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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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## ONLY ONE GROUND FOR DIVORCE

ELD. ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

Several years ago a certain woman came to me to ask my advice about getting married. She was a member of my church and said that she naturally looked to me for advice under the circumstances. I readily gave it "under the circumstances." A certain man wanted her to marry him, she said. This man had a living wife. The living wife, according to her story, was a veritable virago and he could not live with her in any peace. However, so far as was known she was a virtuous woman. A divorce had been granted and now the man wanted to try his luck again at the mar-

riage altar. The woman wanted to know what I thought about her getting married to this divorced man. Very kindly I said something like this in substance: "IT WOULD BE NOTHING LESS THAN LEGALIZED ADULTERY."

"It would be no more sinful for you to just go ahead and live with the man without the formality of a wedding, so far as the Lord is concerned."

The woman wanted to argue the question with me, and she

tried to say that she had prayed over the matter, but I suggested that prayer was an abomination, or words to that effect, when we know God's will and are unwilling to abide by it. I told her that I was not giving my opinion but that the Word of God justified my remarks. I got the Bible and read to her the following:

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marryeth her which is put away doth commit adultery."—Matt. 19:9.

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### WHAT AN EXPOSE!

## ARMINIANISM

Doctrines, like trees, may be known by their fruits. What ever may be affirmed to the contrary, the doctrine that a man can unregenerate himself rests upon the ground that he can regenerate himself, for it implies the same power. The Ethiopian who can change his skin to pearly white can as easily change it to yellow, and back again to its native blackness, and vice versa. In your system you enter largely into the means preached for the sinner to attain justification, and works are most rigidly urged by you as the means by which the Christian is to keep himself in a state of regeneration. You will not question this. Study calmly and dispassionately, if you can, one Methodist camp meeting, or one "excitement" or "revival." Listen to the character of the preaching; the doctrines advanced; observe all the multifarious and questionable appliances and ingenious expedients brought into requisition

to excite the servile fears and excite the animal sympathies and emotions of your hearers. The pulpit or stand is a Mount Sinai hung with blackness, crested with fire, and shaken with thunderings, and wreathed with fierce lightnings; wrath and fury, "hell-fire and damnation" are the

## ATTENTION

MEMPHIS, TENN., AND  
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.,  
READERS

Your editor will be with Eld. Wayne Cox of Memphis, Tennessee, for special services on Saturday night, February 25, and also with Eld. M. L. Moser of the Central Baptist Church of Little Rock, Arkansas, on Sunday morning, February 26.

It would surely be a joy to us to meet any of our readers in West Tennessee and in Arkansas who might have the opportunity to attend these services.

themes of sermon and exhortation. The membership must be aroused to action. The preacher says he wants to hear "a shout raised in the camp of Israel"—the walls of Jericho never fell down until Israel raised the shout; and he never knew anything done until some sister "got happy." "Lord, make these sisters here shouting happy, right now." What appeals follow upon (Continued on page eight)

## Decisionism

### THE CURSE OF MODERN EVANGELISM

We hear much today of "decisions for Christ." When we pick up a denominational, interdenominational, or evangelical paper, we are most likely to read of a meeting in which there were so many "decisions for Christ." When reports are made of the Billy Graham campaigns, there is, without fail, mention made of the number of "decisions for Christ."

It seems that the majority of those commonly called "evangelicals" sincerely believe that salvation is nothing more than the making of a sincere decision from the heart to "accept Christ as Saviour" (to use their common expression). But certainly, there has been a drift into misunderstanding of what salvation is when such is believed. Salvation is something more than a decision. In fact, a decision has nothing whatsoever to do with salvation. Salvation is not a decision. Salvation is not received through a decision. Salvation is received through faith, but faith is not a decision. In fact, faith does not save; it is the object of faith that saves. Furthermore, faith does not arise from the sinner, but rather,

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### OUR RADIO MINISTRY

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

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GRUNDY, VIRGINIA  
Sunday—8:30-9:00 A. M.

### WHO IS SCRIPTURAL?

By D. B. RAY  
(In Mansions Above)

What is the proper name of the true church? The church was not to be known, recognized or identified, in whole or in part by any one denominational name. The voice of the angel said, "Come hither; and I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."—Revelation 21:9. He did not say, come and I will show thee the name of the bride, but the bride herself. She was identified by her characteristic features. The followers of Christ, are, in the Scriptures called a variety of names, indicating their relation to God, Christ, and each other, etc. They are called the "children of God" because of their relation to God as their Father. But "children of God" is not the proper name of the church. They are called "children of the kingdom" because of their relation to the kingdom of God. But "children of the kingdom" is not the proper name of the church. They are heirs of God because of their relation to God and their anticipated inheritance. But "heirs of God" is not the proper name of the church. They are called "children of promise" but this is not the name of the church. The true people of God are called "the children of Abraham" because of their figurative relation to Abraham as the "father of the faithful." But "children of Abraham" is certainly not the proper name of the church of Christ. They are called "saints" and "the sanctified," frequently in the New Testament, to indicate that they have been set apart from the service of the

## CHURCH NAMES

world to the service of God, yet the term "saints" is not the proper name of the church of Christ. The Mormons call themselves "Latter Day Saints," but this claim does not prove that they are real SAINTS. The Savior describes His followers as sheep: "My sheep hear my voice." Yet it would sound a little odd for a new denomination to start up and call themselves the Sheep Church! The term sheep has reference to their relation to the Saviour as the Good Shepherd. The followers of Christ were called disciples with special reference to their relation to Him, as the great Teacher, and they as His pupils. Yet Disciples is not the name of the church. To appropriate the term disciples, as the name of the church, is absurd. They are called brethren, in regard to their relation to Christ as their elder Brother, and to their being spiritually equal in

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### "HEALER" HANDLES INSURANCE

We have no objections to insurance policies, though some Christians feel a policy dishonors the Lord, indicating a lack of trust in Him. We were surprised recently, however, to receive literature concerning a life insurance policy, offering hospital, burial, nurse, cancer, ambulance, X-ray, and transfusion coverage, especially when it was sent with the "imprimatur" (stamp of approval) of Oral Roberts, well-known professional "healer."

The organization making this offer is the Pioneer-Security Life Insurance Company, run by Christian business men and "insuring only total abstainers." We have nothing to say about the company; we know nothing about it and, therefore, neither recommend nor disapprove of its work. But with Oral Roberts's great claims to healing power, with his insistence that he heals cancers and whisks away sicknesses of many types, it seems strangely incongruous to find a testimonial for insurance that covers the very things that he supposedly heals.

Perhaps this is one of the quirks of the trade we may not understand, but one portion of the printed Roberts testimonial may give a clue to the reason back of his strong approbation: "Pioneer has long supported my radio and television ministry. Its

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "THE UNPARDONABLE SIN"

Reprinted from an earlier issue at the request of many.

"And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom can not stand; and if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be

divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. No man can enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewithsoever they shall blaspheme. But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit."

—Mark 3:22-30.

This is a subject which is usually discussed during revival meetings. It is particularly a favorite message to be used by evangelists just a few nights before closing an evangelistic campaign. I presume it is one of the most commonly preached messages of any that is used by evangelists.

At the same time, I doubt seriously if there is any portion of the Word of God that has

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### UNOFFENSIVE PREACHERS

A local newspaper is conducting a poll to ascertain the Canadian "man of the year." Readers are asked to submit their nominations together with reasons why their candidate qualifies for this honor. One person wrote to the paper and suggested that a certain clergyman deserved the title for "...listening to him for 28 years I have never heard him say one word which would offend." We do not know anything about the gentleman who was thus described, and so perhaps his admirer's observations are not true of him. We devoutly hope that it is not true that for 28 years his utterances have been so devoid of content that no one could be offended.

As we read of this unoffensive preacher, we were amused and disturbed. Amusement was aroused at the naivete of the good man who made the nomination on such a basis. On the other hand, we were disturbed at the thought that the concept of the ministry has so fallen that the one great qualification for a prophet is that he offends no one! The day that any preacher reaches the point where the avoidance of offense is his sole aim, his usefulness has ceased. The preaching and application of the Gospel will always cause offense, and in a measure that offense will be attributed to the faithful messenger.—The Gospel Witness.



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## OUR TRACT WORK

At present, we are busily engaged in our task of printing one million tracts for free distribution.

Four individuals have indicated that they will pay for one of the tracts in full as was announced in the last issue of the paper. How we do pray that God will raise up many others who will do likewise in our behalf. The cost as listed in the last issue of our paper includes only the cost of the paper. We are doing the work, ourselves, but I am asking our friends to contribute the cost of the stock on which they are printed.

These tracts will be ready for gratuitous distribution within just a few days. We will announce through this paper as each of the tracts are made ready. At present, we have on hand the following: "Women In Shorts Are An Abomination To God," "A Hebrew's Search For The Atoning Blood," "How To Become A Christian And Go To Heaven," "Good Night Here, But Good Morning Up There," "Letter To Life," and "Historicity of Baptists and Others" and "Security of the Saved."

May it please God to raise up many friends who shall desire to have a part with us in the printing of these tracts.

## OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

From East and West and North and South, our readers have gloriously responded by way of new subscriptions for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and from the depths of my heart, I thank God for all of these subscriptions and for those who have written us—particularly for the fine messages of appreciation that we have received as to the value of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Mrs. Paul Price, who is one of the operators of a drive-in in Escondido, California, in sending twelve subscriptions, says:

"I am so busy in our cafe that I don't have too much time for reading. However, I find time to read THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I enjoy it so much. I find the Bible is preached in all the sermons."

Mrs. Raymond Cox of Paducah, Kentucky, says:

"I am enclosing a dollar for the paper to be sent to a couple of dear friends. I can't tell you how much THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has meant to me. It has surely helped me in the study of my Bible."

A Pennsylvania reader says: "I had you send THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to my pastor, and he has already made use of it in his sermons."

### Others Say

"I just received the last edition of the Examiner today. I think it's the most wonderful paper in the world. It blesses my heart beyond words. I look forward from week to week for it. May my Lord Jesus Christ just give you a blessing beyond measure. I am sure He will now, and in the world to come." A brother in Christ, Leo Fevurly, Muncie, Kansas.

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# In Everything Give Thanks

By WILLIAM BENARD NORTON

In everything give thanks!

