physicians tried to decide where the life of the patient was. Some said that the life was in the muscle, and therefore when the fellow got flabby and didn't have much muscle, he died. Some doctors argued that the life of the flesh was in the brain. That being true, beloved, some folk certainly wouldn't have very long to live today. A lot of doctors used to argue that the life of the flesh was in one's toes, and as long as he could keep his toes warm, and as long as he could keep circulation in his toes, there was no possibility of death overtaking him. Well, mighty, mighty few of them ever hit upon the truth that the life of the flesh was in the blood.

Some of you older folk remember that years ago they used to bleed a person at the first sign of sickness in order to save his life. A common thing that the doctors carried around in their saddle pockets was a lancet, that they might open the veins of a person to save his life.

I remember reading in a paper several years ago how that William Mather Lewis, who was the then president of George Washington University, in telling about George Washington's death, made the statement that George Washington was virtually bled to death. In an oration concerning Washington, he told how he was bled three times in three consecutive days by the doctors, thinking that they were saving his life.

What would they do today, beloved? You know as well as I that just as soon as a fellow gets to the hospital, one of the first things that they do in the hospital is to give one blood. Then they begin to try to match types of blood to be sure to give him the right type of blood, in order to save his life.

Some few years ago, when World War II was being fought, the Army, by means of careful investigation, found that blood could be processed. Heretofore, they had to get the same type as the blood of the individual that

they wished to give the blood to, but they found that they could process the blood. In other words, they could dehydrate it, and take all the fluid out of it, yet leave all the plasma of the blood. Accordingly, our Government set up immediately ten processing centers within the United States whereby they processed blood; sending the plasma overseas to the boys that were suffering on the battlefields. The first time that that dried plasma was used was in North Africa when 400 lads had been injured in the North African campaign, and 394 of them survived.

Beloved, when I read how they took that dried plasma and could use it for any person, regardless of what type blood the individual might have, I went back in my mind and did some thinking in the light of God's Word. Beloved, God has a blood bank. God doesn't have any processing centers, but God has a blood bank—a blood bank that is just as old as Calvary, and thank God, the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ that was spilled at Calvary, at God's blood bank, fits every type, regardless of who you are, regardless of what your sin may be, and irrespective of your condition.

II

LET'S NOTICE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT HIS BLOOD BANK.

"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

—Gen. 3:21.

You may wonder where there is any reference as to blood in this Scripture. Beloved, that animal that they used whereby to get skins for Adam and Eve—that animal had to give its life. Its blood had to be spilled in order that they might find coats of skin for Adam and his wife Eve.

Let's notice what had happened just before this. You remember that Adam and Eve having sinned, they realized the enormity of their guilt. Accordingly, standing before God as guilty sinners, Adam and Eve realized that they must do something about it, and immediately they sewed together

fig leaves to make coverings for themselves, to cover their nakedness. When God came in the cool of the day to talk with Adam and Eve, the Word of God tells us that God didn't like those man-made clothes that they had made themselves, with the result that He laid these aside and took an animal, and killed that animal, and thus made coats of skin to cover their nakedness.

Notice, beloved, the animal had to die. The animal had to give its blood in order for them to make those coats of skin. Mark it down, beloved, that is a type, or a shadow, or a prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ. From that time on, man has been trying to clothe himself with religion, with morality, and with good works. From that time on, men have been fashioning clothes for themselves to stand in the presence of God, but, beloved, God doesn't care one bit more for your efforts to clothe yourself today than He did for the efforts of Adam and Eve, back there in the Garden of Eden. God had His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, come to Calvary two thousand years ago, to give His life in order that you might be saved. We sing:

"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' BLOOD and righteousness."

Every person that is saved, is saved because Jesus died on the Cross to save him from his sins, and every person that is saved, is clothed in His righteousness. So, beloved, when you see Adam and Eve clothed because of the animal giving its life and its blood in behalf of Adam and Eve, you get a type, or a picture of what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us when He came to the Cross of Calvary.

We have another reference to God's blood bank in Genesis: "And, Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Why is it that two scientists of equal ability can go into the laboratory and look at the wonders of creation through the microscope and telescope — one discovers God and the other cannot find Him?

Why is it that two scholars of equal ability can look into the Word of God and spend years in the investigation of its statements — one discovers a personal God and the other cannot find Him?

Why is it that two philosophers of equal credibility can look at the teaching and life of the Nazarene who hung upon a cross — one discovers God and the other cannot find Him?

The truth of the matter is that the scientist who went into the laboratory and discovered God, already had God in him in the person of the Holy Spirit. The other did not.

The scholar who perused the pages of divine revelation and realized the truth of the personal God, already had God in him. The other did not.

The philosopher who, in looking at that central figure hanging upon Calvary's cross was able to see God in Christ, already had the Spirit of God within him. The other did not.

Knowing God is not a matter of science, scholarship or philosophy; it is the work and witness of the Holy Spirit.

Catholics

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"While he yet talked to the people, behold his mother and his brethren stood without desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, behold thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, who is my mother, and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister and mother."—Mt. 12:46-50.

They will find that the Bible forbids the worship of any one or any thing, or the bowing down to any one or any thing except God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, who is one with God. The Bible forbids the worship of the saints, images, pictures and relics.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."—Ex. 20:3-5.

They will find that there is no direction concerning secrecy, nor need of it, in the religion of Jesus Christ. His life had in it nothing to hide, nothing to shut up in convent or monastery walls.

ANXIETY'S CURE

By MRS. HALEY HUGHES

As I tossed on my bed at midnight,
My heart turbulent with fear,
In anxiety peace and rest took flight—
Oh, what brings the coming year?
Suddenly the darkness was riven
With the joyous song of a bird—
Sweeter music this side of Heaven
Mortal hath not heard.

"Why should he sing in the night," I asked,
"This tiny helpless bird?"
Why, even tho he cannot read,
Still he believes God's Word—
"Your Heavenly Father feedeth them.
Are ye not much better than they?"
And so I cast all my care upon Him
And sleep 'till the breaking of day.

The Holy Spirit Is The Author Of The Scriptures

The Holy Spirit produced this book called the Bible. It is true that He used human instruments to write and speak, but He was the One who moved them. In II Pet. 1:20,21, we read, "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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."

Moses, over and over again, said: "Thus saith the Lord." "The (Continued on page five)

"In secret have I said nothing."—John 18:20.

They will find that there is no command in the Bible to make confession of one's private sins to any man. The Bible says nothing about God appointing a certain class of men to hear confessions and forgive sins, but He tells us to confess our sins to the Lord, and that He will forgive them.

"I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin."—Psa. 32:5.

"Confess your faults one to another."—James 5:16.

"Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another."—Prov. 25:9.

They will find that there is no mention of purgatory in the Bible. The blood of Jesus is all sufficient for pardon and cleansing. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

"When believers in Christ die, they go to be with Him. Having a desire to depart and to be with Christ; which is far better."—Phil. 1:23.

"Those who reject Christ when they die go to hell. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life everlasting."—Mt. 25:46.

They will find that indulgences, sold by the priest to the people, are not mentioned in the Bible, and are a device of the Devil.

"If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world."—I John 2:1-2.

They will find that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is free, without money and without price, and that the money which is demanded by their priests for various pretended services, such as "praying" persons "out of purgatory," and saying "masses" for the dead, is required in direct violation of the teachings of God's Word.

"Freely ye have received, freely give."—Mt. 10:8.

They will find that they are not saved by anything they can do.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ."



