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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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## What The Kingdom Of God Will Be Like When It Comes

Those who foolishly babble about "bringing in the Kingdom" in this age through the agencies of organized Christianity, really think of a sort of Christian veneer spread over the world. They do not envision a perfect world or complete and absolute righteousness. To the contrary that is what Jesus meant, when he taught us to pray "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." Those who know human nature, or even redeemed human nature, know well enough that this condition can never exist apart from the personal return of Jesus and a general renovation of things by

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him. Throwing aside the theories of men, what does the Bible teach that the Kingdom of God shall be like when it actually is brought in on this earth? A whole book could be written on this, but we shall mention a few outstanding things:

1. JESUS SHALL REIGN ON A LITERAL THRONE — THE THRONE OF DAVID — IN JERUSALEM. (See Luke 1:32,33). (Also Acts 15:16). "The Word of the Lord shall go forth from Jerusalem." (Isa. 2:3).

2. RESTORED AND CONVERTED ISRAEL SHALL OCCUPY THE TOP PLACE AMONG THE KINGDOMS OF THIS EARTH. (See Isa. 2:2,3). David raised from the dead, shall be the main ruler, under Christ, over Israel, as indicated in the Old Testament Scriptures, and the resurrected apostles shall be the judges, under Christ, of the tribes of Israel. (See Matt. 19:27-28).

3. JESUS CHRIST SHALL BE KING OF THE WHOLE WORLD. (Zech. 14:9). (Also see Isa. 2:4). "He shall judge among the nations." The whole world shall be (Continued on page eight)

1. I am the mother of six children. I have been elected as Vice-President of the W. M. U. Should I serve?

That depends. If your W. M. U. is content with teaching missions, and sends all its money through the church treasury, and does not violate the Scriptures by women talking in public nor by putting on suppers and bazaars and other forms of worldliness, but confines its work to Bible study and work with and for and among women and girls, so far so good. But even then as a "worker at home," which Paul says women ought to be, you ought to be at home, when your children come in from school and make your home the most heavenly place on this earth for your husband and children.

2. What do you think of a Baptist who says that he thinks that the Lord thinks too much of them to want to do just any thing for Him?

The mildest and kindest thing I can say about such a Baptist is that he is grossly ignorant and pitifully selfish. My opinion is that he is utterly destitute of the grace of God and of the love of

Christ. The Master's own words concerning that question are: "There is no man that hath left house or brethren or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands for My sake and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred-fold now in this time, houses and brethren and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. Mark 10:29,30.

3. Are all sinners punished alike?

No; it is more tolerable for the heathen and those who have no light, than for the ones, who have a chance to hear the gospel. Matt. 11:29-24.

4. When Jesus chose Judas, did He know that Judas would betray Him?

Yes. It was prophesied in Ps. 41:9. In John 6:64 it is said that Jesus knew from the beginning, who would betray Him.

5. Is it Scriptural and proper for a Baptist church to elect a deacon and ordain him, when his wife is a Catholic and his children are Catholics? (Continued on page eight)

## The Tragic Corrupting Influence Of Modernism

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There is a frontal attack upon the Christian faith by the avowed enemies of Christ. I am not afraid of it. There is a subtle attack upon the Christian faith by the supposed friends of Christ. I am desperately afraid of it.

Robert Ingersoll said he was an infidel. He boldly attacked the Bible and ridiculed the Christian religion. With consummate skill he sought to laugh the gospel of Christ out of court. One of his most popular and famous lectures was entitled, "The Mistakes of Moses." It was leveled against the Mosaic account of creation and against the trustworthiness of the sacred Scriptures in general. No need to be afraid of a Bob Ingersoll. The anvil of the truth of Jesus Christ has worn out and outlived many a hammer like him.

He was an infidel. No need to be afraid of what he could do to the church.

### Attacks From Within

But there is a suave, affable, personable scholarly man who claims to be the friend of Christ. He preaches in the pulpit, he writes learned books, he publishes articles in the religious magazines. He attacks Christianity from within. He makes the church and the school a lodging place for every unclean and hateful bird. He leaves the meal with the doctrine of the Sadducees. He is the liberal, the modernist. I am desperately afraid of him.

The great wall of China, we are told, was breached three times within the first generation after it was built, not by an enemy storming the ramparts, but by an enemy bribing the gatekeepers. The fall of Madrid from the hands of the defending loyalist, republican armies of Spain was accomplished by Franco's "fifth column," "which," the generalissimo said, "is prepared to open the gates to my four columns without." Like loyalist Spain, whole nations have been delivered to a terrible enemy by infiltrations. A Quisling presents Norway to Hitler. The communists present Czechoslovakia to Stalin. Our own Congress wages relentless warfare against treacherous, subversive forces on the inside of our government. We can be like a great tree which in times past withstood the rain and the wind and the storm and the lightning, but finally fell because the heart had rotted out. Insects, termites destroyed the monarch of the woods.

This is the unspeakable tragic thing that happens to many of our Baptist institutions and eventually threatens them all. They are delivered to secularism and infidelity not because of a bitter frontal attack from without but because of the slow, gradual permeation of the rot and curse of modernism from within.

### A Great School Is Started

Take, for example, the University of Chicago. The faithful, devout Baptist people of the North (Continued on page three)

## The Baptist Examiner God's Indictments Against All Sinless Perfectionists

June 27 — the day of the year that causes us much anxiety — is just around the corner, and frankly, I get "butterflies in my stomach" every time that I remember it.

That is the day on which we must make payment of \$1000 and interest on our newspaper press. Thank God for the fact that in the past we have made each payment when due, and now we have only two more to make, namely June, 1956 and June, 1957.

For the benefit of our many new readers, let me give you a bit of history. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER under its present editorship was launched February 4, 1939. At that time we had only God's promises — stack upon stack of these — and unlimited faith in Him, that we were doing His will in entering in upon this written ministry. For nearly five years, we hired other printers to actually do the printing for us, although this was never satisfactory. We always had to wait (Continued on page three)

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These indictments in the Word of God are against all who hold that by a second work of grace they live a sinless life and who make personal holiness a condition of present or final salvation.

Saving acceptance with God is "in the beloved," Eph. 1:6. In the mercy of God, Christ is "made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification (holiness), and redemption," I Cor. 1:30. This becomes effective "once for all" at the moment of faith in Christ as Saviour, Acts 26:18; Heb. 2:11; 10:10. This is the "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." And personal holiness, in whatever measure possessed, is the fruit, or result, and not the root, or condition, thereof, Rom. 6:22.

Note some of God's indictments against those who claim sinless perfection.

### 1. They are blind.

"... who is blind as he that is perfect..." Isa. 42:19. God says the man who claims perfection is blind. That is why he does not see his own sins.

God said Job was the best man on earth and even called him "perfect," Job 1:8; 2:3. But that "perfect" when applied by the Lord to a human being means spiritual balance and maturity and not sinless perfection, is shown by the fact that when Job saw himself as he really was in God's white light he said, "... I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes," Job 42:6. He had sin in him! The Laodicean church felt it was so excellent that it had

"need of nothing." But actually it was "miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," Rev. 3:17.

When tested by the standard of God's holiness, all who are not unintentionally or wilfully blind will see and admit their sinfulness like Job did and Simon Peter did, Luke 5:8. He who claims sinless perfection advertises his distance from God, not his nearness. Were he not blind, he would not make such a claim. "Turn the plank over and the bugs will scamper."

### 2. The are destitute of the truth.

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," I John 1:8. To claim sinlessness means (1) that "we deceive ourselves," and (2) "the truth is not in us." Therefore, "cleanse us from all unrighteousness" in verse 9 means cleansing from time to time from confessed sin. It does not mean an alleged second work of grace which supposedly removes the Adamic nature so that one lives a sinless life. The only others besides those who say they do not sin of whom God says the truth is not in them are hypocrites and the devil, John 8:44; I John 2:4.

### 3. They make God a liar.

"If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and his word is not in us," I John 1:10. God says: "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not," Ecc. 7:20. That is, there is no man, however good, who does not sin at times. What an awful sin—"make God a liar!" That is what the man who says he doesn't sin does. To claim no sin is sin!

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION"

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

"And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

"And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee

what thou must do."—Acts 9:3-6.

This text is taken from the story of Paul's conversion on the roadway to Damascus. No one else in the Bible illustrates the doctrine of election like the Apostle Paul. The thought of salvation was the farthest from his mind the day he left Jerusalem to go to Damascus. He wasn't desiring to be saved. He even thought he was doing right in destroying churches and killing Christians. He himself later confessed that he thought he was doing God a favor by so doing. Although he wasn't thinking

about salvation, when God's time came for him to be saved, God saved him. He himself said:

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace,

"To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the brethren; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood;

"Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus."—Gal. 1:14-17.

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### THE WONDER OF ISRAEL

We must surely regard the extraordinary transformation which is taking place in the land of Israel as a very definite sign of the near return of our Lord. There is no doubt about the fact that for many years we have been witnessing the reawakening of a nation that has been asleep for centuries.

We cannot consider the rebuilding of Zion apart from the country where it is being accomplished. The land of Israel is the most amazing country in the world. Let us consider some of the proofs that this is so.

(1) It is the only land in the world which God has by a covenant given to any particular people. (Continued on page eight)

### GOD IS NOT TO BE MOCKED

Crops were good throughout east Europe last summer despite a lack of normal sunshine. As a solemn sneer at traditional religious festivals held in connection with the harvest, East German Reds put up huge signs reading, "We raise crops without God and without the sun."

The signs were displayed simultaneously at many farm centers throughout the Soviet zone of occupation. Politicians were on hand to boast that Communist science needs neither God nor nature to produce a land of plenty.

The day after the signs went on display, a smashing hailstorm destroyed the crops before they could be harvested.—N.C.W.C.



Real faith will find a way out of perplexity, or will make one.

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### EDITOR TO BE WITH W. VA. CHURCHES

We are looking forward with keen anticipation to our visit with three West Virginia churches in the immediate future.

On May 3, we are to be at the Baptist Church of Gallagher. We have many warm and noble friends in this church, and frankly we are looking forward to this season of fellowship with the saints there. The services will be at 7:30 on Thursday evening, May 3, and we would surely be happy to see any of our friends in that area who might be able to attend.

