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

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The Right And Wrong Way For Churches

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is just as blameworthy.

THE ROYAL WAY. Church and state have often been connected, and temporal rulers have also become spiritual rulers. For instance the head of the Church of England is the Queen. Nice lady though she is, there is no Scripture warrant for a ruler of a country being the head of a church. Union of church and state is a fearful evil, and one that has produced trouble of all sorts.

THE EPISCOPAL WAY. "Episcopal" Churches are churches ruled by bishops. The New Testament (Continued on page four)

How can we reconcile the words of David in II Sam. 22:21-25 with his confession of sin in Psa. 51?

In the former passage, David speaks of his life as a whole and as to its main trend. In the main, David did keep the ways of the Lord. It is the same with every saved person. Every saved person sins, but he does not practice sin (I John 3:9), sin does not have dominion over him (Rom. 6:14). David did commit a grievous sin with Bathsheba (and it is this sin that he confesses in Psa. 51), but he did not continue in this sin.

stances. But His relation to sin is different from His relation to righteousness. The latter is accomplished by the efficient working of His power. The former He decreed not to prevent for reasons that are fully known to Him alone. In II Sam. 24:1 we have simply the sovereignty of God applied to an evil thing. This came to pass according to God's eternal purpose, but Satan and David caused it. The same principle applies to the crucifixion of Christ (Acts 2:23; 4:27) and to all sin.

What does water signify in I John 5:6,8?

I think it refers to the baptism of Jesus, by which (together with the witness of the Spirit) He came to be recognized as the Son of God. Mind you, He did not become the Son of God at baptism; but only came to be known as such to men. The event simply bore witness to a fact.

Is the Pentecostal tongues movement scriptural?

No; it is purely of the devil. It is the outgrowth of shallow, ignorant emotionalism. Those who spoke in tongues in New Testament (Continued on page two)

There are various theories concerning how a church should be operated, and most of these grow out of a failure to carefully study the Bible. Let us note some of the wrong ways churches are run, then let us note the Scriptural way.

THE HEIRARCHICAL WAY. The Roman Catholic Church is under the dominance of a hierarchy, headed by the pope. A great religious-political machine governs the millions embraced in the Catholic fold. There is not the slightest Scripture warrant for a hierarchy. It is composed of a bunch of pompous ecclesiastics

who get honor and glory and wealth from the masses. The Lord never meant that there should be any big, high-brow ecclesiastics. "One is your Master, even Christ and all ye are brethren," said Jesus. From the time the "medicine man" of ancient days plied his graft, men have been exploiting people in the name and under the guise of religion. Heathen religions had "priests" (medicine men) and they hoodwinked and fooled people for what they could get out of them. A "heirarchy"

What Others Have Said Of The Grace Of God

"God is able to make all GRACE abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."—II Cor. 9:8.

A Big Little Word

Grace is one of the great words of the New Testament and calls for special emphasis. Let us notice what it includes: G. R. A. C. E. Grace means gift as the principle, redemption as the purpose, access as the privilege, character as the product, and eternity as the prospect. Let us constantly glory in "the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24).

—W. H. Griffith Thomas

Grace

"All of grace" — from base to summit,
Grace on every course and stone,
Grace in planning, rearing, crowning,
Sovereign grace, and grace alone!
"All of grace" — for useless strivings
Perfect pardon's sweet content!
Life and light for death and darkness!
"All of grace," omnipotent.
"Grace for grace," and "grace sufficient,"
"Grace abounding," "Grace that reigns,"
Grace, the guarantee of glory!
Grace, grace! grace! How sweet the strains!"
—Thomas Spurgeon

More To Follow

Rowland Hill used to tell about a rich man and a poor man in his congregation. The rich man desired to do an act of benevolence, and so he sent a sum of money to a friend to give to this poor man as he thought best.

The friend just sent him five pounds, and said in the note: "This is yours. Use it wisely. There is more to follow." After a while he sent another five

pounds and said, "More to follow." Again and again he sent money to the poor man, always with the cheering words, "More to follow." So it is with the wonderful grace of God. There is always "more to follow."
—D. L. Moody

Sufficient Grace

The other evening, I felt sore, worried, and depressed, when swiftly and suddenly that text came to me, "My grace is sufficient for thee." I looked it up in the original, and it came to me this way, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and I said, "I should think it is, Lord," and burst out laughing. I never fully understood what the holy laughter of Abraham really was until then. It was as though some little fish, being thirsty, was troubled about drinking the river dry, and Father Thames said, "Drink away, little fish, my stream is sufficient for thee." Or, is seemed like a little mouse, after the seven years of plenty, fearing it might die of famine, and Joseph might say, "Cheer up, little mouse; my granaries are sufficient for thee." Again I imagined a man on a high mountain saying to himself, "I breathe so many cubic feet of air each year, I fear I shall exhaust the oxygen in the atmosphere," but the earth might say, "Breathe away, O man, and fill the lungs, for my atmosphere is sufficient for thee." Oh, brethren, be great believers! Little faith will bring your souls to Heaven, but great faith will bring Heaven to your souls.
—C. H. Spurgeon



It is still time to remember "THE BAPTIST EXAMINER" with a Thanksgiving offering that is commensurate with the blessings you have received thereby.

Speaking of the blessings, I am sure that our readers are blessed each week by this paper. Many are the letters we get from our readers, telling of the blessings which they have received. The following is a sample.

"You can understand why I am so faithful to your paper and Sunday radio sermons. They have been a blessing to me. In the year or so I have been following your line of thought, I have grown stronger in the Faith, and am completely sure that the Baptist church was founded by Christ and that our doctrine is the only one that will accept every precept of the Bible. All others must add, subtract, or deny some of it, if they are true to their church doctrine."
—R. G. PATTERSON, Crown City, Ohio

With this letter came a much appreciated offering. I am satisfied that there are many just like Brother Patterson who have been strengthened spiritually, and who are better Baptists as a result of reading this paper.

Believing thus, I am only too (Continued on page two)

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

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Would Our Lord Jesus Attend A School Prom?

By
RUTH GILPIN

Of recent date, I have been asked by several young Christians in high school whether or not a Christian—God's own child whom He has saved from the penalty of his sin, should attend the Junior-Senior prom that is scheduled at the end of this 1955-1956 school year term. If not, why not? Christian friends, I am most happy to defend my stand against all dances in a detailed explanation as to why the testimony of a young man or woman who professes to have trusted in the blood of the Lord Jesus as the payment of his or her sin debt and claims to be living consecratedly to the Lord in His service, would certainly be ruined, and that this professing child of God would surely lose fellowship with the Lord until He has forgiven this one. I can only point you to my Lord Jesus and say, "Friend, are you truly convinced that our Lord would attend such an evident snare of Satan's, that He would engage in this act of entanglement that leads to the stimulation of fleshly appeals, the breaking-down of morals, and ultimately great sin in action, that He would thus yoke unnecessarily with unbelievers and lose the testimony of his sinless ministry? No, one thousand times no! What would the Lord do? Would He approve of my going to dances? Let us read from His word and learn His commands regarding this matter.

First, let us note what He has commanded for His own in service unto Him. We read in I John 2:15,16 — "Love not the world,

neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." Don't you agree that dancing is a worldly action, built upon the lust of the flesh, and caters only to the growth of the fleshly emotions? Christians, the Lord says that His children must not love this old world and its attractions. And in II Corinthians 6:14-17, He tells us again that we as His own redeemed are to be separate and to live apart from the world. We read: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." James tells us likewise in James 4:4 — "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Christians, you can NOT love the Lord and walk in sweet fellowship with Him until you forsake the sinful and Satanic pleasures of this world. There is no happiness contained in the world's offer to a Christian, no inward peace and joy is to be found, and you will certainly not be blessed of the Lord while compromising with the world and pretending to serve Him wholeheartedly. I beg of you, young people who profess to have been bought by the blood of the Lord Jesus, to forsake the temporary glitter and glamour of the world and crown the Lord Jesus as Master and Ruler of your life. This relation- (Continued on page four)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"Family Religion"

"The whole family in heaven." —Eph. 3:15.

Sometime ago, J. Edgar Hoover made a statement that I thought was very unusual, especially since it came from the head of the FBI. He said, in substance, the families that pray together, stay together. I don't know why he said it, nor under what conditions he made the statement that was contained in that particular message; however, it was a very arresting statement to me, and I have thought much of it within the

last several weeks since reading it. I ask you to ponder it very carefully — the families that pray together, stay together — and I believe, beloved, that that is definitely and positively true. I am satisfied that when father, mother and children meet together once a day and read God's Word and bow in prayer, that such a family is bound to stay together.

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EVERY HOME SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SAFEGUARDED AS TO ITS RELIGIOUS IN-

TERESTS. Those of you who are parents naturally realize the responsibility of providing for the welfare of your home from a material standpoint. Every one of you mothers and fathers realize that there is a tremendous responsibility that evolves itself upon you to provide for the maintenance of your home. I mean by that, the clothing, the food, the rent, and all the other necessities that have to be taken care of in order that your home might be maintained. However, (Continued on page two)

THANKS GOD FOR ACCIDENT

During World War I, William Francis, 61, of Riverhead, N. Y., had a shell burst near him; and shortly after, lost his sight. He is a widower; and operates a newsstand in the Suffolk County Courthouse. Recently, he was riding in a car driven by the courthouse superintendent. While stopped for a (Continued on page two)

A BETTER SALOON

"You might as well talk of a better rotten egg, a better highway robber, a better thief, a better bum, a better gambler, a better case of measles, typhoid fever, small pox, a better place to commit murder, robbery, or any other shameless crime!" — National Voice. (Copied by Bro. S. David Sikes).

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I Should Like To Know

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ment days were saying something (I Cor. 14), but modern Pentecostals simply jabber. The average Pentecostal is too ignorant to speak the English tongue intelligently, not to mention any other tongue. Most of them have a gossiping tongue, however. If modern Pentecostal tongues were of the Spirit, then Pentecostals would obey Paul's injunctions to (1) Speak one at a time (I Cor. 14:26). (Continued on page four)



Accident

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red light, a car rammed into their car. The blind man's head was violently dashed against the windshield.

"I felt as if something went into my left eye. I began to see out of it that night in the Mather Hospital," he said.

"I went home the next day, and all that night, I kept turning on lights. I could see them!"

A Riverhead eye specialist said, "It could be that the shock of the head injury helped his sight."

"I'm so happy I am almost crazy," exclaimed Francis. "I can see!" All I could do before was to hear footsteps; now I can see God's light. It is wonderful! Praise God!"

"Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun," said the wise man of old (Eccl. 11:7).

It is a wonderful thing for a person to behold the sun; but it is much more wonderful for one to behold the Son Who said: "I am come a Light into the world, that whosoever believeth in Me should not abide in darkness." (John 12:46).