—Gal. 2:16.

They will find that God is longing to forgive their sins, and to give them the rest and peace that comes from accepting Jesus as their all-sufficient Saviour.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."—I John 4:10.

They will find that God in His great love sent His son to be their Saviour, and that He will hear them when they pray directly to Him in the name of Jesus Christ.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name he will give it you. For the Father himself loveth you."—John 16:23-27.

"For there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."—I Tim. 2:5.

They will find that God has sent His Spirit into the world to be the Comforter of sorrowing hearts, and the Teacher who will lead them into all truth.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name; he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said to you."—John 14:26.

"If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Ghost to them that ask him?"—Luke 11:13.

They will find that the love of God, and the cleansing of the precious blood of Christ, satisfy the longing and need of their hearts, which their belief in the errors of Rome has never done, and can never do.

"The Blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."—I John 1:7.

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now we see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."—I Pet. 1:8.

They will find that the Bible

teaches that those who accept word of God of none effect Jesus Christ as their Saviour, are saved when they believe here and now.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

They will find that these above mentioned doctrines are only a few of the errors of that apostate church.

"For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men. . . . Making the

through your tradition, which we have delivered; and many such like things do ye."—Mark 7:8,13.

They will find that in the Bible there is a description of the great apostasy of the Roman Catholic Church, and that God calls those who want to be saved to come out of her.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."—Rev. 18:1-24.

Blessed is he that readeth, not the Catechism—but the Bible.

THE TRAGEDY OF ISRAEL

By MAX I. REICH

Without a false god, or the true:
No covenant, the old or new;
Passover still, but no lamb dies,
Atonement, but no sacrifice.
Still eating of unleavened bread,
Phylacteries still upon thy head;
Still reading Moses through the veil,
Still clinging to an empty shell.
Linking the present with the past,
Binding together east and west;
Still humming in thine ancient tongue
The mournful strains thy fathers sung.
Still deaf to the prophetic Word,
Still blind to David's Son and Lord;
Naught hast thou learned, and naught forgot,
Lo-ruhamah and Ichabod.
Thy rites and forms could never feed
My hungry soul with all its need;
They left me hungry, thirsty still,
They failed my emptiness to fill,
They cast no light into the tomb,
Nor scatter sin's appalling gloom;
They do not make acquaint with God
A life crushed down beneath its load.
Alas! false prophets whisper peace,
Saying, "Thy warfare soon shall cease."
That Cross outside the city wall
Forbids thee keeping festival.
Think not that God could e'er forget
Thy hands with Jesus' blood were wet;
Bitter must thy last chalice be
Because of Calvary's tragedy.

The Lord's Supper

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ly 90 per cent of all the Southern Baptist churches still profess to practice restricted communion and this faith would not work with us because we were "unusual" and "different."

Strange still when we read on the same page the question, "WHAT PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES INVITE OTHER BODIES OF ANY FAITH OR DENOMINATION TO HAVE PART WITH THEM IN THIS OBSERVANCE? Answer—5 per cent." Just think, only 5 per cent are open communion!

Turning again to A. H. Strong in his Systematic Theology under a sub-title "Special objections to open communion" we read, "This view is contrary to the belief and practice of all but an insignificant fragment of organized Christendom. A portion of the English Baptists, and the Free Will Baptists in America, are the only bodies which in their standards of faith accept and maintain the principles of open communion."

Such quotations in divers forms could be produced to show that restricted communion is standard Baptist doctrine and practice. In the author's own library of over 250 books, not one book advocates open communion. Let us now turn from that and examine and see what prerequisites there are to participation in the Lord's Supper.

We must first understand that the church is possessed with executive but not legislative power. By that we mean that the church has power to carry out the laws God has given concerning the Supper, but it has no power to make its own laws. Just as Congress is the legislative branch of our government and hence makes laws, alters them and repeals them, just so the executive branch with the President at its head, enforces and sees that they are carried out. The church is charged with the duty of discovering and applying the rules given it by the New Testament, but not with framing rules of its own. No church has a right to establish any terms of communion. The terms have already been established by Christ and His apostles. It is our duty to discover these terms and make them known! These laws of Christ are to be ascertained not only from the injunctions but also from the precedents of the New Testament. Just as the church at Thessalonica "became followers of the churches of God which in Judea are in Christ Jesus" so ought all churches today become followers of the first churches in the New Testament period.

Four Prerequisites To Participation

A. Regeneration.

The Lord's Supper is the outward expression of a life in the believer, nourished and sustained by the life of Christ. It cannot therefore be partaken of by someone who is "dead in trespasses and sins." We give no food to a corpse. The Lord's Supper was never offered by the apostles to unbelievers. On the contrary, the injunction that each communicant "examine himself" implies that faith which will enable the communicant to "discern the Lord's body" is a prerequisite to participation.

B. Baptism.

1. The example of our Saviour at the institution of the Supper is a strong point with true believers. Whom did He invite to partake when He instituted the Supper? It was not an indiscriminate company, nor was it all those who deemed themselves fit and chose to come, nor even all of His professed disciples. But only a small and select company were invited. Even His own mother, and the good man who gave them the use of the building were not invited.

Only the eleven baptized apostles were present at the Supper. The reason why is clear—the Supper was for none but those who constituted His church at that time.

2. The language of Christ in the Great Commission is strongly in favor of the necessary priority of baptism to the Supper. Matt. 28: 19, 20, "Go ye therefore, and TEACH (disciple—R.V.) all nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: TEACHING them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The order herein is uniform: believing, baptizing, observing all things. Where does the Supper come in? Baptists have always claimed the Supper came in after the believing and the baptizing into the church. There is no room for it before these but there is room for it in the phrase, "teaching them to observe all things . . ." If one should insist that it can come before this latter phrase then how much before? Shall it come before the believing in Christ? Why not? If the divine order is to be changed, then why not have the Supper come before the believing? Scripturally it would be just as consistent before one believes as to be before one is baptized.

3. The New Testament history affords no instance which can be supposed to favor the theory of communion without baptism. But abundant evidence is furnished, in facts and circumstances mentioned, to show that all communicants were baptized persons. Apostolic instruction, with reference to the Supper and reproofs administered for an abuse of that sacred ordinance, ALL ARE ADDRESSED TO CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERS. In Acts 2: 41, 42, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Doesn't this remarkably follow the outline in the Great Commission in Matthew 28? Those who believed and "gladly received his word" were then "baptized" and with that were "added unto them" (the church) and then began to observe all things, one of which was the "breaking of bread." (the Lord's Supper).

4. The almost unvarying testimony of Christian history through all its ages declares baptism to be prerequisite to the Supper. Wall, who searched the records of antiquity for facts illustrating the history of the ordinances, says, "No church ever gave the Communion to any before they were baptized. Among all the absurdities that were ever held, none ever maintained that any person should partake of the Communion before he was baptized."

