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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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How Satan Hinders Our Lord's Churches

It is Satan's business to hinder and harm the work of God. A good illustration is found in Matt. 13:24-30, where he is represented as sowing tares among the wheat. We can expect Satan to devise means to hinder — especially in church life, and we need to be aware of his devices. (See 2 Cor. 2:11)

Travel over the country, and visit churches, and you will find many of them carrying on at a poor pitiful rate. You will find many with a program and a ministry that is not at all honoring to God or a blessing to people. What is the matter? Satan has slipped something over. What are some

of the things that the devil is using to keep churches from doing what the Lord wants them to do?

1—PERVERTED CONCEPTIONS AS TO WHAT A CHURCH EXISTS FOR. There are a number of these.

(1) **The conception that grows out of the false "social gospel."** This is the idea that a church's main business is to minister to the physical and material wants and needs. "Social gospel" ministers are Socialistic, and they are sympathetic with communism.

(2) **The conception that it is the business of a church to amuse and entertain and furnish recreation.**

Consequently large Baptist churches and others are spending millions on recreational buildings. Churches carry on a round of eating, drinking and playing. The great increase in church membership has largely come from this fun program. People join churches for the "good time" they furnish.

TWO THINGS can be said about all this. First, there is nothing in God's Word to justify recreational and fun programs. The program — the whole program — all the program for his church, was stated by Jesus in Matt. 28:19-20. To add other things com-

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Beloved friends of The Baptist Examiner:

As the days pass rapidly by, and we observe the condition of the villages, towns, cities, and nations of the world, we realize more and more that there is truly "a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." (Amos 8:11).

We receive hundreds of letters from our readers far and near telling us of the spiritual drought that prevails in their communities. Hundreds love the truth, but yet, they have no church where they can truly have the Bread of Life broken to them in their area. It seems that modernism, unionism, and officialism have sunk their roots into every hook and nook of the nation.

For a great number of beloved readers, **The Baptist Examiner** is their only source of true spiritual food other than the blessed Book of God. We are truly thankful to

our Lord that He has granted unto us this most honored privilege of feeding this scattered flock from week to week.

But beloved, there are yet numbers untold who have never heard. The Lord has ordained that we His people take His message to these people. We are truly thankful, I say again, for this God-given duty of doing missionary work for the Lord in giving out His great and marvelous message through this paper.

Will you help us reach those who need His message, beloved? We would like very much to increase the mailing list of TBE by literally thousands of new readers. To do this we can only call on our Lord to raise up beloved friends who will help us. We feel definitely impressed of the Lord somehow to literally sky-rocket TBE's mailing list! And here is one way which we feel the Lord has led us to ask our friends to (Continued on page seven)

The Scriptural Doctrine Of Man's Original Sin

Adam was a public person, a representative or federal head of all his posterity. The covenant made by God with Adam in Eden was not only for Adam, but for every individual descending from him, by ordinary generation; and when he fell his posterity fell with him in that first transgression. We read in Romans 5:12, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin."

While Adam stood, his children stood; when he fell, we fell. We sinned in Adam. And so we read, "In whom all have sinned."

Too much emphasis can hardly be laid upon this important Bible doctrine. Enmity for the doctrine of original sin lies at the roots of the human soul. To go wrong on this doctrine, to deny it, to teach otherwise, is to go in at the broad gate.

How Is Adam's Sin Made Ours?

There are those (Pelagians) who hold that Adam's sin is only hurtful to his posterity by imitation. His sin, say they, set a bad example. But this is not the Bible teaching. Adam's sin is ours.

1. **By imputation.** It is taught very emphatically in Romans 5:12-21. In this passage a contrast is made between the first Adam and the second Adam, how death came through the first and life through the last, Jesus Christ.

The guilt of the first Adam was a public guilt; that is, it is charged upon the entire race, thus bringing spiritual, physical, and eternal death. We read, "Through the offence of ONE many be dead." Again, "By the offence of ONE judgment came upon ALL MEN to condemnation." And again, "As by ONE MAN'S disobedience MANY were made sinners."

These Scriptures only serve to emphasize what is previously said in verse twelve, "In whom all have sinned." We sinned not in our own persons but in the person of Adam as he was our federal head, or representative.

2. **By propagation.** The sin of Adam completely corrupted his once pure innocent nature, and we, as his offspring, do receive of the same depravity. As poison from the fountain is carried to the cistern, this pollution doth defile all the life of Adam's descendants. This is that of which the Psalmist writes when he says, "In sin did my mother conceive me." (Psa. 51:5).

In original sin there is something both privative and something positive. That sin has cut the lock of original purity, where lay our strength and life. It has cut us asunder from inward bliss; poisoned the happy fountain of purity; and darkened our souls (Continued on page five)

THE CATHOLIC OFFER A MAN WHO NEVER SINNED

Recently I noticed a "Ripley Believe It or Not" item entitled, "The Perfect Man." Under the caption were these words:

"King Philip III (1578-1621) of Spain, in his entire lifetime never committed a single sin."

I wrote the Ripley office and asked for information regarding the moral and spiritual standard of the king, which enabled him to make such a claim.

I received the following answer: "The chief authority for this statement is Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. 17, p. 722.

"While the Britannica cautiously asserts that . . . he was so virtuous as hardly to have committed a venial sin . . . his contemporaries are much more assertive and positive.

"A venial sin—as opposed to a mortal sin—is more pardonable. At the same time, the total absence of venial sin precludes the possibility of a moral transgression." **Believe It or Not!**

The unfailing Word of God says: "There is no man that sinneth not" (I Kings 8:46). It ever says, "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." (Ecclesiastes 7:20).

"He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth" (Proverbs 14:21). "An (Continued on page eight)

DAINGEROUS PUSSY-FOOTING IN SEMINARY

ELD. RAYMOND WAUGH San Antonio, Texas

The late Dr. Sampey has been quoted often as a defender of the faith once delivered to the saints." H. Leo Eddleman, former assistant professor in The Department of Hebrew, at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary often quoted him. During one class session in the Spring of 1953 he told how Dr. Sampey was reluctant to approve his Doctoral Thesis. It seems Dr. Sampey made himself "unavailable" until just (Continued on page five)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Your editor will be speaking for the Men's Fellowship at the Randolph Street Baptist Church of Charleston, West Virginia, on December 9 at 7:30.

We would be more than happy to see our friends who live in that area, and we take this opportunity of inviting those of you who read this paper to worship with us at that time and place.

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

WTCR—1420 ON THE DIAL ASHLAND, KENTUCKY Sunday—8:30-9:00 A. M.

WNRG—1250 ON THE DIAL GRUNDRY, VIRGINIA Sunday—8:30-9:00 A. M.

Rome's Boast That She Never Changes, Is True

The Catholic boast is that they never change. In this they do not . . .

THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."—Rev. 17:6.

Virtually every sane commentator of any reputation has exeged the 17th chapter of Revelation as being descriptive of the church of Rome. The sixth verse, in particular, gives in accurate detail the attitude of Rome toward all Christians other than Catholics during the period of the Dark Ages.

How Baptists suffered in those days! The pages of history fairly ooze with Baptist blood. Catholic swords and spears drip with the blood of Baptist martyrs. The air is filled with the shrieks and groans of Baptists who sealed their faith with their life's blood. The blood from 50,000,000 Baptists' cries out from the ground, which it has stained, like Abel's blood of old cried out to God for vengeance. Baptist blood flowed like water in the streets. The continent of Europe has been literally drenched with Baptist blood. By fire and fagot, sword and spear, countless Baptists have suffered at the hands of Rome.

In Piedmont, in 1160, the Waldenses established a home. They were harmless and inoffensive both in conversation and behavior. They paid tithes to Rome, yet the latter was not contented. Accordingly the Waldenses were branded as heretics because:

1. They did not believe in the doctrines of the church of Rome.

2. They made no offerings for prayers for the dead.
3. They did not go to mass.
4. They made no confessions and did not receive absolution.
5. They did not believe in purgatory, nor pay money to get the souls of their friends out of it.

Upon these charges the Archbishop of Turin ordered a persecution to begin, in which thousands were slaughtered. In the valley of Piedmont, the streams ran with blood. Those who survived this first outbreak of persecution were ordered to attend mass regularly on pain of death. Their refusal to obey Rome's orders caused the outbreak of the most furious persecution of all history. Great numbers were hanged, drowned, ripped open, burned, stabbed, racked to death, tied to trees and pierced with prongs, thrown from precipices, and crucified head downward, (Continued on page two)

DOES TELLING THE TRUTH FIT ONE FOR HEAVEN?

Raymond J. Dickie has a Trailer Court in Stockton, California. Robbers broke into his office early one Sunday morning.

When they failed to discover the hiding place of his money, they beat Mr. Dickie over the head with a hoe handle; and threatened to kill him with a hatchet if he did not inform them where the money was hidden.

According to the newspaper account of the robbery, Mr. Dickie is reported to have said: "I told them where the money was because I did not want to tell a lie; for if I told a lie I would not go to heaven."

The Bible enjoins us to put away lying and "speak every man truth with his neighbor" (Eph. 4:24); but lest someone should get the idea that refraining from telling lies fits one to enter Heaven, it must be said: by all means be truthful; but all truthful persons are not on their way to Heaven.

The Lord Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). Tell the truth certainly; but if you wish to enter Heaven, you must place personal faith in Him Who is the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth.

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"FEAR NOT, LITTLE FLOCK"

(Preached Thanksgiving Morning at Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky.)

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."—Luke 12:32.

Those of you who know your Bible know that Jesus' group was always small. In its beginning, there were only twelve besides the Lord Jesus Himself, and those were the twelve apostles. Even three years later when Jesus had been crucified and rose from the

dead and ascended back to the Father, they only had 120 who were followers of the Lord Jesus. To be sure, there had been some few times in His ministry, particularly at Capernaum, when our Lord had had great throngs that had followed Him, mainly for the loaves and the fishes that they might gather from His ministry, but when our Lord preached to the people and they listened to His doctrine, they turned away, and when Jesus' ministry was summed up, at the close of it, He only had 120 actual followers. So

we can say, beloved, that the ministry of Jesus, which began very small and which ended with only 120 after three years, was a very, very small ministry, and that the group that followed Him, was a very, very small group.

It was to this little group that Jesus spoke these words, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Notice that He referred to this little group that was assembled before Him as "a flock."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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THANKSGIVING

It is with humble gratitude and the deepest of joy that we tell you about our Thanksgiving service of last week.