It comes as a great shock to the average person to discover he is blind spiritually and cannot see where he is going.

What a joy to turn to the Lord in faith and be able to say: "I can see that God loves me—Christ died and rose for me—He is now in the glory representing me—He will come again and take me, along with all others who have trusted Him to the Father's house, the place of many mansions. Blessed be His name!"



Remember

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happy to ask our friends to share with us the financial obligations which arise from this printed ministry. Anyone who will stop and consider, will realize that it is impossible to print this paper and mail it at the price we charge a year. Yet, we believe, it's God's Will that the price remain as it is, for we feel sure that God will always raise up friends who will help us to pay the deficit incurred in printing it. Through the years, He has never failed us, and we know that He will not fail us now.

Of course, our enemies are ready to criticize me for asking our friends for this Thanksgiving offering—or for any offering. One of them recently wrote:

"You have a crew of eight or more

people running the shop and must have a large shop and a profitable one to have that many employees. In other shops that size, the owner would be well paid for his services."

Yes, I guess it's true that in a shop the size of ours the owner would be well paid for his services. At the same time, he would not be sending our thousands of copies of The Baptist Examiner each week to be a blessing to others. He would not be sending out free of charge, multiplied thousands of pieces of tracts and Christian literature every year.

I am sure that if we wanted to use our shop as a money making commercial venture that we could do so. Yet, this it not the purpose for which our shop exists. My wife and I both work hard every day and yet, between us, take from the shop weekly, a salary less than that which the average stenographer makes per week. If our enemies want to criticize, they are at liberty to do so, but when we stand face to face at the Judgment Bar of God, they will know who has sacrificially served the Lord relative to The Baptist Examiner.

In contrast to the criticism of some who are not friendly to our paper, we rejoice to print the following:

Dear Brother Gilpin:

It's really a pleasure as well as a duty to send you this check (\$20.00), that you may continue with the Examiner and give your best to God's work.

If the people would only read your paper with an open mind, they will surely get closer to the straight and narrow way.

—OLIN R. CAMPBELL, Philippi, W. Va.

Well, we thank God for the privilege of sending forth the paper and for friends who desire to support it. Our deficit is smaller this year than for the last four years and at the same time our contributions at this Thanksgiving season have likewise been considerably smaller. Of course, this is being written a few days prior to Thanksgiving. However, as of today, we show a deficit of approximately \$900.00 for the year. May it please God to lay it upon the hearts of many of our readers to send us even yet, a Thanksgiving offering—one that will be commensurate with the blessings received from reading the paper.



"Family Religion"

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I am afraid sometimes that when mothers and fathers have provided a roof over their family's heads, have provided food on the table, have provided clothes for the children to wear, and possibly have provided for the educational welfare of the children, they think that they have done all that God expects them to do. I would like to remind you, beloved friends, both from the Old Testament and the New, that you need to take care of more than the material needs of your family. The Word of God makes it definitely clear that every home should be carefully safeguarded from a religious standpoint. Listen:

"But if any PROVIDE NOT FOR HIS OWN, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is WORSE THAN AN INFIDEL."—I Tim. 5:8.

We usually think that infidelity is one of the worst things that a man can be guilty of—that it is one of the worst sins that any man may at any time be accused of, but the Apostle Paul says that there is something that is worse than infidelity, and that is when he fails to provide for his own family. Somebody might argue that Paul was speaking about material things and about the care of one's own household from a material standpoint. Be that as it may, beloved, I believe that this is just as true spiritually as it is materially, that God's child needs to provide for the spiritual life of his home just the same as he provides for the material life. When a man has provided for the education of his children, for their clothing comforts, and for food for his family, he has not in any wise at

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

MEMORY VERSE:

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

INTRODUCTION:

There is an oft-repeated question: "Why four gospels, four stories about Christ?" Each of the writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, present a different phase of His life. Matthew wrote particularly for the Jews, and presented Jesus as their King. Mark wrote for the Romans and presented Jesus as a Servant. Luke wrote for the Gentiles and emphasized the humanity of Christ. John wrote for all Christians, emphasizing the Divinity of our Saviour.

There is no conflict in the four accounts, but how could there be when it is all inspired by the same Holy Spirit? Just as there were four rivers in the Garden of Eden, flowing from the one source (Gen. 2:10), so the four Gospels are inspired by the only Holy Spirit. Cf. II Tim. 3:16; II Pet. 1:21. Thus we have four accounts of the life of Christ, written by four different pens, sometimes presenting different incidents in His life, and yet He is always the same Christ. Cf. Heb. 13:8. Before Charles I of England would permit a sculptor to carve a life-like statue of him, he had three portraits painted (front view, and right and left profile). With these views, the sculptor could carve with accuracy. Just so with these Gospel portraits of Jesus.

As we study Matthew's Gospel, let us remember that he is writing particularly for the Jews. Therefore, we shall find many quotations from the Old Testament since he is writing to folk familiar with the Old Testament, and he wishes to prove to them that Jesus of Nazareth is really the Messiah of Jewish prophecy.

1. Christ's Genealogy. Mt. 1:1-17.

Christ was born of sinful forefathers and ancestors. Abraham and Isaac were liars (Gen. 12:11-15; Gen. 26:7); Jacob was a thief (Gen. 27:30); Judas (vs. 3) was an adulterer (Gen. 38:17); Pharez was born out of wedlock (Gen. 38:16-30) Rahab (vs. 5) was an adulteress (Joshua 2:1); David's escapades of sin are well remembered. And thus, with many of His ancestors.

Yet, Christ was sinless. Cf. II Cor. 5:21; I Pet. 1:18,19. His sinless life was a miracle.

Herein is a hint that we would do well not to pride ourselves too much of our ancestors. If you look far enough, you will find a skelton of sin in every family closet.

This is another proof of the inspiration of the Scriptures. If I were writing a book, I would never tell that the ancestors of my hero were liars, thieves, adulterers, and adulteresses. But when God guides the pen, He presents the facts as they are.

In this genealogy, Matthew names four women: Thamar (vs. 3), Rachab (vs. 5), Ruth (vs. 5), and

all discharged his duties for his family — if he fails to provide for them from a spiritual standpoint, he thereby denies the faith and is worse than an infidel.

"When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a BATTLEMENT FOR THY ROOF that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from thence."—Deut. 22:8.

This is one of the sundry explanations and instructions that Moses gives to the children of Israel when they were encamped in the plains before the Jordan River, just before they entered into the land of Canaan after their forty years in the wilderness. God, in giving them various and sundry instructions, tells them about the fact that when they get over into Canaan they were going to be building new houses, and He said, "Whenever you build a new house, you are to put a battlement around the roof."

You understand, beloved, when they built their houses in Palestine, they built them differently from what we build today. In Palestine, they built their houses with a flat roof, and with a stairway going up on the outside, so that at the close of the day they would go up on their roof and sit, just like you would go at the close of the day and sit on your front porch.

God told them that whenever they built a house, they must remember to put a battlement around the roof, or a banister, so that when someone was on the roof he would not fall off. In other words, that battlement, or banister, was to preserve, or

safeguard, the life of some individual, and thus keep someone from falling thence to his death and destruction.

Well, beloved, as that was the instruction as to the building of a material home when the children of Israel got into Canaan, I think that it can be likewise very aptly applied to the spiritual life of every home. If it were necessary for a Jew to put a banister around his roof to keep individuals from falling to their death and destruction, how much more important is it that we put a spiritual battlement around our homes, so that we might safeguard the spiritual life of our home. I say to you, beloved, if a man were to build a battlement, or a banister, around his roof to keep individuals from falling therefrom, and thus to save their physical lives, surely an individual ought to be even more careful about the spiritual life of his own home.

In fact, the Word of God tells us over and over again that we ought to be careful that we teach our children and those that come into our homes, the things concerning the Word of God. Listen:

"Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but TEACH THEM thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may

the wife of Urias (vs. 6). Only one, Ruth, was chaste. The other three were adulteresses. This seems to prophesy that their Descendant would preach a gospel of mercy to the fallen.

These fallen women magnify the grace of God. It is wonderful what God's grace can make of one when that one is saved. The grace of God truly changes lives.

This genealogy tells how God preserved the appointed line of descent. Through all national changes, with the nation in captivity or in glory, God preserved His people that the promises might be fulfilled. Every person in this genealogy, whether wicked or devout, was a link in the chain of providences which worked out God's plan of redemption.

II. Christ Born, Not Begotten. Mt. 1:16.

There is an important change in the wording of verse 16 over the preceding 15 verses. All others were begotten by natural generation. Jesus was not begotten, but was born.

Verse 16 also tells us His name. Jesus was His earthly name, while Christ is the title of His office. The word "Christ" means "anointed," and corresponds to the word "Messiah" of the Old Testament. Some Christian people contend that we ought to be called by the name of our Saviour, namely, "Christians," but in calling themselves thus, they are called by His title rather than His name. If one is to be called by His name, that name would be "Jesus" for Jesus is His name, while Christ is His title or office.

III. The Virgin Birth. Mt. 1:18-25.

As previously stated, Jesus was born and not begotten. Since sin came by woman, it was fitting that woman should produce a Saviour from sin. Jesus had no earthly father, but was born of the Holy Spirit by Mary. There are at least four reasons for the virgin birth:

1. Joseph knew Mary not until after Jesus' birth.
2. The virgin birth is prophesied through all the Old Testament. Cf. Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14.
3. The Holy Spirit declares that Christ was virgin born. Vs. 18-20).
4. The penalty of stoning was imposed upon every one guilty of adultery. Cf. Lev. 20:10. Since Mary was not stoned, this proves that her friends believed that Jesus was virgin born, and not born through adultery.

IV. Christ's Work. Matthew 1:21.

Christ came with only one work to do, namely, to save the people from their sins. Cf. Luke 19:10, I Tim. 1:15; Mt. 9:12,13. He saves from the guilt and penalty of sin, which is justification. Cf. Eph. 2:8-10. He saves from the love of sin, which is sanctification. Cf. Phil. 2:12,13. He saves us from the presence of sin, by raising up perfect bodies from the grave, which is glorification. Cf. Rom. 13:11. All three phases of salvation are discussed in II Cor. 1:10. Then by this text, it is not baptism, church membership, nor the works of the flesh which save. Rather, this is the work of Jesus.

learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may TEACH THEIR CHILDREN."—Deut. 4:9, 10.

Here, beloved, is the statement that God gave through Moses, that Moses and the children of Israel were to teach their children, and their children's children, so that all down through the ages their children might be thoroughly instructed concerning the things of the Word of God. If it were necessary that the Jews instruct their children throughout all days to come, how much more necessary is it that you and I in this modern Twentieth Century do the same thing today. Surely, beloved, if you have children in your home, it is just as obligatory and as necessary to teach your children the things of the Word of God, as it was for the Jew to teach his children back there 1500 years before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity: For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God? Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well."—I Tim. 3:4, 5, 12.