When bread in fullness is thy daily store,  
When near thy dwelling comes no plague nor blight,  
When boding ills forecast no coming night,  
When to thy riches each day addeth more,  
Say not, "My hand hath gotten me this wealth."  
Remember who it is that gives the power,  
The cunning hand and brain, the glow of health—  
Receive them humbly as God's free will dower.  
To boasting give no place!  
Thine own is all of grace.  
In everything give thanks!

In everything give thanks!

When fail the flocks and herds, and fields are bare,  
When lips need press the bitter cup of pain,  
When each day's close marks loss where once was gain,  
O troubled soul! remember in thy care,  
The Master took the symbols of His death—  
With thanks He broke the bread and poured the wine.  
Scourged Paul and Silas praised with every breath;  
Habakkuk's field more barren was than thine.  
Despair not! Trust and pray!  
Commit to God thy way!  
In everything give thanks!

"I have received so much good from the paper that I want to help pass it on with subscriptions. With this letter goes a prayer that the paper continues and that each new subscriber will receive as much from it as I have." Mrs. Pearl Turner, Flint, Michigan.

"I am enclosing \$1.00 to have THE BAPTIST EXAMINER sent to two of my friends. It has been coming regularly since the first of the year and I enjoy it very much. I do not know who is responsible for having it sent to me, but I truly am thankful." Mrs. Bess E. Shaw, Moundsville, West Virginia.

While our campaign for new subscriptions officially came to an end on February 29, we are continuing to give a copy of Mabel Clement to anyone who sends us twelve new subscriptions. What a wonderful way to spend some of your money in the Lord's service—to be a blessing both to yourself and to your friends.

## AN APPRECIATED LETTER

Lexington, Ky.  
February 10, 1956.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I have been a subscriber of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for over half a year and I am of the opinion that there is no finer paper anywhere which teaches the doctrines of Sovereign Grace.

Enclosed is a list of twelve new subscriptions for the paper to be sent to my friends. Please send me the copy of Mabel Clement as offered in your paper.

I am a student at the Lexington Baptist College, Bro. Walker's school, and find that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER helps me considerably.

I am not working a steady job, but rather in my spare hours do oil paintings for the home and church baptistry. The Lord has blessed this work and provided my means of support so that I can attend the college. I would like to know what charge you would make to run an ad in your paper concerning my baptistry paintings. By placing a small notice there it would probably reach many pastors and churches who are in need of this type of work. Of course I paint only scenery. I do not believe in these so-called pictures of Christ. I would certainly appreciate hearing from you regarding this matter at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in the Name of the Lord.

ELDER EARL W. THOMAS,  
151 N. Ashland Avenue,  
Lexington, Ky.

## "The Unpardonable Sin"

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been more abused, and more falsely preached, than this portion of Scripture. It has been twisted, perverted, distorted, and misconstrued by Arminian evangelists in a thousand ways.

I have heard it discussed by many ever since I was a boy, and it has been but seldom that I have ever heard anything said concerning this Scripture which would glorify God, and magnify His Word. Tonight I would like for us to forget all the messages that we have ever heard and lay aside all the traditional teachings that have been handed down concerning this Scripture and just study the Scripture itself, that we might see what God's Word really teaches as to the "unpardonable sin."

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## THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS NOT ANY ONE PARTICULAR SIN OF THE FLESH.

Many times an individual is addicted to some particular habit or practice—a sin of the flesh. Since this particular sin is the cause of his downfall, he naturally concludes that this sin is unpardonable. I am satisfied that many an individual goes through life thinking that the sin of his flesh, whereby he stands most guilty before God, is the unpardonable sin. I have met many such individuals in life.

I remember one man who thought that stealing was an unpardonable sin. It had been his failing for years. Somehow he had developed a complex whereby he thought that no one could be saved who was addicted to thievery. I am ready to grant that stealing is a grievous sin in God's sight, and yet I rejoice that the Word of God makes it clear by an example that a thief can be saved. On the day that Jesus was crucified, two thieves were crucified with Him. One of them died, repenting. Listen:

"And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."—Luke 23:42, 43.

If I had no other Scripture than this, I would know that a thief could be saved and that stealing was not an unpardonable sin.

Still others think that the sin of drinking is unpardonable. That it is a grievous sin one may easily learn from the reading of God's Word. We read of two that played the fool in the Bible because of drink, called by the names of Noah and Nabal. God's Word tells us what the sin of drink did in the lives of these two. It warns also what we may

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# Current Events

Some of our readers have requested that we write an exposure of the heresies propagated by LIFE magazine in a special issue a few weeks ago entitled, "Christianity." Here are some of the heresies, and no doubt there are others which we have overlooked in this two-in-one issue of LIFE.

(1) **The Cover.** On the front cover of the "Christianity" issue is a grotesque picture of the "Great Werden Crucifix" which was "chosen by a special jury for the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A." This crucifix is a definite violation of Exodus 20:4, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." Both the idolatrous front cover is very suitable and appropriate for this edition of LIFE because it truly represents what is presented on the inside—idolatry and heresy.

(2) **"Brotherhood of man and fatherhood of God" heresy.** One of the most discouraging things published in this issue of LIFE is contained in the short article by President Eisenhower entitled, "The Testimony of A Devout President." Before reading this, we had slim hopes that the President might be a saved man; but these hopes have crumbled. We quote his statement as recorded in this article: "Application of Christianity to everyday affairs is the only practical hope of the world. The result will be fresh vigor in the international effort to build a firm and just peace within the brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God." Thus, we see that the President is void of spiritual understanding and spiritual life. No man who has experienced the new birth talks of the Satanic lie, "the brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God." This is something that the President has swallowed in the modernist church which he attends.

The President goes on to say: "Whatever our individual church, whatever our personal creed, our common faith in God is a common bond among us. This is the faith teaching us all that we are the children of God." Clearly do we see the President's supposed "Christianity." This is the very doctrine on which Satan's "One World" will be ushered in. Read John 1:12,13, 3:3, 8:44; Gal. 3:26 for antidote to this heresy.

(3) **Baptist history misrepresented.** In the article stating the beliefs and practices of the ten largest religious "Christian" bodies in America, LIFE magazine states that "historically Baptists stem from Reformation in northern Europe, came to U. S. about 1640, are nearly one-third of U. S. Protestants." The only thing wrong with this is that it is just not true. The only thing close to the truth is the date on which Baptists came to America. Baptists neither "stem from Reformation in northern Europe" nor are they Protestants. Baptists have never been a part of Roman Catholicism; thus they are not to be identified as Lutherans, Presbyterians, etc., under the heading of "Protestants." When referring to the various religious bodies in America, Eisenhower said, "Jews, Catholics, Protestants, and Baptists."

(4) **RSV.** The National Council of Churches and the Catholics have the priority in this issue, and as might be well expected, the NCC pushes its "new Bible." It has had everything from the beer industry to dance orchestras to push the Bible, and this issue of LIFE devotes an entire page to the Revised Standard Version. We do not have space here to enumerate all the fallacies of this "new Bible."

But here is one statement half million Southern Baptists which appears on this page of

LIFE that we definitely challenge: "... a thousand words and phrases ... no longer mean what King James' translation meant them to say." We have yet to see these "thousand words and phrases" pointed out, and especially so in the RSV.

(5) **Segregation.** This issue LIFE criticizes the Christians Atlanta because they "practice segregation." Under a picture of a large gathering in Atlanta, Georgia, LIFE makes it appear that only the heathen practice such, when in reality the Word of God teaches it clearly.

(6) **"Prayer at a dance."** These are the first four words describing a photo of a group of young people who with hands clasped bow their heads as a "Reverend" says a "prayer." LIFE definitely chose the wrong title for the particular issue of their magazine. "Idolatry" would have been far more appropriate.

(7) **Catholicism featured.** We did not take time to count how many pictures appeared in this special issue, but we did thumb through the pages and counted forty-nine Catholic pictures. Also incidentally, the only Baptist picture was a two-page layout of Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

(8) **Heretical Art.** One of the pictures in the thirteen-page layout of the works of "15 artists" which spans 14 centuries" is John the Baptist pouring a dish of water on the head of a figure representing Christ. Not only this a false representation of baptism, but the picture is quite immoral. The picture of Christ is almost entirely nude, and another person is pictured undressing himself—all in the presence of three women. One of the women appears to represent an angel, but not one thing about the picture is accurate. A dove is pictured about a foot from Christ's head, but the Bible teaches that the dove descended on Christ when he came straightway out of the water, while John was in the act pouring a dish of water on His head. (Matthew 3:16).

Another one of these pieces so-called art pictures Christ after His resurrection with a flag in His hand like the flag used by the Pope's Crusades of centuries ago.

(9) In the "Test of Your Christian Literacy" pictorial article there are at least two pictures which misrepresent truth, and one reader has remarked, having "the fishy smell of Catholicism" (In fact, this is the "smell" throughout the whole issue). In the picture of the light blinding Paul on his journey to Damascus we are informed that Paul saw the "Lord Jesus" (not the Lord Jesus) the same insignia which Constantine was supposed to have seen. The other error is stated beside a drawing of a Catholic nun (St. Rose of Lima): "The first saint from the New World, canonized in 1671 and patroness of South America wore a spiked crown." This is false; there were saints (saved people) in the New World before a Catholic nun was here. It is doubtful if "Saint Rose" were saint anyway.

## BLIND SOUTHERN BAPTIST LEADER PRAISES LIFE MAGAZINE

Below we quote in full a letter written to LIFE magazine and published therein from Mr. Albert McClellan, a Southern Baptist denominational leader.

"Sirs:

I wept without shame when I saw the glory and majesty of your Christianity issue. It marks our nation as pre-eminently a Christian nation and it is the greatest hallelujah shout modern journalism has ever given to the Lord of Heaven as revealed in Jesus Christ.

On behalf of our eight and one-half million Southern Baptists (Continued on page seven)



F. S. FERRE

## IS A FALSE PROPHET

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that brought them and bring upon themselves swift destruction."

II Peter 2:1

Born in Sweden, Mr. Ferre was educated at Boston University, Andover-Newton Theological School, Harvard, and the Universities of Uppsala and Princeton; following teaching at Andover-Newton Theological School, he became professor of Philosophical Theology at the Vanderbilt University School of Theology in 1950; has lectured at Texas Christian University, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Bethany Biblical Seminary, Garrett Biblical Institute, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Boston University; he is author of numerous books.