From the very depths of my heart, I thank God for our service at Calvary Baptist Church in Ashland. God gave us an unusually large crowd, a fine spiritual service, and an offering for Missions of \$375.00. In dollars and cents, of course, this isn't much, but considering that it comes from a church with a very, very small membership, we truly rejoice, thank God and take heart.

Incidentally, if ever any of our readers should be in this area, we will be most happy to have you worship with us in our church services, and visit us in our home.



\$ A-MONTH-CLUB \$

We have said but very little about this in the last few months, however, this is a reminder to those who are interested in our printed ministry, that we will be needing \$1,000.00 and interest, for payment on our large newspaper press, June 27, 1956.

Our good friend, Brother L. E. Jarrell of Lordsburg, New Mexico suggested last year that if 100 of our readers contributed \$1.00 a month, the amount could easily be raised. We have never had anything like 100 that have done so, and yet, for the last two years, the Lord has given us the money which we need for this payment on our press.

We have two more of these payments to make—June, 1956 and June, 1957. Since the payment was made in June of this year, we have received \$184.00 on this account. Of course, this isn't much, but it is an appreciated start toward this obligation which will be facing us within just a few months.



Rome Never Changes

(Continued from page one) while their churches were destroyed, houses burned, property siezed, and their cattle stolen. Ministers and schoolmasters were put to such exquisite tortures as are almost incredible to conceive. But for the heroic spirit of the Waldenses, (who, rather than surrender the glorious doctrine of salvation by grace through faith, subsisted on wild fruits and the bark of trees) our glorious heritage of unbroken church continuity would be but an idle dream. In Ireland dissenters from Catholicism fared no better. The O'Neal conspiracy in 1641 was a deliberate attempt to murder all but Catholics. October 23rd of that year was designated for the commencement of the persecution. Men and women were put to every form of cruelty which the devilish ingenuity of men could devise. In the Castle of Lisgool, 150 men, women and children were burned together. At the Castle of Moneah, more than 100 were slain by the sword. However, their death was merciful as compared to the fate of others. Some were laid with the center

of their backs on the axletree of a wagon, with their legs resting on the ground on one side, and their arms and heads on the other. In this position the victim was whipped with branches of thorns, while another set on furious dogs which tore to pieces the arms, head, and upper parts of the body. Many were tied to horses tails and as the beasts galloped through the streets they were dragged along until they expired. Others were hung and a fire was kindled beneath them, dying thus, partly from hanging and partly from suffocation. Women were fastened with their backs to strong posts and stripped to the waists, to have their right breasts cut off with shears and in this position they were left until they expired from loss of blood. Even unborn infants were dragged from the womb to become victims of the Romanist's rage. Many pregnant mothers were hung naked on trees and their bodies being cut open, their innocent offspring were taken from them and thrown to dogs and hogs. To increase the horrid scene, the husband was himself compelled to be a spectator before he was slain.

In 1172, Ireland was given to Henry II of England on the condition that the Romish faith be forced on the people and that the Pope receive one penny from each house annually. (Incidentally this is the origin of Peter's Pence). The annals of Ulster tell of the horrible persecutions and massacres which followed. The rivers flowed with blood; houses were reduced to ashes; the very cattle of dissenters was inhumanly tortured; thousands were buried alive. Popish children were taught to pluck out the eyes of their non-Catholic playmates. Some were forced to murder their own relations and then to kill themselves over the bleeding remains, being compelled to listen to the priests who declared that their agonies were but the beginning of their torture. In Armagh, 4,000 were drowned. For twelve miles the road was stained with blood in Cavan. In the province of Munster alone, 154,000 were massacred.

The conflict in Ireland was so intense even in the eighteenth century that we find two strong organizations, the Orangemen (non-Catholics) and the Defenders (Catholics) living in deadly combat. A part of the merciless oath of the Defenders read, "I swear that I will never pity the moans or groans of the dying from the cradle to the crutch, and that I will wade knee-deep in Protestant blood."

In France, in 1572, Catherine de Medecis pretended to grant the Huguenots an advantageous peace; and, to cement it, proposed a marriage of her daughter to Henry, the young king of Navarre. A large number of non-Catholics were invited to the palace to attend the wedding on St. Bartholomew's Day. In the midst of the festivities the great bell of the palace rang out, which was a signal for the butchery of all the guests. Coligni, the guest of the king was killed in the palace, his head severed from his body, every indignity was heaped upon his body which was finally hanged feet upward. It was left thus for many days until the bloated carcass, festering and rotting filled the air with an exceedingly nauseating odor. As the king and his mother rode by he exclaimed, "The smell of a rotting Protestant is good." Thirty thousand were slain in Paris alone, with full seventy thousand throughout France.

May God help Baptists today to be true to the Faith like our fathers of yesterday!



VIRGINIA PASTOR MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT

To whom it may concern: I wish to announce that I am in position to accept engagements for special meetings. I will go anywhere the Lord leads, with the understanding that I am to have the privilege of preaching as the Holy Spirit leads. I am a Missionary Baptist by Holy Spirit

Memory Verse: "John answered and said, He must increase, but I must decrease."—John 3:27,30.

I. Who John Was. Mt. 3:1. It will be interesting to all to state that he was the first Missionary Baptist preacher. In John 1:6, we read that he was sent of God on a mission. Thus, he was a missionary. In Mt. 3:1, he is called "the Baptist." Then he was a Missionary Baptist. Mt. 3:1 also states that he was a preacher. Thus, a Missionary Baptist preacher.

II. Where John Preached. Mt. 3:1. Surely the wilderness was a peculiar place for one to begin his ministry, yet, John began to preach in the wilderness where no one was, and ended his ministry there where everyone was, even including the religious leaders from Jerusalem.

III. What John Preached. Mt. 3:2. John preached one of the most important of all doctrines — repentance. It is absolutely essential that one repent if ever he is to be saved. No matter how much one may desire to repent, nor how often he may resolve to repent, unless he actually repents, he is lost, for no one can receive Christ without repentance. Cf. Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3; II Pet. 3:9. Repentance must precede faith. Cf. Acts 19:4; Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21; Heb. 6:1; Mt. 21:32. Someone may ask, "What is repentance?" Briefly, it is a change of mind toward God, self, and sin, and is accompanied by Godly sorrow. Or again, we might say that repentance, includes three steps: Sin perceived, sins abhorred, and sins abandoned. Repentance is a gift of God. Cf. II Tim. 2:25; Acts 5:31; Acts 11:18.

IV. What John's Work Was. Mt. 3:3. John was a fore-runner of Christ. His work of preparing the way for Christ was prophesied through all the Old Testament. Cf. Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1; Mal. 4:5,6.) His work was to introduce a lost world to a merciful Saviour. Cf. John 1:29. Every preacher and Bible school teacher has the same task.

In Africa the roads are but torturous trails through the jungle. Articles of commerce must be carried to the interior by human burden bearers over the narrow trails. It is necessary that the caravan start at daybreak to avoid the heat of the day. Heavy dews precipitate upon the grass. This means that the carriers are drenched and the merchandise is dampened. Hence, the need of a "dew-drier" — a lad of twelve or fourteen years old, who goes with a pole an hour earlier and whacks at tall grass to clear them of dew. Many fall ill due to these chilly frequent wettings. Many are torn into shreds by some beast of prey. John was, literally, a "dew-drier" for Deity. May we be no less!

V. John's Peculiarities. Mt. 3:4. He fasted (Mark 2:18); he drank not even wine (Luke 1:15); his dress and food was peculiar (Mt. 3:4); he preached a peculiar doctrine — repentance, faith, and baptism; he cared nothing for public opinion; he was peculiar in that his answers cut to the quick (Mt. 3:7).

Missionary Baptists have, from that day, been peculiar wherever they are Scriptural. Cf. Titus 2:13,14. Our business is not to see how nearly we are like others, but to magnify our differences and peculiarities.

VI. How John's Work Was Received. Mt. 3:5. Multitudes gathered on the shores of the Jordan to see and hear this strange man, and to witness the ordinance be administered. Whenever men preach like John today, the world will stand by and listen with admiration. Preachers often compromise in order to gain a crowd. This is the way to lose a congregation. People will come for miles to hear the Truth, but will go for miles to get away from a compromising message.

VII. Whom John Baptized. Mt. 3:6. Only as men confessed their sins did John baptize. This means that he baptized only those who professed to be saved. Cf. John 4:1. No true preacher will do otherwise today. Scriptural baptism demands that the candidate be a believer — a saved person. Cf. Acts 8:12; Acts 3:36,37; Acts 16:30-34; Acts 18:8. One does not have to be baptized to be saved, but he must be saved to be baptized. Please note that this is the teaching also of verse 11. The phrase "unto repentance," means "because of repentance."

Bible conviction.

I believe one hundred per cent in the Philadelphia Confession of Faith; believing, teaching, and preaching the doctrine of unconditional election and a limited atonement.

My ministry divides because it is specifically to Christians, unsaved church members and hypocrites. I believe the Bible teaches church discipline, therefore I encourage it in the church of which I am pastor and wherever I go. Having become acquainted with the problems of a pastor through twelve years of pastoral experience, I have deep-rooted love for God's prophets.

I received my theological training at the Baptist Bible Seminary, Johnson City, N. Y. My wife also

received the same training. She is called and qualified of the Lord for teaching children through the visual aid method.

Any that are interested in such a ministry as mine are invited to write me.

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"Little Flock"

(Continued from page one) LET'S NOTICE SOME THINGS CONCERNING HIS FLOCK.

The flock of the Lord Jesus Christ is a PURCHASED FLOCK. If you will turn to the Word of God, you will find that taught

Then if John baptized only believers, he did not baptize babes. Some one has said that there are three classes of Scripture which teach baby baptism: The first mentions baptism but not babies; the second mentions babes but not baptism; and the third does not mention either.

VIII. How John Preached. Mt. 3:7-12. John preached a bold, divisive, fiery doctrine (V. 7). Cf. Mt. 14:4. Every Baptist who is faithful, will preach the same doctrine. John should be the ideal of every living preacher.

To our readers, may I say to you that I expect to continue to speak plain. It may continue to make some of you mad. I can't say that I don't care, for I do. However, I'd rather make you mad than to make my Lord mad. I expect to preach the WORD even if I have to push my trunk out of town on a wheelbarrow.

In his preaching, he demanded that one's life produce some fruit (Vs. 8). A profession without fruit is worthless.

