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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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JUST HOW MODERN IS MODERNISM?

We have a theological disease today known as "Modernism." There are various "blights" that affect citrus trees which if left alone will destroy whole citrus groves. Modernism is a theological blight which kills Christianity. Churches wither and die under its curse, and individuals have their faith destroyed.

WHY DO PEOPLE SO READILY EMBRACE MODERNISM? The answer is, there is a tendency in this day for people to want to be up-to-date — to want to be "modern," hence Modernism appeals to such. They erroneously think that Modernism is

by ROY MASON
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something right up to now. The truth is Modernism IS NOT MODERN.

WHERE DID IT START?

It started with the devil, back there in the Garden, as he first sought to throw doubt on the Word of God, then boldly denied what God had said. (Read Gen. 3:1-4)

It was continued by the Sadducees of Christ's day, who did not believe in the supernatural. The Sadducees constituted a relatively small class, but they were

in leadership. Usually the high priest was a Sadducee, likewise today the Modernist group is the smaller group, but they are at the top, holding prominent positions in different denominations. Note that Jesus showed contempt for the Sadducees. For an example read, Matt. 22:29. Note that Jesus made two charges against them. First, he said that they didn't know the Bible, and second, he said that they knew not the power of God. The same identical thing characterizes the Modernists of this day. They are not good Bible students, and (Continued on page eight)

1. In the first part of Acts 2, where it refers to speaking in tongues, was there only one language spoken by the disciples or was the language of each individual nation spoken?

Read Acts 2:7-11.

2. Did Judas Iscariot have to do what he did or was it just his own choice to do so?

Both. God had ordained it so; yet Judas did exactly what he wanted to do.

3. In John 12:39 where it says, "therefore they could not believe," does it mean that they could not be saved?

Yes. No one can be saved if he does not believe God's Word.

4. Explain Ecclesiastes 2:24; 3:13; 8:15.

All of these passages are of the same principle. They do not refer to riotous living, but to an ordinary life as in contrast to seeking wealth, fame, excessive pleasure, etc.

5. Explain I Corinthians 7:36.

This refers to the parent of a daughter who perhaps is exposing his daughter to contempt and

reproach by not giving her in marriage after she has become of age. The teaching is that no parent sins by giving the daughter in marriage.

6. What do you think of these discoveries of men's bones which are millions of years old?

Some so-called scientists used to say that the world was flat. If they had known and believed the Bible, they would have known that it was round (Isaiah 40:22). Some so-called scientists used to say that there were a little over a thousand stars. If they had accepted the Word of God, they would have ceased their efforts of trying to number the stars (Jeremiah 30:22). So-called scientists once thought that a great discovery had been made — they thought that the moon was a luminous body as the sun. But now they know that what God had declared hundreds of years before, is true: "The moon, it shineth not." (Job 25:5). It only reflects the light of the sun.

So when I hear about some person saying that he has found some bones that are millions of (Continued on page eight)

If Yours Is A True Church Give Your Tithe Through It

"Tithing! I'll have nothing to do with it. It's part of the Mosaic economy and I'm not under the law but under grace!" With a pious, crusading air, some Christians would utter such sentiments. Their arguments, on the surface, may, at first, appear to be very spiritual and to be the correct expression of liberated souls. It is to be feared, however, that these sentiments can be the cloak for covetousness.

The Lord Jesus Christ, in speaking of the tithe, never once condemned it; He did condemn those who relied upon it or any other external ordinance as a ground of acceptance with God. Furthermore, the fact that we are under grace and not under the law in no way lessens our responsibilities but rather increases them. It is recorded that the apostolic believers were to lay in store as God prospered them. In other words, they were to exercise proportionate giving. Since the tithe, too, was a type of proportionate giving, are we to suppose that in this age of grace, the proportion is to less?

Perhaps most of our readers agree with us thus far. Let us then proceed to note that the tithe is to be devoted to the work of the Lord. "Amen!" declares our reader. Yes, and further, the tithe is to be directed to the work of the Lord in the local New Testament church. "No!" says the indignant reader, "I shall send my gift to whatever work of the Lord attracts me."