C. Church Membership.

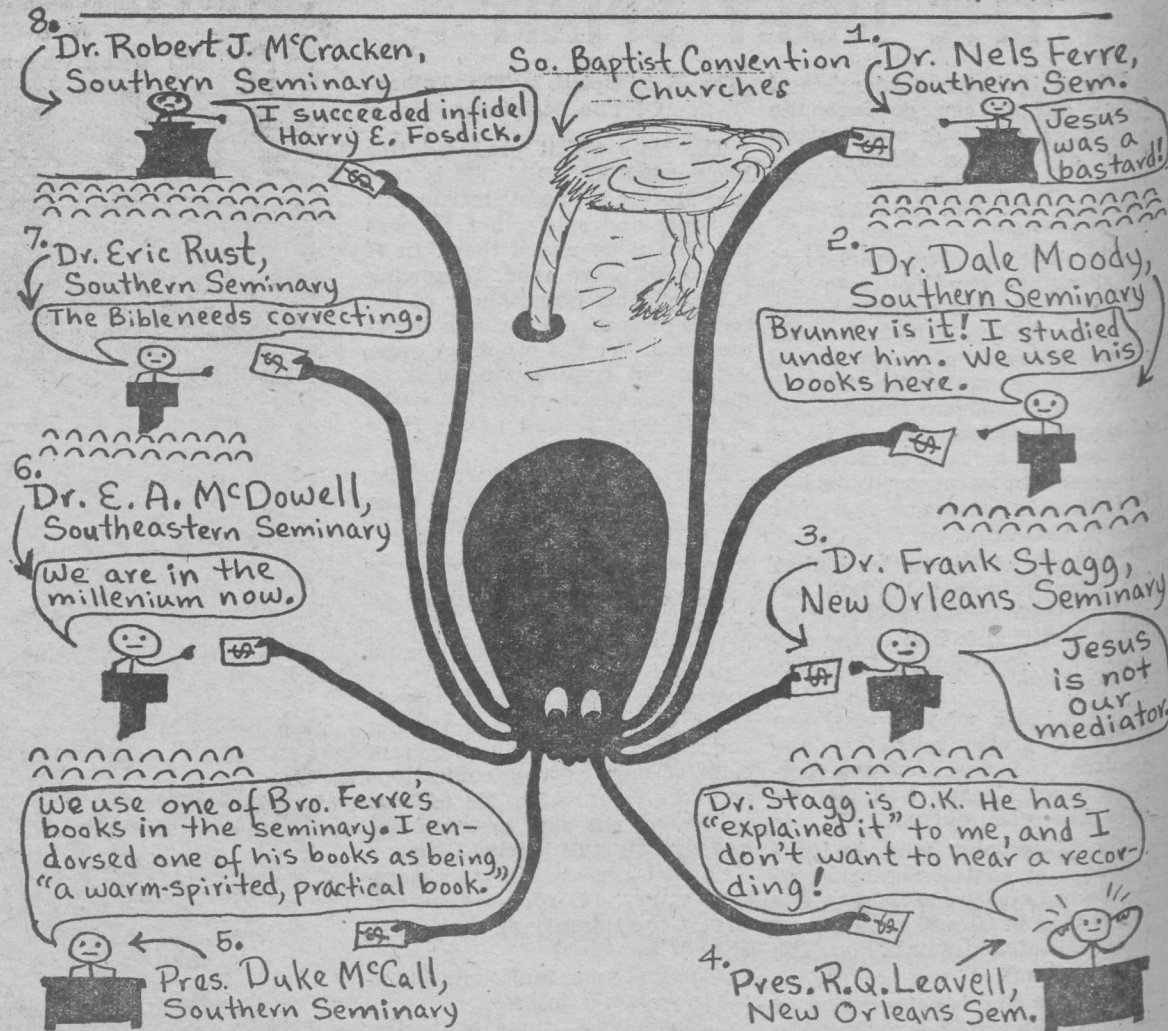
Strong says, "The Lord's Supper is a church ordinance, observed by churches of Christ as such. For this reason, membership in the church naturally precedes communion." The Supper is to be partaken of in church capacity. It is not simply the communion of the individual with Christ, but the communion of the saints together in one assembly with Christ. Hence the statement in I Cor. 11: 33, "When ye come together to eat, tarry one for another."

1. If the Supper is simply communion of the individual with Christ, then the church has no right to exclude any from it. But the facts are that in I Cor. 5: 11 and 13 we have Paul commanding us to exclude certain classes from the Supper, ". . . with such an one no not to eat . . . Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person." The Supper therefore must be remembered in church capacity.

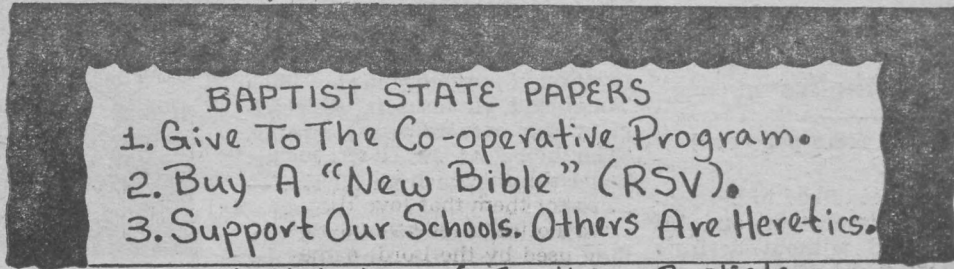
2. Again in I Cor. 5: 11 we learn more. Here certain classes of people are mentioned that the church is not to eat with. When a church invites outsiders to partake in open communion, they boldly disregard this injunction, for the church cannot know that some of those invited are not of the class—

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THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CO-OPERATIVE OCTOPUS



THE IRON CURTAIN



What Southern Baptists Support Through The Co-operative Program

By BOB L. ROSS

(An explanation of the cartoon)

No. 1—In 1947 the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., invited Mr. Nels F. S. Ferre of Vanderbilt University to bring to the student body the Gay Lectures. Since 1951, one of Mr. Ferre's books, "The Christian Understanding of God," has been on sale in modernist book stores throughout the nation. On page 191 of this book we have the following: "Mary, we remember, was found pregnant before her engagement to mild Joseph. Nazareth was hard by a Roman Garrison where the soldiers were German mercenaries. Jesus is also reported throughout a continuous part of history of art, it is claimed, to have been blond. This is supposedly unnatural for the Mediterranean countries where this same tradition started and was continued. Hence Jesus must have been the child of a German soldier! After all, the claim develops, such is the experience of many girls near military camps . . . Such an interpretation has been made of His life, and who can deny that such a conjecture could be true?"

No. 2—Mr. Dale Moody of the Theology Department of the Southern Seminary has displaced the volumes of the great Baptist, E. Y. Mullins, with those of the infidel, H. Emil Brunner, the neo-orthodox theologian.

Mr. Moody earned his Ph. D. studying under Brunner. Moody stayed in the home of Brunner while completing his work and is responsible for Brunner's books being used in the Louisville Seminary.

No. 3—Mr. Frank Stagg, head of the New Testament Department at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, says, "But God, on the other hand, deals personally and directly with us in Christ. There is no mediator there." Again, "Strictly speaking, Christ is not our mediator." And again, "Strictly speaking, Jesus is not our Mediator." And once again, "There is no Mediator."

All these quotations are taken from a wire recording of a lecture delivered by Mr. Stagg to his class in New Testament, during the 1950-51 session at the New Orleans Seminary. This lecture has been printed several times in *The Faith and Southern Baptists*, a Southern Baptist periodical, to awaken Baptists to the infidelity in the Seminary. Mr. Stagg has never denied anything printed in this magazine concerning his teaching. Instead he has openly confirmed that the articles are accurate!