In his preaching, he told proud Jews that more than the natural birth was necessary in order to enter Heaven (V. 9). Cf. John 1:11-13; John 3:1-8.

Yet, his preaching was in the greatest spirit of humility (V. 11). Cf. John 3:30.

In his preaching, he prophesied the happenings of Pentecost (V. 11). Cf. Acts 2:1-4.

John was also a Hell-fire preacher (V. 2). He knew nothing of the modern theory of Hell being a condition of the mind. He only knew of it as a place of literal burning fire. If we had more of John's type of preaching, we would have more sinners coming for Baptist baptism.

IX. Jesus Immersed By John. Mt. 3:13-17. This is the greatest scene earth ever witnessed, next to Calvary. These elements stand forth:

1. Jesus was immersed in the Jordan River. Mt. 3:6.
2. He was immersed by a Missionary Baptist preacher with authority to baptize. John 1:33. (None other has that authority today either).
3. This immersion was not to save Jesus (as Campbellites teach), but was to fulfill all righteousness. Mt. 3:15.
4. The Trinity was present — Father spoke, Son was baptized, and the Spirit descended upon Christ.
5. The Father was pleased. The only baptism that the Father is pleased with today is Baptist baptism.

X. Three Questions:

1. Was John's Baptism Christian? Read Mt. 21:25,26,32; Luke 7:29,30. If it were not Christian baptism, then Christ did not have Christian baptism, for it was the only baptism Christ received. Likewise, none of the apostles received Christian baptism, for they had only John's baptism. Cf. Acts 1:22. If John's baptism had been a ritualistic ordinance of the Old Testament, or if it had been the latter Jewish proselyte immersion, any Jew could have answered Christ's question in Mt. 21:25-27. Since they couldn't, it proves that John's baptism was Christian.
2. Was John in the Kingdom of an Old Testament Priest? Always we see John in the desert places and never in the cities. This alone proves that John was not officiating as a priest of the Old Testament, but was a preacher of the new dispensation. Read Luke 16:16.
3. Did John preach the same gospel that real Baptists preach today? Read Mark 1:1-3. This certainly makes John the first New Testament preacher of the gospel of Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. How many Old Testament predictions are fulfilled in this lesson?
2. Should anyone be satisfied with any type of baptism other than what Jesus received?
3. In how many churches can John's baptism be administered today?
4. Did John baptize to save or because men were saved?
5. What kind of baptism was administered to Jesus — sprinkling, pouring, or immersion?
6. Would the Father have been pleased with any other baptism for His Son?

over and over again. Listen: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are BOUGHT with a price."—I Cor. 6:19,20.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath PURCHASED with his own blood."—Acts 20:28.

Let me insist, beloved, if you are a saved person, you have been purchased with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The sacrifice of an angel or of an innumerable multitude of the heavenly host would never in any wise effect (Continued on page three)

If our circumstances find us in God, we shall find God in all our circumstances.

"Little Flock"

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Your salvation. The payment of silver or gold which might effect the ransom of a captive, could never in any wise bring about your redemption. Beloved friends, if you are saved this morning, you are saved for one reason only—you have been purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I believe in the old-fashioned doctrine of conversion. I don't believe in just joining a church, signing a decision card, holding up the hand, or saying in some manner that you are going to turn over a new leaf, and live a different life, and that you are going to join the church. I am not at all at home in modern churches. I am not at all at home with the mass and mob psychology that is used in most churches. I believe that instead of a person being moved under the dynamic personality of a speaker or by a fluent orator, in order to be saved, he must be purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only is the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ a purchased flock, but it is a **WASHED FLOCK**. Everyone that is in the flock has been washed by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

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

Notice that it doesn't say that our works cleanse us from our sin. It does not say that we are cleansed from our sins by baptism. It does not say that we are cleansed from our sins by joining the church or by anything that we do, but rather we are told definitely that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.

"Unto him that loved us, and WASHED us from our sins in his own blood."—Rev. 1:5.

I believe that everyone who is saved ought to be baptized. In fact, I think that every saved person who refuses to be baptized is definitely disobeying his Lord. If a man has been saved, he ought to follow in the steps of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Jesus, beloved, set us an example at the very beginning of His ministry by being baptized at the hands of John the Baptist. Every saved person ought to be baptized, but none but a saved person should be baptized, for in no way at all will the waters of the baptistry ever wash away a man's sins. Not one single sin in six thousand years of earth's history has ever been washed away in the waters of the

baptistry. Instead, beloved, the Word of God tells us we are washed from our sins in His own blood.

Oh, hear me this morning, beloved friends, the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ is a washed flock. If you are a saved person, you have been washed from your sins in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. It blesses my soul just to know that the blood of the Lord Jesus doesn't reform a man and work some kind of a temporary change, but rather, if you are saved, you have been washed from your sins in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice how many of our sins have been washed away from us:

"Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from ALL INIQUITY."—Titus 2:14.

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you ALL TRESPASSES."—Col. 2:13.

So, beloved friends, if you are saved, you are not only a member of a purchased flock—purchased by the giving of God's own Son—but you are a member of a washed flock, in that all of your sins—past sins, present sins, and future sins—have been washed away in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I would remind you also that the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ is a **CHOSEN FLOCK**.

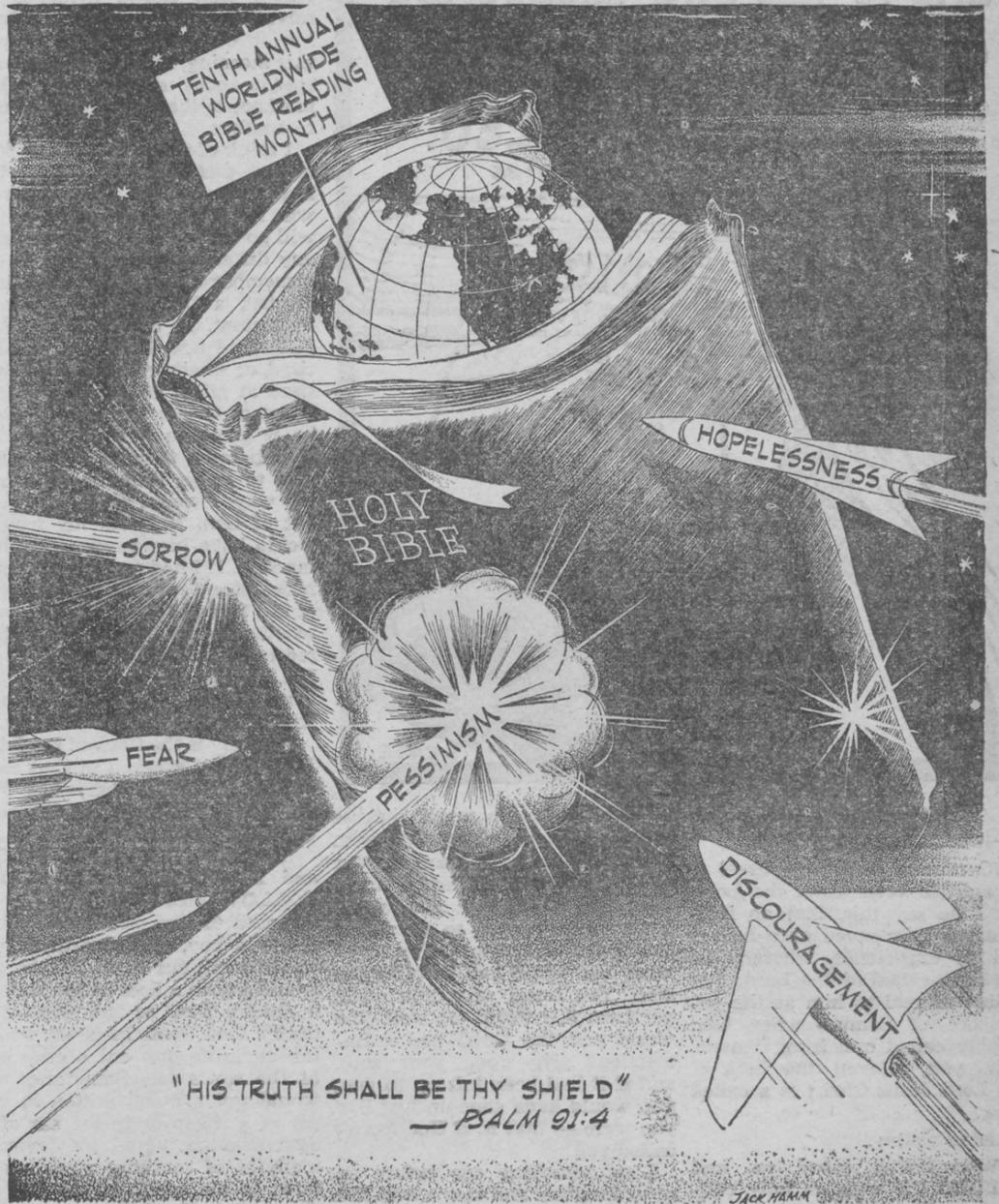
"So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few **CHOSEN**."—Mt. 20:16.

"And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the **ELECT'S SAKE, WHOM HE HATH CHOSEN**, he hath shortened the days."—Mark 13:20.

I tell you, beloved, the flock of Jesus was chosen by the Lord before the foundation of the world.

Just recently, a business man in Ashland came into my printing shop. He wasn't there to talk business, but it was just a matter of our conversation, he referred to a religious situation existing here in Ashland at the present time, and he made mention of the fact that some of the folk involved in it, believed in the term, "the elect." He said, "I just don't know anything about the elect, but I went to my pastor and asked him if he knew anything about the elect, and he said that you couldn't even find that word 'elect' in the Bible." This man said to me, "What do you think about it, Brother Gilpin?" I said, "I don't know too much about this particular situation, but I do know one thing about your pas-

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tor. He hasn't been reading his Bible very much."

Listen, beloved, there will not be one person in Heaven but what was chosen by God before the foundation of the world. We read:

"According as he hath **CHOSEN US** in him before the foundation of the world."—Eph. 1:4.