If you accept what the Bible teaches about the church, you have accepted the proposition that the work of the gospel has been entrusted to New Testament churches. When you declare then

that the tithe should go to the work of the Lord, you consent to the fact that it goes to the local church. Let's be consistent! — and SCRIPTURAL!

Those other attractive, extra-church organizations that boldly appeal for and obtain thousands upon thousands of Canadian Baptist dollars are no substitutes for the local churches. We have heard Christians say something like this — "Evangelical Baptists are so dead and have done so little in Canada; but Dr. So and So from the United States broadcasts on hundreds of Canadian radio stations. He is really doing something." Is he? Who told you so? Probably he did or his public relations man. Whether he is doing something or not, the point is that evangelical Baptists are hampered in their work because some of our Baptist people, who intellectually accept the scriptural teaching on the church, are more enamoured with noise than they are with a Biblical program and so they direct their tithe to every imaginable venture.

Let us repeat — if you accept what the Bible teaches about the church, you accept the proposition that the work of the Lord has been entrusted to certain, well-defined local institutions called churches and hence your labours and gifts should be devoted to that work. Do you accept this implication of the Biblical position or have you already started to rationalize your way out of it? —THE GOSPEL WITNESS

Help Us Put This Paper In The Hands Of Every Baptist

SEND US NAMES OF PREACHERS, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, DEACONS, AND CHURCH MEMBERS, SO THAT WE CAN SEND THEM SAMPLE COPIES OF THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

We are anxious to acquaint as many people with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as possible. We believe that we have the Truth, and believe that there are hundreds and even thousands of people who would appreciate and be tremendously blessed by the message that we publish. Many good people are not getting the Word of God in their churches and religious periodicals. They are only receiving the husks of really strong Bible teaching. I am positive that God's Word would bless their souls if they could only hear it proclaimed.

Thousands of saved Baptist people are no more than "babes" in the knowledge of things Divine because of the fact that they have not been privileged to hear the whole counsel of God. How many Baptists know what we (Continued on page two)

OUR RADIO MINISTRY

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"THE DEVIL'S BIG FOUR"

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."—John 1:17.

Let me remind you at the very outset that I am a firm believer in the Devil. Now, I don't mean that I worship the Devil, but I do mean that I believe in the Devil. As I have often said from this pulpit, the Devil is just as real to me as God Himself. The only difference is that God is real to me for good, whereas the Devil is real to me for evil, but the Devil is actually just as real to me as God Himself.

Now, beloved, this individual

who is real to me for evil, has a tremendous influence within the world. He has a tremendous power. Of course his power is a limited power. He is subservient and limited by God, yet, at the same time, the Devil does possess a tremendous power — so much so, that he has perverted the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and God's Grace over and over again. I want to show you in my message four ways whereby the Devil has perverted the grace of God.

My text says that grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. Now, beloved, if that be so, then anything that isn't grace and any-

thing that isn't truth, came from the Devil. It couldn't have come from God. If grace and truth came from Jesus, then all the perversions of grace came from the Devil, and certainly he has perverted God's grace. When the apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said:

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."—II Cor. 4:4.

This would tell us that the god (Continued on page three)

One Of Our Older Readers Gives Us A Tale Of A Tract

By B. H. BIBB
Tacoma, Washington

This story coming out of the past will, I'm sure, interest some of my friends and brethren of many years, as well as other readers of the EXAMINER. It begins some forty years ago and concerns itself with evangelistic work way back in old Missouri and Southern Baptist missions.

While this scribe was song leader with the husky, beloved H. A. Hunt of the Missouri Baptist State Mission Board, during a meeting with the late J. S. Conner, pastor at Mt. Vernon, down in southwest Missouri, the hotel keeper showed me a copy he had made of a tract used by one Ely Simpson, a Campbellite preacher in a meeting years before.

I was so impressed by the striking diagrams used that I made a copy of it as good material for Baptist use in their work.