### IMAGINE A MINISTER SUGGESTING JESUS COULD HAVE BEEN THE SON OF A GERMAN SOLDIER

In Mr. Ferre's book, "The Christian Understanding of God," page 191, says, "As a matter of fact, the reference in John to the claim by the Jews to the effect that they were not born in adultery could give external evidence to a Nazi claim that Jesus was a German. Mary, we remember, was found pregnant before her engagement to mild Joseph. Nazareth was a Roman garrison where the soldiers were German mercenaries. Jesus is also reported throughout a continuous part of the history of art, is claimed, to have been blond. This is supposedly unnatural for the Mediterranean countries where this same tradition started and was continued. Hence Jesus must have been born the child of a German soldier! After all, the claim develops, such is the experience of many girls near military camps."

He says, "Who can deny such a conjecture could be true?" Page 192, says, "We do not say that Jesus was not procreated as a human person by Joseph or by someone else, nor on the other hand, do we deny that Jesus was conceived without a father. We do not know."

The Bible says in Matthew 1:23—"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel."

### HE DENIES JESUS AS ONLY SAVIOUR

On page 35 of his book, "The Sun and the Umbrella," he says; "Jesus consequently become a problem and not a power, a wall and not a door, a substitute for God and not a mediator. To call him Saviour, in the intimate sense, is to deny that all salvation comes from God our Saviour from Him alone in order that God might be all in all."

The Bible says in John 4:42—"For we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

### HE DENIES THAT JESUS WAS SINLESS

He says, on page 27 in the same book, "The Sun and the Umbrella," the writers could not quite deny tensions, fear and problems in the life of Jesus, but it did present him as sinless, and thereby robbed him of his humanity." And on page 30, "The sinlessness of Jesus is an Umbrella which keeps away from us the truth that God longs to become organically incarnate among us."

The Bible says in Hebrews 4:15—"But Jesus was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." I Peter 2:22—"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

### HE SAYS THE BIBLE MAY HAVE MISLED JESUS

He says on page 40 in the book "The Sun and the Umbrella;" "Jesus himself, then, may have been misled as well as helped by the use of Scripture outside, in his struggle with Jewish orthodoxy, and within, in his own creative imagination and interpretation."

The Bible says in Hebrews 1:2—"God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom he made the worlds."

### HE DENIES THE PURPOSE OF THE DEATH OF CHRIST

In his book, "The Sun and the Umbrella," on page 31, he says: "The love of love needs no placating, no offering once for all to satisfy Him." He constructed, instead, an Umbrella to keep away the bright sunlight of love. By doctrines insisting on a bloodthirsty God—that is, that He required Jesus' death before He could allow Himself to love us, so that He even sent His Son basically to die."

The Bible says in John 3:16—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Hebrews 9:22 says, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood there is no remission."

### HE QUESTIONS THE RESURRECTION

According to Mr. Ferre, all of these doctrines are an umbrella shutting out the Love of God. In the book, "The Sun and the Umbrella," on page 31, he says, "So also with the Resurrection! God was not thought intentionally to use death within His creative purpose. It had to be interpreted as man's worst enemy and as the wages of sin." In his book, "The Christian Understanding of God," he says on page 212: "But are we not using equivocal language about the resurrection when we cannot maintain that we prove that the human Jesus rose and yet believe that the resurrection is a crucial part of the incarnation?" And on page 213 of the same book, he says: "If he did rise, however, was it not most likely a spiritual rather than a physical resurrection?"

The Bible says in Luke 24:3 and 6, "And they entered in, and found the body of the Lord Jesus." "He is not here, but is risen; remember he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee." John 11:25 says, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

### HE DOUBTS THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

He says on page 33 of the "The Sun and the Umbrella;" "The doctrine of the Second Coming became, perhaps, the darkest of all the Umbrellas. It completely shuts out the living God, embracing the reconciling all men in His eternal time and power. Instead, the doctrine of the Second Coming denied the concept, as Jesus stated it, of God's being love, for all mankind would be extinguished or tormented forever except the few who would escape punishment through faith in the merits of Jesus. It seems doubtful that Jesus ever taught such a doctrine."

Jesus said in John 14:3—"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

### HE SAYS THE NEW TESTAMENT IS NOT RELIABLE

On page 41 of the "The Sun and the Umbrella," he says: "The material of the New Testament is plentiful and generally seems so contrived, that the strongest evidence against the reliability of the New Testament as a historic record, particularly concerning the life of Jesus, gathers precisely at this point."

The Bible says in II Timothy 3:16—"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

And yet this is the man who was praised to the skies by the Louisville preacher factory. Just remember this when you make your next contribution to the Cooperative Program. If you don't want to support Ferre, then designate your gifts.

## INNER MALNUTRITION



## "The Unpardonable Sin"

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expect in our lives. Listen:

"Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. Look not thou upon thy wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteeth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."—Proverbs 23:29-32.

However, drinking is not an unpardonable sin. Some of the greatest soul winners that I know today, and some of the outstanding Christians of my acquaintance, were once notorious for their drinking. In over thirty years in the pastorate, I have seen many individuals gloriously saved, who had been addicted to this habit. While it is a sin of the flesh to be avoided, I am glad that God in His Word, graciously invited the drunkard, when He said:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."—Isa. 1:18.

Likewise, murder is not an unpardonable sin. Because of a faulty misunderstanding of God's Book, many have come to believe that a murderer cannot be saved. There used to be a lad who listened to me preach very regularly. One day I insisted that he bring his father to church with him, whereupon the lad immediately replied that it would do no good for his father to come to church. He said, "Dad is a murderer; he couldn't be saved." Then he told me how his father was in World War I, and he knew definitely that he had taken life many times. To prove that his father couldn't be saved, this lad even quoted from God's Word. Listen:

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."—John 3:15.

I am satisfied that this boy

is not an isolated case. I think that there are many who believe by a faulty misunderstanding of the Scripture, the same as he, that murder is unpardonable.

We have at least one illustration from God's Word of a murderer who was saved. Barabbas is that murderer. (Luke 23:19) God's Word tells us how that Jesus was crucified in his place—that He died on the Cross that had been prepared for Barabbas. In other words, He died as a substitute for Barabbas. I expect to meet Barabbas in glory, for I am satisfied that he died a child of God. Though he was a murderer, yet he was saved, since Jesus died in his place.

Furthermore, adultery is not an unpardonable sin. When I was a boy, a young girl in the community where I lived, gave birth to an illegitimate baby. I remember hearing a man in that community say that regardless of what she might ever do in life, she was doomed and damned for Hell. He said that she could never be saved. From that moment, I grew up with the same thought. I am satisfied that doubtlessly there are many tonight who have the same false notion concerning this sin of the flesh.

However, notice from God's Word the number of harlots who were saved. Do you remember the harlot Rahab? She was saved. Do you remember the woman of Samaria (John 4) who had had five husbands, and was then living in open sin with another man, whom Jesus saved?

Do you remember the instance of the woman who was brought to Jesus, whom her accusers said was taken in the very act of adultery? The Word of God tells us that Jesus said to her: "Neither do I condemn thee."—John 8:11.

Thus from these Scriptural examples we can see that this sin of the flesh is not an unpardonable sin.

The sin of profanity is another which is often thought to be unpardonable. This is a terrible habit, a vile sin, and is most repulsive to the consciences of those who love the Lord. There

isn't any sin which ought to grieve a Christian more than the sin of profanity, since it links the name of the Christian's Heavenly Father in a most horrible manner.

The Word of God gives us an example of one who used profanity and yet we know that he is in Heaven today. I speak of Simon Peter who cursed as he warmed his hands around the enemies' campfire on the night of Jesus' arrest. Years later this same Simon Peter was used of God to write two books which bear his name, and these were incorporated into the Bible by the Holy Spirit. I say that we know that he was saved, for he wrote, saying:

"You who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Peter 1:5.

Thus I say that the unpardonable sin is not any one sin of the flesh. I have mentioned these five—murder, drinking, adultery, profanity—and we have seen that though each of these sins of the flesh is to be avoided, and that neither is unpardonable. In fact, in the very context, from which we get our text for this sermon, Jesus said that all sins and blasphemies could be forgiven. He said:

"Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blasphemy."—Mark 3:28.

II

### THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS NOT THE REJECTION OF JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

This is the common interpretation placed upon this Scripture by most Arminian evangelists. Many preachers, especially during revival meetings, in pressing the invitation, insist that a man can say "no" to the Spirit of God too often, so that some day the Holy Spirit will depart.

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# Baptist Youth Witness

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"O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works."—Psa. 71:17

## Scientific Facts Of Mating Shuts Door To Evolution Theory

### "Queen of Heaven" HOW SIN DECEIVES



All Scripture texts quoted in this article are taken from the Rheims Douay Version of the Bible. This is the version which is officially accepted by the Roman Catholic Church.

Pope Pious XII recently proclaimed that the bodily assumption of Mary into Heaven must be accepted by the faithful as a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church.

The trend on which this pronouncement focuses attention was exemplified in a very spectacular way at the great Marian Congress held in Ottawa, Canada, in 1947. The central feature of the Congress was a huge image of Mary standing on a globe of the world atop a 115-foot tower. She also appeared in many other forms: in plaster effigies on floats, and outlined at night in giant fireworks, 100 feet high, which showed her as the "Queen of Heaven," crowned with stars and with the new moon under her feet. The image was captioned with a latin motto, "To Jesus through Mary." This motto reveals in four words a trend toward the exaltation of Mary to

the place of mediatrix between man and God.

This adoration of Mary was confirmed as an article of Catholic belief by Pope Pious XII on October 11, 1954, the feast of the maternity of Mary, when he issued his encyclical "Ad Coeli Regnam" (meaning "To the Queen of Heaven") which proclaimed the new universal feast of the Queenship of Mary, to be observed every year on May 31st. This was literally the crowning event of the Marian year, which ended December 8, 1954.

#### Mary in the Scriptures

There is very little to be found either in the Scriptures or in the Apocrypha regarding the Virgin Mary. Certainly Jesus never publicly exalted His mother above other women. When Mary found Him in the temple at twelve years of age, He rebuked her anxiety by saying, "Did you not know that I must be about my father's business?" (Luke 2:4). At the marriage feast at Cana, when Mary told Jesus that they had no wine, He replied, "Woman what is that to thee and to me?" (Continued on page five)

I was reading in a clipping the story of a young girl who found a little white Spitz puppy. A Baptist preacher told the story, and the girl was a member of his church. It was a stray dog and so she picked it up and took it home with her. When she got home she showed it to her mother and said, "Isn't he a pretty little dog, Mama? May I keep him?" The mother told her that someone may have lost the dog. But she said that if no ads appeared in the paper in the lost and found column saying the dog had been lost, she could keep the dog. Days went by and no such ad appeared, so the girl kept the dog.