No. 4—The recording of Mr. Frank Stagg's lecture was taken to the president of the New Orleans

Seminary, Mr. Roland Q. Leavell. Mr. Leavell did not listen to the recording but talked to Stagg about the lecture. Mr. Stagg explained to Leavell what he was teaching and Leavell said that his explanation was orthodox. This conversation with Stagg settled the matter for Mr. Leavell. Stagg is still at the New Orleans Seminary and Leavell has never listened to the lecture! Leavell has even accused "The Faith and Southern Baptists" of presenting false charges against the Seminary! Mr. Leavell appears to be a bigger sucker than Eve (Gen. 3).

No. 5—President Duke McCall of the Louisville Seminary endorsed Nels F. S. Ferre's, "Strength in the Spiritual Life," in the October 11, 1951 issue of the *Baptist New Mexican*, the official organ of New Mexico Southern Baptists, in the following words: "A warm-spirited, practical book. Fresh phrasing of things often said about private and family devotions are coupled with profound new insights in soul development."

Not only has Ferre lectured at the Seminary, and has Mr. McCall's endorsement, he also is the author of one of the textbooks used in the institution at the present time. The title of the book being used in the Seminary is "Faith and Reason."

No. 6—Mr. E. A. McDowell is a professor in the Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. In his book, "The Meaning and Message of the Book of Revelation," he says, page 200, "We who live today, therefore, are in the millennium."

No. 7—Mr. Eric Rust, another professor at the Louisville Seminary, says in "The Preacher in the Scientific World," "The Biblical world-view must be corrected by the discoveries of modern science . . . The Biblical Science is not ours, and it needs to be corrected by our more exact knowledge . . . the Biblical anthropology may well, and indeed does, need correcting . . . We shall accept unservedly the facts . . . of modern science."

This professor, supported by Southern Baptist Cooperative Program money, does not teach the young Baptist preachers to believe the Bible. No, he teaches them that the Bible needs correcting by "our more exact knowledge."

No. 8—For the Spring Conference held March 8-11, 1955, the Louisville Seminary invited Mr. Robert J. McCracken to be one of the lecturers. Mr. McCracken is the successor of infidel Harry Emerson Fosdick as pastor of the Riverside Church of New York City. Fosdick has said, "Of course,"

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The Holy Spirit

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Lord said to me." David, in his dying moments when a man's testimony ought to mean something, said: "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and His word was in my tongue" (II Sam. 23:2).

In Gal. 1:11,12, Paul stated: "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."

The author of the Bible is the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Interprets The Scriptures

Not only is the Holy Spirit the author of the Scriptures; He is the One who interprets, enlightens, and causes us to understand that which is written. One might explain the three-fold work of the Holy Spirit with the words—inspiration, revelation and illumination.

For example, the apostle Paul received a revelation from God at the time of his conversion on the road to Damascus. He was inspired of God to write the epistles. A sermon delivered by a minister would not be considered "inspired" in the same sense of the word, but the Holy Spirit of God now illumines men's hearts in order that they may understand the Scriptures that have been inspired.

The Holy Spirit Reveals All Truth

There are those who intimate that the words of Jesus are of greater importance than those written by Paul or Peter. One might well read again the words of John 16:7-15:

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you."

"And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me;

"Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

"Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."

"I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come."

"He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

"All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you."

There were many things Jesus wanted to tell His disciples, but at that time they were not able to receive the truth. No doubt it was because Jesus had not as yet been crucified, nor had He risen from the dead. Therefore He could not explain to them the manner of His death.

When He tried to tell Peter that He must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things of the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed and raised again the third

day, Peter took Him and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Be it far from Thee, Lord. This shall not be unto Thee." And Jesus had to say to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan. Thou art an offence unto me, for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

A few years later we listen to Peter preaching his great sermon (recorded in the book of Acts), in which he declares to the people that Jesus Christ was crucified by the determinate foreknowledge and counsel of God; that Christ was crucified from the foundation of the world; that Christ was crucified in the mind of God from the eternal ages past; and that Christ was crucified by the wicked hands of the Jewish leaders to whom Peter was speaking. When they heard Peter's message, they cried out, "What must we do to be saved?"

Who taught Peter that Christ was crucified in the mind of God by His predetermined foreknowledge? (Jesus had already gone to Heaven by the time Peter preached that sermon.) Why, of course, it was the Holy Spirit who taught Peter and who taught Paul. Many truths which Jesus had not taught during His earthly ministry, were later taught by the Holy Spirit to men of God, and the Scriptures were completed as given by the Holy Spirit through men called of God for this specific purpose.

The Holy Spirit Reveals Truth Hitherto Hidden

In I Cor. 2:9-16 we have a remarkable passage, giving the process by which truth passes from the mind of God to the minds of His people:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Here we notice three avenues of learning used by the Lord; namely, the eye-gate, the ear-gate and reasoning power—even as recognized by modern Psychology. But the unseen things of God are undiscoverable by the natural man: "For what knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

The unseen things of God, however, are revealed to chosen men: "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

Too many times verse 9 is referred to as that which WILL BE experienced in Heaven. Frequently I have heard quoted in funeral services: "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him," and the preacher has failed to go on to the next verse, "But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit."

In verse 12 further explanation is offered: "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

Verse 13 indicates that the things that are revealed of God are communicated in Spirit-taught words: "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (Continued on page six)

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS



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es mentioned in the prohibition.

3. Should the church seek to investigate each outsider it would result in hopeless entanglement in difficulties. The church would then be judging certain visitors to be fit to participate and some unfit to participate. This situation would certainly not be tolerated by sister churches from which these visitors were all considered in good standing at home. Still more important is the fact that the Word of God sets the limits to which the church must judge and discipline men. The limits extend only to its own members. "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth." I Cor. 5:12,13.

4. Disciplinary action by the church would mean nothing unless the excluded one was excluded from the Lord's Supper. When Christians offend, the church must withdraw its fellowship from them. But upon the principle of open communion, such withdrawal is impossible, since the Lord's Supper, the highest expression of church fellowship, is open to every person who regards himself as a Christian. Supposing a certain church finds it necessary to exclude a member for strife and division. This factious person can still return and partake of the Lord's Sup-

per if the church practices open communion, notwithstanding the fact that the Supper is the most intimate and sacred of privileges of church membership.

D. An Orderly Walk.

Each member of the church is called upon further to "examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." (I Cor. 11:28). There may be secret sins in one's life that the church does not know about. He must deal with these himself before God. Let each member examine himself, confess his sins to God and then partake of the Supper.

Special Objections To Open Communion

Open communion assumes an unscriptural inequality between the two ordinances. The obligation to commune is no more binding than the obligation to profess faith by being baptized. Open communion, however, treats baptism as if it were optional, while it insists upon communion as indispensable!

Open communion tends to do away with baptism altogether. If the highest privilege of church membership may be enjoyed without baptism, baptism loses its place and importance as the initiatory ordinance of the church.

Open communion, as before said, tends to do away with all discipline.

Open communion actually leads to open church membership and thus the destruction of the church itself.

The One Argument For Open Communion

Open communion has but one argument to sustain it — SYMPATHY. With some minds this argument outweighs all others. "It seems too unfriendly" is the protest of thousands. It has neither Scripture, logic, expediency, nor the practice of past Christendom in its favor, but still to some kindly minds it seems brotherly and friendly to invite all who profess to know Christ to unite in partaking of the Supper. To fail to invite all such

seems to those sentimental natures harsh, cold, and unchristian.

An Open Communion Service

The author of this article was raised in open communion churches. The only church that he has ever been a member in which the Supper was "closed" is the present church of which he is now pastor. He remembers many occasions in the past when present at open communion services. The last such occasion, still fresh in mind, will serve as well as any. During this particular open communion service we noticed giggling children participating. We noticed some adults that we were fairly certain were unregenerate. They too received the elements. Visitors freely partook. But the climax occurred when a little boy in the very row we were sitting after eating the bread that was passed FIRED A CAP PISTOL IN THE MIDST OF THE SERVICE.