Then on Sunday morning, May 13, your editor is to be with Clay Baptist Church of Clay, W. Va. We have never had the privilege of personally associating with the brethren of this church, although for years we have counted several of their number as our leading "helpers to the Truth." It will be good to be with them, after having heard from them for so many years.

On the preceding evening, Saturday night, May 12, we will be with C. W. Shafer and the Pleasant View Baptist Church, of Clay Co., W. Va. "Nuf said!" "Come thou with us and we will do thee good," is our sincere invitation to our readers in behalf of these three churches.

### IRREGULARITY

Although we have always prided ourselves on the punctuality of our paper, we are having a hard time now keeping our paper regular, on account of the scarcity of newsprint.

This is the first time in our history that we have been unable to purchase the paper we need. Even during the years of World War II, we never experienced anything like the difficulty that we are experiencing now.

In our last issue — our Mexican issue — we had our type set, proofed and ready to print nine days before we could get the paper we needed. In fact our press sat idle for that period, all because of this newsprint scarcity. The mills give us a little hope after the first of July. Please bear with us, during this period when we are having so much difficulty in keeping the paper in the mails. Remember, we are doing our best, and if the paper arrives a little late, just be thankful for it and rest assured that you'll get every issue sooner or later.

### BOUND VOLUMES

We have a few of these left from 1955, containing every copy of the paper printed during 1955. They are most attractively bound in black cloth binding, with the name stamped in gold, and sell for \$5.00 postpaid. We only have a few left, and if you desire such, you should send in your order at once, for when these are gone, there can be no more.

We have no back issues for any other years, prior to 1955. Although we have requests for them from time to time, we are unable to supply such.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1956

## WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT DIVORCES

MEMORY VERSE: "One thing thou lackest." — Mark 10:21.

### I. The Question Of Divorce. Mt. 19:1-12.

1. This occurred within the borders of Judea not far from Jerusalem about seven months (or less) before His crucifixion.

2. This question was an attempt to trap Jesus by His answers (vs. 3). The Pharisees knew that which Moses had written in the law concerning divorce. Cf. Deut. 24:1-4.

3. Jesus gave a great rule for the handling of the problem of in-laws (vs. 5). The only side of the house for the mother-in-law is the outside, if the home is to be happy.

4. Jesus confirmed the Genesis account of creation. Read Gen. 1:26,27; Gen. 2:18-25. The man who denies the Genesis account of creation calls Jesus a liar.

5. If God joins man and woman together, anyone else should be exceedingly careful lest he be the means of drawing the husband and wife apart. Lawyers, who specialize in divorce cases, and judges who grant divorces on every little pretext, are setting themselves in opposition to God.

6. Divorces only came about because of the hardness (sinfulness) of the hearts of Israel (vs. 7,8).

7. Originally, God did not intend that there should be a divorce (vs. 8).

8. The only ground for divorce is fornication or sexual lewdness prior to marriage.

9. If one secures a divorce on any other grounds and remarries, such a one is living in adultery. In God's sight, every child born under such conditions, is as much a bastard as children born out of wedlock.

10. Jesus tells us the only ones who ought not marry (vs. 10-12). Some are naturally disqualified; others have been disqualified by men; and still others have disqualified themselves. In this modern day, lots of men and women have illegal operations performed upon their bodies so as to produce no children. Jesus says that they are the ones who ought to refrain from marriage.

### II. Jesus Blesses Little Children. Mt. 19:13-15.

1. This is often quoted by those who believe in baby baptism to justify their practices. Don't forget that Jesus never baptized anyone. Cf. John

4:2. Then if these children were brought for baptism, they were brought to the wrong person. All this proves that it was not for the purpose of baptism that they were brought to Jesus.

2. It is right for parents to continually seek the blessing of God upon their children. Every parent should be thus interested.

3. The Kingdom of Heaven will be made up of those who possess the child-like characteristics of humility and trust.

### III. The Rich Young Ruler. Mt. 19:16-26.

1. It is impossible to be neutral toward Jesus. A decision must be made, either for or against Him. The decision of the young man shows that there is no middle ground.

2. It is impossible for morality to save. If such were possible, this man would have been on the front seat of Heaven. Cf. 3:1-7; Acts 10:1,2.

3. It is impossible for anyone to do anything himself to be saved. Salvation is not by works. Cf. Rom. 4:5; Eph. 2:8,9; Titus 3:5; John 6:28,29; Rom. 6:23.

4. Mark says that he lacked one thing. Cf. Mark 10:21. Not a dozen — just one. Only one lack is sufficient to damn.

5. He lacked life which Jesus only could supply. Cf. John 5:24; John 10:28.

6. He was not conscious of his lack (vs. 10). The Devil attempts to deceive every man so he will not be conscious of his lack.

7. This man chose material good rather than spiritual blessing. Many sadly make the same choice.

8. His money was a hindrance. Instead of his gold being a golden key opening up the kingdom of heaven, it was a golden bar holding the gate fast closed.

9. His going away signified that he thought he could get along without Jesus a little while longer.

### IV. The Rewards For Service. Mt. 19:27-30.

In the regeneration (literally re-creation for the setting up of His kingdom), all who have faithfully followed Christ, shall be abundantly rewarded. Cf. I Cor. 2:8,14,15. Not only so, but each will receive a hundred fold in this life.

name."—Isaiah 65:1.

"So the last shall be first, and the first last; for many be called, BUT FEW CHOSEN."—Matt. 20:16.

"YE HAVE NOT CHOSEN ME, BUT I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John 15:16.

"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.

"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

"SO THEN IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT WILLETH, NOR OF HIM THAT RUNNETH, BUT OF GOD THAT SHOWNETH MERCY."

"For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth."

"THEREFORE HATH HE MERCY ON WHOM HE WILL HAVE MERCY, AND WHOM HE WILL HE HARDENETH."

"Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?"

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"

"What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction?"

"And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory."—Romans 9:15-23.

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the ELECTION OF

## COMBATING ARMINIANISM

"And the Lord said, My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." Genesis 6:3.

How many Arminian preachers have perverted, distorted, and misapplied this passage! How many high pressure-decisionism evangelists have made this Scripture a basis for sermons on "the unpardonable sin" or "crossing the deadline" or "sinning away one's day of grace"!

The popular Arminian interpretation of this passage unholds the theory that the Spirit of God may deal with a man for a period of time, and because of that individual's resisting Him, the Holy Spirit leaves that person forever. But this passage in Genesis by no means teaches such a far-fetched idea. This passage, like all others that Arminians pervert, is not to be yanked out of its context and then interpreted. It is to be considered in the light of its context. And by thus considering it, it is not difficult to understand the true meaning of the passage.

The Lord is speaking here of a particular people, the antediluvians (the people before the flood). From the two preceding verses in this sixth chapter of Genesis, it is clear that the chief sin of these people was that of lust. Later, in verse five, we read that every imagination of these people was only evil continually. Now the Lord simply says that "my Spirit shall not always strive"; not in the sense of trying to save these people, but in the sense of tolerating their wickedness upon the earth. God says: "I will not tolerate it, and in 120 years I will destroy man from the face of the earth." This passage has no reference whatsoever to the work of the Spirit in salvation.

Arminian evangelists take delight in misapplying this Scripture to make it refer to the Spirit's work in salvation. For instance, Arminian evangelist John R. Rice in his booklet, "Crossing The Deadline!", states that these people "did strive against the Spirit of God who warned them and convicted them under the preaching of Noah."

But this is the wrong interpretation because Noah was not even yet saved when God declared what He did in verse three. It is not until verse eight that we read that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. So since Noah was not even saved when God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man," and because God had already pronounced the judgment to come within 120 years, the reason for God's pronouncing this judgment was because of something previous to the preaching of Noah. And that previous reason is clearly seen in the first two verses.

Isn't it a revelation of the enmity of the natural mind against the sovereignty of God when we hear and behold the distortions and perversions that Arminians make of every little phrase that they can snatch from the Word of God?

—BOB L. ROSS

GRACE."—Romans 11:5.

"According AS HE HATH CHOSEN US IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Ephes. 1:4.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, BECAUSE GOD HATH FROM THE BEGINNING CHOSEN YOU TO SALVATION through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."—II Thess. 2:13.

"Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of GOD'S ELECT, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness."—Titus 1:1.

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## Modernism

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set about to build (in their own words) "a great Christian university to counteract the materialism of the Middle West." God greatly, immediately blessed their efforts. In May, 1880, the electric news was announced to the Baptists gathered in the national meeting at Boston that Rockefeller had offered \$600,000 for the building of the Christian school if the Baptist churches would give \$400,000. When the announcement was made, the entire assembly arose with the Doxology on its lips and Dr. Henson exclaimed: "I scarcely dare trust myself to speak. I feel like Simon when he said, 'Now, Lord, lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.'"

Appeals were sent to 1,200 Baptist pastors in the Middle West. The second Sunday in April, 1890, was made "University Day." The humble, faithful loyal Baptist people in all the churches gave prayerfully and sacrificially. Their splendid school for preachers, the Baptist Union Theological Seminary at Morgan Park was, under the terms of the Rockefeller gift, to be incorporated into the university, becoming the divinity school. It all was done, gloriously, victoriously. The university was built and the divinity school was opened to prepare preachers to win the Middle West for Christ.

### Modernism Corrupts

Then the infiltration began. The curse, the rot, the virus, the corruption of modernism began to work. Here are some of the professors who have taught the preachers during the course of the years:

Prof. G. B. Foster, Baptist teacher in the seminary, pastor of a Unitarian church.

Prof. Hayden, Baptist leader in the seminary, pastor of a Unitarian church.

Prof. Merrifield, Baptist teacher in the seminary, pastor of a Unitarian church.

Prof. G. B. Smith, systematic theology: "May we not demand that God shall be required to receive the moral approval of men? The spirit of democracy protests against such ideas as that God has a right to insist on some rigid plan of salvation."

Prof. Soares: "Redemption is an absolute fancy. Revelation is self-deception. We refuse the idea that the principal business of the church is to get people converted or committed to the Christian life."

Prof. G. B. Foster: "An intelligent man who now affirms his faith in miracles can hardly know what intellectual honesty means. The hypothesis of God has become superfluous in every science, even that of religion itself. Jesus did not transcend the limits of the purely human. He never thought of ascribing a pre-mundane existence to himself; nor did he claim to be the judge of the world. It is doubtful if he ever called himself the Son of man."