One day the girl was playing around with the dog and he bit her on the wrist with his sharp little teeth. They didn't think much about it at the time and the mother only bandaged up the wrist, after putting some mecumchrome on it, and sent her on to school. About ten days later she became critically ill. She was taken to a doctor. After the doctor examined her wrist he asked the mother if they had any pets around the house. The mother told him they had a little Spitz puppy that the girl had found sometime ago. The doctor asked her to bring the puppy down and let him see it, so she did. An analysis was made, and it was found that the dog had rabies. The girl's condition grew worse until they had to put her in a hospital. Nothing could be done for her. It was too late to save her. She died in the hospital. But the preacher said that he would never forget the sight of that girl as she died on that hospital bed. There she was with

her arms strapped down to the bed and foam was coming out of her mouth. She tossed in agony. And that little dog, that pretty, little Spitz pup that she had found, was the cause of it. She didn't know that it was going to do that. But death came through that which looked innocent and beautiful, and that is the way that sin does you. It looks beautiful at the time. It seems like there is nothing wrong with it, but in the end it will bite and sting and grip your soul in its very hold. JOHN L. BRAY.

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**Alien Baptism and the Baptists**, (Continued on page five)

SCIENCE DIGEST recently ran an interesting article by Arnold Schienfeld, entitled "Myths of Mating." We quote these from the article.

A cat and a dog cannot mate and have offspring together because they are of different species, and their chromosomes, differing in kind and number, are not compatible.

A horse and donkey, although of different species (but closely related species) can mate and produce offspring. But these are sterile (with only rare exceptions) because a horse produces eggs containing one kind of chromosome. While these work together somehow to produce mule offspring, the combining chromosomes cannot form the mule fertile germ cells.

But, all varieties of human beings are fertile one with another because all humans are of the same species, with the same number of chromosomes. Thus the smallest pygmy and the tallest normal could mate and produce a perfectly normal child.

These facts are in perfect accord with the teachings of the Bible, chapter of Genesis. Of the different species in His creation, He said they should bring forth of their kind." See Genesis 1:21-25, etc.

By endowing each species with a different type and different number of chromosomes, in the reproductive cells, the Creator made it impossible for one species to mate with another; so He closed the door to evolution, or transmutation of species. But because He endowed species with a number of chromosomes, and each chromosome with a number of genes, it is possible for evolution to occur. (Continued on page five)



## Our Bible Study

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#### Chapter One

"Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ." v. 7.

There is but one gospel, one "good news" of salvation in Christ Jesus. That gospel is defined by the Holy Spirit, through Paul, in I Corinthians 15:1-4. Turn again and read it, and be sure that you get God's definition of the gospel of Christ. Other messages and other things may be labeled "gospel" by men, but no label ever changed any truth.

The gospel of Christ is not a command, or set of commands. It is not concerned with what men have done, may do, or can do. It is wholly concerned with what Jesus the Christ of God has

done for men. Many are the "apostles" of "another gospel" in the world today, but what the Lord thinks of them is clearly shown in this passage.

These "apostles of another gospel" are said to be "troublers." That is, they disturb and agitate. One of the best earmarks of a Judaizing preacher is that he is forever stirring up agitation. He is never happier than when in the middle of a fuss. He does not know the true gospel, and has no positive message for the people.

It is further said that they "would pervert the gospel of Christ." They will or wish to turn away, or turn around, the gospel of the Son of God. That is what they want to do, which is exactly in line with what the natural man always does with the truth of God. See Roman 1:25, where it is said that they "changed the truth of God into a lie." That is the meaning of the word "pervert" here.

The amazement of the apostle is not that the Judaizing preachers should desire to disturb and

## A DICTIONARY OF VITAL WORDS

1. Sin means disobedience, the breaking of laws God has made.

2. Salvation means to be saved — to be delivered from the power and consequence of sin.

3. Atonement means to make satisfaction. By His suffering and death, Jesus satisfied the justice of God so that those who believe in Him do not have to pay the punishment due their sin.

4. Grace means getting something good that one does not deserve. We deserve punishment. God bestows salvation freely.

5. Mediator means someone who makes peace between those who are at odds. Jesus is the only Mediator between God and man, who brings them together again.

6. Gospel means "good news." It is the wonderful news that God has sent a mediator who atoned for our sins, who has given us salvation by pure grace.

7. Faith means receiving the truth of these words with our hearts. It is the ability which God's Spirit gives us that we trust and believe all this gospel.

8. Eternity means time that never ends. Upon your death you will enter an eternity of perfect joy or an eternity of terrible punishment. Neither will ever end. Which will it be for you? —Faith, Prayer and Tract League



## Young People Ask

Q. Was Jesus actually in the grave three days and three nights? If so, how is it possible since there are only two nights and one day from His death on Friday, and His resurrection on Sunday morning? Please explain.

A. First of all, we ask our querist to forget the idea that Christ died on Friday and arose on what we know as Sunday morning. This is all heresy and of Catholic origin. Evidently our querist has been studying the Bible, for anyone who studies the Bible will come to doubt the validity of "Good Friday" and "Easter Sunday."

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus arose very early on the first day of the week. To the Jews, the first day of the week begins at the close of our Saturday (6:00 P. M.). Now let us count back three days and three nights, and we shall see when Jesus actually died: Saturday (one day), Friday night (one night), Friday (two days), Thursday night (two nights), Thursday (three days), and Wednesday night (three nights). Thus

we have counted back three days and three nights to Wednesday at 6:00 P. M.

This corresponds exactly to the atonement of Christ. Hanging on the cross most of the day, Jesus was taken and in the sepulchre probably as the sun set. Thus we clearly see again that tradition and Bible are poles apart.

Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, etc. are all paganistic. Says of such who observe the days: "In vain they do work, teaching for doctrines commandments of men." (Matthew 15:9). Christians are to be stained from these heathen observances.

Q. Will you please tell where to find this scripture "Every tub stands on its own bottom." I can not find it.

A. This is a proverb that people have accepted as scripture but it is not contained within the Bible. However, the Bible does say: "Everyone of us should give account of himself to God." (Continued on page five)



# The Man Who Couldn't Let Go--A Talk To Youth

Walking on the street one day, he saw a wire lying on the ground. Without thinking much about it, he stooped to pick it up. That was natural enough; why shouldn't he? It seemed harmless, to be sure. But when he grasped it, he couldn't let go! He tried to, but he couldn't. It was a "live wire." A strong current of electricity was running through it. It was burning him cruelly, and he cried out with pain. His whole body was writhing in distress. But his hands still gripped the wire, and when men came running to help him, they had to drag him away from it by force. That is one of the dangers of a live wire. If you once lay hold of it, you cannot let go, no matter how much it is hurting you. I know a boy who grasped a live wire a while ago, and it is hurting him cruelly. But he doesn't let go. He says he can't,

even though his mother and father are begging him to, and the doctor says it will kill him if he doesn't. *The live wire is the cigarette.*

The boy is only sixteen years old, but he is a slave. When he began smoking, he was holding the wire; but now it is holding him. He has a weak heart already, poisoned by tobacco. He has to give up some of the sports he loves because of it, and he knows it is killing him. Yet he is clinging to it still, smoking every day, and nobody can stop him. If he were holding a live wire he might be dragged away from it, but no one can compel him to drop the cigarette.

You can see what habit is. We say a boy "has a habit." The only way to be safe with a live wire is never to touch it. And the cigarette is a live wire!

## For Little Children

### ABRAHAM AND LOT

Abraham left home to go to the land which the Lord would show him. Lot, who was Abraham's nephew, went with him.

Both Abraham and Lot had great flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and tents. Their herds and flocks became so big that the land was not big enough for them both. So Abraham and Lot had to separate.



Abraham let Lot take his choice of which way he would go. Lot lifted up his eyes and saw the beautiful land near the wicked city of Sodom. He saw that this land had good grass for his cattle, and it would be a good place for him to live. So Lot pitched his tents in this land near the wicked city of Sodom. But Abraham dwelt in the land of Canaan, which was not quite as beautiful as the land which Lot chose. But it was the land that the Lord had given to him. Lot lived on his land for awhile, but it was not long until the wicked people of Sodom had caused him to move into Sodom.

Then the Lord became very angry with Lot and the wicked people of Sodom. Lot should not have made friends with these wicked people and lived as they lived. The Lord was very angry with Sodom, and said that He would destroy this wicked city.

When Abraham knew that the Lord was going to destroy Sodom, he prayed for Lot and Lot's family. The Lord heard Abraham's prayer, and He sent two angels to Sodom to get Lot and

his family away from the city before He destroyed it.

Lot and his wife and children had lived in Sodom so long that they did not want to leave the wicked city. When Lot tried to get some of his children to leave, they laughed at him. Lot had been so sinful that his children did not think that he knew anything about the Lord.

Finally, the angels got Lot and his wife and two of his daughters out of the city. The angels told them not to look back at the city when God destroyed it. But Lot's wife looked back and the Lord made her become a pillar of salt.

Boys and girls, from this true story of Abraham and Lot, we learn that it is best to do as Abraham did, and follow the Lord. Lot thought only about his life on earth and how that he could be happy. But Abraham followed the Lord and tried to please Him. It is not good for us to waste our money and our time on things of this world, only, as Lot did. Who knows! if we, all the time, are reading funny books or going to the show or doing something else, we may become like Lot. We may grow to love these things, and not love the Lord. It is best for us to keep our minds and our hearts on the Lord, as Abraham did. Abraham's land was not as pretty as Lot's was, but it was the land which the Lord had chosen for him.

When other boys and girls seem to be having a better time than you, or more fun than you, just remember this story of Lot and Abraham. It seemed that Lot was having the most fun, but in the end it was Abraham who received the greatest blessings from the Lord. All that Lot had was destroyed when the Lord sent fire and brimstone out of Heaven upon the city of Sodom. But the Lord made Abraham rich because he followed Him. The Lord does not make everyone rich, but He blesses everyone who follows Him.

**Next week: The story of Abraham and Isaac. Read Genesis 22.**

God is through Mary is directly contrary to the precepts of Jesus, Who said very definitely that "No man cometh to the Father but by me." (John 14:6).