How long this world has been in existence I do not know. Scientists argue the matter and some say that it has been here for thousands of years, some say for millions, and some even say for billions. I prefer to take a Biblical estimate and say that this world has probably existed for about 6,000 years. Be that as it may, and regardless of how old this world may be, before this world was, God chose an elect number in Him—that is, before the foundation of the world. Before God ever sprinkled any dust on the top of the rocks, before ever that one blade of grass had grown out of that dust, before that even one single tiny violet had ever peeped beneath the sod in the early spring, before even the angels of God had clapped their hands and shouted for joy on the morning of the creation, yea, beloved, before the wing of a seraph had ever fanned the un-navigated ether, before there had been one sound heard in this world—before all this, God had already chosen you and me, and all those, that will be saved.

Doesn't it make you happy, if you are a member of His flock, to know that God thought about you, that God knew about you, and that God planned for you before the foundation of the world? Doesn't it make you happy just to think that back yonder before this world was, before that ever you were, and before God had ever put anything here, God had already made an individual choice of you so far as your salvation is concerned? Beloved, it thrills my heart to know that every one of God's redeemed is a part of His chosen flock.

It is also true that the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ is a **CALLED FLOCK**. In other words, no one can be saved unless he be called of the Lord. Listen:

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God **SHALL CALL**."—Acts 2:39.

Notice that God has to do the calling. You have probably been in a service that when the preacher finished his preaching that he would go back in the audience and "button-hole" some person, and by main force drag him up to the front and get him down to pray and count him as a convert. Or maybe you have been in a service when some zealous worker goes back and "button-holes" somebody and gets him up to the front and tries to get a profession out of him, I say to you that is one way to get professions, but it takes the Spirit of God to get conversions. You can get ecclesiastical corpses by dragging them to the front, but, beloved, it takes the call of the Spirit of God to make a Christian. I insist, no one is ever saved because he has been called by the preacher,

or because he has been called by his mother, or because some zealous church worker has gone to him and invited him to make a profession of faith. The only people who are saved are those who have had a call from the Lord.

I turn in the Bible and read the story of little Samuel as he lay asleep one night. The Word of God tells us that as yet Samuel knew not the Lord, but that during his sleep God called Samuel three times. The first time God called him he jumped up and ran to Eli, and said, "You called me." Eli said, "No, no, not I. I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." When God called the second time, Samuel again ran to Eli, and said, "You called me," but again Eli said, "No, no, not I." Eli then told him that if he heard the voice again, to remember that it was God speaking to him. When the Lord called him the third time, Samuel looked up into the face of God in the blackness of the midnight hour, and said, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Beloved, I don't mean to say that every individual today hears (Continued on page four)

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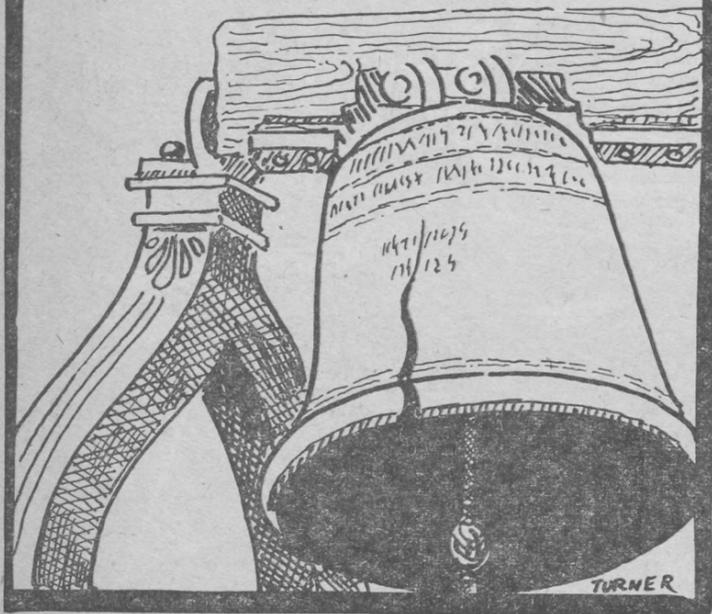
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FOR IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED.

JOHN 8:36



"Little Flock"

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an audible voice from the Lord, but I do say this, that no individual is ever saved until he has had an experience, whereby he has been called of the Lord, that is just as real to him as the experience of Samuel when God audibly called him from Heaven. I tell you, beloved, the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ is a called flock.

Listen again:

"Who hath saved us, and CALLED US with an holy calling."—II Tim. 1:9.

One night several years ago when I was preaching, an old man back in the audience shook his head very noticeably in opposition to what I was preaching, when I said that God has to call a man before he will ever be saved. The next day, I met the old gentleman as he was walking on the street. He shook his cane in my face and said, "Brother Gilpin, there wasn't a word of truth last night in what you said about God having to call a man." He said, "When a man gets ready to be saved, he will just turn over a new leaf, and do differently. When a man gets ready to serve the Lord, he will turn to the Lord and start serving him. When a man gets ready to do something in the service of the Lord, he will do it without God exercising any power over him." How ridiculously ignorant of the Bible he was, and how ridiculously ignorant are all those who believe like him.

Listen to me, beloved, in the light of the Word, every man who

is saved today, is saved because he has been called by God with an holy calling. You know in your Christian experience that if it had been left up to you, you would never have turned to the Lord. You loved sin too well. You loved what the world had to offer too well. You loved what you could get from this world too well. The world and the Devil had a tremendous grip upon your soul, and if it had been left up to you, you would have gone on just like you were — that is, if God hadn't called you.

I sat sometime ago before an open fireplace and saw a coal fall out of the grate upon the hearth. I looked at it and I thought, "How unlike myself. How unlike everybody else." That coal might fall out of the fire, but I wouldn't have fallen out of the fire of sin by myself. I loved this world too much to ever fall out of the fire of it myself. Beloved, I had to be picked out — I had to be called out by the Holy Spirit of God.

I want you to notice also that the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ is a **MARKED FLOCK**. If you are saved, God has put some marks on you. Listen:

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER." — John 13:55.

One of the marks that God's children have is that they have love one to another. Beloved, I may differ with that man who doesn't believe in the doctrine of election. I may differ with that man who believes that all you have to do is to turn over a new leaf to be saved. I may differ with that man who believes that you may be baptized by sprinkling

as well as by immersion. I may differ with that man in his doctrines, but, beloved, of any individual who shows evidence of salvation, I can say that I love him in Christ Jesus. I say to you this morning, this flock that Jesus speaks about is a marked flock — marked, in that we have love one to another.

I think of those individuals who believe differently to what I believe. Let me say that any man who is saved today, when he dies, will go to Heaven. It doesn't make any difference what church he is a member of — whether he is a Baptist, a Catholic, a Jew, or a Protestant. It doesn't make any difference how he has been baptized, or whether he has been baptized at all. If he has trusted the blood of Christ for his salvation, he is going to Heaven when he dies, because there is nothing for him to go to Hell for. If I had my way, I would make a Baptist out of him. If I had my way, I would have him baptized by immersion. If I had my way, I would make him Scriptural in the light of the Word of God. But, beloved, whether he is or not, if he has received the Lord Jesus Christ as His Saviour, he is saved, and he is my brother, and I love any man who is in the family of God.

Not only is the flock of the Lord Jesus Christ marked in that each has love for another, but His flock is marked in a different way. Listen:

"My sheep HEAR MY VOICE, and I know them, and THEY FOLLOW ME."—John 10:27.

I used to live on a farm when I was a boy, and sometimes we would mark our stock. Maybe we would punch a hole in the web of a chick's foot, or the web of a duck's foot. Sometimes we would take a knife and cut a crop out of the sow's ear. Sometimes we would put a metal button in the ear of a sheep or in the ear of a cow. In other words, the favorite methods of marking stock on a farm, is the mark in the ear, or the mark in the foot.

Well, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ has His own marked. In fact, He has us doubly marked—He has us marked both in the ear and in the foot.

Notice, He says, "My sheep hear my voice." Beloved, if you are one of God's sheep, you have a hearing ear. You will want to hear His Word. Don't tell me that a man who is saved will turn his back on the Word of God. Don't tell me that if a man is saved He will turn his back on God's Word and go off after some heretical organization or some heretical church. Beloved, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." God's sheep have a hearing ear. He has marked us with a hearing ear.

Then Jesus also says, "They follow me." God's sheep also have following feet. His sheep won't want to hear any but the voice of Jesus, and they won't want to follow anyone but the Lord Jesus. God's flock is a marked flock. They are not only marked with a love toward one another and marked with hearing ears, but they are marked with following feet. Surely, we are a marked flock.

More than this, we are a **SECURE FLOCK**. If you are saved today, God didn't save you just for today, or for a little while, but God saved you for time and for eternity. Notice:

"And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28,29.

Oh, what a hand God has today! What a mighty hand God has! God's hand goes back to the day when Abel brought his offering of blood and was saved. God put Abel in His hand, and in every generation from that time down to this, God has picked up His elect and put them in His hand. In this day, of every one that is being saved, God is still putting them in His hand, and out yonder in the future, the last man that will ever be saved, God will put him in His hand. If it were left up to you, you would

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"I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW"

1. Was Sarah really Abraham's sister?

Sarah was not Abraham's sister. Although he said that she was a half sister, actually this was a whole lie. In Genesis 11:27-29, you will read of Abraham and his family. Iscah is the same as Sarah. Practically any good commentary or dictionary shows this to be true. This really means that Abraham actually married his niece. He merely told the story about her being his sister in order to save his hide when circumstances looked very adverse to him.

2. Are Campbellites and Baptists quite similar in doctrine?

Catholics excepted, no two religious groups could be farther apart. To prove this I'll show you some of the existing differences.

1. Campbellites teach that baptism is a condition of salvation; Baptists teach that salvation is a condition of baptism. Acts 10:47.

2. Campbellites teach that baptism washes away sin; Baptists teach that the Blood of Christ washes away sin and that too at faith and before baptism. I John 1:7.

3. Campbellites teach that the new birth is consummated in baptism; Baptists teach that men are born again by receiving Christ by faith. John 1:12-13.

4. Campbellites deny the personal, direct immediate work of the Holy Spirit in the new birth; Baptists teach that men are born again by the Word and the Spirit and that, both in Old Testament and New Testament days the Lord saved men the same way, namely, by the sanctification of the Spirit and the belief of the truth. Ezek. 37:1-14; II Thess. 2:13.

5. Campbellites teach church salvation; Baptists teach salvation wholly through Christ, that Christ saves through faith and that none but those already saved have any right to church membership. Acts 2:47.

6. Campbellites reverse the order of repentance and faith and put faith before repentance; Baptists follow the universal Bible order and tell men they cannot believe until they have first repented. Matt. 21:32.