These verses are the qualifications of both elders and deacons. It tells us concerning a preacher that he is to rule his own house, and if he doesn't know how to rule his own house, how will he be able to take care of the church of God? What's true concerning a preacher is (Continued on page three)

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Two Fine Letters From

Missionary John Hatcher

AND WE JOURNEY ON

After leaving Savannah, we had lovely weather except for a couple of days. We got some of the wind and rough seas from the hurricanes. On September 16 we passed by the island of Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Each day is much the same as far as schedule is concerned. We eat, sleep, tea, read, play cards, sleep, etc.

Sunday the 18th, we had a short preaching service at which time we preached on the sacrifices of the tabernacle, pointing out their significance in the ministry of Christ. Sunday afternoon we passed by land most of the time and anchored in the harbor of Trinidad about midnight.

Monday the 19th, due to the fact that they did not refuel during the night it was possible to get shore leave for a couple of hours. Here we had only time to see the town by taxi and to go through part of the Botanical gardens, one of the finest. Of

course, Trinidad is noted for its rum above all else, and we were not without the affects of "king rum" since it took about three days for all of it to get through the seamen. From September 20 to 24, we had lovely sailing weather as we traveled through the Caribbean Sea and down the northern coast of South America.

On Sunday, September 25, we dropped anchor at 2:45 in the Belem harbor, at which time a tug pulled along side and there came aboard, what seemed to be, dozens of customs officials and their "yes men" to check all papers and to get their hand out of cigarettes, beer, and whiskey, which they require before approving the papers that the ship steward has for them. Here my passport was checked and stamped. After my papers were stamped one of the customs men asked if I had any whiskey. This only too sadly tells the tale of graft in this vast country. I will write more on the entering of the Ama-

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Hunter Learning Customs And The Language Of Peru

Dear Bro. Overbey:

I am writing again to you and to the people who read MISSION SHEETS in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are all fine at the present time. We also are happy and enjoy ourselves here. Although I cannot speak everything in Spanish, there are many words that I can understand, more than I can speak. I find the pronunciation to be the most difficult. There are many people here who want to help us. There is a Chinese man who said that any item he could help me he would be glad to. He has a store and I bought some things from him. He gave me a discount on them. There is also a man who is a policeman here, and he comes to my house often. He wants to learn English, so I am helping him and in return he helps me with Spanish. Talking to others and hearing them talk helps with

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R. P. Hallum And Family Arrive Safely In U. S.

Elder H. H. Overbey:

Dear Brother in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to all the Churches and Brethren that have supported Baptist Faith Missions of which I, my wife, and daughter have been sustained as Missionaries in Peru during the last nine years. We believe it to be appropriate at this time to say something about our relations with Baptist Faith Missions, as so far as we can judge we are retiring from the work as active workers in Peru.

First: As to treatment by the members of the Board of Directors of the Mission, we must say that we have received the kindest and most considerate treatment that I could ask for. There has been scarcely no friction between the members and us for these nine years; on the other hand we have received full support spiritually and financially by president, secretary, and treasurer, and I believe by the churches and individuals that have supported the mission.

As to receiving monthly salaries, the secretary, H. H. Overbey, and treasurer, Z. E. Clark, sent checks always at least one month in advance.

As to the amount of salaries, I have never tried to set or name amount of salaries that we were to receive. After we had been elected as Missionaries, Brother H. H. Overbey asked me if after having received \$150.00 month for the three of us, would \$225.00 be all right. I replied yes. When I received the first check, it was for \$300.00 for the month, since our salaries had been raised without our knowing about it.

Without having any intention of showing respect of persons toward the directors of the Mission, I feel like saying that to me the president, Bro. Hille, is one of the most remarkable men that I have seen in the ministry, having been a Roman Catholic and converted to a Baptist preacher. I have marveled at His understanding of the Scriptures, and power

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PAUL CALLEY ORGANIZES CHURCH AT TATAJUBA

Dear Brethren:

Greetings to you in the name of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. After a good journey we arrived in Manaus, September 6. We are here when Bro. Hatcher arrived. We are looking forward to meeting him and his family for the first time, and thankful that the Lord is sending another missionary family out on the field. Since our arrival, we have been preaching often in the churches here and at different points with good attendance, but since we have been in Manaus only a short time we will tell you a little more about the work in the Acre Territory in the past month.

Since we last wrote to you, we have made several trips on the rivers and preached at new

points, and we are happy to give you the good news that souls have been revived and that the believers at Tatajuba on the Jurua River, Acre Territory, are now an organized church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On Tuesday, August 18, Bro. Mario, one of our native preachers and pastor of the church at Japiim, my wife, son and I embarked on the Embaxiador, the boat that the Lord provided through His people, for Tatajuba to organize the church there on Sunday, August 21. We did not arrive there until Saturday afternoon because traveling is slow in low water time and we preached the gospel along the way, and many of the lost heard the way of salvation in Jesus, but there were

no visible results. Saturday night we had a good crowd at the service and on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock Bro. Londus de Sousa's house was filled for the organization service. Bro. Londus is the man that was attacked by the tiger and was near death from the result and just a few months ago was bitten by a poisonous snake, but the Lord has raised him up each time. The large front room of his home is where the church will meet until they have their church building built, which will be soon, the Lord willing.

The service opened with that great old hymn, "Standing On The Promises Of God," and after other hymns, Bro. Mario led in prayer. Then I announced that at the termination of this service the believers at Tatajuba would be a New Testament Baptist Church founded upon the Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord willing. I exhorted to them the importance to listen very closely, to what would be preached and read of God's Word, and we would preach on the Articles of Faith that makes a Baptist church and that they would be called upon to adopt by voting. Then Bro. Mario read the list of fourteen names of the baptized believers who had been granted letters from the churches in Mourapiranga and Japiim, signifying they were in good and regular standing and for the purpose of organizing a church at Tatajuba.

Then Bro. Mairo preached, (Christ the head of the church) and on the two ordinances of a Baptist church, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Then I read from the Bible and preached at length on Articles of Faith that makes a Baptist church, taken from the Philadelphia Confession of Faith. The baptized believers whose names had been read voted unanimously to covenant themselves together and adopted the Articles of Faith which had been read and preached, and to stand on all the Holy inspired Word of God, the Holy Bible. I then announced that by their covenant

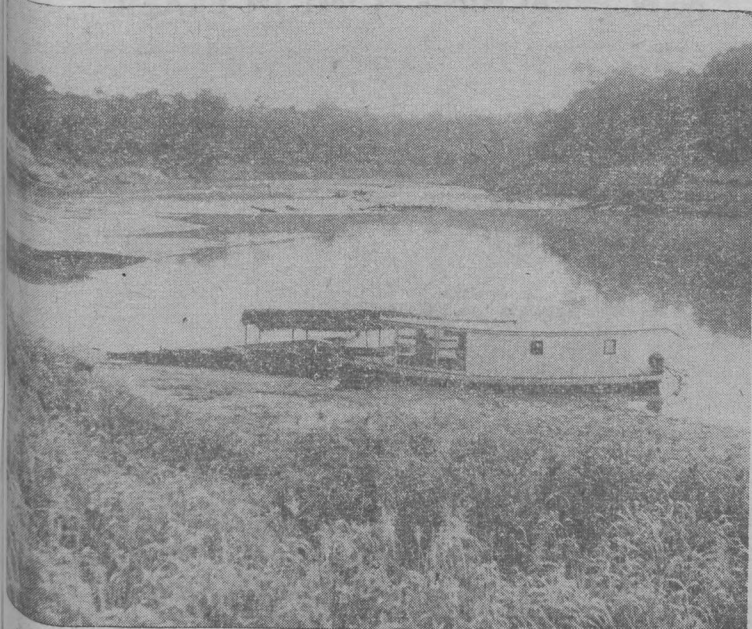
and Articles of Faith, they had adopted a declaration to stand on all the Holy Bible, they had showed that they were now a Baptist church, and a new body of the Lord Jesus Christ. The new body voted Bro. John Campos de Oliveira, a young man about 22 years old to be church secretary and Bro. Cicero Compo, about 45 years old, as church treasurer. Bro. Cicero's wife and three of his older children, two who are adults, are also members of the church. The church put off until the night service to consider a pastor and other matters. The congregation sang a hymn and the church door was opened. Bro. Londus de Sousa then joined the church upon arrival of his letter from the church at Campo de

Santana. Bro. Eufrazio led in the dismissal prayer a little past noon time.

That night I preached the message and gave the charge from II Peter, the third chapter, my subject being, "Grow In Grace." After the message, the new church observed the Lord's Supper in remembrance of our Saviour. Before dismissal the new church voted to call Bro. Eufrazio, our faithful old preacher to be temporary pastor, and me as their missionary, and to work with Baptist Faith Mission. On Monday the 22nd, we said goodbye to the saints at Tatajuba, after having prayer in Bro. Londus' home where many had gathered to see us off. As I looked back to the

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THE "EMBAIXADOR"



This is the "EMBAIXADOR" (Ambassador, II Cor. 5:20), the house-boat that Bro. Paul M. Calley uses on the Jurua, Moa, Japiim, and Parana dos Mouras rivers. The boat is tied up at a place called "Tres de Maio." In the background are the rapids where the tree and a lot of other logs are jammed up making it difficult to pass in low water time. Bro. Paul Calley has already made many journeys and estimate that the "EMBAIXADOR" has traveled close to 2000 miles in the last few months.

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NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED



This picture was taken at Tatajuba, on the Jurua River, above the mouth of the Parana dos Mouras River. A new church was organized here in the house of Bro. Londus de Sousa, on Sunday, August 21, 1955. This picture was taken the day the church was organized. When Bro. Paul Calley first visited this place, there were only two or three believers. Now a church of 15 members. Read Bro. Paul Calley's letter about the organization of this church. This is mission work the way the Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His churches to do it.

R. P. Hallum

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in delivering a message.

Bro. H. H. Overbey is also just as remarkable in that he is absolutely honest, consecrated, faithful, able, and active in the ministry, and to my mind he is one of the greatest.

Bro. Z. E. Clark also is just as consecrated, honest, sincere and able as a minister, and treasurer of the mission. He always tries to help and not to hurt. I owe a great deal to Bro. Clark for the help that he has given me both spiritually and materially. There is none that surpasses Bro. Clark in my estimation.

Baptist Faith Missions

To my way of thinking Baptist Faith Missions is the soundest in the faith, and comes nearer to carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord than any other Mission on earth that I have any knowledge of. I do not say that it is a perfect Mission, because it is carried on by imperfect men and supported by imperfect men and women. I believe there are some things or ways about which it could be improved, but it takes time and experience to do those things, and they are the work of the Directors.