Needless to say we left feeling the whole thing was unscriptural, unchristian and not edifying in the slightest degree. We were reminded of the passage, "When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper." (I Cor. 11:20). They undoubtedly thought they were eating the Lord's Supper but it seems to us they were NOT eating the Lord's Supper, only a perversion of it.

We recommend to those that feel offended at close communion that they judge themselves and thereupon decide to obey the Lord in baptism and join the New Testament Baptist church in which they would like to take communion.

"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized..." (Acts 22:16).

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The Southern Baptist Cooperative Octopus

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I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

The Louisville Courier-Journal, reporting the Seminary's Spring Conference, quotes Mr. McCracken as saying, "There is no proof for God in the Bible, no proof for the validity of prayer."

This infidel was paid out of the Cooperative Program. THE IRON CURTAIN. Controlled by a powerful committee of publications, the Baptist state papers are forbidden to carry any articles or information which might cause the least suspicion of what is

happening in Southern Baptist Schools and seminaries. This is why the vast multitudes of Southern Baptists know nothing of the Devil's plans to leaven the whole Convention with modernism. It would be "cooperative program suicide" for the Baptist state papers to carry the information contained in this cartoon.

These papers will keep their readers in ignorance of facts. The only things which will be pushed by these papers will be the Cooperative Program, so-called Christian education, the "New Bible," the Revised Standard Version, etc.

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins."—Rev. 18:4.

The Heavenly Father often has to knock all our props out before we will settle down upon Him.

THE OLD WHORE AND HER HARLOT DAUGHTERS

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The 17th chapter of Revelation is direct, plain, and very understandable in form and teaching, but no doubt this passage of Scripture is openly denied and deliberately left alone or untaught because of the compromising world of our day. Men have more fear and respect for a false man-made religious system than they do for the Lord Jesus Christ and the divine truth of the Bible.

Men deny this portion of the Scripture because of the power of men which must be faced and acknowledged when this passage of Scripture is taught as given within the Bible.

Let us remember that just before the 17th chapter of Revelation, that the seven last plagues fall upon the world during the last three and one-half years of tribulation. This prophecy in the 17th chapter is a blending with or a climax to the wrath of God as it is poured out upon the earth.

We now come face to face with two things which come to pass at the end of the tribulation period, and just preceding the coming of Jesus as "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." This is the end of the tribulation and the beginning of the 1000 year reign of Christ.

The two things which must happen is — the fall and destruction of "Mystery Babylon" and the fall and destruction of "Babylon the Great." The fall and destruction of "Mystery Babylon" is the fall of the Catholic church and all her false teaching. The fall and destruction of "Babylon the Great" is the fall and destruction of the material and political power of Rome which shall be ruling during this period as we shall reveal in this study.

In our study in this 17th chapter of Revelation, we shall identify the Catholic church as being the great whore.

I. Identity Of The Whore—Revelation 17:1-21
1. Vastness of her coverage—V. 1: "I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters."

Someone may ask the question, "Will the Catholics rule the world?" This question is answered in the Bible. The power of the Catholic church will not be world wide as long as the true New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is in the world to stand for the truth, but after the rapture of the true church, the Catholics will take over with world authority in the field of religion. Let us remember

that there will be no saved people in the world at this time except the 144,000 Jews which will be brought out and sealed.

Why will the authority of the Catholic church be so great during this period of tribulation? The answer to this question is found in the teaching of verse 8 as the beast comes into view. The beast of this verse is none other than the "feet of iron mixed with clay" in the book of Daniel 2, and also we have the identify in Revelation 13: Rome is the power mentioned as wounded to death but healed and come back into power. Rome is coming back during the tribulation period.

2. Influence over the kings and rulers of the world—V. 2. To explain this passage in understandable language of our day, we are going to use some very personal examples:

a. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt — 32nd President of the U. S. A., committed fornication with the whore, the Catholic church. How? In the year of 1940, the appointment of Myron C. Taylor was made as Ambassador to the Vatican.

The appointment of Taylor to the Vatican was the first man to be appointed since the year of 1867. This man Taylor was sent without portfolio. Here is a personal identification of a ruler who was committing fornication with the whore.

b. Harry S. Truman—The congress of 1940 had a very hot discussion over the subject of Federal Aid to Education. There were a number of men who stood in support of this bill for aid to the Catholics. In 1950 the Federal Aid bill came up again with the support by many of the law-makers. Truman determined to send an Ambassador to the Vatican just before he was to leave office. Harry S. Truman was committing fornication with the whore.

c. The present-day school bus and state support to Catholic schools. Every law-maker and citizen who stands in support of Federal, state, county, or community aid to Catholic schools is a party in the fornication that is mentioned in the second verse of Revelation 17.

There are many other historical records of ages past and gone which could be brought to the attention of the people and let them know that the people are ignorant to Biblical prophecy.

3. Mockery of false beauty and reverence in religion—V. 3-4. We want to notice in verse 3 that this world religion was a state religion, for the woman was supported or carried by the beast. This beast is the power of

Rome, ruling during this day. The seven heads of the beast being none other than the seven mountains of Rome, and the ten kings are the kings which shall be recognized for just one hour with the beast.

There are many people fooled by the beauty and false reverence of religion. The Catholic church is decked with every type of ornament to cause attraction. There is a false spirit of reverence to the extent that some people will term it as being very sacred.

The prophecy of this passage of Scripture will tell you what is behind a long-robed, black-garbed religion. There is nothing but sin and filthiness. There are more souls being damned to Hell today on the beauty and reverence of the woman decked out in all this adornment than any other system in the world.

4. Figurative identity—V. 4. The book of Revelation is not a figurative book, but here the woman is identified as "Mystery Babylon" and not "Babylon the Great." The woman is the mother of harlots or many religious groups with some of the traits and traditions of their mother, the great whore. Let us see when some of the daughter churches were born:

Episcopalian—Henry the VIII—1534.
Lutheran—Martin Luther—1520.
Methodist—John Wesley—1739.
Presbyterian—John Calvin—1536.
Christian, and its branches later—Alexander Campbell—1827.
Congregational—Robert Brown—1580.

All the Protestant groups or religious sects of this day are harlots. Any group of people who came from or protested against the Catholic church which came into being during the 6th century, A. D., is a Protestant and a harlot because they are daughters of the whore.

5. Historical identity—V. 6. There is much said about the evil of dictatorship, communism, and other evil world powers, but let us call to mind the fact if you go to historical records that there has been more blood shed by the saints of the Lord Jesus Christ by the hands of Catholicism than by any of these other evil forces. For the verification of this fact, we take you to historical records. In every age when the truth of Gods Word stands out, there is the hand of Roman power ready to try and stop the works of God that Rome might have the glory through the Pope and his robed workers and garbed blackness of the very picture of sin and filth which is present.

6. Scriptural identity—V. 7-18.
John is told not to marvel for the woman is

to be revealed as to who she is. The beast which carries her is here identified—V. 8. The beast is Rome coming back into power after the fall down and worship the beast were the 144,000 Jews which shall be taken out of the great tribulation. Rev. 7.

The woman is seated on the seven mountains. This is none other than the city of Rome with the world rule being centered in Rome during this time.