In the days of His flesh everyone had direct access to Jesus. He said, "Come to me all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you." (Matt. 11:28)8. "Him that cometh to me I will not cast out." (John 6:37). "Behold I stand at the gate and knock. If any man will hear my voice and open to me the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me." (Apocalypse 3:20). None were too humble or too sinful for Him to give them His personal attention. He touched the lepers who were shunned by men as "untouchables." He talked with the sinful woman at the well of Samaria, and with the woman taken in adultery. The whole content of His teaching is summed up in His words, "Abide in me." Nor is there the slightest intimation of an advocacy between the sinner and Christ.

### How We are to Pray

Moreover, when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He taught them to say "Our Father who art in heaven." Here in Jesus' own words, it is affirmed that prayer must be made to God only. Before the incarnation, men prayed directly to God, as Moses and Elijah and David prayed. After Calvary there was a more perfect access to God in prayer through the finished work of Christ on the cross. Jesus explained this new basis of prayer to His disciples when He said, "In that day you shall not ask me anything. Amen, amen, I say to you: If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it you." (John 16:2). Here is Jesus' teaching concerning prayer: We are not to pray to Him ("Ye shall not ask me anything"), but to God in Christ's name ("If you ask the Father anything in my name.") Therefore, praying to Mary to intercede with Christ is contrary to His teaching in two ways: prayer is to be made only to God; and prayer is acceptable to God only when offered in the name of Christ through faith in His atoning blood; "For there is one God and one mediator of God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Timothy 2:5).

Prayer to Mary to intercede with Christ is sin. God alone hears and answers prayer. And there is only one means of access to the throne of grace, "a new and living way which he hath dedicated for us" (Heb. 10:20), namely, the Person and work of Christ; for the only means of acceptance with God is to be "graced in his beloved Son" (Ephesians 1:6). Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by me . . . Whatsoever you shall ask the Father in my name, that will I do; that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:6, 13).

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agitate the people of the churches of Galatia, or that they should "turn about" the gospel of Christ, but that these Galatians, who had heard and had believed the gospel, should turn against him, who had been used of the Lord to bring the "glad tidings" to them. And in turning away from him they had likewise turned away from and against the truth.

It was against such teachers that the Lord Jesus Christ warned His disciples when He was here upon earth: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves" (Matthew 7:15).

### Young People Ask

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(Romans 14:22). This proverb grows out of the heresy of salvation by works, and it should not be used by Christians.

### Scientific Facts

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Possible a large number of varieties within the species; but neither Burbank variety, variations within the species! That accounts for Burbank's works: he was able to develop a large number of varieties within the species; but neither Burbank nor any other scientist has ever been able to cross the gulf God has put in nature and produce a different species than that with which He started. God's Word is true!

### Queen Of Heaven

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(John 2:4). On another occasion, when a woman in the crowds that surrounded Him exclaimed, "Blessed is the womb that bare thee," He replied, "Yea, rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it." (Luke 11:27,28). Again, when someone told Jesus, "Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee," He replied, "My mother and my brethren are they who hear the word of God and do it." (Luke 8:20,21). In the fifth and last scriptural reference to Jesus and Mary, when He hung on the cross, He committed His mother to the care of John with the words, "Woman, behold thy son." John 19:26). By calling His mother "woman," Jesus emphasized her humanity, the fact that she was the human agency of the Incarnation, whereby "God sending His own Son, in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, hath condemned sin in the flesh." (Romans 8:3), for the first covenant was that the seed of the "woman" should crush the serpent's head. If Mary had been "immaculate," Jesus would not

have been made "in the likeness of sinful flesh." It is the very fact of her sinful humanity that makes the atonement of the incarnate Christ effective for sinners. The fact that Jesus shared our humanity does not, of course, imply that He had a fallen human nature.

### The "Mother of God"

The exaltation of Mary by the Roman Church came about gradually, in 5 successive steps. For the first three centuries of the Christian era, there was no special reverence for the Virgin Mary. The cult of Mary began by calling her the Mother of God, a term first used by the eastern branch of the Church at Alexandria in the third century. It became used more frequently in the fourth century, although by no means universally accepted and was opposed by Nestorism, the Patriarch of Constantinople, as late as the fifth century. To call Mary the Mother of God defies both reason and revelation, for God is a Spirit, infinite and eternal. How then can an infinite and eternal God have a mother? Mary was the mother of Jesus, the matrix in which Christ became incarnate. "Wherefore when he cometh into the world he said, Sacrifice and oblation thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou fitted to me." (Hebrews 10:5). It was in this body that God the Son took upon Himself our humanity that He might bear our sins in His natural body on the tree as God-man. It is sufficient honor for Mary that she was the Mother of Jesus; it is blasphemous to deify her as the Mother of God.

### "Perpetual Virginity"

The second step was the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary, that it was of non-Catholic origin, and first appeared in a work of the second century which was banned by the church and prescribed in the earliest papal "Index librorum prohibitorum," or List of Proscribed Books. It was never taught during the first three centuries. The early Church Fathers, Tertullian and Origen, both held that Mary's marriage after the birth of Jesus, and the references to her other children, proved her humanity. They used this argument to combat the heretical doctrine called Docetism, which asserted that Jesus was a phantom and not flesh and blood. The first to state the doctrine of the perpetual virginity of Mary was Jerome, in a tract called "Always Virgin," written in A. D. 388. This doctrine was first confirmed as an essential part of Catholic dogma by the Council of Chalcedon in A. D. 451.

The third step was the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, or Mary's freedom from original sin. This also was unknown to the early church. Augustine repeatedly asserted that Mary was born in original sin, and a Church Father as late as Anselm declar-

ed that she was conceived in sin and born in sin. As late as the twelfth century, those who sought to institute a festival in honor of her immaculate conception were opposed by Bernard. However, the doctrine grew in acceptance, though it was not given the final authority of the Roman Church until December 28, 1854, when Pope Pious IX confirmed it in the papal bull "Ineffabilis Deus."

The fourth step was the doctrine of Mary's assumption to Heaven, which had its origin in apocryphal sources. The feast of the assumption is first mentioned in the seventh century. This doctrine asserted, without the shadow of reason or evidence that soon after her death, Mary's body was raised from the grave and "assumed" into Heaven. The festival in honor of her assumption was first celebrated in the eighth century, followed by the festival of her nativity in the ninth century, and of her presentation in the tenth century. The reason given in the Roman Catholic catechism for belief in Mary's assumption is that "God wished to preserve her body from the decay that follows death because from her Jesus Christ took His human nature." This reason is purely fanciful, and there is not a word to support it either in the Scriptures or in the Apocrypha. It is indeed strange that if, as asserted, "her body was raised from the grave soon after her death,"

this miraculous event should have remained entirely unknown until the eighth century!

### The "Queen of Heaven"

The final step in this progressive exaltation of Mary was to confer on her the title of, "Queen of Heaven." This is a distinctly pagan title, found in the Old Testament in Jeremiah 7:18 and 44:17-19, 25, where it refers to the Phoenician goddess Ashtoreth, called "the abomination of the Zidonians." This same female divinity also appears in many other pagan religions, notably the Babylonian Semiramis, the Assyrian Astarte, the Egyptian Isis, the Greek Aphrodite, and the Roman Venus. Each of these female divinities was worshipped as the "Queen of Heaven." Such female divinities are naturally found in pagan religions, for a made-made religion makes its divinities in his own image. But Christianity is a revealed religion not from beneath, but from above. Christianity differs essentially from all world religions in its basic belief in a triune Godhead, one God manifest in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Bible names for these three Persons of the Trinity are all in the masculine gender. The intrusion of the pagan idea of a queen of Heaven is sacrilegious in the extreme, and this makes the cult of Mary Mediatrix the worst form of idolatry. Moreover, to assert that the only access to

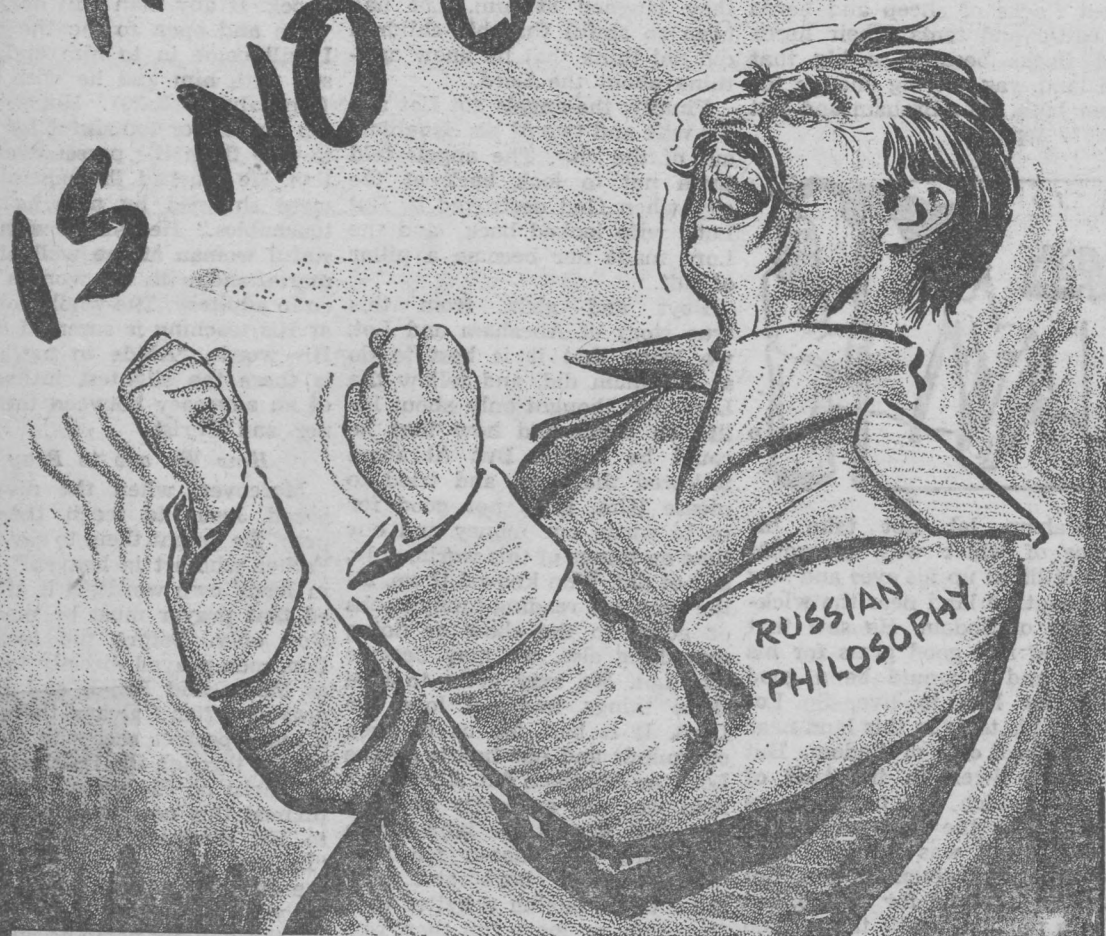
### THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

†††  
"Christ died for our sins"  
I. CORINTHIANS 15:3



THAT HARDLY MAKES IT SO

# THERE IS NO GOD



"THE FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD."