We are retiring from the work in Peru because of the age of wife and myself, and because of some minor disabilities of my body which makes me unable to do the work that a missionary is expected to do. However, I am ready to do whatever the Lord has for me to do. I am not taking out, I expect to be occupied in the Lord's work as long as I am able to get around and talk and preach the Gospel. I should say that my physical condition is not as bad as some believe it to be, I am hoping that it may continue to improve that I may do more and better work than I have ever done, with God's grace and help.

When I left Peru the last time before this, neither I nor other people thought that I would ever be able to return to the field. God in His sovereign power gave me the power to return to the field. We are returning because I made a promise to my family not to stay more than a year or so. I am keeping my promise.

The Lord has blessed His work here and also blessed us greatly, in many ways. I would like to give you a clue to one of the causes why God brought us back to the field. Several years ago the son of one of the members of the Baptist church, who is a widow, fell sick. He was a boy about 12 years of age. We visited him. He was lying on a wide board out in the yard because of the heat in the house. He had a high temperature. We loaned him a cot to lay on and helped him in other ways. They called a doctor and he pronounced it typhoid fever. For some weeks he was very low with this disease, but recovered.

About three years later he went down with a ruptured appendix and was not expected to live, but pulled through. After he was grown, he was working on a house on a scaffold with two other men. The scaffold fell, one man was instantly killed, the other badly hurt. But the boy, Juan Ruiz, came out with a few bruises.

I had loaned the mother 500 soles to get him in the hospital at the time he had the ruptured appendix. Because of this and other favors we had done for him, he was our friend. A year and a half or two years ago he was converted by repenting and trusting Christ. After I arrived he openly professed faith in Christ and a few months later came to my house and said he wanted to unite with the church and be baptized. I told him it was necessary for him to get married to the woman he was living with. He said he would get married, so on July 28 last, he got married and on Aug.

A MISSIONARY'S WIFE IN BRAZIL



This place is Colonia in Jajim (there is another Colonia on the Jurua River). When you arrive this row of houses is what you see. Mrs. Paul Calley (Florence) is walking down the dirt street looking the place over. They have just arrived to have a service and it is about sundown. Bro. Paul Calley has preached the gospel here to many people.

Native Worker John Bentes Gives Report Of Labors

My Dear Brother:

My heart's desire is that you and all the brothers that are co-operating with us be of good health and of good cheer in the labor of the Lord.

We are glad with two professions of faith. No baptisms. One exclusion.

Report of our studies:

Sunday Schools

1. SATAN: (a) his origin and fall; (b) his work; (c) his destiny.

2. SIN: (a) its nature, an act, an estate; (b) several ways or moods to sin; (c) self-will, primary cause of sin.

3. HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY: (a) why man is responsible, (b) God's will of precept fix human responsibility; (c) true motive of sin (self-will) makes man responsible for his acts.

Monday Schools

1. DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY (repetition: (a) the Trinity means three distinctions in the Godhead, and it is presented to us under the figure of persons; (c) these distinctions are eternal; (d) the members of the Trinity are equal; (d) Biblical passages on the doctrine of the Trinity.

2. THE LORD JESUS: (a) His pre-existence and eternity; (b) His incarnation; (c) necessities of His incarnation.

14 was baptized.

Last Sunday morning I asked him if he felt like he wanted to bring a message. He answered that he did, so last Sunday night he preached a good message. He preached Christ crucified, buried and resurrected. After the service I told him I enjoyed the message. He said that the Lord was with him, and told me that while I was in the U. S., he prayed that the Lord would send me back to Peru that I might baptize him, and the Lord answered his prayer and sent me back. I believe that Juan Ruiz is called of God to the ministry and that we have another preacher here in the First Baptist Church.

This young man has been attending the class of Marguerite since a child, up to the time that he got too old to go in her class, and has heard the gospel preached much. He is a very intelligent fellow.

His praying for the Lord to send me back to Peru is the clue to one of the reasons the Lord sent me back. There were other reasons.

R. P. Hallum

P. S. Of course baptism administered by me is no better than by Bro. M. E. Lewis, but some people have their preferences and I believe that God sometimes recognizes their preference when they are not contrary to His laws.

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT: (a) He is a personality and not an energy or influence; (b) we know that the Holy Spirit is a person because the Scriptures ascribe to Him personal acts, will and emotions.

Bro. Hatcher and family are in Manaos, and they have been in Calvary and Tabernacle services. But, it seems to me so, that until now he did not decide which one he prefers to join.

This little church of Jesus thanks God for the charity of our Brothers in the U. S. A. We always pray for you all. Remember us in your prayers too.

John Bentes

SECOND LETTER

My Dear Brother In Christ:

As you suggested I'm keeping you in the knowledge of Calvary's activities. And as I wrote you in the last days of August, this reports only 15 days labor.

Sunday Schools (Studies Made)

1. Women's place in the assemblies: (a) things they are forbidden to do; (b) things they are invited to perform.

2. The assembly of Jesus Christ: (a) false conceptions about it; (b) what is the meaning of "exxhnoia"; (c) how the Bible uses the term "exxhnoia", uses are abstract, prospective and concrete; (d) the assembly is a body, an organization; (e) comparison between the assembly and the kingdom.

3. The angels of God: (a) their nature; (b) they are divided into "elects" and "fallen" ones; (c) they are organized; (d) their activities; (e) they are not to be worshipped.

Monday Through Friday Children's School

The Doctrine of the Trinity: (a) there are three distinctions in the Godhead, and these are presented to us under the figure of persons; (b) they are equal—in them there is no separation of nature, essence and being; (c) the Bible distinguishes each person of the Trinity but, at the same time, ascribes to every one of them the same attributes and the same activities.

I estimate the attendance of the public during these 15 days is about 300 people. Of course not only in the temple, but I include all preaching points as well. We notice more attendance of the public in Sao Francisco. Nevertheless not one conversion was detected.

Brothers Paul Calley and Miguel Ibernion are in Manaos and are helping us a lot. May God retribute to them.

John Bentes

Mitchell Lewis And Family Are Now Back In Peru

Dear Friends:

August 20th we left Detroit, Michigan on the first leg of our journey to Iquitos, Peru. We drove down to New Orleans in a 1941 Chevrolet 1/2 ton pick-up truck, pulling a 12 foot tandem trailer. We had 1600 pounds of trunks, etc., in the truck and

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the pronunciation and helps your ear become accustomed to the sound of words. He has been a great help to me.

The children here are very mischievous. They knock on my door and then run. This policeman went to some of their parents and told them about it. One night while he was here at my house a drunk man came to my door and tried to open the door. He went to the door and told him if he bothered us any more he would take him to jail. This policeman comes to church every Wednesday and Sunday night. I gave him a Spanish Bible and a tract. He says he wants to learn about Jesus Christ. Be praying for us that we may grow faster in Spanish so we can witness to more people. The living conditions are becoming better since we know how to go and buy things for ourselves and we have our furniture. The Lord sure has been very good to us in every way since we have been here. There have been times that we have become very discouraged with things, but our Lord has always been by our side.

We all are looking for the Lewises any day. Sure will be glad when they get here. The Hallums will leave here the 27th of September. We will miss them very much. Marguerite has been teaching us Spanish and with her leaving we will have to get a new teacher. A man here who is a college graduate and whom Bro. Overbey is acquainted with, has offered to teach us. He and his wife are good friends of ours and they come to see us quite often to help us with Spanish. His name is Don Guillermo Cetraro. He also speaks a little English and with what Spanish I know and the English he speaks, I have witnessed to him and discussed the Bible with him quite often. He also has gone to church with us. Even though I can't speak the language too well yet, it seems the Lord is leading those to us for us to witness to, that we can make understand us. Continue to pray for us that the Lord will lead us in what He would have us to do here. May the Lord richly bless all those who have a part in any way in this mission work here, and also in other places, is our prayer.

Carroll Hunter

It was a joy to our hearts to meet our Peruvian brethren again and to exchange greetings with them. We are encouraged with their willingness to do anything to progress in the work of the Lord.

Simon Gaima's daughter is working for us and is a splendid helper around the house for which we thank the Lord. The Hunters are digging away at the Spanish language and are going through a time of testing such as we experienced when we were learning the language. Sunday night in the men's prayer meeting, I asked the brethren to pray for us North Americans that we might speak Spanish in such a way as not to be offensive to the Peruvian people. Pray for us in all things and especially concerning our health as we need physical to serve the Lord in a useful capacity. This morning we

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NEW PREACHING POINT IN BRAZIL



This is the house in Colonia that Bro. Paul Calley preached in. This is a new preaching point. Mrs. Paul Calley is standing in the center of the picture and standing next to her with his hand on his side is Bro. Francisco Lima, one of our Brazilian missionaries, who labors with Bro. Calley.

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on and Belem under a separate heading. Here at Belem, my four Mennonite friends disembarked. These are fine people and it is too bad that they do not have more doctrinal truths. I went ashore for a few hours Sunday evening and a few Monday morning. The population of Belem is about 250,000 to 300,000, and we pray that we might have a work there in the future, as the Lord leads. The old, indifferent, unsacrificing, hardshell, anti-missionary, home-bred, Baptists need to have a glimpse of the spiritual darkness of the Amazon valley, and I think they would do with less and give more.

We left Belem on Monday afternoon about 4:15 and traveled until about 10:00 when we dropped anchor for the night due to bad passage in the stream.

September 27. The anchor was hoisted at 5:00 a. m., and we proceeded on our way to Manaus. The weather was beautiful. The beauty and fantasy of the mighty Amazon is of such nature that it is impossible to describe. The ship carries two river pilots all the way to Manaus. There were hundreds of tributaries of this mighty river that are uncharted. In fact, there are only two or three that are. At 1:30 p. m. we entered into what is known as the Narrows. These are narrow streams through which the ship has to come to the main stream of the Amazon River from Belem. At this time of the year the river is at low water stage. Due to this some of the streams are very difficult to pass without going aground. At 3:10 p. m. this is what happened to us. The pilot missed the channel only a few feet and we were stuck in the mud for a day and a half. The tide rises and falls every twelve hours and the ship came free on the third try. I thought, how thankful I was for the Grace of God that gave me a Pilot who never fails and I am sure in Him through all the channels of life and with the song writer, I too, can sing:

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

September 28. We were still stuck in the mud, so in the morning a life boat was lowered that they might take soundings (that is to measure the depth) to find the channel. At 3:00 p. m. they managed to free the ship again but to no avail. During the day natives came out in their canoes, hewn out of logs, and brought lemons, bananas, sugar cane, which they used for cans, bottles, dry bread, etc. The little boys in the canoes were completely naked. I took pictures and the next morning one man came back bright and early with his little girl, about 16 months old, and motioned that he wanted me to take her picture. This I did and he took her home to come back later alone.