The seven kings are not a mystery. They are fallen—Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon; Darius, the king of Media; Ahasuerus, king of Persia; Alexander the Great, the king of Greece; Caesar of Rome. One of these still is—which is the Roman power—and Rome is still yet to come in world strength.

Under this world Roman power there will be ten kings of the world receive recognition for a period of 1 hour. This is just enough to tell that they ruled but only to cause confusion and division. In the time of their reign, they did not have any authority, but had one name and that the power of Rome.

These kings who are here recognized cause the world to come against the Lord Jesus Christ. His coming under the Roman power. We see Jesus coming as King of Kings and Lord of Lords very soon now, for the destruction of the Spiritual Rome and Material Rome is drawing to a close.

The state or world power which the Catholic church has depended upon for support of schools, hospitals, and work will one day be the last moments of the tribulation period upon her and destroy her. This shall be by taking away of material support, for the beast shall eat her flesh, make her naked. The support of politics and state money was drawn from the Catholic church today, but would stand naked before the world, but shall not happen until the tribulation period. There are too many crooked politicians, money-grabbing people of our day to see to a state church power, that God will take of them in His own wrath.

Some may say, "Let's stop this thing." Remember that the world is in sin and rebellion to the truth of God's Word. God is going to use the evil power of Rome and the Catholic church to complete His final destruction of sin in the world before their casting in comes.

The Holy Spirit

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Verse 14 adds the reason: "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."

It is possible for us to have the mind of Christ and to understand the truths of God, but only through teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Guides Men

This does not mean that the Holy Spirit of God does not use men in our day. Surely the incident of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8) is evidence of the fact that there is need for a human preacher and a supernatural teacher. The preacher needs to be directed by the Holy Spirit. "Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, How can I except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him" (vv. 29-31). "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus" (v. 35).

The unsaved cannot know God except by the work and instruction of the Holy Spirit. The greatest needs of our day are an open Bible on the pulpit, a man of God behind the pulpit, and the Spirit of God making real to both preacher and hearers, by illumination, the meaning of that Word. We shall then have people in the pew who, day by day, recognize the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit.

The teacher is the Holy Spirit. The material to be taught is the Word of God. The method is

"comparing spiritual things with spiritual." The understanding and enlightenment come from the indwelling Holy Spirit.

It is tragically true that there may be well-educated and intelligent people who have listened to the highest apex of knowledge in this world, who could equal an Einstein in mathematics, or an Aristotle in philosophy, and yet with all this knowledge and wisdom know not God. They dimly apprehend certain facets of truth, but are never fully informed or transformed by it.

The Holy Spirit's filling is evidenced in the indwelt one being brought to an ever increasing understanding of the Scriptures with all their sanctifying power. The key to attainment of knowledge of the Word of God is a right relation to the Holy Spirit, that His teaching ministry may be unhindered. One who is not in right relationship to God cannot hope to make progress in spiritual truth. Men may know things which belong to human spheres, but the Spirit alone knows those things which belong to the sphere of God.

For example, Christ, the Master Teacher, joined Himself with two disciples on the Emmaus Road and taught them. "And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened unto us the scriptures? . . . Then opened He their understanding, that they

might understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:32-45).

The Holy Spirit Gives Assurance Of Salvation

Through the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit the believer is placed in the unique position of one who may be directly and inwardly taught by the great Educator, the Holy Spirit of God. The extent of this knowledge is practically unlimited. "Ye have an unction from the Holy One and ye know all things" (I John 2:20). "But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him" (I John 2:27).

Of the many things which He teaches, I would like to list some that are mentioned in the little book of I John:

"We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren" (3:14);

"Hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (2:3);

"Hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him" (3:19);

"Hereby we know that He abideth in us" (3:24);

"If we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (5:15);

We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not, but He that was begotten of God keepeth him" (5:18, R.V.);

"We know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him" (3:2).

These are but a few of the blessed certainties which come to those who are taught by the Holy Spirit.

Shakespeare says, "Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge the wing whereby we fly to Heaven." We may alter the lines to: "To know Christ is the blessing of God. By Him, the Spirit leads to God Himself."—The Pilot.

GOOD ADVICE FOR PREACHERS

When you enter the pulpit, make no apologies. If you have a message from God, deliver it, or hold your peace. Do not waste time by long prefaces, but say good things from the start, and do not keep on talking after you are done. Better to leave people

longing than loathing. Leave out of the pulpit, and take care in. Do not preach old sermons, without warming them over, never stop growing. Do not too much on one string, but the variety of the Bible. God take care of your reputation.

Paul kept the faith, but lost (Continued on page eight)

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MABEL CLEMENT

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"No, Mabel," he replied, "you are wrong this time, and I can prove it in half a minute."

"Prove it, then, without fail," said Mabel.

"Well, you will find the proof," he replied, "in James 2:24: 'Ye see, then, how that by *works* a man is justified, and not by *faith only*.'"

"It is very true," responded Mabel; "there is a sense in which we are not justified by faith alone, for we are justified by grace and blood, etc. But a sinner is justified before God by faith alone—by faith without any works."

"It is a flat contradiction of the Word of God," said the Doctor with considerable excitement, "and I reject it. You have come to the end of your rope and may as well stop."

"Not so fast and so positive, Doctor," replied Mabel firmly. "I will show you that a sinner is justified by faith *without works*. Turn to Rom. 4:4,5: 'Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.' Paul is speaking here of justifying the sinner; and he says: 'To him that worketh not'—that is, does not work at all, does not strike one lick of work, but simply believes without any work, his faith is counted for righteousness. Paul adds, 'David describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness *without works*,' Rom. 4:6. Notice it *without works*. Again, 'If Abraham was justified by works, he hath whereof to glory, but not before God.' James says Abraham and Rahab were justified by works; but he did not mean they were justified from their sins by works. This would be James versus Paul, Bible versus Bible, and it would make God contradict Himself. Paul declares again and again that men are not justified (that is, as sinners) by works. Gal. 2:16. And he solemnly avers men are justified by faith without works, Rom. 3:28. The Em Diaglott renders it: 'Man is justified by faith apart from works of law.' Works are lopped off and separated and faith stands alone as the means of justification. Thus I have made my point clear to all—sinners are justified by faith *without works*."

"But you have Paul contradicting James," said the Doctor, emphatically.

"No, no," said Mabel; "rather you have James contradicting Paul. In your great zeal for the doctrines you advocate, you have misinterpreted James. Paul deals with the question: How an unsaved sinner is justified before God, and says it is by faith without works. James contemplates the subject of justification *after* one professes conversion with reference to the inquiry: What kind of faith justifies, and how may we show that we have genuine faith. James 2:14 asks, 'Can faith save him?' Yes, faith can save him; every one that has ever been saved since the fall (infants and idiots excepted) has been saved by faith. No one was ever saved in any other way. But the Revised Version puts the question thus: 'Can that faith save him?' No! That faith—the faith that does not work—cannot save any one; it is not the right kind of faith; that saving faith always produces works and the faith that does not produce works is a dead faith: 'Show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works.' James 2:18."

"I wish to remind you," said the Doctor, "that Paul and James both refer to the same case to prove the doctrines they advocate. Paul refers to Abraham to show justification by faith; James refers to Abraham to show justification by works. Now, I am willing to divide the matter between them and say sinners are justified by faith and works. This is evidently the very best disposal we can make of the case, and I am sure it is the most common sense view."