### Newspaper Discusses Hypocrisy

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We cannot help but find ourselves in sympathy with the comment of a great Chicago daily newspaper:

"We are struck with the hypocrisy and treachery of these attacks on Christianity. This is a free country and a free age and men can say what they choose about religion, but this is not what are arraign these divinity professors for. Is there no place in which to assail Christianity but a divinity school? Is there no one to write infidel books except professors of Christian theology? Is a theological seminary an appropriate place for a general massacre of Christian doctrines? We are not championing either Christianity or infidelity but only condemning infidels masquerading as men of God and Christian teachers."

The University of Chicago is just one of the many Baptist institutions of America that have been lost to modernistic infiltration. What do you think of the statement of belief by Dr. Morton Scott Enslin, professor and head of the department of New Testament in the famous Baptist Crozer Theological Seminary:

"I believe that many things which Jesus said were true but not because He said them."

"I believe that the whole view of holy history with its theory of a chosen people, special revelations, prophecies, is utterly unconvincing and basically vicious."

"I believe that beneath this whole superstructure of 'the divine plan of salvation' with its precise way in which God designs to save men, is but one solid foundation; namely, man's brave effort to save himself."

### The Liberal Position

What is this virus and corruption we call liberalism and modernism? What is this decay that ruins the churches, the denominations, the mission fields, the evangelistic work and appeal of the preachers of Christ? Of course, there are as many individual interpretations as there are liberals themselves. They do not agree among themselves but here are some typical statements of men, past and present, concerning some of the basic subjects of the Christian faith.

### False Teachings About Jesus

Dr. J. W. Nixon, professor of Christian theology in the Baptist Colgate - Rochester Divinity School, chairman of the Federal Council's department of research and education:

"We shall hardly bandy words about the finality of Christ. The field is open for anyone at any time to mean more to men than Jesus has meant. He was a human being. As a demi-god he is not an object of imitation. He was the child of his people and his time."

Prof. Vergilius Fern, head of the department of philosophy, Wooster College in Ohio, once a great conservative, Presbyterian school:

"Whether Jesus ever lived is a historical question that is interesting, but it is not fundamental to religion. And if it be suggested in criticism that you then have a Christian religion without a historic Jesus, may I suggest that if Jesus was all that is so generously claimed of him, he ought not to be sensitive about his own name or himself. No one is really great who is too self-conscious."

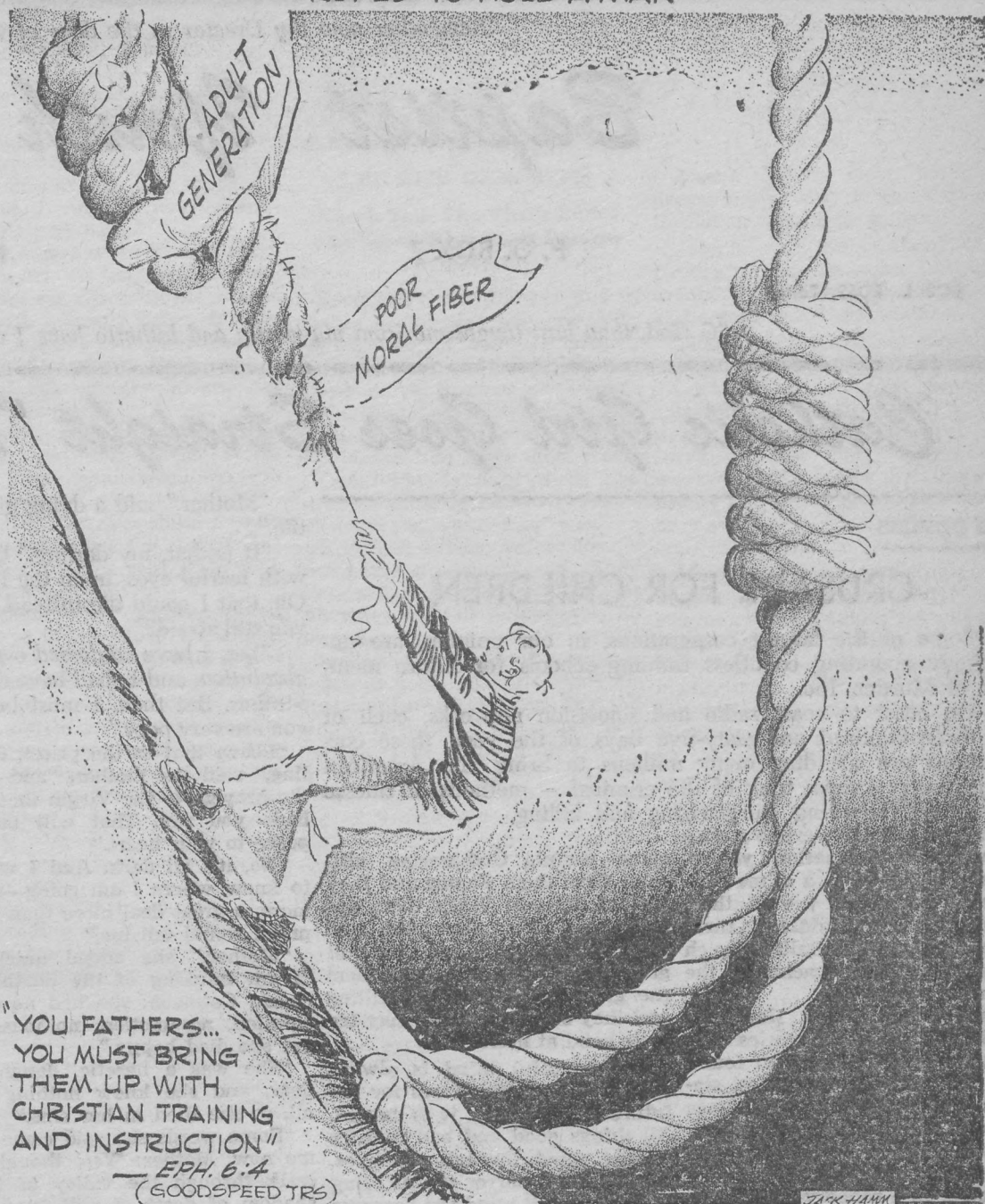
### Sin Called Blundering Quest

Prof. Wm. E. Dodge said: "Sin itself is a quest for God—a blundering quest but a quest for all that. The man who got drunk last night did so because of the impulse within him to break through the barriers of his limitations, to express himself and to realize the more abundant life. His self-indulgence just came to that; he wanted if only for a brief hour, to live the larger life, to expand the soul, to enter untrodden regions, to gather to himself new experiences. That drunken debauch was a quest for life, a quest for God."

### Prayer Compared to Magic

Prof. Enslin of Crozer, in the

## ROPES TO HOLD A MAN



Christian Century: "Why Not Use a Prayer Wheel?" "We go through the gestures of prayer but we do not, cannot, expect results. Accordingly, as I see it, prayer in the conventional sense of the word is doomed as surely as burnt sacrifice and the Juggernaut car."

Prof. Kirsopp Lake of Harvard Divinity School: "I do not believe that the religion of tomorrow will have any more place for petition (prayer) than it will have for any other form of magic."

### Lord's Supper Called Heathenish

President A. C. McGiffert of the Chicago Theological Seminary: "It is not absolutely certain that Jesus himself actually instituted such a supper and directed his disciples to eat and drink in remembrance of him. Expecting as he did to return at an early day he can hardly have

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### "Election"

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"The church that is at Babylon, ELECTED TOGETHER WITH YOU, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son."—I Peter 5:13.

Through all ages, God has worked on the basis of election. This is easily seen in that He chose Abel and rejected Cain from the beginning of the Scriptures.

God chose Shem as the line through whom the Messiah was to come. At the same time, He rejected Ham and Japheth.

At a later date, God chose Isaac and rejected Ishmael.

In each of these instances, God worked on the basis of election.

When Abram was living in the Ur of the Chaldees, God saved him. Out of all that idolatrous generation, he was the only one whom God saved. It is a Scriptural fact that God saved Abraham alone and rejected all his idolatrous relatives.

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged."

"Look unto Abram your faith-

er, and unto Sarah that bare you: FOR I CALLED HIM ALONE, and blessed him, and increased him."—Isaiah 51:1, 2.

When God would choose a nation to be His special people, He chose the Jews to that honor. They became the "apple of His eye."

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee:

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."—Gen. 12:1-3.

The Egyptians were far wiser, yet God did not choose them. The Chaldeans were more ancient, but He did not choose them. Instead He chose Israel.

"For Jacob my servani's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by my name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me."—Isaiah 45:4.

Through the past thousand years God has gathered practically all of His own from the Anglo-Saxon race. The Chinese practice a far more noble system of morality than any of the Anglo-Saxon peoples, yet God has not chosen them. India has thrice America's population, yet God has not chosen them. Instead, for Himself, He has gathered a people practically entirely from among the Anglo-Saxon nation. Do you know why it is that He has done so? The Word of God makes it clear.

"EVEN SO, FATHER; FOR SO IT SEEMED GOOD IN THY SIGHT."—Matt. 11:26.

That I might illustrate to you how God chooses one and passes others by, may I call attention to one man, who was doubtlessly one of the most outstanding Bible scholars in the world—Arthur W. Pink. His father was a great Bible student—in fact, so great that the last time Mr. Pink visited his father in England before the latter's death, the father told Arthur that if he desired any Scrip-

ture while visiting him, just to call on the father; and if he could not quote it, he would give him a "crown." Mr. Pink said that when he came back to this country, his father never had to give

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## TBE, Retrospect, Prospect

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until the printer could get to us. We spent much money unnecessarily. Most of those who printed for us had poorly equipped shops, and the work was just never carried on in a satisfactory manner.

Accordingly, a layman suggested the idea of purchasing a small amount of printing machinery, and thus printing the paper personally. Other friends seemed to think that this was a good idea which this Kentucky layman had offered, and accordingly we opened our shop in a rented building in Ashland, Kentucky on November 1, 1944. We had enough equipment to barely "get by," but at least we were happy in the prospect of getting out our paper, in our own shop.

For a long time we printed four pages weekly — two pages at a time. Then we turned these over and printed them on the other side — and hand folded them. My dear old mother, who went home to glory four years ago, has folded literally hundreds of thousands of those first ones we printed. Later we were able to secure a folder, which expedited our work considerably.