September 29. At 3:57 a. m. the ship was freed and we continued on our way. As we traveled upstream, the river islands were spotted on either side. The children would come out in their canoes to ride the waves and look for something to be thrown to them. The land on these islands is covered with dense jungle and thatched huts are spotted along the banks. There are some logging camps at which some of the people work. It must be a house to house contact if the people are ever to hear the gospel. As we travel there is a variety of butterflies, birds, bugs, and fish that can be seen.

September 30th. This morning we passed by land that is more habitable. We saw cows and pigs and the land was somewhat cleared. The captain brought me a pair of binoculars and I was able to see many different kinds of things along the shore. We passed Mt. Alegre which is the first high land that we have seen. In the afternoon we passed by the experimental station of the Brazilian government where different crops and practices are tried. At least one of the pilots is Catholic and at the noon meal I was anxious to see what he would do

since there was no fish. I was not so surprised to see him eat the corned beef as if he had never heard of meatless Friday. At 4:45 we passed the town of Santarem.

October 1. It is just one week from today that my family is to fly to Belem and needless to say, I am anxious for the days to come. The Lord willing, we shall arrive in Manaus tomorrow about 5:00 p. m.

SECOND LETTER

ON OUR ARRIVAL AT BELEM, BRAZIL

Inasmuch as the vast majority of Baptists, that give and pray to make our going to a foreign field possible, will never have the opportunity to see the land in which we labor, I thought it wise to describe briefly our arrival to Belem, our first Brazilian port. The river up which we travel is one of the wonders of the world. To call it the "Mighty Amazon" is to put it mildly. Over 100 miles wide at its mouth, it carries nearly one-third of the world's fresh water. It reaches its highest tide during the month of June, and is at its lowest stage during the month of November. There is a daily rise and fall in the river as far up as 500 miles. With its tributaries it drains the northern half of Brazil and extends into the Andes Mountains of Peru. Because of the vastness of the country and the density of the jungle, it is no surprise that the Amazon and its vast extremities are the chief means of travel and commerce.

Steaming up the river toward Belem we were amazed at the tremendous number of islands, each of which is a dense virgin jungle. Spotted along the coast of these islands are little thatched huts that house the dark skin natives. One wonders as to how they can possibly exist in such conditions. With such a sparse population it is a real problem as to how to get the gospel to them, but of course, the answer to that is, enough laborers to get to every creature.

Triangular sails from the small fishing vessels catch our eye as we come in from the open sea to the river. As we travel up the river after having stopped to take aboard the river pilot at Salinas, we passed by some logging mills and small loading docks. Some of the wood is exported in the form of raw logs minus the bark and some is sawed into uniform lumber. Here and there we see small dilapidated loading docks that are now slowly being destroyed by time and tide. Close to some of the lumber works are built rows of little stilted huts where the natives live. A crude ladder leads from the small front porch to the little boat secured at the bottom which is their only means of transportation. A little farther up the river is a fuel loading dock where the big tankers unload and the smaller boats refuel.

Just inside the harbor we anchored briefly while the customs officials and company representatives boarded our ship from a small tug that brought them out from the dock. With these aboard, we hoist anchor and move slowly into the dock. We passed by the anchorage where dozens of river boats wait to load wood, cargo, and passengers. Among these are three of the six new streamlined river boats that have just been put into operation. In contrast to these are the old wood burning side paddle-wheelers, some of which one day steamed up and down the Mississippi. On the left we see the skeleton of boats that have had their day and now lie in state until rust doth devour. Not so gloomy, however, are the brightly colored sail boats that float by. The majority of these boats are named after Mary or some saint with the hope that no ill will harm them. The superstitions and idolatry can be seen on every hand.

Once in a while a lovely home can be seen along the water's edge in contrast to all that is old and dingy. Buses can now be seen as they pass by on the road that

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first time that I visited Tatajuba when there were only two or three believers, I realized a little more how much God had blessed this little community of a few houses on the Jurua River in His infinite wisdom, mercy and grace.

From Tatajuba we went to Parana dos Mouras and had two days of preaching and wonderful fellowship with the old "Patriarch" and the saints there. While we were there the church also observed the Lord's Supper for the first time since being organized July 3rd. On Wednesday the 23rd, we started our journey back to Cruzeiro do Sul, stopping on our way to visit with Bro. Sontos and wife who are members of the church at Parana dos Mouras. We only intended to stop for a few minutes, but in this Christian home where we love to stop and fellowship, our visit ran into hours because they would not have it that we leave so soon and insisted that we stay for dinner. This Brother and Sister love to talk about their Lord and are good witnesses for their Saviour. They told us about the night before when some people on their way home from a big festival that the Catholics held in Cruzeiro do Sul, stopped to stay all night. That night they were telling what a good time they had at the festival and that they made this pilgrimage every year. Then this Brother and Sister told them that they were Baptists and in the true church, and what they had just come from was of the world and told them how to be saved from the Bible. They said there was nothing more said about the festival.

It was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when we again resumed our journey and about sundown we arrived at a large rubber plantation called Tres de Maio. A rubber plantation here usually has one large house for the owner or overseer, and many smaller houses which are not much more than shacks where the rubber workers live with their families. This is the headquarters where many trails start in all directions leading far into the jungle that the rubber workers travel cutting trees, that grow wild in the jungle, for their milk. Sometimes the rubber worker will be gone for days living in makeshift shelters at night before he returns to headquarters loaded down with rubber in liquid form that makes your rubber tires, etc.

The owner of this plantation, where about 150 people live, is Catholic, but we went to see him and got permission to hold services in his large front room. When my son, Leslie Paul, began to play the accordion and we began to sing hymns, just about everybody on the plantation was there within a few minutes and the room and front porch were filled. I preached from Prov. 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." The people listened with very good attention and seemed interested, but there were no visible results. Before leaving for Cruzeiro do Sul the next morning, we thanked the owner for his hospitality and he invited us back to have services in his home when we passed that way again.

We arrived back in Cruzeiro do Sul on Thursday the 25th and had one day at home before starting out again early Saturday morning the 27th, for a four day visit to Japiim. Bro. Cido of Moura-piranga was with us on this journey and between us we did a lot of visitations and preaching. We preached in the church and at

reaches for some miles out of Belem along the river. As if in a dream of the past, one is now awakened by the sight of the airport for both land and sea planes. And so, in a land of antiquity the twentieth century has at least made some imprint. And this is the land where God has called us to come and truly the harvest is white, but the labours few.

John A. Hatcher

WHERE BRO. PAUL CALLEY PREACHED



This is the house of the owner of the rubber plantation at Tres de Maio. This is the house that Bro. Paul Calley preached in. He has been invited to return and he hopes to preach here many more times, the Lord willing. Note the large clearing in the jungle around the house and the balls of raw rubber in the yard ready to be shipped down river.

different points and many of the lost heard the gospel. We also visited many of the church members in their homes, because this is the place where a few have caused division among the members in the past, by making light and fun of the true doctrines we have taught them, but we believe the old Devil is on the run now.

While we were there on a Tuesday afternoon the church treasurer's house caught on fire and burnt to the ground, burning almost everything that he had including the clothes of the family. This Brother had just recently finished making his house larger and you would call it a good house here. After the church services that night Bro. Mario and I, our wives and Bro. Cido went to see this Brother to see how he was making out in the farinha shed that he still had left on his farm and was now using for living quarters. We also carried with us some clothes and household things that we bought at the general store, but did not have time to deliver them before services that night. When we arrived there about 9:30 we found that many more of the church members had gone there after the church service also. We were only there a few minutes when this Brother, with tears rolling down his cheeks said that God had punished him justly this day for his sins and

that he wanted to get right with his Lord and that he was confessing his sins now before his brethren. Then with trembling voice he told how that he had used a small amount of the church's money that had been entrusted to him intending to put it back when he sold his hogs which were now ready for the market. He said that he was taking the hogs to the market in Cruzeiro do Sul which was much more than the amount he had used, and pay back the church in the next few days.

After he had finished and was weeping there was a few moments of silence and during this time I was searching and looking to the Lord for the right words to say. Then I quoted in part John 8:7: "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone." Then I went from there to Luke 17:3: "Take heed to yourselves, If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him." Then we all took this Brother's hand and after, we had prayer and all the brethren prayed, and in our prayers we all confessed our own sin, and we sang many hymns praising God and our Saviour until near midnight. Truly the Lord was in our midst and there was a revival going on in that crowded old shed this night in the

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THESE SOULS WILL LIVE SOMEWHERE FOREVER



These people heard the gospel also. Note the shack that they live in on the bank of the river. This shack is their home. This home and many others like it along the different rivers have had the gospel preached to them. When you visit a place like this you wonder how the people ever got to a place like this to begin with.

NOTICE

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

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

New Church

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hearts of God's people.
Before closing we want to say that the gospel is being preached much in Manaos and surrounding territory. Since we arrived here, Tabernacle Church opened up a new preaching point a few miles out from town, and at the first service about 50 people attended, and one man about 35 years old, professed Christ as his Saviour. Bro. Manuel de Arguiar, one of our native preachers, preached the sermon. I also preached briefly to the people but this was after this new brother professed Christ and there were no further results.

Bro. Argimiro, another one of the native preachers and a conscientious worker for his Lord, spent two days in the neighborhood of this new preaching point, visiting the homes and inviting the people to come to the service. He also said that one man professed Christ during his visits that I almost forgot to mention. The longer I know this young married preacher, the more I appreciate the way he works. Not like some preachers that are looking only for ready-made crowds to preach to, he goes out and rounds them up.

We will write more about the work here in the next letter, the Lord willing. Remember us in your prayers. My son, Leslie Paul, has been sick with yellow jaundice and fever, and has lost weight, but is much better now. My wife and I have also had a few sick days since arriving in Manaos, running a little fever, but that goes with this climate and we are all feeling much better now, and on the go, and we thank the Lord. May the Lord bless you.

Paul M. Calley



Mitchell Lewis

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are having a good heavy rain which is settling the dust and cooling the air.
May it please the Holy Spirit to grant one of the best (the best) Missionary conferences that has ever been held when it meets this year at the Canfield Avenue Baptist Church. I hope that many of the fine pastors and people that I had the pleasure of meeting while home on furlough will meet in Detroit at the Conference to praise our God and advance the missionary effort among Baptists.