"I am not willing," replied Mabel, "to leave Paul and James crossing swords and goring each other at all. They do not contradict each other; it is your unscriptural theory that puts them both to the worse and makes their testimony conflict and the one overthrow the other. It is true they both refer to Abraham; but they do not refer to the same act of Abraham. Paul refers to Abraham's believing, and says when he believed he was justified, just as Moses had said he believed in the Lord and it was counted unto him for righteousness. James refers to another act of Abraham which took place *forty years after* Abraham believed. He refers to the offering of Isaac, by which he *showed* he feared God and had faith in Him. Now, according to Moses and Paul, Abraham was a justified servant of God for *forty years*, following where the Lord led and doing what the Lord bade for *forty years*, before he did that by which James says he was justified by works, or by which he showed he had genuine, justifying faith. James' argument shows Abraham made his faith appear, showed he had a live, active, working faith by offering Isaac. So James quotes the very passage Paul relies on as expressing his views: 'And Abraham believed God and it was imputed unto him for righteousness.' The Doctor would make James, not only contradict Paul, but James also—almost in the same breath—declaring that Abraham was justified by faith and then bearing witness against his own statement. A dilemma surely for an inspired Apostle to fall into. So there is no discrepancy between Paul and James. When properly understood, they perfectly agree. Doctor, you

dare not say that Abraham would not have gone to Heaven if he had died during any of those forty years before he offered up his son Isaac?"

The Doctor was disconcerted. He forgot where he was, put a quid of tobacco into his mouth and began chewing vigorously and squirting the juice madly into the polished grate. The spectacle man took occasion, during the momentary lull in the discussion, to whisk his chair and evidence ecstatic delight.

"I see," said Arthur, holding the Greek lexicon in hand, "that justification and righteousness mean the same thing."

"That is true," replied Mabel; "and I would like all to notice it. The word that in the New Testament is translated justification is the same word that is translated righteousness. So in New Testament language, if a man is righteous, he is justified; if he is justified, he is righteous. Let this fact be kept in mind, for there are a score of passages that represent the believer as righteous, and that means he is justified."

"Another strong point scored," said Mr. Tibbs.

"Now, I am ready," continued Mabel, "to prove by passage after passage that the penitent believer is justified: 'Be is known unto you that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins and by Him *all that believe are justified*.' Acts 13:38, 39. 'Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all that believe.' Rom. 3:22. 'That He might be just and the Justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.' Rom. 3:26. 'Seeing it is one God which shall justify the circumcision by faith and the uncircumcision through faith.' Rom. 3:30. 'Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the works of the law.' Rom. 3:28. 'But to him that *worketh not*, but *believeth* on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.' Rom. 4:5. These passages are too plain for comment. Read also the following like passages: Rom. 4:3,23,24—5:1; 10:4; Gal. 2:16; 3:24; Phil. 3:9. These passages are all very explicit and prove conclusively that faith in Christ is the hinge on which turns the justification of a sinner. No one can read these passages, with an unbiased mind, and not believe that the believer in Christ is a pardoned, justified, righteous man. I have noted some twelve or fifteen texts and might find many more. In fact, there are whole chapters that I might read as confirming this doctrine. But, perhaps, no corroboration would more firmly establish my position; it is a point clearly, indisputably made out. I do not see how any candid man who has read these passages and many others similar to them can doubt that the one who believes in Jesus is justified! The plain truth is he cannot doubt without making God a liar."

"That's so," said Brother Jones, "that's so, sure. I never saw anything plainer. I'm a-thinkin' you'll be the death of the Christian church here, if you keep on, for it's mighty plain you are right."

Though the Scriptures read by Mabel had a crushing effect, the climax was not reached till this blunt speech of the Campbellite brother. Dr. Stanly was so thoroughly disconcerted that he could not rally his failing courage to an effort to hold up his sinking cause. It was amusing at this point to see the triumphant air of the spectacle man, with what sovereign contempt he regarded the tumbling fabric of Campbellism, and the ungovernable joy he exhibited.

"You decide then," inquired an auditor, "that baptism has nothing to do with justification?"

"Nothing whatever," replied Mabel, "except to formally declare one justified."

"Even Mr. Campbell does not put baptism among the things by which sinners are justified," said Arthur. "I am perfectly convinced by the Word of God that persons are justified by faith before, and hence without, baptism."

The Campbellite fraternity were shocked to hear one of their own members speak as did Arthur Manly; but they could not say aught against it, seeing it was sustained by the Bible. It was all very strange. They had been tutored to believe that they themselves were the only people under the sun that were governed by the Bible and the Bible alone. But lo! Baptist sentiments were being sustained by the Bible and the Bible alone. What a surprise! The Baptists, forsooth, were governed by the Bible as well as themselves! It was stunning to think Baptist doctrines are in the Bible.

The meeting adjourned till 8 the next evening. Although this was Saturday the people were eager to go on with the discussion which was now at white heat. And the town was all agog with the matter. Many felt that their religious foothold was crumbling from beneath them, but were loath to admit it. Mr. and Mrs. Clement slept little, ate little, talked little; but thought a great deal. The Scripture was being fulfilled which says "God chooses the weak things of the world to confound the mighty."

Arthur Manly had about concluded that, while there are real Christian people in the Campbellite Church, yet real Campbellism is a set of external rules without spiritual life or power. Mr. Morgan in heart was shaky, but he preserved a bold front. The more his faith was shaken, the more positive were his assertions.

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"God's Blood Bank"

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Repentance

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saviour.

Still Another Error Concerning Repentance

Some suppose that what we might call "legal repentance" is true repentance, but it is not. That's the kind Judas had. (Matt. 27:3). Legal repentance is brought about through fear of the consequences of wrong doing. If such fear were removed, the individual would be completely at rest.

What Takes Place When One Truly Repents In The Bible Sense?

1. One sees himself a sinner. So long as a person has the attitude "I am not such a bad fellow — not half as bad as some hypocritical church members," he has not repented.

2. One comes to have a godly sorrow for sin. He is led to grieve that he has sinned against God, such that he regrets and abhors his sin.

3. One's attitude toward sin changes such that he is led to turn from it. No one repents while continuing to justify his behavior, or while going right on in that wrong course of behavior. An excellent illustration of repentance is given by Jesus in Matt. 21:29. The son so belligerently resentful of his father's command, changes his attitude, and turns and does what he has been told to do. He was sorry he had so treated his father, he recognized his wrong course of behavior, and was led to turn from it. This was INWARD — his sorrow and change of attitude, but it led to an OUTWARD ACT. He "brought forth fruit worthy of repentance."

Is Repentance Purely Human?

No. Like faith, repentance is the gift of God. See Acts 5:31; 11:18; II Tim. 2:24,25. Boasting is excluded here also, for repentance proceeds from God.

Much Present Day "Acceptance Of Christ" Leaves Repentance Out

In many evangelistic campaigns people are induced to make superficial professions of faith. They chatter off the expression, "I accept Jesus as my personal Saviour" and are baptized, then keep right on living the same life, doing the same things, as formerly. What's wrong? There has been no deep consciousness of sin and condemnation in the sight of God because of it, and there has been no inward grief or turning from sin. When Jesus saves it is FROM SIN! No one has been saved from sin, when he steadfastly CONTINUES therein. The Lord does not convict of sin where there is no preaching against sin. The preacher who is afraid to "go down the line against sin" will not have his congregation disturbed because of personal sinfulness. And people never feel their need of a Saviour, unless they come to comprehend the truth that they are LOST! Churches as worldly as the Devil wants them to be—and there are plenty of them—are so, because they are filled with unsaved members. They are full of unsaved members because those members were never led to genuine repentance. Had they been they would have quit their meanness. We need re-emphasized the teaching, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise PERISH!"