RUSSIAN PHILOSOPHY

— PSALM 14:1

## "The Unpardonable Sin"

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never to deal with that individual again. This is a good way to scare unsaved and Scripturally-ignorant people into the church. It is a good way to fill the church with unsaved members. It is a good way to add a lot of ecclesiastical corpses to the church rolls.

Many individuals on hearing such exhortations have come to believe that surely this was the unpardonable sin. A man here in this town told me over twenty-five years ago that he couldn't be saved, that he had committed the unpardonable sin. He told me how that in a revival meeting years before, he had rejected the Holy Spirit and from that time on he had never had a spiritual impression that he should be saved. I think he is representative of thousands who have been mistaught by Arminian evangelists.

Sometime ago a Baptist preacher of this Association was holding a revival meeting in a nearby Baptist Church. He told the story of two boys who attended services in another revival, one of whom was saved, whereas the other, as he said, rejected Jesus. On their way home that evening they parted company at the forks of the road. When the one who was unsaved shouted, "Come back, come back," the other boy hurriedly turned back, thinking that his unsaved friend was calling for him, only to find that this unsaved boy was calling to the Holy Spirit to come back into his life. This Baptist preacher who used this illustration said that this man committed the unpardonable sin, in that he rejected Christ until the Holy Spirit left him never to return again. Of course every Holy Roller and every Arminian preacher had already told this hundreds of times before. However, in spite of the fact that this had

been told again and again by heretical preachers, it is still a religious falsehood, a slander upon God, and a definite misrepresentation of God's Word.

In the Old Testament there is likewise a Scripture which is often correctly quoted but incorrectly applied. It says:

"My Spirit shall not always strive with man."—Gen. 6:3.

This was God's message to the antediluvian civilization in that He declared He would not always tolerate the sinful civilization of Noah's day. It is the favorite verse of those who believe that the unpardonable sin is the rejection of Jesus as Saviour. Sometime ago I read a message from this text on the subject, "Sinning Away One's Day of Grace." The preacher endeavored to show that a sinner can by continually rejecting Jesus thus commit the unpardonable sin.

However, beloved, the sinner can't sin away his day of grace because he has never had any grace. There is no such thing as waiting too long, nor neglecting one's opportunity for salvation, until the Holy Spirit departs. Three Scriptures make clear the fact that all those whom God elects, shall eventually be saved.

"ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVETH ME SHALL COME TO ME; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath BEGUN A GOOD WORK in you will FINISH IT until the day of Jesus Christ."—Phil 1:6.

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED."—Acts 13:48.

No man can read these Scriptures without the realization that God saves only those whom He has elected unto salvation, and further these Scriptures abundantly teach that all those whom He has elected shall be saved. Not one of them shall fail to enter Heaven, who has been chosen of the Lord, before the foundation of the world. How glorious

it is to know that ultimately every one of God's elect shall be saved, and therefore we are sure that the continued rejection of Christ on the part of a sinner is not the unpardonable sin.

### III

**THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS NOT AS THE CATHOLICS SAY, TO DIE OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC FOLD.**

So far as they are concerned the only sin which is unpardonable is to die a Jew, a Protestant, or a Baptist—that is, to die without being a Catholic. This is the only unpardonable sin they know—dying outside Catholicism.

In this respect I want to insist, and that very definitely in opposition to the Catholics, there is no salvation in church membership. There is no salvation in anybody's church. The church is not the Saviour—it is the home of the saved. A man may be a Jew, Catholic, Protestant, or a Baptist and still be lost and on the road to Hell. Listen:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Mt. 7:21, 23.

Many have a Lord-saying profession, apart from a possession of Christ as Saviour. Let me insist that no man is saved by his church membership. When our Lord comes, His concern will not be whether your name is on some church book, but whether your name was inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life.

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."—Rev. 20:15.

I am confident that the Catholics are as far wrong in this as they are on most all other teachings of the Bible. This is only to be expected since they have substituted tradition and human philosophy for the Word

of God.

To say that any man is saved by being a member of a church, or is lost by not being a member of a church, is utterly ridiculous in the light of God's Book. I thank God that I do not preach salvation by the church, but by the Lord Jesus, who is the Head of the church and the Saviour of all the elect.

### IV

**THE UNPARDONABLE SIN IS THAT OF ATTRIBUTING THE WORKS OF CHRIST TO SATAN.**

When Jesus spoke the words of our text He was talking to those who said that He was doing His work through the power of the Devil. This was their charge.

"And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils."—Mark 3:22.

Jesus thus declared that all other sins and blasphemies might be forgiven, yet when one attributed the works of Christ unto Satan, that was committing the unpardonable sin, and the one who did so was in danger of eternal damnation.

Thus this is not a sin which might be committed by a thoughtless child, or an immature youth, or one who is feeble-minded, or by the ignorant. It is a sin that is committed in defiance of God, of which very few have ever been guilty through all the ages since the foundation of the world. Even those who have been given to flagrant violations of the law by way of sins of the flesh still have recognized and feared God, and even in their sinful state would have shrunk from the thought of attributing the works of Jesus unto Satan. This is a sin of which I am sure very few have ever been guilty. Only those who are atheistically inclined and who view the Word of God from an infidel viewpoint, would ever be guilty of this sin. I doubt if there is even one in this audience who has ever dared to think that Christ did His work by hypnotism or mesmerism—that He was in league with Satan.

However, everyone here has many sins though whereof you are guilty. While you might shrink from the thought of this unpardonable sin, you have willingly embraced many sins of the flesh to your bosom. In God's sight, you therefore stand guilty. Has He not said:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God."—Romans 3:23.

Do you feel your guilt tonight? Do you realize that you are a sinner? Would you like to be saved? I am glad that with this one exception, that all other sins may be forgiven. God's Word makes the invitation broad and wide. Listen:

"For the son of man is come

## Decisionism

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it descends from the throne of grace. It is God's channel through which He pours His grace into the sinner's heart.

**Decisionism — A Perversion of God's Salvation**

Nowhere in the Bible do we read where sinners made a "decision for Christ." The very expression itself is unscriptural, and it gives people a warped idea as to God's salvation in Christ. Get this: Christ is for the sinner; the sinner is not for Christ. "Christ died for the ungodly." Therein lies the "for" of salvation. We hear much of doing this or that for Christ, but the emphasis is on the wrong persons. The emphasis should be laid upon what the Trinity has done for sinners. People talk about working for the Lord, when in reality "it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13) The question is not, "What will I do with Jesus?" but rather, "What has He done for me? and what will He do with me?"

Sinners are not the "deciders," it is God who is the Decider. Note the words of Christ: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." (John 15:16).

Sinners are not the "accepters," either. My Bible says this: "To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved." (Ephesians 1:6)

Reader, if you have only made "a decision for Christ," I earnestly beg of you to "examine yourself, whether you be in the faith." (II Cor. 13:5) Do not be blinded by "decisionism." Hell will be only too full of those who merely made "decisions for Christ."

Cast off your "I" religion! Christ is all in all! In Him you are clothed with a perfect Righteousness. Let no high-pressure evangelist or decision-card zealot beguile you into believing that there is no more to salvation than a "decision for Christ."

Away with the Satanic delusion! In Christ Jesus, neither decisionism availeth any thing, nor non-decisionism, but a new creation.

Salvation is in Christ Jesus. It must be revealed, or made manifest, to the sinner by God's Spirit (Continued on page seven)

to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."—I Tim. 1:15.

May God in His Grace reach down and touch the heart of someone of His elect, that you now may be saved for His own glory.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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## The Parables Of Sower, Mustard Seed, And Leaven - - Mt. 13:1-23; 31-35

Memory Verse: "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked."—Mt. 13:1-23; 31-35.

### I. The Parable Of The Sower (four sowings and one ripening). Mt. 13:1-23.

This, and the following parables, were preached to great multitudes. The scene is the Sea of Galilee. The pulpit is a boat. Jesus speaks in parables or figurative discourses.

In this first parable, we get a picture of a plowed field. It has been sowed with seed. As the sower leaves, we see the birds sweep down to carry away all uncovered grain. Presently the field has turned green, carpeted with the grain. In the beaten path, no grain has come up—the birds explain this. In certain parts of the field, the stalks have turned yellow. There's a stone under the soil. Elsewhere the thorns are choking the plants. Still some grain will bear fruit by and by.

Here is discouragement for the sower. Three parts of what is sown is lost, either being carried away, or else has perished. This discourages the sower.

Here also is encouragement. Some of the seed is producing fruit, even 100 fold. This encourages the sower.

The Sower is first of all the Lord Himself. Each apostle became a sower. Each Christian today is a sower.

The seed sown is the Word of God. That is what each Christian is to teach and preach—just the Word of God. Sob stories and funny yarns will never convert. Only God's Word can bring conversion. Cf. II Tim. 4:2; Rom. 10:17.

The seed will surely bring results. Although three-fourths of the seed was lost, one-fourth brought forth fruit. God's Word will always bring some results. Cf. Acts 4:12; Isa. 55:11; Psa. 126:6.

The field is the world. Cf. Mt. 13:38. The whole world is to be sown with the seed of the gospel of salvation. We are not told to attempt to bring any one part of the field into the highest state of cultivation, but to sow the seed in all nations.

This is the duty of all churches to preach the gospel to the whole world. This is the age of universal evangelization. Cf. Mat. 24:14; Mat. 28:18-20.

This teaches that the Devil is a living personality and not a fictitious, allegorical, phantasm. Cf. I Pet. 5:8.

This shows how successful and constant are the efforts of Satan. He surely aborts and renders ineffectual much of the seed sown. Only one-fourth actually brings forth fruit. In actuality, it was far less than this in Jesus' ministry. Only 120 apparently were saved while He was here in the flesh (Acts 1:15), yet thousands had listened to His messages.