7. Campbellites teach that men are saved wholly by works; Baptists teach that men are saved wholly by grace, through faith, apart from works, but wholly as a gift of God. Rom. 4:5-8.

8. Campbellites teach justification by works; Baptists teach justification by faith. Rom. 5:1, 4; Gal. 2:16.

9. Campbellites teach the Christ dishonoring doctrine of apostasy; Baptists teach the Christ-magnifying doctrine of a once-for-all salvation through the finished work of Jesus Christ. John 3:36, 5:24, 10:25-27; Rom. 8:28-39.

10. Campbellites teach open communion, ruling elders, the government of the church a monarchy, infant purity, Arminianism and a host of other soul destroying heresies, which the Bible and the Baptists deny.

Campbellites teach the grievously false doctrines of Pelagius. They deny original sin. They deny the necessity of grace for the salvation of the infant. They assert complete free will. They assert Adam's fall injured himself only and not his posterity. Among all so-called evangelical believers, none are farther from the Baptists than the Campbellites.

3. What are some of the outstanding teachings of the Mormons?

1. The Latter Day Saints teach the book of Mormon is inspired by the Holy Spirit as the Bible. Way of Life, p. 19.

2. The Latter Day Saints teach that the church of Christ apostatized and that Joseph Smith on April 6, 1830, reestablished it. Pearl of Great Price, p. 48.

3. The Latter Day Saints teach that the churches "were all corrupt," and "all their creeds were an abomination" in 1820. Pearl of Great Price, p. 48.

4. The Latter Day Saints teach that Joseph Smith was inspired to lay the foundation of the church. Manual of the Priesthood, p. 9.

5. The Latter Day Saints teach that Jesus Christ lost His church and did not stay with it, and Joseph Smith had to lay a foundation and build it up again. Manual of Priesthood, p. 9.

6. The Latter Day Saints teach that "we are all the children of God, that He is our Father, that He is the Father of our spirits." Way of Life, p. 20, 21.

7. The Latter Day Saints teach that man had a spiritual existence before he came into this world. Way of Life, p. 25.

8. The Latter Day Saints teach that faith precedes repentance. The Way of Life, p. 64.

In five of these eight points Campbellism is in exact agreement with Mormonism. Campbellism is the older sister by three years.

4. What reasons would you give as to why a Christian should not smoke?

1. It takes time. This is the most precious thing in the world. 2. It befouls the air. Pure air is God's first and best gift to man. I've got just as much right to spit in your drinking water as you have to blow smoke in the air I breathe. 3. It burns up money. Money is the circulating life-blood of commerce and society. 4. It hinders work. By work we win in this world. 5. It weakens the heart. The time is coming when you will need every bit of its strength. 6. It endangers health. Grant and Mark Twain both died of tobacco poison. 7. It is a habit-forming drug. You become its slave. 8. It is not recommended by your mother. The boy's best friend is his mother. 9. It is unclean. Paul says, "Keep thyself clean." 10. All smoke is waste and impairs health. Tobacco smoke is doubly so. 11. It sets a terribly bad example before young folk. We need to remember that the youth of today are following us. 12. The Lord Jesus wouldn't do so if He were here today, and we ought to seek to follow in the path He set before us.

5. What evidence do we have that John's baptism was Christian?

1. The Bible says it came from Heaven. Is heaven heathen? Matt. 21:25.

2. The Bible says John's baptism came from God. John 1:33.

3. The Bible says John's baptism was the counsel of God and to reject John's baptism was to reject God's counsel. Luke 7:30.

4. The Bible says that Jesus received John's baptism and that God the Father spake from Heaven to tell the folk. He was well pleased with it. What would all the descendants of Rome give to have Heaven's approval of their harlot baptism?

5. The Holy Spirit gave His approval of John's baptism by descending upon Jesus when He submitted to it.

6. All the 12 apostles had John's baptism and no man could be one of the 12, unless he had John's baptism. Acts 1:21.

7. The folk on Pentecost all had John's baptism, for they were all baptized by 12 men, who were baptized by John. No other baptism is Christian, except John's.

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 day or so prior to the deadline for approval. He was reached by telephone, however, and asked to give his approval or disapproval. Eddleman had done his doctoral work under Dr. Sampey and his approval was essential if the degree were to be conferred.) To quote Eddleman, "Dr. Sampey said he would have to approve because he (Eddleman) has done the work. But it's Modernistic! Modernistic!"
 This same H. Leo Eddleman later became a missionary to Palestine. After returning to this country his most extensive pastoral work was at Parkland Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. Such as this indicates quite fully the ease with which he deemed "modernistic" by one of the stalwarts of the faith can become a successful Missionary and Pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention.

While at Parkland, Eddleman became a part-time instructor at Southern Baptist Seminary. Later he became full-time in Old Testament and Hebrew. It was during his latter period of his employment that I had him as professor of Hebrew.
 In one of our classes he quoted Dr. Sampey as once saying, "she's chopping her head off so subtly that she won't know it until the next time she goes to sneeze." At the time I was not fully aware of the truth of this statement as it would be applied to the Seminary and the Southern Convention and certainly Eddleman was making such application.

In truth, however, this is exactly what is happening. In the quiet of the Seminary young men and women are being "doctored" with Neo-orthodoxy and agnostic poison and kept under the "sedation" of philosophical relativism; that is, they maintain truth is relative to the latest device of human reason and there is no final, conclusive standard of certainty. This is the Seminary leaders' method of undermining the authority of the Scriptures and instilling multitudinous, evilish doubts in the minds of young men and women. And almost without their knowing doubts are piled on doubts until

Original Sin

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 with darkness darker than midnight.
 Sin is only natural for us to do, due to original sin. To that which brings only misery and everlasting destruction we cling and love with a passion hotter than the flames of hell itself. Original sin has made us guilty of sin, lovers of sin, and bond-slaves to sin. It has given us an innate principle so that we cannot forbear sinning. To harness the wind which "bloweth where it listeth" is an easier task than for man to quit sinning. Original sin is responsible for the madness of the dope addict, who knowing the consequences of his acts continues to walk this damning road. He is responsible for the drunkard who cannot give up the bottle. Although he may grow weary and miserable with his sinning, yet he continues to lust after the very thing which will send him to an early grave.

Original sin is that which keeps the sinner from keeping his good resolutions. It is that which makes reformation of no use. It is that which bows the sinner to Satan's master. It was easier to drown in the flames of hell than to subdue the flames of conscience that abide in man's "inward parts."

Original Sin and the Unregenerate Natural Man

The effects of original sin are universal. It includes all the descendants of Adam. Both the babe

these young people who once had a vibrant Biblical testimony find themselves doubting the final validity of the Scriptures. With such uncertainty besetting their ways they who believed theirs was a call of God go out to tickle the fancies of men and keep their preaching jobs at any price!

At a later time, April 10, 1953, H. Leo Eddleman was discussing I Samuel 2:6, which reads, "The Lord killeth, and maketh alive; he bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up." One of his most effectual statements with regard to this passage was, "When you read that you wonder about these fellows who say there is no immortality in the Old Testament." Such a statement in the midst of the other departments' dead het-

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and the adult, the rich and the poor, the moral person and the debauched wretch — all are affected. And what are the effects?

1. **Original sin has defiled the heart.** It is "deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." (Jer. 17:9). It is the fountain of evil and filthiness (Mk. 7:21-23). It is a lesser hell. It is possessed of legions of lusts, infidelity, hypocrisy, pride, hate, and jealousy. It boils with passion and revenge. "Madness is in their heart while they live." (Eccl. 9:3). Were there no devil to tempt, no world to allure, no bad example to imitate, man with his heart of iniquity could not but sin. Man's evil heart will find its most desirable company with the demons of hell.

2. **Original sin has deprived the intellectual part.** Corporeal ignorance: there is error and mistake and unfair judgment. Man puts bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. (Isa. 5:20).

Spiritually, man is stooped in ignorance. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness" (I. Cor. 1:18). The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God. (I. Cor. 2:14). His understanding is darkened (Eph. 4:18), and how great is that darkness! (Matt. 6:23).

3. **The Will.** The will is only an expression of the sinner's depraved nature. The natural man's will is to fulfill the "lusts of the flesh, the desires of the flesh and of the mind" (Eph. 2:3). Man "will not come to Christ that he might have life" (John 5:40), but "loves darkness rather than light" (John 3:19).

Recovered by Christ

Although cast into a pit of condemnation and corruption by Adam, God has chosen to show forth His power and grace, and through Christ Jesus has recovered for His very own an elect remnant. We read in I Cor. 15:22, "For in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Notice the contrast between Adam and Christ in the passage—