Mitchell Lewis



THRONE OF GRACE

The veil is rent, our souls draw near
Unto a throne of grace;
The merits of the Lord appear,
They fill the Holy Place.
His precious Blood has spoken there,
Before and on the throne;
And His own wounds in Heaven declare
The atoning work is done.
'Tis finished! Here our souls have rest,
His work can never fail;
By Him, our Sacrifice and Priest,
We pass within the veil.
Within the holiest of all,
Cleansed by His precious Blood,
Before the throne we prostrate fall,
And worship Thee, O God!
Boldly the heart and voice we raise,
His Blood, His Name, our plea;
Assured our prayers and songs of praise
Ascend, by Christ, to Thee.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1955

Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich.	\$ 27.02
Emmaus Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	20.31
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, West Va.	16.10
Goodwill Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	26.53
Liberty Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio.	68.24
Julien Baptist Church, Gracey, Ky.	19.24
Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.	83.16
Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	10.00
New Hope Baptist Church, Dearborn, Mich.	110.80
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Ky.	50.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio.	35.66
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Ohio.	10.00
Southside Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.	25.00
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	5.00
North Ballard Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	172.65
Calvary Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	9.74
Faith Baptist Mission, Chicago, Ill.	38.32
Chattaroy Baptist Church, Chattaroy, West Va.	15.00
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.	52.11
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, West Va.	20.45
Grace Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.	28.14
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn.	15.00
East Sligh Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla.	5.00
Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Harvey, Ill. (L. B. C.)	25.00
Kings Addition Baptists Church, South Shore, Ky.	32.66
Seven Springs Baptist Church, Fredonia, Ky.	19.32
South Side Baptist Church, Sanford, Fla.	10.00
People's Baptist Church, Alton, Ill.	9.50
Fincastle Baptist Church, Fincastle, Ohio.	16.00
Bethel Bible Baptist Church, Mansfield, La.	10.00
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.	26.52
Hopewell Baptist Church, Arlington, Ky.	26.44
Home Acres Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	3.95
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	75.00
Franklin Road Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.	15.00
Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Humboldt, Tenn.	8.35
Flint Street Baptist Church, Bristol, West Va.	5.00
Madison Street Baptist Church, Rochester, Pa.	8.00
Seventh Street Baptist Church, Cannelton, Ind.	14.48
Upper Steer Run Baptist Church, Normantown, West Va.	5.00
Fincastle Baptist Church, Fincastle, Ohio.	8.14
First Baptist Church, Greenup, Ky.	50.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Cadiz, Ky.	32.66
Ocoona Baptist Church, Ocoona, Va.	13.40
Willow Tree Baptist Church, Fairmont, West Va.	20.38
Mt. View Baptist Church, Watauga, Tenn.	75.72
Dawson Baptist Church, Glenville, West Va.	27.88
Faith Baptist Church, Royal Oak, Mich. (L. B. C.)	9.65
Salem Baptist Church, Samaria, Ky.	18.00
Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Fla.	25.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky.	22.35
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky.	7.72
Grace Baptist Church, Tiffin, Ohio.	7.45
Bible Baptist Mission, Springfield, Ill.	10.00
Newby Baptist Church, Richmond, Ky.	14.70
First Baptist Church, White Plains, Ky.	15.00
Rosedale Baptist Church, Rosedale, West Va.	6.00
Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Cedarville, West Va.	10.00
Zoar Baptist Church, Fancy Farm, Ky.	4.88
Liberty Baptist Church, Flint, Mich.	13.07
Faith Baptist Church, Lawtey, Fla.	10.75
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, Lancaster, Ky.	53.26
Temple Baptist Church, Bristol, Tenn. (Formerly South Bristol Church)	10.00
Upper Tug Mission of Elizabeth Jarrell Baptist Church, Louisa, Ky.	10.00
Second Baptist Church, Marion, Ky.	31.34
Appalachian Mt. Baptist Fellowship, Bristol, Tenn.	6.00
First Baptist Church, Arabia, Ohio.	45.00
Pleasant View Baptist Church, Morris, West Va.	9.65
Hopewell Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Ill.	20.00
Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	25.00
Grace Baptist Church, Tiffin, Ohio.	3.45
Lucasville Baptist Church, Lucasville, Ohio.	32.75
Harmony Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.	50.00
First Baptist Church, Russell, Ky.	78.87
Canfield Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich.	400.00
Grace Baptist Church, Base Line, Mich. (L. B. C.)	10.00
Bryan Station Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.	43.20
New Hope Baptist Church, La Center, Ky.	15.00
Myrtle Tree Baptist Church, Everman Creek, Ky.	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Harvey, Ill.	200.00
Temple Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind.	16.40
Miss Maude Hunt, Franklin, Ky.	5.00
Bellview Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.	26.08
Members of Port Norris Baptist Church, Port Norris, N. J.	40.00
Mrs. Edith Baker, Lincoln Park, Mich.	2.00
J. R. Billings, Hatfield, Ky.	70.00
J. H. Kain, West Cape May, N. J.	10.00
H. F. Blake, Richwood, West Va.	6.00
Bruce Eakle, Clay, West Va.	3.00
Detta June Edwards, Bee Log, N. C.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bayless, Macedonia, Ill.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Willis, Monticello, Ark.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henry Ray, Memphis, Tenn.	10.00
W. E. McKinney, Memphis, Tenn.	15.00
Miss Kittie Bullington, Atwood, Tenn.	4.00
Baptist in Philadelphia, Pa.	3.50
Elder Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	14.65
James Pedigo, Sweetwater, Tenn.	100.00
E. W. Thompkins Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.	10.00
Friends in Carlsbad, New Mexico	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall, Noblesville, Ind.	3.00
Elder Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	6.05
Clenton H. Craig, Robertsburg, West Va.	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Burleston, Knoxville, Tenn.	2.00
Ora Mangold, Demosville, Ky.	10.00
L. W. Page, Lawtey, Fla.	10.00
Elder Spencer Randolph, Chicago, Ill.	6.20
Baptist in Philadelphia, Pa.	3.50
R. R. McTaggart, Melbourne, Fla.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hall, Noblesville, Ind.	3.00
John Falci, La Crescenta, Calif.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pope, Benton, Ark.	25.00
Mrs. Mirtie Gupton, Warm Springs, Ark.	1.00
Total	\$3517.26

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

ELDER Z. E. CLARK, Treasurer
P. O. Box 551
Evansville 3, Indiana

ONE BRAZILLIAN HOME VISITED BY CALLEY



This man is the owner of the rubber plantation at Tres de Maio (where the houseboat is tied up. See picture on front page). This man is a Catholic but shows interest in the gospel and wants to know more. Note the balls of rubber on the porch and also the dogs on the porch and under the porch.

Secretary Tells Of The Many Needs Of B. F. M.

By H. H. OVERBEY

We now have a total of 21 missionaries to support each month with their families, with the cost for gas and oil for outboard motors and traveling expenses by plane when necessary. It was necessary for Bro. Paul Calley and family to fly from Cruzeiro do Sul to be on hand to meet the Hatchers when they arrived in Brazil and to translate for them, and help them to get through customs, and get a house and get settled.

Since January one year ago, we have sent out to the foreign field: (1) The Paul Calley family, (2) the R. P. Hallum family, (3) the Carroll Hunter family, (4) the Mitchell Lewis family, (5) the John A. Hatcher family and brought home (6) the Mitchell Lewis family, (7) the Royal Calley family, and (8) the R. P. Hallum family.

The Lord blessed and supplied the funds for this over and above the salaries for the missionaries. Then this year the Hunter and Hatcher families and four Brazilian missionaries have been taken on as new missionaries. This is a faith work. We do not go into debt. If we do not have the money we do not spend it. If there is not enough for the salaries of the missionaries, then they will have to do without or take a reduction in proportion to what the offerings are that come in. So far this has never had to be done.

We do not want our missionaries to fail to get their full salary each month. We need \$5000 each month for salaries and to have on hand the funds for sending them out to the field and bringing them home on furlough.

Several churches have increased their offerings and several new churches are being added to the list of supporters. Pray about it and then increase your offerings as the Lord leads.

One pastor told us that when

he went to the church as pastor they gave only 5 per cent to missions. They now give 15 per cent and expect to increase it soon, the Lord willing.

PASTOR WALKER AND ASHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH ARE SUPPORTERS OF B. F. M.

We are in receipt of a good letter from Brother Clarence Walker with an offering for the mission work. Brother Walker began his 40th year as pastor of the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky on Sunday, November 1955. Brother Walker advised that the church has voted to send an offering each month. Brother Walker is also editor of a weekly paper, THE ASHLAND AVENUE BAPTIST, with a circulation of 100,000 or more. He is also president of Lexington Baptist College. Write for a free copy of his paper and for information about this sound Baptist College. Write to:

Pastor Clarence Walker
163 N. Ashland Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky

Grace—Divine holiness reaching forth in love to the unlovely and create in the unlovely His own holiness.

—Jow

There's More

We only see a little of the ocean
A few miles distant from the rocky shore;
But, oh, out there beyond, beyond the eye's horizon
There's more—there's more.
We only see a little of God's love,
A few rich treasures from His mighty store;
But, oh, out there beyond, beyond our life's horizon
There's more—there's more.

The Embaixador

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This houseboat with large Penta motor and a small outboard for a spare motor and the loud speaker and other equipment, cost \$1705.55, and is paid for. The boat is screened in and Bro. Calley, wife and son sleep in the boat at night. They can take along supplies for a month or longer. There is only one way to get where this boat is tied up, and where it goes on journeys, and that is by boat. There are no roads. This boat is one of the best investments that we have ever made. The Lord is blessing the use of the larger boat for Bro. Royal Calley to use on the Amazon and Rio Negro and other large rivers, when he returns to Brazil. We estimate that the launch will cost from \$6000 to \$8000. Pray for Bro. Paul Calley, wife and son, as they travel this lonely river in the jungles of the Acre Territory of Brazil.

"Family Religion"

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as true concerning a deacon, for it says that a deacon to rule his children and his house well.

say to you, beloved, every one should be carefully safeguarded from a religious standpoint. It is true concerning the pastor, it is true concerning the deacon, and it is just as true concerning every member of the church. We need to carefully safeguard the religious lives of children in our homes.

TWO HOMES

I'll give you a good example of one in the Bible who did carefully safeguard his home, one who did not do so.

Go back to the first chapter of Job. Job was a good man. In fact, I don't think that there was a man in the Bible whose piety and goodness was greater than Job's. Listen:

And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, Job sent and sanctified himself, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.—Job 1:5.

you will read the entirety of this first chapter of Job, you will find that Job was the possessor of a large family. The Word of God tells us that he had a large household, and his sons, once in a while, would have a large feast in their homes and would invite their sisters to come and feast with them.

the next day, after their feasting was over, Job would rebuke his children. He would rise up early in the morning and would offer burnt offerings according to the number of them Job said, "It could be that one of my sons has renounced his faith, therefore, I will offer a sacrifice in behalf of my sons." He didn't do this just occasionally, but the Word of God indicates that every time one of his children had a feast, that immediately Job offered sacrifices for their behalf. What was he doing, beloved? He was attempting to safeguard the religious and spiritual life of his home.

we have another example in the Word of God wherein a father was so far as his responsibility to God was concerned. Listen:

And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, Lexington, the son of Zebedee, and his brother, in a ship with their father, mending their nets; and he called them, and they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.—Mt. 4:21, 22.

is the call of James and John into active service as ministers of the Lord. When the Lord called them, they were in a ship with Zebedee, their father, mending their nets, and the Word of God says that immediately they left the ship and their father and followed Him.