All along, our friends continued to ask for a larger paper — more pages, but this was impossible as long as we were printing it under such circumstances. We finally got to 17,000 copies weekly, and this is "some job" of printing when working with limited machinery. I recognized the fact that it was useless to attempt to enlarge the paper until we could secure an

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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

## Catholic Girl Goes Straight To Heaven

### THE DEVIL'S

### CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN

Some of the largest corporations, in our opinion, are unwittingly operating countless training schools for future members of Murder, Inc.

On coast to coast radio and television networks, each of the three hundred and sixty-five days of the year, these corporations are spending many millions to bring into American homes every known trick of the criminal — methods of finesse in robbing, hijacking, burglarizing and killing.

These abominable crime stories are viewed by our nation's youngsters. They serve as a crime educational center for the youthful mind. They cause children to thrill to the horror and brutality of such maudlin and crime teaching in the name of advertising.

The Chicago Daily News recently checked crime stories over a period of four days and found that the four city television stations fed into Chicago homes seventy such sickening features. In one of these brutal crimes, a gangster, after killing an innocent character in a robbery motif, said to his pal:

"You know, the first time you kill a man you get sort of sick at the stomach. After the first one, you don't mind it at all."

A Chicago mother wrote to the News that her six-year-old greeted his father one day, with toy pistol pointed, as follows:

"Now, you squeeler, you rat, I'm gonna kill you!"

In the name of everything decent, how long must we tolerate such crime teaching films for youngsters? What is more important, is how long are we going to tolerate the wealthy corporations which shell out million for such trash in the name of advertising? If the Chinese are right, that "one picture is worth a thousand words," then the showing of such brutal films for children's consumption is an inexcusable felony, that until now is not, though it should be, indictable.

Our children are taught the existence of God so that they be-

come useful, God-fearing citizens. Give them Fagins and they become thieves. Teach them anarchy and they disrespect law. Teach them cruelty and they will grow into sadists, and teach them the gangsters' method of killing and they sooner or later may try their hand at murder.

The youthful mind is always open. It inevitably stores for the future those things it is taught. All things good and bad register on the mind through the eyes. TV and radio horror stories bring to the youthful mind the baseness in humanity. If the mind of the child feeds on human baseness, it will make a lasting mental impression. You cannot teach crime and the Bible at the same time. You cannot make a hero of the Devil and have children accept the teachings of the Saviour.

—CHRISTIAN VICTORY

### COPERNICUS' EPITAPH

When Copernicus, the great Polish mathematician whose studies and calculations revolutionized the thought of mankind about the universe, lay dying, his book which had just been printed, "The Revolution of the Heavenly Bodies," was laid in his arms. Yet this great intellect who told the number of the stars and pronounced the laws of the universe, (Continued on page five)

"Mother," said a dying girl in Ireland, "it's a dreadful thing to die."

"It is that, my darling," the mother said, as she fondly gazed, with tearful eyes, upon the fading cheeks of her child; "it is that. Oh, that I could die instead. But you have confessed, so why are you still afraid?"

"Yes, I have confessed every sin I could remember and I have absolution, and I shall have the holy oil when I am just at the last, Mother. But then, I must be in the fires of purgatory soon and you are very poor."

"Leave that to the priest, darling," said the mother, "and say the prayers to the Virgin that he bade you say. That will bring peace to your heart."

"No, it's all dark. And I want to know where I am going—and more, a great deal more than the priest would tell me."

"Mother," she added quickly, "I am thinking of the death of cousin Cathleen; she had no absolution, no unction, no masses, yet she died happy."

"She was a heretic, daughter dear, and she knew nothing at all, so she died in her sins."

"Some words she said come to me now, Mother: 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.'" (Psalms 23:4).

"What did she mean, Mother?"

I have no comfort, no staff. I am trembling in the dark, and see only great fires beyond, and am full of fear. Cathleen did not believe in purgatory."

"Hush now, Mary, dear," the mother said, "go to sleep and forget her, and trust in the Blessed Virgin."

"Well, Mother, I'll try; but I can't help thinking it must be a happier thing to go straight to Heaven at once. I wish I could remember all Cathleen said about it."

"It's not for the likes of us to go straight to Heaven at once, Mary; we go the way the church directs."

"But sure it's a hard way, Mother, dear. I often fear that some who get into the fires of purgatory may never get out again."

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## BAPTISTS

The Lord Jesus was very fond of the Baptists. His fore-runner was called by His Father "The Baptist." He Himself walked 40 miles to get Baptist baptism. The only time that the three persons of the Godhead ever manifested their presence on earth at the same time was at a Baptist baptism, when the Son of God was baptized. The most intimate associates of God's well-beloved Son were all Baptists. In selecting His companions, He chose Baptists to be with Him. The first 12 missionaries sent out by the Son of God were all Baptist preachers. He was not ashamed to call them Brethren. He organized His church out of Baptists.

He had these Baptist preachers do all His baptizing. There wasn't anybody present when He instituted His supper, except these same Baptist preachers. Not His mother or brothers and sisters according to the flesh, but three of these same Baptist preachers were chosen by Him to be near Him in every crucial experience of His life. In the language of the miners, they were His "buddies." They were a simple folk. Baptists have been a simple folk from that day until now.

—H. B. TAYLOR, Sr.

## The Christian's Sins

Salvation does not mean that a person becomes perfect in this life. It does not mean that he will not be tempted and fall into sin. Salvation never depends on the sinner, but on Christ. It is Christ who saves. The sinner cannot save himself nor keep himself saved after having been born again. God promises to save everyone in whom He begins His work of salvation. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."—Philippians 1:6.

This verse teaches us that all whom God begins to deal with, He will save and keep forever.

Now, then, regardless of what sin a Christian might fall into, God will complete His work of salvation.

### A Christian Has Two Natures

When I was first converted, I

immediately set out to live a perfect life. For awhile, I felt very confident that I would not sin again. But I was only being deceived by my sinful heart. Being freshly born of the Spirit, I was made to rejoice and was full of joy. The new life that my Lord had given me made everything different. It was just as the Bible says, "old things were passed away, and behold, all things were become new."—II Cor. 5:17.

The Lord permitted me to continue in this happy state for about three weeks. Then I began to become irritated in my soul by carnal thoughts and sinful dreams. They made me weep and wonder if I were really saved; I had a gnawing doubt dwelling in my heart about my salvation. I besought the Lord and His Word for assurance, but still I kept looking inside myself for some "evidence" in which I might trust.

I thought that if I could only feel saved inside, then I was certainly saved.

But the Lord was teaching me something. My despair had driven me to prayer and to His Word. The more I studied it, the more He taught me as to my condition. I found out that the Word of God teaches that I have TWO NATURES. One is the "old" nature which I received from my parents at birth. "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."—Psalm 51:5. The other nature was the "new" or "Divine" nature—"Partakers of divine nature"—II Peter 1:4—received when saved.

My old nature wanted me to do nothing but sin. But at the same time, my new nature wanted me to serve God. I found myself torn between the two desires. "The flesh lusteth (wars) against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would."—Galatians 5:17. In this state, I have lived since being saved. And it is the state of every saved person. Read Paul's experience in Romans 7:14-15 and John's first Epistle 1:7-2:2.

### Christ's Blood Cleanses From ALL Sin

But what happens to the Christian's sins—the ones he commits through the old nature?

These sins are dealt with in this manner: if they are confessed, the blood of Christ cleanses them. If a Christian continues to yield to his old nature, although Christ's blood cleanses his sins, God will chasten or punish His child to remind him of his wickedness and to bring him to humble confession and forsaking of his sin.

Christ not only died for past sins, but also for present and future sins. Many people say, "How



## Our Bible

## Study Surgeons Try To Cut Sin Out Of A Man

### STUDIES IN GALATIANS

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#### Chapter Two

"We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, know that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."—vv 15,16.

In verse 15 we get a glimpse of the racial pride of Paul, the Jew. It is slight, but it is there. Perhaps he is figuratively "patting Peter on the back," as he lays before him the profound

truth that he (Peter) has either not seen, or has ignored.

Most of our readers will already know that the term "Gentiles" is simply a translation of the word of "nations." It corresponds fairly closely to our word "foreigners." The Jews, like we Americans, or any other people, think themselves to be "it," and all others are "gentiles," or "foreigners," and therefore, "sinners." To most people, a foreigner is already nine-tenths condemned before he is seen or heard.

There are few richer verses in all the Scriptures than verse 16. One of the first facts that stands out is that, contrary to the common idea of people generally to-

One of the most absurd things happened in Miami, Fla., a few years ago. Charles Hinkley, a confirmed criminal, was in the Miami city jail. He had read somewhere of a brain operation designed to cure criminal tendencies. And he finally prevailed on the criminal court judge, Ben C. Willard, to allow him to undergo such an operation. He believed that he could survive the dangerous surgery and become a new man, and that a sympathetic society would give him another chance.

And so, in one of the hospitals at Coral Gables, the surgeons bored two holes through the skull and cut off the prefrontal lobe from the rest of the brain

expecting to sever the motivation for his criminal propensities. And the psychiatrists and the lawyers were planning to get permission from the court to place Hinkley with a good family and get him a good job, and then give the psychologists six months to continue his moral training. In this way, they hoped to make a saint out of a criminal.

But one day, Charles Hinkley walked out of the hospital and escaped. And a few weeks later, he left a trail of cold checks all the way from the State of Kansas to the State of Massachusetts.

Foolish men, to think that any physical operation could cure a sinful soul. Sin cannot be eradicated from the rest of the brain

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## Our Bible Study

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day, the Lord did, and does, not have one way of saving the Jew, and another way of saving the Gentile. Most people, and even most professed Christians, seem to think that the Jews, in Bible times, were saved by keeping the law. Here Paul, by the Holy Spirit, reminds that it is common knowledge among the Jews, "that a man is not justified by the works of law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ."

The term "justify," in the New Testament, when used in connection with the lost sinner, as in this passage, and in Romans 4:1-5, etc., has the meaning of "to declare righteous," or "to cause to stand righteous." It is that judicial act of God whereby He causes to stand righteously in His sight the sinner who believes in Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

The Lord Jesus gave the positive statement of all law when He summed it up thus: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:30,31). No one does this, but if he did, it would not "justify" from his past sins or give him righteous standing before God. One cannot think of any kind of "good work" that would not proceed from the keeping of this statement of the law, and yet, if done, it could not justify.