In Adam

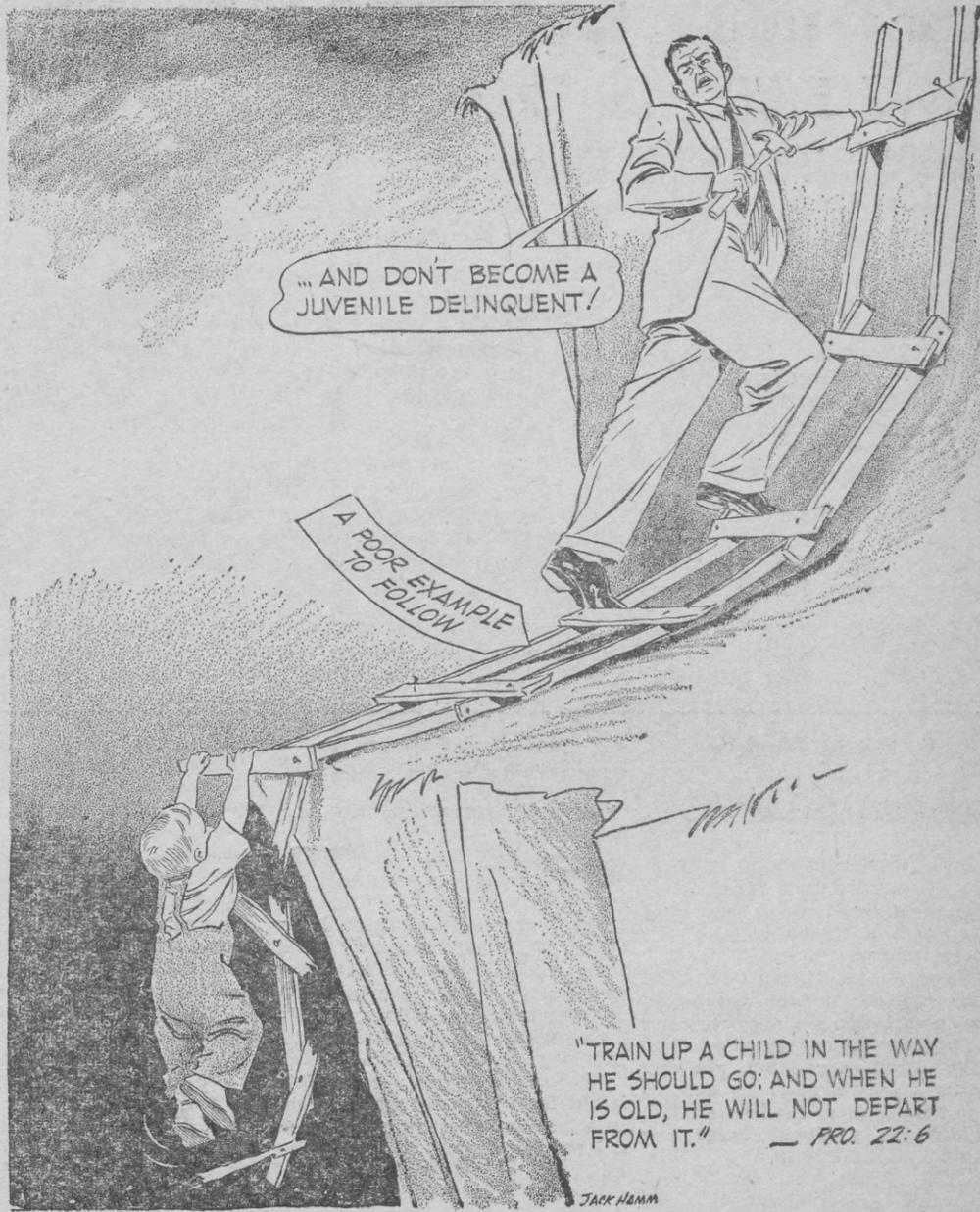
- (1) Guilty by imputation—Rom. 5:12-21.
- (2) Depraved nature by propagation—Jn. 3:6.
- (3) Spiritual death—Gen. 2:17.
- (4) Bodily death—I. Cor. 15:21.
- (5) Eternal death—Rom. 6:23.

In Christ

- (1) Righteousness by imputation—Rom. 3:24,26.
- (2) Divine nature by regeneration—Tit. 3:5.
- (3) Spiritual life—Eph. 2:1.
- (4) Bodily resurrection—Rom. 8:11.
- (5) Heaven—John 14:1-3.

(The "alls" in I Cor. 15:22 are limited. The first "all" is limited to the number represented by Adam in the covenant of works, which includes all mankind. The last "all" is limited to the number represented by Christ in the covenant of grace, "chosen in Him before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4). Not only does the Bible teach this from one cover to the other, but the very next verse limits the "all" in verse twenty-two to "they that are Christ's" (v. 23). Christ took not hold of the seed of Adam, but the chosen seed. "I lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:15). Either this passage in I Corinthians teaches (1) universal redemption or it teaches (2) the limited view

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just presented. Else, the "even so" of the verse has no meaning at all. The Scriptures bear out the latter interpretation conclusively).

Original Sin and the Christian

Why does God leave original depravity in the child of God after regeneration? A study of the Bible will reveal that the answer is to show forth the power of His grace, even in the weakest believer. God takes pleasure in "working in us both to will and to do" (Phil. 2:13). And although grace purifies, it does not make the old nature perfect. It shall one day die, and drop into the grave; but at present sin has its life lengthened out. For this reason let us—

1. **Be deeply humbled by this fact.** Original sin is in our members. It is an active principle stirring up evil. It is worse than actual sin; the fountain is more poisonous than the stream which flows from it. Though regenerated and possessed of divine nature, there yet abides an enemy—the "old man." How this should humble us! How this should prompt us to watch, watch! Is not this the thorn in the flesh left to drive us to Him whose grace is sufficient? How this depravity should make us shrink back from pride and self-sufficiency and to cry out, "O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!" (Psa. 119:5).

2. **Daily look up to Heaven for our help.** Let us daily come to that Fountain "opened to the house of David and to the inhabi-

tants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." (Zech. 12:1). Let us plead for His Spirit to mortify the power of original corruption and beg for further degrees of grace and faith. Though grace cannot eradicate the old nature, yet it prevents sin's reign. Grace cannot expel sin, but it can repel it.

3. **Watch our hearts.** "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." (Prov. 4:23). A sleeping lion is the sin of our nature, the least thing awakens it and makes it rage. Though the sin of our nature seems quiet and calm, any moment it may be set on fire with the fire of hell and passions burn in us as dry grass. Think of what only one sin did—only one temptation! Our wandering heart needs watchful eyes. I say unto you all. "Watch." (Mt. 13:37).
 —BOB ROSS

How Satan Hinders

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 tely foreign to this program is presumptuous and wicked. The second thing to be said is this—Jesus condemned the secularizing of the place of worship when he cleansed the temple. He would not let them so much as carry a vessel through the temple. (See Mark 11:15-18.)

2—**THE SUBORDINATION OF PREACHING.** What does the Bible say about preaching? It says, "It hath pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The modern preacher is so occupied with other things that he doesn't give a great amount of time to preparation to preach, consequently preaching in general is of a poor quality. Very little exposition of the Word of God. How many churches advertise their pastor's preaching such as to feature it? Very few. Churches build auditoriums that cannot hold more than a fraction of the membership, which means that they are not expected to attend preaching. Churches build hen coops for the preaching, and elaborate educational plants for

Sunday school. Yet the real teaching of the Bible in the average Sunday school is negligible. People who attend Sunday school — most of them — DO NOT learn the Bible? The method of study is shoddy and the teachers themselves don't know the Bible.

The "Dee-nomination" doesn't want outstanding, able, preachers. The Denomination wants mediocre stooges who will completely obey — men who will keep the unscriptural auxiliaries functioning such as to turn revenue into headquarters. This may seem unkind, but it is the truth, and many illustrations could be given in proof.

3—**WORLDLINESS AND WORLD CONFORMITY.** How much separation is called for by the average church and pastor? The schools are filled with young people who belong to Baptist and other churches, and who have never heard any call to separation. They are movie fiends, dancers—and they do everything done by the world. Many a big church might call a pastor who opposes a worldly life, but let him begin to call people to separation and in three months time his resignation could be called for. We could name churches and pastors in this connection, for we have known it to happen.

4—**SELFISHNESS, IN WHICH CHURCH MEMBERS WANT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO,** rather than to help minister. These are the members who want to be visited and coddled by their pastor. They want their ego inflated—want to feel that they are important. They don't join the church to help promote the Cause of Christ, but for what THEY can get out of it. "Nobody shook my hand at church today—I believe I'll move my membership!" "That pastor hasn't been to see me — I'm mad at him!" And so it goes. It will pay any of us to search our motives in things religious, for we can easily let the devil lead us astray.

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"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."—II Tim. 2:15.

1. "Christmas," a word not found in the Bible. II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21; Col. 3:16-17; Rev. 22:18. Danger to change God's Word.

2. "Christmas" is heathen, of sun and fire worshippers, in time of Nimrod, by ancient Babylonians. Result: Pagan festivals, centuries later. Warning: "Learn not the way of the heathen."—Jer. 10:2-15.

3. Records show Christ's birth, with December 25, came via Catholicism, using the name Christ and mass. Human invention. Rev. 17:5.

4. Disciples never celebrated Christ's birth. First celebration was 440 A. D. The church of Rome attached "mass"

to Christ and placed the date in winter. Adam Clark's commentary: "We find the sheep were kept in open country the whole summer. Our Lord was not born in winter, when no flocks were in the fields. Nativity of December should be given up.

5. There is no Bible to commemorate the birth of Jesus. God did not make the date known. It is not to be remembered. II Cor. 5:16. We know Christ spiritually. We are to remember His death. Luke 22:19; I Cor. 11:24. We glory in His death. Gal. 6:14.

6. Only two birth celebrations in the Bible: Pharaoh's big ado. Result was Chief Baker's death. Gen. 40:20-22, and Herod's, when a girl danced off with John the Baptist's head. Mark 6:21-27; Matt. 14:6.

7. The wise men gave gifts to Jesus, not to one another. Not on His birthday, not in a stable, but in a house.

A conglomerated mess comes out of this story: Yule season cards and false pictures to sell. Money god.

8. The Lord's money, (Haggai 2:8) spent for worthless, useless trinkets, toys, over-eating of nuts, candies, turkey, and all dainties, followed by headaches, stomach trouble, etc., have no connection with the Bible story of our Lord's birth.

9. Our method of giving fails to harmonize with the Bible. To give is right. Why wait until December 25? The method of giving is only to those from whom we expect returns, friends. Jesus gave His life for His enemies, the great gift, a sacrificial lamb, a crucified Saviour in the redemptive work of our salvation. How foolish we would look to Jesus! Give Tom, Dick and Harry presents and use Jesus' name for the occasion. Who gets the glory in dance and parades? Certainly

not Jesus, we praise one another.

10. God hates feast days, new moons and sabbaths made by men. Gal. 9-11; Col. 2:16-19; Amos 5:21. Think of Paul encouraging special days. God placed one day for rest every week. Why do Christians connect Christ with "mass?" "Learn not the way of the heathen."—Jer. 10:23.

"Christmas" sums up to please flesh, to get drunk, go for a big time and the greedy to amass money. Jesus is not in it. See what a lie "The York Sun" told the little eight year old girl in 1897. She asked for truth. See what she got. Never mentioned Jesus, all "Santa." We are some fathers told us the truth. L. Virginia O'Hanlon grew up believing there was a Santa. Put the "n" in Santa, at the end and you have said "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

"Little Flock"

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fall. It isn't that you walk by your own strength after you are saved. It isn't that you walk, holding on to God, but rather, it is that God holds on to you. It is God who holds on to you, that keeps you saved.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38,39.

Paul names nine agents and agencies — infernal, internal, and external — and he says that none of these, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Beloved, if you are one of His flock, then, thank God, you are in a secure position.

II

LET'S NOTICE THE CONSOLATION WHICH JESUS OFFERS TO HIS FLOCK.

He says, "Fear not, little flock." Sometimes things come into our lives that make us afraid. Beloved, you don't have TO FEAR MAN. Listen:

"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when MEN ROSE UP against us: Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us."—Psa. 124:1-3.