Zebedee was left there looking after the material life of his home, and so far as the Word of God is concerned, we never find him being interested in anything except his fishing nets. He was interested only in the material life of his family. Listen:

And straightway he called them, and they left their father and their servants, and went after him.—Mark 1:20

Zebedee was rich enough that he not only had ships and nets, but he had hired servants as well. When his sons were called to preach he was right there taking care of his business, looking after his nets, taking care of the hired servants, and looking after the business interests of his home. There is not a single indication of Zebedee being interested in the spiritual well-being of his family.

Notice again:

Then came to him the mother

of Zebedee's children with her son, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him.—Mt. 20:20.

If you will read the entirety of this chapter, you will find that James and John and their mother came to Jesus and asked Him if they might sit, one on the right hand and one on the left hand in Glory. Of course, the Lord Jesus turned down their ambitious request. The thing that I want you to see is, that when the request came to Jesus, it was James and John and the mother of Zebedee's children that came to make the request. Where was Zebedee? I imagine that he was right back there with his boats and his nets, taking care of his hired servants and his business. There is no indication that he was ever concerned with the spiritual life of his family or his children.

Well, beloved, there are many homes like the home of Zebedee. There are very few like Job who look after the spiritual life of their homes, but most homes are like Zebedee's, in that Zebedee looked after the material needs of his family, but forgot all about the spiritual life of his home.

Let me tell you of two incidents that have come to my attention the last few years. A friend of mine in the state of Missouri wrote me several years ago telling me of what he thought was the most pathetic scene he ever witnessed. He told me that he was in a home where a lad, twenty-two years of age, was dying. As he was dying, his father, who was a Baptist deacon, came in and stood alongside of his boy. Realizing that he was dying, he dropped down beside the bed and started talking to his son. His son said, "Now, Dad, there is not one bit of use of you saying one word to me. I have lived in a Baptist deacon's home for twenty-two years and not one word have you ever spoken to me about Jesus." He said, "It is too late now." He died and went out of a Baptist deacon's home, out into eternity, unsaved, humanly speaking, because his father had been unconcerned about him for twenty-two years.

When I read this, it brought to my mind another incident. A father had written me about his son who had died. He had had an asthmatic condition and had a hard time getting his breath. He said that his son would say to him, "Father, lift me up," and he would get his arms under him and lift him a little higher. The son would say, "Higher," and the father would lift him a little higher, and the son would say, "A little higher," and the father would lift him some more. He said that his son would keep asking that he be lifted higher, until the father, realizing that his child had breathed his last, laid him back on the bed. The man told me that as he turned away from his dead son this thought overshadowed him, that long ago, he had already lifted him up to the Lord Jesus Christ to see him saved.

Oh, listen to me, beloved, there are mighty, mighty few homes in America today where the fathers and mothers are lifting their sons and daughters up to the Lord Jesus Christ. There are mighty, mighty few homes today where the parents are doing everything they can, spiritually and religiously, for the life of their home. There are mighty, mighty few homes like Job's, where the father is concerned about the spiritual life of his family. You and I need to realize this truth, that every home should be carefully safeguarded so far as the religious life of that home is concerned. As important as it is that you go to work so that you can pay your rent, so that you can buy your groceries, so that you can buy clothing for your family, and so you can make money whereby you can keep your children in school, I say it is more important that you provide for the spiritual life of the members of your home. It is more important that you pray for them. It is

important that you look after the spiritual life of your family. It is more important that you look after your home religiously than it is that you look after your home from a material point of view.

II

I WANT TO GIVE YOU SOME EXAMPLES OF HOMES THAT WERE SAFEGUARDED FOR GOD'S GLORY.

I was never more impressed in my life than I was when I began to study the different homes in the Bible that were regulated for God's own glory. Notice, first of all, the home of Abraham:

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment: that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."—Gen. 18:19.

If you will get the story immediately surrounding this Scripture, you will find that when Ishmael was born, Abraham was told that he was to be a nation, and also that Isaac, the unborn child, was to be a great man of God. Then God gave another revelation unto Abraham, and that was that the city of Sodom, into which his nephew Lot had moved, to buy and sell, was going to be destroyed. God made that revelation unto Abraham on this basis: why should He keep back anything from Abraham? Why shouldn't He tell Abraham about what is going to happen to Lot? Why shouldn't He tell him what is going to happen to the land of Sodom, seeing that Abraham will command his household and his children after him? Beloved, here's a man that God wouldn't even keep a secret from, seeing that Abraham would command his household and his children, even after Abraham was gone. It thrilled my heart when I first read this passage of Scripture, seeing that God made this revelation only to Abraham, because Abraham was the kind of man that pleased God so much, in that he was a man who looked after his family.

The first time I read this passage of Scripture to make an impression on me, this thought came to me — how marvelous it is for a man to be in such condition spiritually, that God won't keep a secret from that individual. Then it dawned on me that God wouldn't keep a secret from him because he was living the kind of a life that he ought to live, so far as his family was concerned. Brother, sister, if you want to be on speaking terms with God, if you want to be close enough with God that God won't withhold any secrets from you, then I challenge you to command your household for the Lord from day to day.

Let's notice another home that was regulated for God's glory in the light of the Bible:

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Josh. 24:15.

Notice, Joshua is giving his last charge to Israel. You remember that Moses led the children of Israel through the wilderness and then when he came down to die, Joshua took over and led the children of Israel when they came into the land of Canaan. He led the children of Israel as they took possession of the land of Canaan. Now, his work is done and he is about ready to die, but his last charge to Israel is on the basis of their service for God. His last thought is relative to their service for God, and he said, "It is up to you to make a choice. You can either serve the God who has blessed you through the years when I have been your leader, or you can choose to serve the gods of the Amorites and the gods that your fathers served in years gone by." But he said, "As for me and my

house, we will serve the Lord." Beloved, I would to God that every person here would say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." It is so easy for us to live for the things of this world. You know as well as I that there are a lot of things that you do whereby you compromise with your children. I am sure that there is not a parent here but what will admit that he has done things for his children that is nothing more or less than a compromise from a religious standpoint. Would to God that you would take your stand, and, like old Joshua, say, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Let's notice another example of a home that was regulated for God's own glory:

"Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus."—John 11:1-5.

This is the story of Lazarus who was sick, who died, and who later was raised back to life by the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will read it, you will notice that it tells us that Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and their brother Lazarus. It was the one home where Jesus liked to go, and the Word of God tells us how that He made their home His home, and how He went to their home time and time again. Why? Because it was the kind of a home that the Lord Jesus Christ could feel welcome in.

I wonder, beloved, if your home and my home is the kind of home where the Lord Jesus Christ would be welcome. If you knew that the Lord Jesus Christ were coming to your home tonight, I wonder what you would do until the time that He was to arrive. I wonder if there would be anything that you would have to put away. I wonder if there would be things that you would have to get rid of. I wonder if there would be anything around your home that you would want to set in order before the Lord Jesus Christ came to be a guest in your home.

There are not many homes today where the Lord Jesus Christ would be welcome. In the average home when night comes, the dog is brought in and given his supper and when Fido is safely put to bed, then Junior is given a quarter to go to the movies or some other place, and while he is out the parents go honky-tonking and let the children roam the streets, with the result that the children have no spiritual guidance and no one to care for their lives. I am saying to you, there are not many homes like the one of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus where the Lord Jesus Christ was welcome in the home.

I want to give you another example of a home that was regulated for God's glory, and that is the home of Lydia. Listen:

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us."—Acts 16:14, 15.

Lydia was the very first person that was ever saved on European soil. When the Lord opened her heart and she was saved, after she was baptized she sought out Paul and Timothy and said to these individuals, "If you consider me to be faithful, then my house shall be your house. I want my home to be a preacher's home. I

want my home to be a home where a preacher can stay without any reproach being cast upon him. I want you to feel welcome to stay within my home."

Beloved, there are mighty few homes like the home of Lydia. There are mighty few homes today that are open unto the Word of God as was this home of Lydia, which was opened unto the preachers to the extent that she constrained them to abide within her home. How I always thank God for a home like that, which is open not only to the Word of God, but which is open to the ministry of God's man as well. My ministry has found mighty, mighty few homes like the home of Lydia. I have found mighty, mighty few homes where the preachers and the Word of God are welcome. I have found mighty, mighty few places in life where I could go and feel myself at home without being cramped. I tell you, beloved, it is a joy to me to read the experience of this woman Lydia and of her conversion and of her reaction to the Word of God and to those preachers after she was saved.

Let me tell you of another home which is connected thereby and close with the home of Lydia — the home of the Philippian jailer. Listen:

"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."—Acts 16:30-34.

What a marvelous change that came in the life of this Philippian jailer that night! He thought his charges had all escaped, but instead, they were there; and when he was about to kill himself, Paul said, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." This Philippian jailer then fell down before Paul and Silas and brought them outside, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." The Word of God tells us that Paul preached to that Philippian jailer and to all of his house, and the jailer was saved and baptized the same hour of the night. Not only was he saved, but he washed their stripes and set meat before them, and his household rejoiced before the Lord.

I tell you, beloved, I thank God to read of an experience like that. It blesses my soul when I can turn to the Bible and find a man who when he was saved, and after his family was saved, he and all of his household rejoiced the same hour of the night and was baptized. Here was a home that was regulated for the glory of the Lord.

I would like to tell you of another home of like nature that was thus regulated for three generations. Listen:

"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice and I am persuaded that in thee also." — I Tim. 1:5.

Notice that Paul is writing to young Timothy, and he says, "I am so glad for the unfeigned faith that your grandmother Lois had." Then he said, "I remember your mother Eunice who had the same kind of faith. Now, I am persuaded that that same kind of faith is in you."

Here was a home that was for three generations regulated for God. Here was a home where for three generations they lived

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with the thought in mind of serving the Lord God.

CONCLUSION

In the light of this, I ask you, would you like to have a Christian home? Would you like to have a home like I have been reading about here within the Word of God, where the family might serve the Lord and where God's Word might be uppermost from day to day? It may be that in order to have a home like that you will have to make some changes so far as this life is concerned. The Bible tells us of a man who had to make some changes in order that his own life might be regulated for God. If you will go back to the book of Genesis, you will find that God called Jacob to go back to Bethel, for we read:

"Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments."—Gen. 35:2.

Beloved, before Jacob and his family could go back to Bethel, they had to clean up their lives. Jacob said, "We had better get rid of these strange gods that we have." You remember, first of all, that it was Rachel who had gotten hold of those gods. She stole those idols from her old heathen father, Laban. Eventually, those idols and foreign gods had circulated throughout all the household so that now Jacob calls upon his whole family to put away those foreign gods and be clean so that they might serve the Lord.