The seed is to be scattered everywhere, even on the most unlikely places. We are to "sow beside all waters." Cf. Isa. 32:20.

The ground represents the heart and not the head. It is the affections and not the intellect with which God deals. Cf. Rom. 10:10.

In the first sowing, we find a beaten path. It is beaten down by sin. Every sermon leaves the ungodly even more ungodly and with a more hardened heart.

The seed falls on this hardened heart, but not in it. The birds might be the light winged thoughts that flutter around the hearer as soon as the sermon is over, such as talk of the weather, criticism of the preacher and congregation, business, and politics. In all probability, though, they represent unregenerate man, the agents of Satan.

In the second sowing, the seed quickly sprouts. Quick-sprouting herbs are soon-dying herbs. This illustrates those who are of excitable temperament and exceedingly emotional. These are swept into our churches in every revival—unsaved—depend-

ing on their feelings rather than the shed blood of Jesus. The nature that is over-emotional on the surface, is always hard at its core; thus the hard rock typifies the hard heart beneath the emotion.

The third sowing is an attempt to grow both thorn and corn on the same soil. Remember, the thorns came through sin. Cf. Gen. 3:18, 19. This man's religion was not powerful enough to grub up the roots of the thorns. Until the thorns of the old nature are removed, there is no hope for the new. Note that the thorns sprung up (not the Word).

The fourth sowing and its results illustrate, "Thy Word have I hid in my heart." May we seek to be 100 fold producers.

### II. The Grain Of Mustard Seed. Mt. 13:31, 32.

The sower now has a tiny seed in his hand, so tiny that we must look closely or we cannot see it. It is sown and grows to be a tremendous tree. The small seed represents the kingdom of Christ in its beginning. His kingdom was the least of all kingdoms begun.

One would almost be discouraged at the smallness of the seed. Yet, a little in the hands of God may become much.

The field, as in other parables, represents the world. Cf. Mt. 13:38. The sower in this instance is not Jesus, but John the Baptist, for the kingdom of God began with him. Cf. Mt. 3:2; Mark 1:14, 15; Luke 16:16.

The fowls of the air represent Satan and his children as in the parable of the Sower. Note that the birds are in the tree, but not a part of it. Worldly wicked men and women flock into our churches. They are the birds who are in the kingdom and yet not a part of it.

It is the birds who break the limbs of the tree and defile it with their excrescences; they deface its beauty and symmetry; they impede its growth. False professors do just this.

The parable likewise denies post-millennialism, for it speaks of good and evil together in the kingdom. Nothing is said that would favor the whole world being converted before Christ's coming.

### III. The Leaven. Mt. 13:33-35.

The leaven represents false doctrine. It is always spoken of as bringing about corruption. Cf. Ex. 22:16; Lev. 2:11; Mt. 16:6; Luke 12:1; I Cor. 5:6-8; Mk. 8:15; Gal. 5:9.

The meal represents saving Truth. Christ called Himself "The bread of life" and "The true bread which cometh down from Heaven."

This teaches that the whole world will not be saved when Jesus comes again. It kills post-millennialism entirely.

By the leaven being hidden, Jesus meant to emphasize the subtlety and deception of error. Those who teach error try to cover up their real teaching. That is true of modernists and all "man-made" false churches. Cf. Rev. 17:1-6.

The woman here spoken of represents Rome and her harlot daughters. Everywhere in the Bible, a woman symbolizes false teachers. Cf. Rev. 2:20. Eve led Adam astray when she got in the lead. So at Thyatira. Woman preachers today are always teachers of error and corruptors of churches. This explains I Cor. 14:34-38; I Tim. 2:8-15.

This parable teaches that corrupt teachers and churches will continue to grow until the whole Gospel Truth will be more or less leavened thereby. Salvation by works, salvation by baptism, apostasy, mourner's bench, Easter, feminism, and worldliness have about corrupted all churches. Cf. I Tim. 4:1-3.

of the sinner, gives the sinner the right to boast. Instead of thanking God for saving him, he should only thank God for the opportunity of being saved, and thank himself for his "decision." Instead of thanking God for His sovereign, irresistible grace, the sinner should rejoice within himself, praising himself for "deciding for Christ."

#### Decisionism—Its Fruits

The reason for so much worldliness and carnality in the churches today is due to "decisionism." Sinners are received into the church membership when they have made a "decision for Christ" or have responded to the invitation to "accept Christ." (Some preachers talk of Christ as if He were a paper doll. They make it sound as if it were Christ who is dead instead of the sinner. (Ephesians 2:1) They put the stress upon the sinner's "decision" instead of Christ's salvation. Even the extent of the efficacy of His Blood Atonement is made to hinge upon whether the sinner makes a "decision" for Him! And they tell us that God elected those whom He foresaw would

make their "decision for Christ"! All hangs on the "decision"! All of God's purposes are conditioned upon the sinner's "decision"! When those are received into the church who know no more of salvation than that they "made a decision," it is not unnatural that in order to satisfy these folk and to keep them coming, the church has to resort to things which appeal to the natural man's nature. This is why movies in the church are taking the place of preaching. This is why churches have to give suppers and banquets—this is the only way to draw a crowd. This is why the young people have to be "held" by "wholesome recreation and entertainment," and "food, fun, and fellowship." Blasted, cursed "decisionism"! God is sovereign, but He has surrendered His sovereignty to the sinner's "decision"! Christ has made atonement for sin, but it is void apart from the "decision"! The Holy Spirit is All-powerful to regenerate, but He must wait until He gets the "go" sign—sinner's "decision"! To the bottomless pit with such blasphemy!

—BOB L. ROSS

## MISS AMERICA GIVES HER "TESTIMONY"

How worldly and carnal can Southern Baptists get! Guess who gave a "testimony" in the First Baptist Church of New Orleans of which "Doctuh" J. D. Grey, former president of the Convention, is pastor? Why, "Miss America" herself! And "Miss America" and "Doctuh" Grey got their picture in the Louisiana State Baptist paper, too!

"Doctuh" Grey presented "Miss America" with a white Bible on behalf of the church, and told the congregation, "In this day when the spotlight is so often thrown on the shortcomings of young people, it is encouraging to hear a young woman who has achieved such outstanding success and recognition who is a faithful Christian."

What's the "outstanding success and recognition"? Why, this fair miss, who, by the way, is a member of a Campbellite society, squeezed herself into an ungodly bathing suit and strutted across a platform before some "judges" a few times, and what do you know . . . she is "Miss America."

Oh, we don't want to forget this bit of advice which she passed along to the "Fust" Church; especially you "bathing beauties" will be interested. She says, "If you always walk with your hand in God's, your feet will never stumble." Do you think that maybe it was God's hand who kept "Miss America" from stumbling as she paraded her body in her indecent bathing suit in the "Miss America" contest? "Doctuh" Grey thinks so. But we are just a bit hesitant about following him yet; we think we will wait until the Judge of all the earth appears and passes His judgment.

### Church News

(Continued from page one) the family of God. Yet to adopt the term Brethren as a church name would be unscriptural and absurd. The Disciples were evidently called Christians by their enemies, using it as a term of reproach.

The Saviour said, "Upon this rock I will build my church."—Matthew 16:18. From this, some have come to the conclusion that "my church" should be adopted as the proper name of this institution of Christ on earth. This is absurd, from the fact that "MY CHURCH" simply indicates the relation the church sustains to Christ as its Founder and Head. A man may say, "This is my son," but "my son" is not the proper name for the boy. It only indicates the relation which it sustains to the man. Writing to the disciples in Rome, Paul says: "The churches of Christ salute you."—Romans 16:16. This does not indicate that Paul designed to establish the "Churches of Christ" as the proper name of Christ's organized people. It simply indicates the relation that these churches sustain to Christ. In the letter to the Corinthians, which is addressed, "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth," he says, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all the churches of the saints."—I Corinthians 14:33. It would hardly be proper to seize upon the words "churches

of the saints" and make them the denominational name for the organized disciples of Christ. The same may be said of Paul's address in which he calls this Corinthian church "the church of God," and applied it to themselves and their denomination. The phrase "Christian Church" is not found in the Bible, either in the Old, or New Testament, and even the terms "Christians" was not adopted by the disciples of Christ, or given by Divine authority, but was simply a name of DERISION which their enemies applied to them. However, we have no objections to the name "Christian" when used in the sense of the followers of Christ.

The true church is described by the apostle as "the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar of the truth."—I Timothy 3:15. Here the term "the house of God" is not intended to be the proper name of the church but it indicated the relation which the church sustains to God as His house. As the ancient temple built under Divine direction, was the "house of God" to the Jews, the spiritual temple, "the church of the living God," is also "the house of God," in which He dwells by the Holy Spirit. Addressing "the church of God" at Corinth, Paul says: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"—I Corinthians 3:16. Though the apostle addressed these Corinthian saints as "the church of God" he calls them the temple of God. It is possible that some future reformer, so-called, will become the head and leader of a party who will call themselves "the temple of God" and then assume to force other people, to keep from insulting them, to also call them "the temple of God." While the church is figuratively called "the temple of God," because it is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, it will not do to adopt this as a proper name of the church.

His true disciples are mentioned by the Saviour as "elect." Also by the apostle they are called "God's elect." Yet these expressions indicating their relation to God as His chosen ones, are not designed to be the proper name of His chosen church.

#### The Bible Name

Finally, we deliberately remark that it is a part of Divine wisdom that neither Jesus Christ nor the apostles enjoined any one proper name by which His church should be called and known during the present dispensation. If the terms "Christian Church," "Church of God," "Saints" or the "Elect" had been given as the proper name of the church, the most heretical sects set up by men, without authority from God, would call themselves by the inspired name and make that an argument why they should be recognized as the true church of God! In fact, those who base an

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### Current Events

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Rev. Albert McClellan  
Southern Baptist Convention  
Nashville, Tennessee

How anybody can be moved to the emotional height that Mr. McClellan seems to have been by the "Christianity" issue wherein is contained all the above heresy plus innumerable other things of the such like, we can only attribute to the delusive power of Satan. McClellan is the same man who says that to speak against the Co-operative Program is to speak against the Holy Spirit's way of doing mission work; thus, blaspheming the Spirit and committing the unpardonable sin.

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## "I Should Like To Know"

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our Baptist position on I Cor. 12:13.