Sometimes we hear it said that it is not necessary to keep the law of Moses in order to be saved, but that one must live up to, or keep the New Testament for salvation. It is interesting to note that the article "the" is not in the original language before the word "law" in this verse. It is not only Moses' law that is under consideration, but any law, set of rules, list of commandments, etc.

This verse distinguishes clearly between "the faith of Christ," and "believing in Christ." So many people erroneously use these expressions synonymously. But, they are not the same thing as can be easily seen here. "We have believed in Jesus Christ that we might be justified by the faith of Christ." "The faith of Christ" is that body of truth which reveals the Person and work of Jesus Christ, which is the basis and ground of our being made and counted righteous before God. When we hear and believe the truth revealed in this

"faith of Christ," we certainly believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour. The "believing in Jesus Christ" is the "time when," and not the "cause why" of our salvation.

Too many people have been misled into believing that they are justified by their believing. The expression "justified by faith" does not anywhere in the Scriptures mean "justified by believing." It is the truth believed, the Person in Whom we believe and what He has done, that gives us righteous standing before God, not the act of, or kind of believing on our part. Failure to see this truth leads to great confusion in many Scriptures.

The solemn truth that "by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" is stated twice in this verse, and surely no greater emphasis could be given than for the Holy Spirit to declare a truth twice in the same breath. And yet, there are still those who, in the face of such a plain emphatic declaration of the Spirit of God, continue to teach that keeping the law, living right, and doing works are conditions of eternal salvation.

## Surgeons

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cated by cutting on the human body, for the simple reason that sin does not belong to the body, but to the soul or the moral nature of man. In I Corinthians 6:18 we read that, "Every sin that a man doeth is without the body." Sin does not have its seat and source in any bodily organ. Why, even our beloved Dr. Porcheron, great surgeon that he is, cannot cure a soul with the knife. He can only use the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God, and depend upon God to give life to the dead sinner. Man is a moral being. He is a soul dwelling in a human body, and the heart of the soul is the seat and source of sin. As a moral being, man has a heart and a mind distinct from the physical organs of the heart and brain. That which causes a man to sin is not something in the body. It is not something that can be cut by the surgeons. The body, of course, is used as an instrument in sinning, and the body is sometimes a victim of sin, such sins as fornication, drunkenness, revellings and such like.

—C. D. COLE

## Catholic Girl

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"Now, don't get distrustful of the masses, darling. Just leave thinking about it, at all. Now here's Patrick; he will sit beside you till I run to your grandmother's and back."

Patrick had come in and overheard part of the conversation, and now sat down by his sister's side with a heavy heart, for the doctor said she could not recover, and he had traveled from another part of the country to see her before her death.

"Mary," said he, when their mother had left them alone, "what was that about cousin Cathleen?"

"Ah, Pat, I was wishing I could die as happy as she did; and I can't believe her soul is in hell, just because . . ."

"Because she believed what God says in His Word?" exclaimed Pat. "No, Mary, that's just the reason she could die happy, because she had heard God's Word and believed what He said and knew where she was going. When she knew what God said, she didn't need to listen to anybody else."

Mary stared at her brother: "Sure, brother, you've turned heretic, too!"

"Well, never mind that. I've been reading the Bible, Mary, full of such good news to sinners."

"But how did you get it? Does the priest know?" said the dying girl.

"Sure I didn't stop to ask him. I just read and read; there were so many precious things that I couldn't stop even if I am burned for it."

"Well, Pat," said she, "what is it about purgatory you've read in the Bible?"

"Just nothing at all, and I have searched from one end to the other. You can't go to a place that isn't in God's creation. I found only two places in the Bible, Heaven and Hell, and everybody goes to one or the other when they die."

"But, Pat, did Cathleen know she was going to Heaven? How could anyone know he was going there?"

"Yes, Cathleen knew and I know where I'm going, and you may know, too, if you do what she did."

"What is it, Pat? Oh, what is there that I wouldn't do if I could? Tell me quick," said the dying girl.

"Just nothing at all, Mary," replied Pat, drawing from his pocket the precious volume that had enlightened him. "God says in this Book, that Christ hath suffered for sins the JUST for the unjust that He might bring us to God. There is not one thing that you can do; the Lord Jesus Christ has done everything. He finished it all on the cross. All that you need to do is to surrender yourself to Christ, and receive Him by faith."

"But does that Book tell how I can be saved and how I can know that I am going to Heaven?"

"Yes, indeed, Mary; just let me read you one verse: 'Jesus said, He that heareth my Word and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life.'"

"Oh, Pat, do read some more; how good it sounds."

Pat read some other passages from his Book, which tell how God loved us when we were lost in sin, and how He provided a perfect salvation in the death and resurrection of His own Son; and now offers it as a free gift to all who will receive Him as their Saviour.

Pat closed the Book and sat in silence.

"Mary," he said, after a moment, "I know I am saved for I believe God that it shall be even as it was told me."

"Oh, I see now; all I have to do is just to believe God and He will take care of all the rest. How precious it is to rest in such promises as these. I am not afraid

# For Little Children

## THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

### Joseph Tells The King's Butler and Baker What Their Dreams Mean

Soon after Joseph was put in charge of keeping the prison in Egypt, two of King Pharaoh's servants were put in the prison. These servants were the King's butler and baker. The King put them in prison because they did not please him with their work.

One night, both of these two servants of King Pharaoh dreamed a dream while they were in prison. The next morning, Joseph found these servants sad. They were sad because they could not tell what their dreams meant. So Joseph said that he would tell them what their dreams meant.

Joseph told the butler that his dream meant that King Pharaoh would free him from prison and let him serve again in his palace. After he told the butler what his dream meant, Joseph told the butler to ask King Pharaoh to get him out of the prison too, because he had done nothing wrong.

Joseph told the baker that his dream meant that in three days, the baker would be killed.

Joseph was right about the baker's dream and the butler's dream. The things happened just as he said that they would.

But the butler did not remember to tell King Pharaoh about Joseph, and the butler did not ask him to let Joseph out of prison. So Joseph stayed in prison for two years more; and next week we will see how that Joseph finally got out of prison and how he was made a great ruler in the land of Egypt.

Many people are like this butler was, who forgot to tell King Pharaoh about Joseph, even after Joseph had been kind to him. The Lord Jesus saves souls, but many, many people who are saved fail to tell others about Him. If you are saved, then do all that you can do to tell others about the Lord Jesus. Do not be as this butler who forgot.

Next Week: Joseph Made Ruler In Egypt.

## OUR PLEA

Oh help us, Lord, when we despair  
To look unto Thy face,  
To see the scars of our sin there  
Made when You took our place.

Oh help us, Lord, to look to Thee  
When e'er there's grief or loss,  
To see our fleeting sorrows in  
The light  
Of Calvary's cross.

Oh help us, Lord, we are so weak  
And sinful in Thy sight;  
We leave Thy path that leads to  
day,  
To stumble in the night.

But Lord, Thou knowest when  
we're weak  
And carest for us then;  
Thou knowest that of dust we are  
Inclined to walk in sin.

Oh help us, Lord, that in our life  
Thy guidance may prevail;  
Help us to know that in Thy  
strength  
We cannot ever fail.

Oh Lord, as today I've remem-  
bered Thy care  
And love for me throughout  
the year,  
And recalled how Thy presence  
has brought e'en from hours  
and sadness  
Goodness and cheer;

I realize, Lord, as never before  
My depth of unworthiness to  
Thee  
And my lack of love and devo-  
tion compared  
To Thy infinite love for me.

I remember when days have been  
dark  
And shadows have almost ob-  
scured my way;  
How Thy hand has patiently  
guided my faltering feet  
Through the darkness to day.

How Thy presence has given me  
peace for pain,  
And caused every shadow to  
flee;  
And pointed my wearying heart  
from despair  
To the glory of Calvary.

Oh Lord, how I thank Thee for  
all Thou hast done:  
Please grant that my heart may  
not be  
Just thankful today — but each  
day, Lord, remembering  
Thy bountiful goodness to me.

—SHARON MASON

The guess-so Christians are  
never found among the soul-win-  
ners.

A kid glove may stand between  
you and winning a soul to Christ.

## Little People's Corner



Quiz by Ethel M. Hoskins; drawing by Marsden Lore

### Can You Name Him — a Bible Quiz

When the people were thirsty,  
Because of the drought,  
He smote on the rock  
And cool waters gushed out.

ANSWER:

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## PASTOR AND MRS. WAYNE COX



The Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee is indeed blessed with the ministry of Pastor Wayne Cox and his wife. It was the editor's happy privilege to recently spend a night in their home, while enroute to Little Rock.

I was supposed to preach in the church Bro. Cox pastors, but was delayed in getting to Memphis, since all planes were grounded that day at the airport due to high winds, and I didn't even leave town until six hours and forty-six minutes after time scheduled for departure. Nevertheless several of our friends, including Bro. Cox met me at the airport, and then later we all went to his house for an evening of rich fellowship—the kind you only have as a result of like precious faith in Jesus and His Word. Those who visited and talked with me until late that evening were Eld. and Mrs. W. E. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henry Ray, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. King and two sons, Mrs. Bennet, and Mrs. Billingsly. Was truly a blessing to meet all these who are blessed weekly by the visits of this paper. From my diary, I quote the following:

"Bro. Cox has a fine family of two daughters and one son. One daughter who just married less than two weeks ago is organist in his church. In six years, she has only missed twice—once when she went to play for a new church her father had established and recently when she went on her honeymoon. Truly good to meet a fine consecrated young Christian like this.

Was worth a trip to Memphis to meet Bro. Jack Ray and wife Ruth. Had heard from them many times and was surely blessed by the testimony of this fine young couple. My Ruth at home is one of the most wonderful young Christians I have ever known, and Ruth Ray reminds me more of my Ruth than any one that I have ever known."

Since coming home, I have a letter from Bro. Aubrey King, one of Bro. Cox's faithful laymen, telling me of a number of souls being saved of recent date and of their building of additional rooms to their church. Thank God for this good church and their wonderful pastor and his wife.

### Modernism

(Continued from page three) been solicitous to provide for the preservation of his memory."

Theodore Parker: "The Lord's Supper is a heathenish rite and means very little. Cast away the elements. Let all who will come into a parlor and have a social religious meeting, eat bread and wine, if you like, or curds and cream and baked apples, and have a conversation free and cheerful on moral questions."

Another: "The ideas of sacrifice and atonement are barbarous and inhuman. As liberals in religion, why should we commemorate the death of Jesus? Jesus is not the center of our religion. Why do we not commemorate the life of Emerson or Socrates or of Immanuel Kant?"