Beloved, in order that you might have the same kind of home, it may be necessary that you put away some things. It may be necessary that you change your life. It may be necessary that you change some things so far as your home is concerned so that you might have a home that would please the Lord, a home where God might have the preeminence, and where the Lord Jesus Christ might be glorified from day to day. The only way that you can have a home like that is to have your home built upon the Rock of Ages, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Listen:

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."—Mt. 7:24.

Beloved, if you want your house to stand, if you want your family to stand, and if you want to have a Christian home, that home needs to be founded on the Rock, and that Rock is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. I ask you, do you want a Christian home? Would you like to have a home like the home of Abraham or like the home of Timothy? Would you like to have your home like some of these that I have read about? If you do, you need to build your home on the Rock, the Rock of Ages, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"Run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well."—II Kings 4:26.

This is taken from the story of Elisha and the Shunammite woman and her son. The son had gone out into the field with the reapers and had had a sun stroke and had died. Immediately, this woman rode to the man of God, Elisha. When she neared him, he sent his servant out to meet her and to ask her three questions—Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with the child? She answered, "It is well." Her child was dead, and for the child to be dead, it meant that he had gone to Glory. For her and

God is not only a present help in time of trouble, but a great help in keeping us out of trouble.

her husband to be alive meant that they knew the Lord.

Let me ask you, is it well with you? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with thy child? Brother, sister, it can't be well with any of you if Jesus Christ isn't the Saviour of your soul and the Lord of your life. Oh, may it please the Lord to search our hearts, to bless our souls, and to enable us to say, "It is well."

May God bless you.



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ship brings joy unsurpassed that the world knows nothing of. II Timothy 2:22 tells us to: "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."

Second, let us notice His commands for our bodies which thereby influence our testimonies. We read in I Corinthians 10:31—"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." And in Colossians 3:17—"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Oh, Christians, will your dancing, your yoking in an unnecessary manner with unbelievers, bring glory to our Lord? Ponder this within your heart, and ask yourself this question: "Would the Lord approve my action?"

"Would my dancing help to increase my testimony for the Lord, or would my testimony be hindered thereby?" I ask myself. Christian friends, I am quite certain convinced that my testimony and witness for Him would be lessened by my action which is directly disobedient to His commands. The object of my life and the motive I possess in the Lord's service is that I not live unto myself, but unto Him who died for me and rose again for my justification. (II Corinthians 5:15).

Examine your lives, Christian friends, and see if you are living as devotedly unto the Lord as you ought in view of His sacrificial Gift of salvation that we now possess. I am sure that we each fall short in this and do not continually live for Him as we should. Paul, in writing to young Timothy, says: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity," I Timothy 4:12. Friends, may we strive more each day to be this example.

Of course, I realize that many of our readers are not consecrated unto the Lord, and are not living for Him as you should, and are so "weak" that you will continue to compromise with the world and will refuse to take your stand against dances. What does the Lord say to you who are thus weak? "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," Mark 8:34. Yes, Christian, if you truly desire to walk closely with the Lord, you must deny the worldly attractions and lusts, and begin to suffer a few hardships as a result of your stand with Him. Matthew 10:32,33 likewise tells us of those of you who are ashamed to take a stand for our Lord: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Christians, these admonitions are from the Lord, and if you fail to heed them, He will surely not bless you and give you peace in your hearts unequaled. Only the Lord can reveal the following truth to your hearts and create heart-felt convictions concerning it, but oh how I do beseech and urge you to trust, try, and prove the Lord and experience the same happiness as I have that only He gives through yielded service. I admit that many times I am not fully yielded to Him, but thank the Lord, He is faithful and just to forgive me of my sin. The persecution that God's own do suffer is nothing compared with his

blessings upon us in His service during this life and the glorious blessings we expect to receive up in Glory. Oh, that you might grasp this, believe the Lord, and trust Him to fulfill His part!

Listen, friends, if you are unconcerned regarding these commandments of our Lord, I pray that you will realize that "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do," Hebrews 4:13.

Yes, He realizes your unconcern and thoughtlessness, and what does He say? We read in Psalms 89:30-32: "If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes." He will punish you, Christian, because He has said: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin," James 4:17.

You, though, may be thinking, "Oh, those verses applied to the Christians in the Bible and in that era of time!" If this is your thought, friend, you are wrong! God's Word clearly tells us that each word the Lord said and every act that He performed contain His commandments for us today because He remains unchanged. We read in Hebrews 13:8—"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

I fear for you, friend, if you have no fear of the Lord within your heart. Only He knows the destiny that awaits you. He tells us in John 8:47—"He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."

If you do not obey Him as He has commanded, I am afraid that the reason for your lack of godly fear and desire to obey Him is that you have never trusted Him as your Saviour who died to pay for your sin debt. If so, you need to be saved, and you can be saved only through the shedding of His precious blood on Calvary's tree. Only by simple, trusting faith in His blood, that He died for you alone, can your sins ever be remitted. "Without shedding of blood is no remission," Hebrews 9:22. The Lord must work within a sinner to convict him of his sins and to reveal to him the truth that the Lord Jesus died for his sins. I can only point you to the Lamb of God that taketh away sin. (John 1:29)

If you are saved, though, and do truly desire to obediently follow the Lord and take a firm stand against dancing, continually remember that He is ruling and reigning today and will be your Leader and Protector during all the trials of this life. Here are just a few of His promises: "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf," I Peter 4:13,14,16. "He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me," Hebrews 13:5,6. "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day," II Timothy 1:12. "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world," I John 4:4.

Manytimes Satan's snares will almost sway and engulf you, but Christians, those are the seasons of rich fellowship with the Lord in completely trusting Him for guidance and leadership. A precious promise is found in Hebrews 4:15,16—"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Also in John 15:18-20 we

read: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also." Might we each possess Paul's abundant and humble faith, as we read in Philippians 1:20,21—"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

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ment speaks of bishops but they were simple (Baptists) preachers, and not ecclesiastical dignitaries.

THE DENOMINATIONAL WAY. That is the modern Baptist way that has grown up the last few years. Many pastors and many churches consider each Baptist church as a small fragment of a big thing which they term "The Denomination." The super-government of the "Denomination" which is largely in the hands of leaders that Baptists have no part in selecting, establishes the program which churches and pastors must support without criticism or question. A Baptist church at Rocky Mount, N. C. withdrew by majority vote from the local association, the state and Southern Baptist Conventions, and they had their church property taken away from them. Baptist churches are throwing away their liberty, and are rapidly creating a sort of heirarchy. Pastors are afraid to protest for fear it will mean ministerial suicide for them. The situation is such that independent Baptist churches are springing up. "Bible Baptists" are thriving because of the situation that exists. Unless there is a cessation of the overlordship that is being practised, more and more, and more churches are going to be lost to Southern Baptists.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE WAY?

The New Testament teaches the complete freedom of the local church. It has one Head—Christ. (See Ephes. 1:22; 5:24). It is a DEMOCRACY. (See Acts 6:5-6) No general ecclesiastical organization has any right to dictate to a church or to provide its program or to interfere in any way with its affairs. All co-operation with other outside groups must be purely voluntary. Each church has a right to determine the kind and measure of co-operation with other groups. Each church has a right under God to plan its own program and to carry out its own plans. It is a wicked thing to discriminate against a church and to vilify it because it attends to its own business.

THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOULD BE THE LEADER—not some dominating ecclesiastical force. When a CHURCH IS PASTORLESS that church should prayerfully seek the Lord's guidance in the call of a pastor rather than resort to wire pulling. When a pastor is without a church he should seek the Lord's guidance, instead of looking to the "State Secretary" for a job. The Holy Spirit led the church at Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas. Let a church of this day send out some missionaries, and that church gets blamed severely for it. No matter what the Holy Spirit leads to do—all of their work ought to be "under the Board!" The same persons who criticize a modern day church for sending forth a missionary, likewise would oppose the Antioch church in what it did. But read Acts 13:1-3 and see if what happened was not directed by the Lord.

The whole work of a church ought to be Spirit led and directed—not dominated by men who may be directed by selfish rather than divine motives.

I Should Like To Know

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14:27). (2) Keep silence unless individual or some other person can interpret the tongue to the people present (I Cor. 14:13). (3) Women to keep absolute silence (I Cor. 14:34). The failure of Pentecostals to observe the rules shows that they are carnal and ignorant (I Cor. 14:38).

Will Christ find faith on earth when He comes?

The querist evidently has Luke 18:8 in mind. It is well to note at least three facts with reference to this passage: (1) It is at a question, and not a positive declaration that He will not find faith. (2) The reference is either to the importunate faith of the widow in the parable preceding or to the body of revealed truth in the New Testament. The definite article appearing before faith in the Greek favors the latter. (3) The passage, therefore, does not even question the fact that there will be saved people on earth when Christ comes. It seems only to imply a scarcity of faith, even now a scarcity of faith, both of the senses mentioned.

Is the universal church devils counterfeit of the Church Jesus founded?

It is one of his counterfeits. churches with human founders are other counterfeits. Churches still bearing the Baptist name who have surrendered the headship of Jesus Christ, by turning aside from the New Testament an infallible rule of faith and practice or by taking orders from Nashville, Tenn., or New York City, instead of from heaven through the Holy Spirit, are the devil's counterfeits; and the falseness is becoming increasingly manifest. If Christ tarries coming long enough I predict that both the American Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention will become manifestly and completely rotten. That sound Baptist churches will make a complete break with the just as sound churches made a break with the Catholic hierarchy in the third century. History is repeating itself. Perhaps within twenty-five years the American Convention and Southern Convention will disappear under the name of American Baptist Convention. This is the back of changing the Northern Baptist Convention to American Baptist Convention. The combined convention will be but an adjunct of the National Council of Churches. Then the word of God will have a new heirarchy, with a Baptist department. Then sound Baptist churches will be severely persecuted again. This will all be in preparation for the church with the second beast, false prophet as its head. Many genuinely saved people are blindly contributing their money to the Cooperative Program, and by so doing are helping to bring about the very thing that will eventually curse the world during the Great Tribulation Period. Some day they will awake out of their slumber and realize that they are the ones that have been foolish instead of those who are now warning them of the rapidly developing apostasy.

Is regeneration the first resurrection mentioned in Rev. 20?

No. This theory is just a subterfuge adopted by those who are more interested in their own prejudiced notions than they are in the truth. In the vision John saw people who had been beheaded (v. 4). Thus the passage has reference to the resurrection of the physically dead. The resurrection of the dead are to reign on the earth (Rev. 5:10). There is not a single hint that the righteous are reigning with Christ either here or in heaven. Amillennialism is just as truly a denial of the work of God as modernism. This resurrection of the saints is to be with Christ (Rev. 20:4). Christ is not now on His throne (but on the Father's throne—Rev. 3:21), and will not ascend His throne until he comes in judgment as depicted in Matthew 25:31.