"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I WILL NOT FEAR WHAT MAN shall do unto me."—Heb. 13:6.

Several years ago, I was passing through many difficulties. A friend in South Central Kentucky wrote me and said, "Brother Gilpin, when I was reading from God's Book this morning, I thought about you, when it says, 'The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.'" Thank God, beloved, we

are a part of His flock, and we do not have to fear what man will do unto us.

Not only are we not to fear man, but we ought not to fear suffering. How many of you are suffering today — maybe with an ache, or a pain, maybe with rheumatism or with arthritis? How many of you are suffering with some kind of a physical infirmity so far as your body is concerned? Do you realize that in that suffering which you have God would say to you, "Fear not?"

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."—II Cor. 4:17.

If you are suffering this morning, if you have some kind of physical suffering, just remember this, that God speaks of that as a light affliction, and He says that it is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

If you are one of God's children, then don't be afraid of death. You say, "Brother Gilpin, every time I see a hearse go along, or every time I look at a cemetery, I fear."

Sometime ago, there was an elderly woman in Huntington who listened to our radio broadcast. After her mother and brother died, she just shut herself up in the house, pulled the curtains, and wouldn't let a bit of sunlight or fresh air into the house. I used to go see her and when I did, I would open the curtains and let the light shine through. One afternoon, I took her for a drive to get her out of the house. As we were driving around, we passed a cemetery. She threw her hands over her face, and said, "My ride is ruined. I am afraid of death."

Oh, beloved, isn't it pitiable when a person is afraid to die—when a person fears death in such a manner as that? Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock." You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you today have dying grace?" No, beloved, I don't need dying grace. I need living grace today. When I come to die, He will give me dying

grace then. Listen:

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 15:55-57.

You can say with the Shunammite woman of the Old Testament, "It is well."—II Kings 4:26. She said this even in the face of death within her home. While it is true that ultimately we will all be "going down the valley," it is also true that Christ will be going down the valley with us all.

You don't have to fear in view of your material needs either. God has never promised to give us all of our wants, but he has promised to give us all of our needs. Listen:

"My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."—Phil. 4:19.

Jesus has promised: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—Mt. 6:33.

The Psalmist says: "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."—Ps. 37:25.

How wonderful it is that we don't have to fear concerning our material needs.

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Beloved, if you are one of His flock, you don't have to fear man, you don't have to fear suffering, you don't have to fear material needs, and you don't have to fear death, but more than that, you don't have to fear Hell.

Several years ago, I was riding on a train, reading my Bible and making preparation for a sermon that I was to preach. There was a woman seated behind me who was a Russellite — Jehovah's Witness. She leaned over and tapped me on the shoulder and asked me what time it was. As she did so, I noticed that she had a watch on her arm. She just wanted to start a conversation. I didn't want a religious conversation with her, but she was the persisting type and she asked me a number of questions, and each time I gave her a very evasive answer. She said, "Do you enjoy the Bible?" I said, "Some of it." I do. I might say that I enjoy all of it, but some parts mean more to me than other parts. She said, "Are you a saved man?" I said, "I guess I am." She said, "What church do you attend?" I said, "I go to a lot of them." I might have said that I go to a lot of Baptist churches. Finally, she said, "Aren't you afraid you are going to Hell?"

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I said, "No, I am not one bit afraid of going to Hell."

Beloved, I say to you this morning, I haven't one bit of fear of Hell in my soul today. I am not afraid of Hell. If you are saved, you don't have to be afraid of Hell. Listen:

"He that believeth on him is NOT CONDEMNED: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me HATH EVERLASTING LIFE." — John 6:47.

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

Beloved, how can I be afraid of Hell in the light of these verses? I say to you, the man or woman who has received Jesus Christ as his Saviour and is a member of that flock that Jesus spoke about, doesn't have to fear man, doesn't have to fear suffering, doesn't have to fear death, he doesn't have to fear his material needs, and he doesn't have to fear Hell, because the Hell question was all settled the day that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for our sins.

Sin rapidly accumulates, because all of us are big sinners in the sight of God. I was thinking this morning after I come to the services, how rapidly old newspapers accumulate around your home. If you get only an evening paper, pretty soon you have a big stack of papers. Suppose you get an evening paper and a morning paper both? How fast that pile of papers accumulate! But suppose you had a paper delivered to your home every hour of the day. Beloved, sooner or later,

you would have to move out your house, and what would a pile of papers look like in 10, 30, 40, or 50 years.

Let's bring it over into the spiritual realm. Suppose you sin a day, or twice a day, or suppose you sin every hour of the day. In all probability we all sin more than that every day. Suppose you sinned once every hour out every day. What a pile — what an accumulation of sins — would be staring you in the yonder in eternity. Thank God my brother, Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross suffered for all sins of all of His elect, and man who believes on Christ for that all of his sins are put away. He doesn't have to be afraid of Hell because Christ has already suffered his Hell on the Cross.

III

LET'S NOTICE THE PROMISE WHICH JESUS GIVES HIS FLOCK.

He said, "Fear not, little flock for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Without entering into a detailed explanation as to what is meant by "the kingdom," just let me briefly that it means there something better out before. Oh, listen to me, my brother, sister, there is something better out yonder.

The Italian who came to this country from sunny Italy lived here for a long period of time, was working for a woman one day in New York. Thinking that it had been a long time since he had come to this country and that he was so far from his native climate, she said something about it being such a cold, dreary November day. His face lighted and he thought about sunny Italy. He thought about the warm mate, he thought about the sun.

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BAPTIST YOUTH WITNESS will soon be a part of your weekly BAPTIST EXAMINER! It will be two pages of reading matter written especially for our young readers.

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"Little Flock"

MABEL CLEMENT

(Continued from last week)

"I am giving up my long cherished position," said Mr. Clement. "I cannot tell why I loved to believe in a fall. I see now there is no comfort in it, and I am glad, if it is not true. Have you other arguments, daughter?"

"Yes, father, there are many more. I will add one more."

"4. The Promises secure the believer in Christ. Christ gives His people eternal life and says: 'They shall never perish.' Jno. 10:28. Again, He says the believer 'shall not come into condemnation.' Jno. 5:24. These are both false, if the believer is ever lost. The Old Covenant did not secure the Lord's people. So Christ made a New one in its place, established on better promises. (Heb. 8:6) According to this New Covenant He says: 'I will put my laws into their mind and write them in their hearts.' Heb. 8:10. He also declares: 'I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from Me.' Jer. 32:40. Here is a double promise,—a promise that God will turn away from His people and that they shall not depart from Him. This is security doubled up; it is safety doubly sure. Who can say now that the Christian does not hold out to the end?"

"No one," exclaimed Mr. Tibbs; "if he does I will dispute it, tell him he does not believe the word of God and overthrow his arguments with the New Covenant."

The blood rushed to the Doctor's face, and he was on the brink of uttering angry words; but he did not.

"There is one more promise," added Mabel, "I wish to speak of. It filled me with comfort while studying it. It is in Heb. 13:5: 'For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.' There are five negatives in this promise. Dr. Doddridge paraphrases it thus: 'I will not, I will not, leave thee; I will never, destroy each other and are equal to an affirmative; but it is not so, we are told in the Greek. Every negative that is added strengthens the negation. Why did the Lord pile one negative on another till He had put five into this promise? It is because He meant to be understood about this matter and wished to be believed. He knew how prone His people would be to fear He would abandon them for their sinfulness; so He multiplied the negatives till He had quintupled the assurance that He will never leave nor forsake His people. George Keith has put this promise in verse which we often sing:

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never, forsake."

All listened to the exposition of this promise by the beautiful girl, whose heart had evidently found a well of comfort in it—listened with rapt attention. It seemed to cast a spell of quiet thoughtfulness over the company that no one was inclined to disturb. The promise had soothed and cheered the Christian heart.

The silence was broken by Arthur: "Are there not cases of apostasy recorded in the Scriptures?"

"Yes," answered the Doctor; "David, Solomon, Peter, Alexander, Hymaneus and a host of others fell away. God's promises are only to the faithful: 'Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.'"

"But God promises," replied Mr. Tibbs, "that His people shall be faithful: that 'they shall not depart from me.' How, sir, can you get around that?"

This fired the Doctor and made him very indignant; but he checked his choler. The speaker did not seem to care if his burning words did make the Doctor huffy. He, too, was indignant because the Doctor had done him and others an almost irreparable injury by his unscriptural teaching.

"It is true," added Mabel, "they fell away; but they did not fall from grace. The fall of David, of Solomon, of Peter, was not total, for they all after their fall became eminent servants of God. The others never had any grace. There are a great many falls that are not falls from grace. And this is the way apostasy is accounted for in the Scriptures; the apostates were not genuine Christians; they were only such by external profession. So John says of such: 'They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us; but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.' I John 2:19. These are the people that permanently backslide; they were nominal, but not real Christians, and their turning back to their old ways is proof of this fact."

"I give it up; falling from grace, so as to be lost, is unscriptural, and final perseverance is the teaching of the God's Word," said Mr. Clement.

"Every other Baptist position," said Mr. Tibbs, "seems to be right also. My friends, we have been wrong in nearly all our views of Scripture. I cannot think now of anything in which we have been right except immersion. If ever a man was convinced that Campbellism is unscriptural and Baptist doctrine and practice are Scriptural, I am the man."

Mr. Tibbs had risen to his feet to make these statements. He sat down, his eyes filled with tears and his voice choked with emotion. The Doctor's cheeks burned with indignation, but he spoke out. Silence prevailed. The end of the discussion was reached and some of the immediate results were apparent. After a moment, during which all lips seemed sealed, Arthur Manly arose. He showed signs of being filled with deep emotion and said: "My friends, I feel it to be a duty I owe to my Savior and to you to say that my scriptural views have undergone a radical change during this discussion. At the beginning I was only a nominal Christian, confident, however, that I was a real and true one. I trust now I am one in truth, having been converted some nights ago. The change I experienced cannot be described by me now. Suffice it to say, it was entirely new to me, a joy and peace I had never felt before. Believing I had joy unspeakable and full of glory. And now a sense of duty constrains me to say I must leave my present moorings and seek admittance to a Baptist church. No one in this assembly, Dr. Stanly not excepted, was farther from this at the opening of this discussion than I was. I was sure Miss Clement was wrong, felt pained that she had strayed from the faith of her father and mother and from what I firmly believed was the faith of the Bible; and I hoped she would be reclaimed. But she has shown we are wrong. I have been led gradually and against my will to believe what I now believe. I had never in life bestowed any study on these doctrines, contenting myself to believe what my pastor preached. Searching the Scriptures has made a thorough Baptist of me. I am unconscious of a single doubt that they are right, and I turn to them heartily, joyfully and forever."