Another: "One might as well speak of the wool of the Lamb as to speak of the blood of the Lamb."

### Says Bible To Become Curiosity

Prof. J. B. Pratt of Williams: "The Bible has lost all hold on the leaders of thought and certainly is destined before many years to become one of the curiosities of the past. The inspiration of those who spake a 'Thus saith the Lord' is of only a little higher type than that of the whirling dervishes and heathen medicine men."

### Conversion Is Ridiculed

Prof. G. A. Coe, Union Seminary, author of the famous book,

"The Psychology of Religion," has said, "Religion is wholly within the natural psychological order. The joy which often accompanies conversion is nothing more or less than the effect of religious laughing gas. The supernatural in Paul's career is reducible to psychopathic explanation. There are signs of neurotic make-up in Paul and Mohammed. Paul had a luxuriant experience of the sort of automatism that might have made him a great leader of the shamanistic type." (Shamans are Mongolian devil-priests and exorcists).

C. B. Lockwood said, "Every honest man knows that there is no supernatural regeneration, conversion or salvation. As well talk of a supernatural God."

### Liberal Statements About God

President E. E. Aubrey, Crozer Seminary, member of the Executive Committee of the National Council, chairman of its department of international justice: "Modern conceptions of God all tend to make him something other than a superman, to seek such words as 'principle' and 'process' and 'quality' to state the meaning of God." The "means of communion" with this "principle" or "process" once known as "God" are "relaxed quietness on a mountainside, absorption in some glorious symphony, and little friendly moments with one's flowers."

Mr. C. W. Reese, educated in our Southern Baptist schools, one time a Baptist pastor, says: "As far as I am concerned, the idea of God plays no important part in my religion. Theism is philosophically possible but not religiously necessary."

A liberal who one time taught

Providence is God's business.

in one of our Baptist schools, encouraging the raising of money for the school, hoping to take it over, said: "Where the old religion made the supreme object God, the new makes it humanity; sociology and the world-hope of an improved social order replaces the belief in immortality."

**Heaven Declared Out of Fashion**  
The Mr. Edward Cummings speaks of heaven as "that ridiculous spiritual roof garden of the next world."

Another says, "leave heaven for the sparrows."

Shailer Mathews, late head of the University of Chicago Divinity School, past president of the National Council, one of the number one leaders in shaping the destiny of the Northern Baptist convention, says that "The appeal to post-mortem rewards and punishments is distinctly out of fashion. Such beliefs have lost their appeal. The post-mortem life has no bearing on conduct."

Harry Emerson Fosdick, leading radio speaker of the National Council, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist church, turned by the Rockefeller millions into the Riverside church, ridiculed heaven as "a perpetual religious serenade."

### Liberalism Is "Atheism"

Surely, surely there is ground for this paragraph taken from the fifth annual report of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism: "They are saying the ship of Christianity by throwing her cargo overboard. With what zeal the Fosdicks and Shailer Mathews and the whole crew of rescuers toss out . . . the virgin birth, atonement, and the resurrection. How long will men sail the seas in an empty ship? They will go ashore and enjoy life with the Atheists. We welcome the aid of the modernists and pledge them our fullest cooperation in ridding the world of any serious acceptance of Christian theology."

The stupid dumbness of those who believe is assailed by Harry Emerson Fosdick in a letter written January 31, 1945: "I am a liberal in theology. Of course, I do not believe in the virgin birth or in that old-fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christian minister who does."

### Modernism Within Is Strong Foe

John Wesley on time wrote: "I am not afraid that the people called Methodist should ever cease to exist in Europe or America, but I am afraid lest they should exist as a dead sect having the form of religion without the power. If ever Methodism is overthrown, it will be at the hands of our scholars who neither believe her doctrines nor practice her polity. These are the men from whom it must purge itself or fall by its own weight."

### Modernism Is a Deadly Parasite

This fear that troubled the heart of John Wesley no less troubles the hearts of believing Christians everywhere who take time to see what modernism will do to their institutions. If modernism were a separate movement in itself, built its own churches, launched its own institutions, projected its own denomination, then we could look at it as just another of the many sects that appear on the surface of history. But modernism in itself builds nothing; it is a parasite that grows on institutions already built. The physician tells us that a given virus can multiply and cause disease only when within the cells of certain specific organisms; that no virus has been found to reproduce in the absence of living cells.

### Modernism Destroys From Within

This is a picture of historical modernism. It grows on the work, the heritage, the sacrifice of the orthodox. The humble disciples of Christ make the converts, evangelize the fields, build the churches, launch the institutions, erect the denominations—then modernism destroys their life from within.

### Modernism Must Be Kept Out

We have no other choice if we

are to live but to purge it out, keep it out, root it out. Like you would a disease, a plague, a rot, a corruption, so we ought to war against it night and day. Why introduce a contagious disease into your home? Why expose your children to a deadly virus? Having seen what it does to others, is that not enough to make us fearful for ourselves? One time when a discussion arose about inviting a liberal to speak before a church group, one of the men bluntly said: "I love to think of the church as being a home. We have windows and doors in our homes to let in God's eternal sunshine and ventilation but we have screens to keep out the bugs and insects. We must keep out things that don't help us."

Even though it breaks our hearts to part company in our institutions with the affable, personable, scholarly modernistic preacher and teacher, we ought to purge out corrupting leaven wherever it appears. "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?"

### Faithfulness Preserves

There came to the Southern Baptist Theological seminary one time a scholarly young man by the name of Crawford H. Toy. He was the pride and joy of the faculty; he was brilliant beyond compare. Reading German higher criticism and rationalism, he drifted away from the revealed truth of the Scriptures and began to teach in the seminary the doctrines of men. It broke the heart of President James P. Boyce and Professor John A. Broadus, but the dismissal had to come. When Dr. Toy left, Boyce and Broadus accompanied him to the station, just before the train took him away, President Boyce placed his left arm around the shoulders of the young man and, lifting up his right hand to heaven, said: "Crawford, I would give my right arm if you were back like you were when you first came to us." Dr. Toy went to be a professor of Hebrew at Harvard university, went into the Unitarian church and finally never went to church at all. A world-famous scholar, internationally known author, a lovable man. But the virus of modernism destroyed his spiritual life and work. Even though it breaks our hearts, we must wage a war against the disease that more than any other will ruin spirit.—Tract.

### God's Indictments

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#### 4. They are spiritually filthy.

"There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness," Prov. 30:12. Only those who are "pure in their own eyes" claim they do not sin. They are unaware of their own spiritual filthiness. Along with many others, sinless perfectionists depend upon works in some measure for salvation. Such works are "as filthy rags" in God's sight, Isa. 64:6. Worse still, Paul says that they are "dung," Phil. 3:6-9.

#### 5. They are ignorant.

Though some of them may be well educated, all of them are spiritually ignorant. Trying to be saved by works in any degree means that "they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God," Rom. 10:3. "The righteousness of God" here means Christ, who is received by faith without conditional works and who is "made unto us . . . righteousness," Rom. 3:21-26, 28; 4:6-8; I Cor. 1:30. Trying to be saved by works, in whole or in part, means that one is "ignorant of God's righteousness" and has not "submitted . . . unto the righteousness of God."

#### 6. They are spiritual bastards.

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons," Heb. 12:8. If God whips those who say they do not sin,

it proves that they do sin. If doesn't whip them, it does prove that they do not sin, it does prove that they are spiritual bastards—they claim God their Father, when they are His sons. Mark you, God says that He "scourgeth every whom he receiveth," verse That proves that all God's children sin at times and have to be whipped for it.

#### 7. The are boastful.

People are saved "by grace through faith" and "not of works lest any man should boast," Eph. 2:8,9. What Paul calls "the law works," under which many to be saved by works, does exclude boasting. Indeed, it ministers to such. But "the law faith" in the gospel plan of salvation excludes such boasting. "Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by the law of faith," Rom. 3:27.

From observation the discerning Christian can see that among the most boastful religionists, they are not the most boastful; are the people who say they are not sin. But when one sees himself as he is in God's sight, he submits to God's plan of Salvation by grace, he has no person to boast to engage in. All he can say is, "My soul shall make boast in the Lord." The Lord given all the glory and one does not brag about his supposed personal goodness.

"Boasting excluded,  
Pride I abase,  
I'm only a sinner  
Saved by grace."

God's indictments will never be thrown out of court. There is no escape from the verdict except through Christ and His finished work. He took our place and died in our stead, that God "might justify, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus," Rom. 3:26. Let all who have not already done so repent of their sins, count their "dead works" as "dung" like Paul did, and trust Jesus alone for salvation. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

## SPURGEON ON BAPTIST HISTORY

History has hitherto been written by our enemies, who never would have kept a single fact about us upon the record if they could have helped it, and yet it leaks out every now and then that certain poor people called Anabaptists were brought up for condemnation. From the days of Henry II to those of Elizabeth we hear of certain unhappy heretics who were hated of all men for the truth's sake which was their. We read of poor men and women, with their garments short, turned out into the fields to perish in the cold, and another of others who were burnt at Newington for the crime of Anabaptism. Long before your Protestants were known of, these horrible Anabaptists, as they were unjustly called, were protesting for the "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism." No sooner did the visible church begin to depart from the gospel, than these men arose to keep fast by the good way. The priests and monks wished for peace and slumber, but there was always a Baptist or Lollard tickling men's ears with holy scriptures, and calling their attention to the errors of the times. They were a poor persecuted tribe. The halter was thought to be too good for them. At times ill-written history would have thought that they died out, so well had the wolf done his work on the sheep. Yet here we are, blessed and multiplied; and Newington sees other scenes from Sunday to Sunday. As I think of your numbers and efforts, I can only say in wonder—what a growth! As I think of the multitudes of our brethren in America, I may well say, What hath God wrought! Our history forbids discouragement.

(Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia, Vol. 1, page 41).



## "Election"

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him a single piece of money while there, because of his inability to quote God's Word. Now, from that godly gather, who had the Word of God constantly at his tongue's tip, comes Arthur W. Pink, a great Bible student. One daughter was born to the elder Mr. Pink who is a Roman Catholic. Arthur Pink and his sister have one brother who is an outstanding modernist and who associates with H. G. Wells of England. He is one of the outstanding modernists and infidels of today. How can it be explained that from one so godly should come an infidel son, an unsaved Roman Catholic daughter, and one son, who until his death recently, was one of the outstanding Bible exponents of today? There is only one way that it can be understood—namely, that God works on the basis of election.