Priest Expelled

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the United Nations with its authority to prevent Russia from expelling a priest.

We rejoice that no one can expel our great High Priest from His sanctuary (Heb. 8:1,2). He is always accessible. And He, and He alone, can grant "absolution" to believers of all nations (I John 1:9).

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Did You Forget?

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sues of this paper and I am glad to say that that several of our friends have responded sacrificially and nobly in our behalf. But, how about you? Did you forget?

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Your brother in Christ,

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Well, I wish that we might have an encouraging letter from you too within the next few days, with an offering which God has laid on your heart to give, and a personal testimony from you as to what this paper may mean to you.

If God enables you to do so, then, PLEASE, DON'T FORGET US!

"God's Blood Bank"

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mountain. When they got there, Isaac said, "Father, we have made a terrible blunder. Here's the wood and here's the fire, but where is the sacrifice for the burnt offering?" Abraham said, "My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for the offering." They went on up to the top of the mountain, and I can see them as they put Isaac upon that altar. Just as Abraham takes a knife in his hand and is about to sever the jugular vein in Isaac's throat, which would send his soul out into eternity, that he might use his body and his blood as a sacrificial offering to Almighty God—as he was standing there ready to cut Isaac's throat, an unseen hand reached down out of the heavens and caused that knife to fall harmlessly to the ground. Abraham looked behind him and saw a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. He took that ram and offered it up instead of his son as a sacrifice to God. The son went free because the ram's blood was spilled in his stead.

Now, beloved, let me tell you of a scene ten thousand times ten thousand times greater and grander than that. Let me tell you of a scene that beggars this in every particular. Let me tell you of the time when God's Son came to Calvary and how God stood there and looked down and saw His Son upon the Cross of Calvary. Beloved, when Jesus Christ hung from the Cross of Calvary, there wasn't any hand that intervened to tear His hands loose from the Cross. Instead, beloved, the Word of God tells us that all of His friends that had stood by Him through His ministry, now turned

their backs and fled away in cowardice. The angels who had ministered to Him so graciously just a little while before in the garden, now took wings and flew away to other worlds. Even the Father Himself hid His face from Him to the extent that Jesus cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" As He hung there on that Cross, all that He could do was to clench the nails that held Him to the cross a little tighter, as the pain leaped along the arteries of His body and as the blood flowed out from His body. I ask you, beloved, why did it take place? It was just exactly as we find in the book of Genesis. God used a ram as a substitute instead of Abraham's son. So God is accepting a substitute, His Son, instead of you and me. Thus, the elect of Almighty God, shall be saved by blood, and blood only.

Let's notice another instance of God's blood bank.

"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you."

—Ex. 12:13.

This took place some 1500 years before Jesus Christ was born, approximately 3500 years ago, and at that time the children of Israel in the land of Egypt were under condemnation. The firstborn in every home was to die. God had pronounced a wholesale condemnation upon the first born in that land. The only remedy was that if they were to kill a lamb and take the blood of that lamb and strike it on the door posts and the lintel above the door, the firstborn within that home would be saved. The father in the home, acting as a high priest for that home, would take a lamb and kill it and take the hyssop and dip it into the blood from the lamb as it died, and would strike the doorposts and the lintel above the door. Then God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." You'll notice that He did not say that when He saw that a Jew lived there, he would pass by. He didn't say that when He saw that he was a good man, He would pass by. He didn't say that when He would see a flock of sheep tied in the front yard, He would pass by, but rather, He said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

I say to you, beloved, God has only one way to save you. He doesn't say, "When I see that you are a Baptist, I will pass you by." He never has said, "When I see you are a church member, I will pass you by." He never has said, "When I see that you have reformed and turned over a new leaf, I will pass you by." He never has said that He will pass you by because of anything that you do, but rather, He has said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."

Let's notice again:
"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ DIED for us. Much more then, being now justified by his BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through him."

—Rom. 5:8,9.

We are not justified by works, nor by anything that we do, but we are justified by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no way that anyone will ever go to Heaven except by the blood-shedding of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"And without shedding of BLOOD is no remission."

—Heb. 9:22.

How many sins are remitted without the shedding of blood? Not one. How many sins are remitted with the shedding of blood? All of them. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.

Notice again:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious BLOOD of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18,19.

Thank God, our redemption was not brought about by anything that we do. Our redemption was not brought about by silver and

gold. Silver and gold might redeem a man that was held captive, but it could never effect your ransom. The sacrifice of an angel or of an innumerable multitude of the heavenly host could never effect your ransom or your redemption. But thank God, Jesus Christ gave Himself that He might become a ransom for our sins.

Notice again:

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

—Rev. 7:13,14.

Beloved, if you ever walk on the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, if you ever wear the white robes of the redeemed, it will be because you have washed your robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Thank God for that old song, which says:

"What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood;

What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood.

What can pay sin's old back debt?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood;

What can make me a Christian yet?
Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood."

Thank God for God Almighty's blood bank which is ours in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!

I Should Like To Know

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8. Should unsaved persons tithe?

Yes. In Matt. 23:23, Jesus commended the Pharisees for their tithing. Verse 33 of the same chapter declares, they were unsaved, for it says: "How can ye escape the damnation of Hell?" Though unsaved, Jesus said to

them concerning tithing, "These ought ye to have done" (Matt. 23:23).

9. What is the least number that can be organized into a church?

The Master started with four. Read Matt. 4:18-22. I think right there was the beginning of the First Baptist Church, the world ever saw. Possibly it would be all right to organize with even two. Read Matt. 18:20.

10. Can a church Scripturally authorize any one else to baptize except an ordained minister?

This is a debated question. H. Boyce Taylor said "No." Other great preachers agree with him. Still others differ. Personally, I think a church can authorize a deacon to baptize. So far as I know Philip was never ordained except as a deacon. Cf. Acts 6:1-6. Yet he baptized. Cf. Acts 36-39. Remember, no immersion is baptism unless authorized by a church. If a church authorized a deacon to administer the ordinance, I would see no objection to it. However, be sure the baptism is all ways authorized by a local church.

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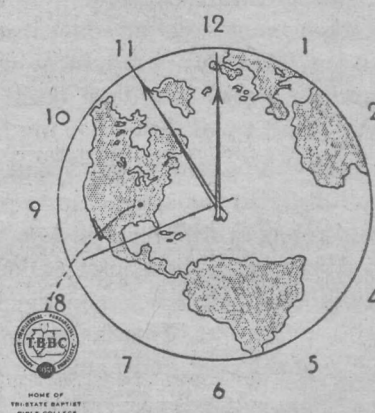
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head, but God will give it to him, gloriously crowned. A falling star may rise again; but people for not liking you—perhaps you do not like yourself well. Blame them for not loving Jesus. Do not run away from your hearers; and do not scream, too much noise drowns sense.

Empty vessels ring loudest, when a man is empty, he yells. Powder is not shot, thunder is not lightning. Ye are not a preacher, no matter how hands have been laid upon you, unless you know the truth, are anointed by the Holy Spirit. Do not scold. Be a friend to sinners, but not of sin. Always preach as well as you can, do your best for those who come on rainy days. Christ preached marvelously to one woman at night, well, and to one rabbi at night. —Selected

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME!

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep."—Rom. 13:11.



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