These remarks had a thrilling effect upon the almost breathless audience. Mr. Clement announced the purpose of himself and wife to join the Baptists.

"Well, brethren," said Brother Jones, "we've been together a long time and I reckon we oughtn't to part now. So I guess I'll bear you company; that's so, sure."

Others expressed themselves similarly. Then the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

CHAPTER XXI

Our last chapter must be a kind of sequel to the preceding. The Baptist-inclined of Sterling sent an earnest invitation for Herbert and the aged pastor of Thornton Baptist Church to pay them a visit and hold a meeting in Sterling. About two weeks after the discussion closed a Baptist meeting began in the courthouse of Sterling. The more bitter of the Campbellites laughed and treated the meeting with contempt. But the masses of the people would go; were eager to hear what this new doctrine was. The power of the Lord was present from the very first, and soon souls pierced with a sense of sin began to inquire, (Continued Next Week, D. V.)

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... he thought about the beautiful trees, and he thought about the things that he had known in his childhood in Italy, and he said, "But bye and bye, tink of beloved, you and I sometimes prone to think about the somber skies, the difficulties through which we are passing, and the troubles which we have, but bye bye, think of that. There is something better on, out yonder in the future."
... look back across the year of the last Thanksgiving with the best of joy. This to me is one of the most glorious Thanksgivings that I have ever known in my life. Thanksgiving has always meant much to me because I preached my first sermon on Thanksgiving day, thirty-three years ago today. It has always meant much to me when the Thanksgiving season comes around. But somehow, beloved, I look back across the years, and seems that each year has gotten little better, and this year especially seems more glorious than all. I think this morning from the standpoint of physical blessings, from the standpoint of all the corporeal blessings that He has given me in life, as well as all the other things that He has showered on me, and I bow my unworthy head this morning and say, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." How marvelous have been His blessings to me during the past year!

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... loved, I couldn't begin to tell of the physical, material and actual blessings that God has given to me. I have been blessed more than I deserve. But, beloved, as good as this year has been, there is something better in store. Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's pleasure to give you the kingdom."

CONCLUSION

... let me ask you one question, you in this flock? If you are in this flock, you know what I am speaking about this morning; if you are not, then I will tell you how you may know Him. ... as many as RECEIVED to them gave he power to become the sons of God."—John (Continued on page eight)

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"MY LORD IS REAL"

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GOD'S IDEAL WOMAN AND HER PLACE IN THE HOME

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."—Proverbs 31:10.

Friends, today as we look about us we see on every hand Satan's presence as he is attempting to destroy the two God-given places belonging to the woman—that of the beloved servant of her husband and the mother of her children sent to her by the Lord. Finding only few women today who are obediently performing their duty given them of the Lord is indeed rare. Instead, the large majority of women today work in commercial, industrial, or professional fields, regardless of the fact that their husbands have positions—doing very little of the household work, and neglecting their families. Christian friends, does this prevailing situation correspond with the pattern found in God's Word for us? Of course, it does not! Not one passage do we read concerning a married woman occupied in any work other than performing the duties of her household. We think of Sarah, Rebecca, Naomi, Hannah; each of these feared the Lord and strove to obediently serve Him. There are others we could mention it space permitted, but these are sufficient proof of the Lord's desire for the woman's place.

We don't expect unsaved women, the women of the world, to be in the place the Lord has commanded for them, but it is consistent for God-fearing women, those who profess to be saved, who love the Lord and are trying to serve Him, to be busily occupied in the Lord's work as home makers and mothers.

We realize, of course, there are some exceptions where a husband is not able to work for various reasons, and the wife must make the family's living. In this case, I truly believe the Lord will honor such a wife who assists her husband in this manner. However, there are few such cases today; many Christian women who work outside the home are seeking only to provide more money for living expenses. Regardless of how limited the wealth of a Christian family is in this world, God's Word contends that the husband is to provide the family's living, while the wife is to occupy herself with the household duties. From my observation, Christian friends, of the families who are thus obedient unto the Lord's commands, I have found great happiness prevailing.

What, then, are the woman's qualities as commanded by the Lord? First, let us read from His Word and describe the ideal wife. Christian women, let us mark the mistakes on our own "paper," and total the final score as our great Teacher thus "grades" us.

In the first place, God's ideal wife must be a **Christian**; that is, she must be trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour for the remission of her sins. The Lord demands a saved wife for a saved husband as we read in II Corinthians 6:14; "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" She can not marry an unsaved man because she would be sinning. And she, unsaved, cannot marry a saved man because she would cause him to sin thereby. Two unsaved people cannot be truly married, that is, in the Lord (I Corinthians 7:39) because their marriage is built entirely on fleshly desires and lusts. Therefore, a wife must be saved to be pleasing to the Lord.

As a saved God-fearing wife, she **loves her husband** to the extent of reverence and obedience

unto him. Listen, Christian women, a loving wife **does desire** to obey her husband and does not desire to usurp authority over him. Turning in God's Word, we shall first read from Ephesians 5:22,23,24,33: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. The wife sees that she reverence her husband." Next, Colossians 3:18 — "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord." I Peter 3:1,6 — "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord."

The preceding scriptures speak for themselves. Why, though, is the husband **lord** over the wife? Genesis 3:16 tells us: "Thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

Yes, the wife loves her husband just as we read in Titus 2:4 — "Teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children." Her love for him is not the fleshly, sentimental, "Hollywood" love, but it is the inward devotion and understanding, the great respect for her husband given her by the Lord and the sincere desire to obey and serve him lovingly. Like as Rebekah, the wife should be obediently submissive as to say, "I will go (Genesis 24:58), I will do, I will obey."

This leads to our next thought that the wife is her husband's **help mate** and loving servant. The Lord created Eve for this purpose as we read in Genesis 2:18—"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an **help meet** for him." No, she isn't the household drudge-horse, but she delights in caring for her husband's personal and material needs, gives him the attention he needs, and helps him in walking closer to the Lord and in studying His Word. She enjoys performing these duties and assisting him in whatever manner and wherever he needs her. In Titus 2:5, we read: "(the young wives) To be discreet, chaste, **keepers at home, good, obedient to their husbands**, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Someone might be thinking, "Well, why should I be his 'servant,' and be so obedient unto him?" Just because the Lord tells us in I Corinthians 11:3,9—"For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man." You, Christian wife, are commanded to submit yourself unto your earthly lord, your husband, and to realize his superiority over you. We read in I Peter 3:3,4—"Whose (the wives) adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a **meek and quiet spirit**, which is in the sight of God of great price."

Yes, friends, the wife approved by the Lord does not show herself as the "last word from the household," rather, her husband is that household's voice, his superiority is clearly seen and understood, and their love is mutually shared between them as a result of this relationship. Oh, Christian women, might the Lord help each of us to manifest a meek and quiet spirit!

Now, let us discuss some personal qualities of the wife that are approved by the Lord. We read in Proverbs 31st chapter that she is **trustworthy**: "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

Pussyfooting

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erodoxy being presented as Baptist Orthodoxy came as a refreshing drink of cold water in the midst of a burning desert.

On being reminded by a rather bold student, not myself, that Dr. Owens, also of the Old Testa-

ment Department, "says there is no immortality in the Old Testament" H. Leo Eddleman said, "Well, he's right. I don't mean to give you any ammunition for interseminary operation. For there is no resurrection as we find it in the Old Testament and no actual statements of immortality. But what I mean to say is that the Old Testament leaves the door wide open for the possibility of immortality."

When reminded by another student of Job and the Psalms, Professor Eddleman insisted the latter explanation was true here also. Upon being further reminded, however, of the bonafide references to Resurrection in the book of Daniel, he went on to point out that "many scholars think this passage spurious." But, "if it is valid you have a clear picture of resurrection and immortality."

Since Brother Eddleman was one of the very few professors who gave any evidence of knowing Christ Jesus in saving Grace, I was deeply grieved. And to my notes for that class I penned, "Why is it that men who have position, wealth, and much of the Lord's blessings and bow before the inroads and devices of the Devil? If the leaders of the people fear to stand where will the people be found? Suppose Jesus had failed to meet the enemy and to stand!"

To this hour I cannot explain such dangerous "pussy-footing" by an apparently saved man. But his attitude of compromise and unexplicable doubt, which could not do other than destroy the pos-

itive testimony of many young people, is evidently the attitude required for success among Southern Baptists. For very soon thereafter H. Leo Eddleman was "touched" to become President of Kentucky Baptists' College at Georgetown. He has since accepted and is at present directing the intellectual futures of hundreds of Southern Baptists' young people. I have wondered, I suppose, a thousand times if he, who glibly compromised his own beliefs concerning God's Word, is instilling in his students the nefarious attitude of compromise and compromise. If he is perhaps they can emulate the presidential example and one day in the not-too-distant future slip their consciences and "pussy-foot" their way to religious, social, and financial success before men.

We may be certain that H. Leo Eddleman has not changed or entered his compromising attitude because he has instituted an Extension Department of Georgetown College at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the dangerous "pussy-footing" an apparently saved man proceeds apace. But when the pages of earthly life are closed and saved meet on yonder plain, will there not be grieving because of such traitorous actions toward the Lord who suffered the animosity of men and the shame of the Cross?

Never Sinned
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high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin (Proverbs 24:9). "The thoughtfulness is sin." (Proverbs 24:9).

So high is God's standard that He said: "Whoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). Again: "If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors" (James 2:9). There are sins of omission: "Therefore him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Unbelief is a crowning sin in the Lord Jesus said: "Of sin, because they believe not on Me" (John 16:9).

"All have sinned," in the sight of God (Romans 3:23). "If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us" (I John 1:10).

It is the part of wisdom for a person to admit his sinfulness and receive the sinner's Saviour.

May God bless you!

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"Little Flock"
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1:12.

Oh, may it please God this morning to show you the truth that Jesus died on the Cross to save you from your sins. May you trust Him today as your Saviour, may you go out singing His praises, and may you go out saying this is the greatest Thanksgiving day in all the world, and thank Him today because He has become your Redeemer.

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