### II

#### THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS TO THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION.

In fact, the carnal mind is ready to offer many objections to this precious teaching of God's Word. Every time I say anything about election through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, preachers and Christians at widely divergent points of the compass offer their objections and criticisms of this marvelous doctrine.

#### THE FIRST OBJECTION TO ELECTION IS THAT IT IS MYSTERIOUS.

I am ready to grant that it is beyond the power of the finite mind to comprehend the doctrine of election—or for that matter, any of the balance of the Word of God. A man must be spiritually enlightened to understand any portion of God's Word. It is impossible to understand it otherwise. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, BECAUSE THEY ARE SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED."—I Cor. 2:14.

However, there are many things that are mysterious and hard to understand.

I don't understand why God allows this awful carnage that we call war.

I can't understand why it is that Christians suffer. A few days ago I was visiting a woman who was suffering with cancers all over her face and body. She was praying terms with the Lord and has lived with Him many years, and yet she was suffering intensely.

I can't understand why God never permitted sin to come into the human family. If you want something to drive you insane, and and down by your own offspring, and try to comprehend why God never allowed sin to come into the world.

I don't understand the many inequalities of the human race. In this connection, it is impossible for me to comprehend why some of God's people have such terribly hard times in the world, while unsaved people are blessed and prosper. It is impossible to understand how that some unsaved folk can have so much of this world's goods to enjoy, while so many of God's people actually suffer from a lack thereof.

I can't understand the precreation of life. It has been my experience a number of times to see children born into the world, but have never been able to understand how it is that in the providence of God, He has seen fit to work out the human family.

I can't understand how it is that God saves. I know that when I preach His Word, the Holy Spirit carries it to the hearts of the unsaved, and life is begotten, but I can't understand how it is that I may.

I say that all of these things are mysterious. They are beyond the power of my comprehension, yet I know that they are facts just the same.

God's ways are all mysterious ways.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are MY WAYS HIGHER THAN YOUR WAYS, AND MY THOUGHTS HIGHER THAN YOUR THOUGHTS."—Isaiah 55:8, 9.

"O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how UNSEARCHABLE are his judgments, and HIS WAYS PAST FINDING OUT."—Rom. 11:3.

While it is true that God's ways are mysterious and past our comprehension, yet it is a fact that God elects men unto salvation. Though I may not understand the mysteries of it, I know it is true, because it is taught throughout the Word of God.

#### THE SECOND OBJECTION THAT IS COMMONLY BROUGHT AGAINST THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION IS IN THE QUESTION, "ISN'T GOD UNJUST?"

Well, beloved, when did you ever get the idea that salvation was based on justice? I insist that anyone who ever studied God's Word in the least, knows that salvation is not a question of justice, but of grace! If we were to receive justice, then every descendant of Adam would go to Hell! If God had not elected some, then all would have perished. Far better, then, that God should choose out His elect than that all perish in Hell.

To those of you who would object to the justice of God in the doctrine of election, let me ask you the question, "Who are you to reply against God?" We are creatures of His creation. We are absolutely in His hands. Certainly the Creator is at liberty to deal with His creatures as seemeth good in His sight.

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

"Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"

"What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction?"

"And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory."—Rom. 9:20-23.

#### A THIRD OBJECTION TO ELECTION COMES IN THIS QUESTION: "DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT SPEAK TO EVERY SINNER THAT HE MIGHT BE SAVED?"

To answer this, let me remind you that there is a sense whereby the Holy Spirit speaks to every individual.

"That was the true Light, which LIGHTETH EVERY MAN that cometh into the world."—John 1:9.

### GOD'S TWO CALLS

There are two calls which God gives. There is a general call which every individual hears, and then there is an effectual call which only the elect hear.

The first is the call of conscience, while the second is the irresistible work of the Holy Spirit.

While you ask if the Holy Spirit speaks to every sinner, may I remind you that every sinner is invited to the Gospel feast. The invitation is unto all.

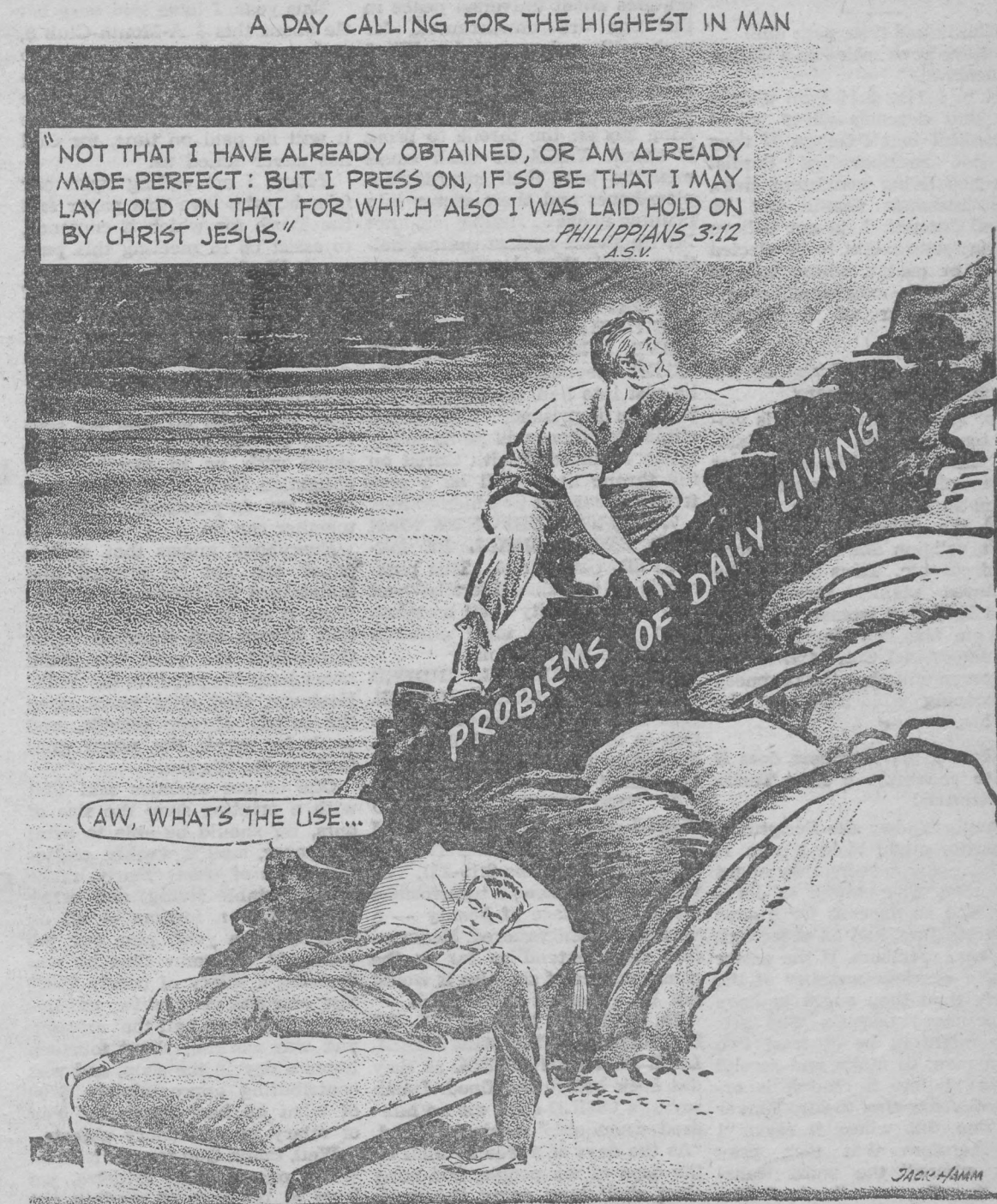
"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."—Psalm 34:8.

"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.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, come. And let him that is athirst, come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Rev. 22:17.

#### ANOTHER OBJECTION TO ELECTION IS THAT THIS DOCTRINE WILL KILL EVANGELISTIC EFFORT.

Well, beloved, if it does, that is not my fault. My business is to preach the truth. I am only a



messenger for my Master.

However, this is a false accusation for the doctrine of election will not kill evangelism. Simon Peter was an ardent believer in the doctrine of election; at the same time, he was one of the world's greatest missionaries. The Apostle Paul surely believed the doctrine of election. The books which came from his pen teem and throb with this precious truth. At the same time, he was one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists that ever lived. Hear him when he says:

"Therefore I endure all things for THE ELECT'S SAKE, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."—II Tim. 2:10.

#### ANOTHER OBJECTION TO THIS DOCTRINE IS THAT SINCE GOD HAS ELECTED MEN UNTO SALVATION, THEN THERE IS NO NEED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

This is one of the most false and absurd objections that could be offered. We are under direct command to preach the Gospel to all.

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE."—Mark 16:15.

If you would ask why preach the Gospel, may I remind you that God uses the means of preaching to call out the elect. Men are not saved because they are elected. Instead, election is unto salvation, and that salvation can come only through the hearing of the Word of God.

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it PLEASED GOD BY THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING TO SAVE THEM THAT BELIEVE."—I Cor. 1:21.

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."—Rom. 10:17.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and BELIEF OF THE TRUTH."—II Thess. 2:13.

#### THERE IS ANOTHER OB-

#### JECTION WHICH CENTERS AROUND THE QUESTION AS TO HOW HE MAY KNOW HE IS ONE OF THE ELECT.

Actually, one can know that he is elected, only when he comes to Christ and is accepted. As I stand outside a door, I see over it these words: "Whosoever will may enter." On observing this invitation, I walk in through the door to read, "Elect, according to the foreknowledge of God." The message to me as a sinner is: "Whosoever will." When I come to Christ and am saved, I realize then that I am one of God's elect.

#### THERE IS ANOTHER OBJECTION CONCERNING THE RESULTS OF ELECTION. SOME WILL ASK, "DOES GOD KNOW THE RESULTS OF ELECTION IN ADVANCE?"

Why certainly, beloved, God knows all things in advance!

"Known unto God are ALL HIS WORKS from the beginning of the world."—Acts 15:18.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

"Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs,

And works His sov'reign will.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His works in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain."