I don't know what our querist has in mind as to our Baptist position on I Cor. 12:13. Personally I think the verse is speaking of water baptism, relative to the church in the city of Corinth, and thus, it's only a local church that is thus referred to.

As for the reference in Revelation concerning the Bride of Christ, in none of these does John say that the bride includes all the redeemed of the Lord. He could not do so and be consistent.

Let me insist that the bride will NOT be the sum total of all the redeemed of God. To me, this is the most ridiculous position that any Baptist preacher can take, to say that all the redeemed compose the bride. Why should I contend against alien immersion and for close communion, as well as contend against union meetings and denounce the universal church, if, after a while, I and all true Baptists and all the heretics as to church truth are going to be on the same plane and each of us, a part of the bride? If I believed that all of the redeemed would compose the bride, I would practice alien immersion, open communion, take part in union meetings, and never dare preach that Jesus established a Baptist church. Why contend for the few brief years of our lifetime for these doctrines if these doctrines are all going to be forgotten at the marriage of the Lamb?

I insist, beloved, that any Baptist preacher who thus believes that all of the redeemed will make up the bride puts himself in the most embarrassing position possible. I can see no reason for contending against schismatic heretics, if after a while, we are going to be together.

I think the Scriptures make it clear that the bride will not be composed of all of the redeemed. Listen:

"The King's daughter is all glorious within; her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the King in raiment of needlework: the virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee." Psalms 45:13,14.

It is highly conspicuous that "the King's daughter," who in this Scripture represents the bride, has a number of companions. Doubtless many will be saved, who will be nothing more than the companions of the bride of Christ.

Here is another Scripture which would present the same truth:

"There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number. My dove, my undefiled is but one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her."—Song of Solomon 6:8,9.

While there is but one bride, there are many attendants. Doubtless there will be many saved people who will make up the queens, the concubines and virgins—the attendants—yet they will not in any wise at all be a part of the bride.

"And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God."—Rev. 19:9.

It does this Scripture no violence to interpret the word "called" as "invited." There will be many guests who will be called, or invited, to the wedding. These will be saved people but they will not be the bride.

THERE WILL BE NOBODY IN THE BRIDE BUT BAPTISTS. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, which was a Baptist church—that was the only kind

of church that existed then—lodges."

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—II Cor. 11:2.

While I would say that the bride will be composed only of Baptists, I DO NOT MEAN TO SAY THAT ALL BAPTISTS WILL BE IN THE BRIDE. There are many Baptists today whose doctrines are a disgrace to our Baptist name. I am definitely positive that the Baptists who have compromised church truths on the great doctrines of baptism and the Lord's Supper, that they will not in any wise at all be a part of the bride. Surely the Baptist whose doctrine has been a compromise for popularity's sake will not deserve to be a part of the bride. Likewise, the Baptists who have lived alone for this world and what it could offer will surely be nothing more than invited guests. Those Baptists who have been united with worldly organizations, such as fraternal organizations, and who have put their time and money that ought to have gone to the cause of Christ into these worldly organizations—surely these will be in no wise a part of the bride. In other words no Mason, Odd-fellow, Red Man or any other lodge man—no Catholic, Jew or Protestant,—and no immoral, worldly compromising Baptist will be any part of the bride. The bride will be a very select number of those whose consecration, fidelity, and love of the truth is unquestioned.

Let me insist, beloved, in the light of these Scriptures and likewise in the light of human reasoning that the bride will be a very small group—a select number of Baptists who have been loyal to the Word of God. I don't know just who will make up the bride, but I am positive that there will be a far greater number of guests and attendants than there will be of those who will compose the bride.

Don't misunderstand me: All saved people are going to Heaven, whether Baptist, Catholics, or Protestants. If redeemed by the blood of our Lord Jesus, then you are sure of Heaven, but you will not be in the bride unless your life and doctrine definitely conforms to the Word of God.

4. What attitude have Baptists through the years taken relative to their membership being affiliated with fraternal organizations such as Masonry?

I know of no better way to answer this question than to quote from Spencer's History of Kentucky Baptists. We quote: "Elkhorn Association (the one Lexington and the heart of the Blue Grass is in) in 1827 in answer to a query from Glen's Creek Church, advised their members 'in no case to join themselves to a Masonic Lodge.' The next year they advised their members not to join any 'society, the principle of which is secrecy.'"

In 1816 Tate's Creek Association said: "It is not advisable for members of our society to join the Free Masons."

In 1815 North District Association decided that it is not "right for members of the Baptist church to sit in Free Mason

lodges." In South District Association in 1822 this query was sent to the Association from Stony Point: "Is it right for the members of a Baptist church to join the Masonic lodge and (the church) hold them in fellowship? Answer. No."

That is the kind of a Baptist, The Baptist Examiner is 130 years later.

In 1805 the Long Run association (the association the Louisville churches belong to) decided that "any member of our society is condemnable for joining a Free Mason lodge." In 1822 this question again came up in a query from Drennon's Creek Church. The association replied: "We believe it wrong for members of our churches to belong to a Masonic lodge, and if they can not be reclaimed exclude them."

In 1813 Little River Association said: "We think it is a bar to fellowship for one of our society to join a Masonic lodge."

That is the position of the editor of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and he has the very best Baptist authority for his fight against secret orders of all kinds. Of course everybody knows, who knows anything about the Bible, that it forbids secrecy. Deut. 29:29; Isa. 48:16; Ec. 14:14—that is why all secrets of so-called secret orders are known: Luke 8:17; John 18:20—Jesus belonged to no secret order, as some Masons hypocritically argue: Eph. 5:12; Mark 4:22.

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## ARMINIANISM

(Continued from page one) this to the passions—to the affection and fears! What scenes are depicted of dying fathers, dying mothers, dying children and infants (violent sobbing), death-scenes, hell-scenes (a lady faints here, and another screams), and judgment scenes—friends in heaven meeting fathers and mothers there, meeting children, and the dear little babes lost, there!

Hear that shout (has the Lord answered the prayer?) and another—and another; and now it becomes general—the preacher's voice rises like trumpet-tones over all—"Fire! fire! Send down fire!" "Baptize all this congregation in the Holy Ghost and fire." "Pow-er, pow-er—come in thy mighty pow-er!" Now, the excitement being at the right stage, the straw being prepared, the door of the altar is thrown open, and sinners are called upon to come forward before they drop into hell.

In the midst of the uproar, parents drag their excited and terrified children into the altar, and others from alarm, others from

pure nervous excitement, and others from sympathy, rush forward; the altar is crowded. Now follow what some preachers call a "sanctified row." The mourners are exhorted to pray mightily—and a season of prayer commences. A brother who has a strong voice is called upon to pray, and all the mourners are exhorted to pray at once, and all Christians to pray—call mightily upon God. And who can describe the scene that follows for the next half-hour—men and women girls and boys, of all ages, are mingled and commingled in one conglomerated mass in the straw, rolling and tumbling, and throwing their arms and limbs about in every conceivable direction; forty or fifty "mourners" crying, screaming, and praying, a hundred Christians, "all engaged," some praying, some shouting, some swooning, some with the powers; the shrill voice of the leader ever and anon rising above the din, calling for "fi-re," "pow-er!" and the minister shouting the loud and deep A-men! a-men, do Lord! Hallelujah. This lasts until ten or eleven, with the simple variation of a song instead of a prayer, when the noise, uproar and confusion is, if possible, far greater! This is no fancy sketch; it falls far below the sad and awful reality as all candid persons who have witnessed a full-grown Methodist camp meeting scene at night will testify—will bear me witness. I appeal to the world, from which all reason and common sense have not departed—except during one of these "revivals"; I appeal to all candid, reflecting men and Christians, is that altar a place for young children, or for old children, or for humble inquirers to think rationally, Scripturally? Do they know what they are about? They were invited forward as inquirers, to be instructed—have they heard a word? Can they distinguish a solitary connected sentence? and see there—how those ministers beating them upon their backs as though religion was a wedge to be driven in between the shoulder blades! This is no fiction. Mourners have been driven from the altar by the force of these blows, and left with more bruised backs than hearts. The preachers and their kind friends were excited, and did not know how hard they did slap and pound them. —J. R. Graves

EDITOR'S NOTE: What Bro. Graves says of the Methodists is just as true of Mourner's Bench Baptists, Cumberland Presbyterians with their women preachers and sob-stuff and of Nazarenes and Holy Rollers.

## Church Names

(Continued from page seven) argument for their church claims upon the name which they have assumed themselves, though that name may be the most sacred in the Bible, only weaken their claims. Convinced of their inability to support their doctrines of Holy writ, they presume upon the supposed ignorance of the people by calling themselves by a Bible name. Doubtless referring to such claimants to be the true bride of Christ, Isaiah prophesied: "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying we will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel; only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach."—Isaiah 4:1.

This prophecy points, with unerring certainty, to the gospel dispensation. These "seven women" doubtless designate such religious societies as are fundamentally heretical in doctrine and practice, and yet make bold claims to be the bride of Christ, though they themselves know that they were organized in recent times under the wisdom and labors of uninspired men. The "One Man" represents Christ as the God-Man. He does not choose these women. They nominally lay hold upon Him, simply to take away their reproach. They are so independ-

ent that they can make their own living. They wear their own apparel—the righteousness of the pretended good works—they eat their own bread, which means they have their own doctrines—salvation by baptism, church membership, or other works—pretended righteousness which they can do. They only desire to be called by the name of Christ to "take away their reproach." They evidently belong to the Babylon family whose maternal ancestor is described, in the seventeenth chapter of Revelation, "the Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth."

We are satisfied that all "Seven Churches" and such other societies as "Mormon Saints," "Seventh Day Adventists," "Christian Scientists," "Jehovah Witnesses" with all such other sects and schisms as deny the Divinity of Christ and His atonement, belong to this Babylon family, indicated by the "seven women" who use the name of Christ. "Seven" being used in the Scriptures to indicate many, without being confined to the literal number.

## ONLY ONE GROUND FOR DIVORCE

(Continued from page one) "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."—Luke 16:18.

A great and growing evil of this day is the divorce evil. God's Word teaches that every person that gets a divorce on other than one Scriptural ground, the one mentioned above—and remarries is an ADULTERER! According to this, our land is full of men and women living in legal adultery.

I have consistently refused to marry divorced people and she continues to do so. I wouldn't marry my right arm marry a person who had been divorced. I had some to get about half way mad when I refused, but I am one am afraid to disobey God and mad or glad I am going to respect His Word!

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