#### A FINAL OBJECTION IS THAT ELECTION MAKES SALVATION TO BE ALL OF GOD AND NONE OF MAN.

Of course, the unsaved men and the average preacher hates to admit this truth. Unsaved sinners like to think there is something they can do in the matter of salvation. Even churches and the majority of preachers like to think the same way. Yet, the Word of God makes it clear that salvation is all of God and that man has absolutely nothing to do with it.

"Salvation is of the Lord."—

Jonah 2:9.

Man's work has absolutely nothing to do with his salvation.

"But to him that WORKETH NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."—Rom. 4:5.

Likewise, the faith that we exercise comes as a gift from God.

"For by grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD. Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Ephes. 2:8, 9.

The Lord must even make us willing.

"Thy people SHALL BE WILLING IN THE DAY OF THY POWER, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."—Psalm 110:3.

Thus you can see that, in every particular, salvation is all of God and not of man.

### III

#### IN CLOSING MAY WE NOTICE BRIEFLY THAT THIS DOCTRINE OF ELECTION GUARANTEES THE FINAL PRESERVATION OF ALL GOD'S SAINTS.

Were our salvation a thing of time, it would perish. Since it is of eternity, it must endure forever.

How we do rejoice then that since God has chosen us in eternity past, He will preserve us unto eternity to come.

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

May God bless you and may Christ now become your own personal Saviour.

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## "I Should Like To Know"

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dren have been raised in a Catholic church?

No. In I Tim. 3:11 Paul plainly says that deacon's wives would be faithful in all things. If they are not members of Baptist Churches living consistent lives, their husbands should not be elected deacons. I do not believe that any man ought to be elected deacon or pastor, whose wife is not a sound, consistent, consecrated member of a Baptist church.

### 6. Is there any Scripture for women teaching women?

Yes. The Scripture forbids women teaching men. I Cor. 14:32-37; I Tim. 2:8-15. The Scriptures just as plainly commands older women to teach younger women in all the duties of home and also in religion and church work and dress etc. Titus 2:3-5. The Scriptures plainly fore-tell in Joel 2:28,29 that women will prophesy in the last days; but as Paul shows in I Cor. 14:37 spiritual women will obey the prophesy by keeping silence in the churches.

### 7. How many members does it take to constitute a New Testament church?

Enough to obey the Scriptures. The pastor ought to be a man. If they have any deacons they ought to be men. The church in Jerusalem had no deacons for a good while, but they had 12 preachers, who were members. If the pastor is not a resident member of the church, then they ought to have one or more deacons who are. There ought to be at least two grown men, to make and second motions, before a church is organized. According to Mr. Thayer in I Tim. 2:8, where it says: "I will therefore that men pray every where," the word translated "men" means "males." The public praying is all to be done by men. Personally I would not assist in organizing a church with less than two grown men, who pray in public, and only then after much prayer. It would be better to have at least seven men, as demanded by some churches. I think it would be better to extend an arm or start a mission, than to organize with less.

### 8. Does one church (Baptist) have a right to invite another church to commune with them?

No. Communion is in the local church. I Cor. 11:18-32. A member of one Baptist church has no more right to commune in another Baptist church than he has a right to vote in another Baptist church. Both are under the control of the local church that sets the table and does the voting.

## The Kingdom

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under his sovereignty, and "He shall rule with a rod of iron." He will not permit evil to exist. It will not be the rule of democracy where men decide what they want to do. The rule shall be monarchical, with a perfect King on the throne, and mankind shall be told what to do with firmness.

4. THE FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST OF THIS AGE, WILL RULE UNDER HIM AND HELP HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS WILL. Paul says, "Know ye not that the saints shall judge (rule) the earth?" Again we read, "If we suffer with him, we shall also REIGN with him." Where? Rev. 5:10 says "We shall reign on THE EARTH."

5. THERE WILL BE PERMANENT UNIVERSAL PEACE. There CAN be no peace that is abiding this side of Christ's return. "Wars and rumors of wars" are foretold by Jesus as the course of this age, and militarism is destroyed by the destruction of anti-Christ's armies at the return

of Jesus. (See Rev. 19.) All of the orations about universal peace in this age are unwarranted, for such will and cannot be. Why? Because Satan is not yet bound. Read Isaiah 2 and see that universal peace will come when the King sits on the throne to bring it about. THEN he shall cause men "to beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. . . nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

6. SATAN WILL BE BOUND SUCH THAT HE SHALL DECEIVE THE NATIONS NO MORE. (Rev. 20:1-3). He is not to be cast into hell at this time—he is to be imprisoned. With Satan eliminated there will be no solicitation to sin, and with Christ on the throne there will be a perfect environment in which to live.

7. ENMITY BETWEEN MAN AND BEAST SHALL BE REMOVED. (Isa. 11:6-8). This passage is to be taken literally—and why not? Ferocity shall be taken from the beasts until children will make pets of lions.

8. ALL KILLING, INDEED ALL CRIME, SHALL CEASE. (Isa. 11:9). No hurting or destruction in all the Lord's holy Kingdom. And the "knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth."

9. THE PHYSICAL WORLD SHALL BE DELIVERED FROM THE CURSE BROUGHT BY SIN. (Read Romans 8:19-23). The world shall become a transformed world—a place of beauty—a veritable Eden restored. Redemption must extend as far as the consequences of sin, else it would not be a perfect redemption.

10. HUMAN LIFE WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL MEN SHALL LIVE FOR CENTURIES, as they did back before the flood. Isaiah says, "a CHILD shall die an hundred years old." Again we read, "As the days of a tree so shall be the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."

God has wonderful days ahead for his people and for this earth. Satan shall be defeated and this earth shall be made the sort of place that God wants it to be—and all of us who are saved are going to see this come to pass, and are going to have a part and place in this glorious Millennial kingdom. The Kingdom WILL come, but it will not be "brought in" by ecclesiastical means. It will be brought by the return of the Prince of Peace!

## TBE, Retrospect, Prospect

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other press.

In the providence of God, we were able to do so near the end of 1955, and beginning with 1954 and thereafter we have had an eight-page weekly. It might be added that we are now equipped to print even a sixteen-page paper just as easily as an eight. In fact, our press is large enough to print and fold all sixteen pages at one operation.

This press we purchased in the latter part of 1953 was bought for a mere fraction of its actual worth, and was already financed so that actually we merely took over the mortgage of the previous owner. Both in 1954 and 1955, we met our payment on the press when due.

Now comes 1956—

Will we be able to do so this year?

Frankly, I'll not know the answer until that date. The matter is in God's hands, and if He moves upon the hearts of our readers to respond with a good offering, the obligation will be met in full on time. This I believe He is going to do.

After we made our payment in 1954, Bro. L. E. Jarrell of Lordsburg, N. M., offered the suggestion that one hundred readers contribute one dollar a month.

Nothing like that number has ever thus responded, although the money that thus comes in, is greatly appreciated, and accordingly reduces the amount that must be raised just prior to June

27 each year.

This year, I have said very little about this \$ A-Month-Club \$, and accordingly, we now have much less to pay on this obligation, than we had at this time last year. Nevertheless, I believe it will be paid on time, for God has never failed us.

Today, I am calling upon our friends, who love this paper and the Truth for which it contends, to assist us in meeting this payment. We have many new readers this year since the first of January, and surely these, along with our readers of former years, have gotten such a blessing from the paper that they want to share with us in the cost of its production. We invite all who are thus being blessed by this ministry to share with us in meeting this obligation. Remember! What none of us can do personally, all of us together can do.

Everybody knows that such a paper can not be printed and maintained for fifty cents a year. Were it not for the contributions that friends and churches make throughout the year, we could never keep the paper in the mails. However, God does move upon the hearts of our friends, and week by week the paper goes forth on its mission.

One of our enemies said that with a printing shop the size of ours, we should be able to print the paper, mail it weekly, scatter thousands of tracts yearly, make a comfortable living, and retire yearly with a fortune—all on fifty cents a year, plus our job work. At the same time he was drawing a salary of nearly \$7000 last year and your editor was living on less than half that amount, and was working about fourteen hours a day in the shop, and was contributing approximately \$600 of what he had drawn by way of salary to missionary objects.

Well, thank God for our friends. While our enemies criticize, we keep at the task of sending out this paper week by week. There is not one truth that we have ever compromised, and we thank God for the opportunity of being the editor of one of America's greatest Baptist weeklies.

Do you want to stand with us? Well, here is your opportunity to do so! Write me a letter today and send an offering toward our work. While our enemies attempt to tear down our work, let our friends stand together to build up the cause of Christ by supporting a paper that doesn't know the meaning of compromise—even if we have to break with the acquaintances of years. Will you be one who will send us an offering now, for this debt on our press? May God bless you!

## The Wonder Of Israel

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ple. (Gen. 15:18).

(2) It is the only country in the world which has such a remarkable geographical position, for there is not another land on earth which unites three continents.

(3) It is the country in the world chosen by God to be the birthplace of His beloved Son.

(4) It is the country of all countries that has had the unmistakable signs of God's hand upon it. (Deut. 8:7-9).

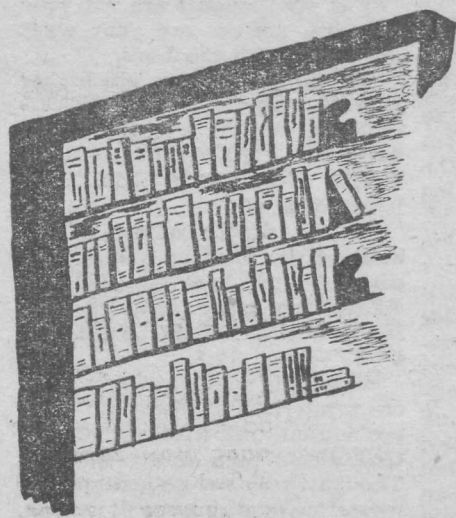
(5) There is no country in the world that has promises of such great blessing upon it in the days that lie ahead. (Ezek. 36:8-11).

(6) It is the one country in the world to which God has promised that He will bring back His ancient people. (Jer. 30:3, Ezek. 28:25, 26 and Amos 9:14).

(7) It is the one country in the world where our Lord's feet shall first stand when He returns to reign. (Zech. 14:4).

(9) It is the one country in the world which will be the center of the world's religion and worship. (Zech. 14:16).

Do not these present happenings in the land of Israel herald, for those who believe God's Word, the coming again of our Saviour and King?—Condensed from The Advent Witness.



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