As may be readily supposed, it covered more territory than Baptists can endorse, being in harmony with the "dip or be damned" preaching of that body in their earlier history. I felt that, if it could be converted and dressed up in the garments of Bible righteousness, Baptists could use it to good advantage. Already you are curious to know the title it bore. It was: "What Is Baptism," and of course had to do with Campbellite dipping.

By modifying it so as to eliminate the radical features it contained, the diagrams could give striking proofs of New Testament baptism.

So I asked printer Hugh B.

Stephens, son of C. A. Stephens, long moderator of Missouri Baptist General Association and vital in the founding of Stephens Baptist College of Columbia, Mo., if he would donate a thousand copies to our state mission work. So from Jefferson City the tract started on its way over the wide field of Southern Baptists.

The man whose name appears as the author has long since gone the way of others of his kind, but he built wiser than he knew, and his works do follow him.

Called some years later I went to Shelbyville, Tenn., to conduct the singing in a revival for pastor J. A. Taylor (later of Missouri), with Bro. W. W. Hamilton, President of Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, as evangelist. It was my privilege that Sunday morning to tell the people that the way to have a revival in the fireplace was to pull together the dead coals and cold embers that had been alive.

Giving Bro. Hamilton a copy of this tract, I thought no more about it, but some time later, what was my surprise and delight to get a tract on baptism by him featuring the striking diagrams contained in this tract.

I am glad to give you here a copy of it as it came from the Stephens' press way back in Missouri years before.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?
By Ely Simpson

In the religious world there are three things practiced for baptism, viz.: Sprinkling, pouring and immersion.

Does the Bible require them all? If not, which is right? (Continued on page six)

THAT BIT OF MUD WHOM GOD CHANGED

A learned "higher critic" spoke scornfully about God's taking "a piece of mud in hand, breathing on it, and changing it into a man." There sat one in his audience who knew the saving grace of God. He had the opportunity of replying to the critic of God's Word, and said: "I will not discuss the creation of man with you, but I will tell you this: God stooped down to our town and picked up the dirtiest bit of mud in it. He breathed upon it by His Spirit; it was newly created; changed from a wicked wretch into a man who hated his former sins and loved the God who had saved him. I was that bit of mud."

THE COOK OR THE BOOK?

The early church PRAYED in the UPPER ROOM, the Twentieth Century church cooks in the SUPPER ROOM.

Today the SUPPER ROOM has taken the place of the UPPER ROOM! PLAY has taken the place of PRAYER, and FEASTING the place of FASTING. There are more FULL STOMACHS in the church than there are BENDED KNEES and BROKEN HEARTS. There is more fire in the KITCHEN RANGE than there is in the CHURCH PULPIT. When you build a fire in the church kitchen it often, if not altogether, puts out the fire in the CHURCH. (Continued on page two)

Flowers on the coffin shed no fragrance backward over the weary way by which a man has traveled to meet a king.

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ON TO MEMPHIS! MEMPHIS BIBLE CONFERENCE

Bro. Wayne Cox and the folk of Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee are making great plans for their Bible Conference, which is to be held July 17, 18 and 19.



ELD. WAYNE COX

Bro. Cox and the church are extending an invitation to all lovers of the Truth to be their guests for this season of spiritual refreshment from the Lord. This conference will center around the themes of Bible Doctrines, Evangelism and Missions and should prove to be a real blessing to everyone attending.

Your editor is to discuss the doctrine of the church. Great men of God from perhaps a dozen states round about will speak on other timely doctrines. Come for the opening service and stay through to the very end.

"U-ALL" COME!

WE ARE MOVING

For 27 years, my family has lived in Russell, Kentucky, but now in the providence of God, we are moving to Ashland, Kentucky. This is just six miles from where we have been living, but nevertheless, we are moving.

Our printing shop in which we print THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has been located in Ashland since 1944 — when we started to do our own printing. My church — Calvary Baptist Church — is in Ashland, and by the time you receive this issue, my family will be living there too.

We have been in the process of building a house in Ashland for over a year, and now that it is about completed, we are moving.

Many fond memories clutch at my heart as I contemplate the change. My three children were born and reared in Russell. It isn't often that a pastor has a child to go through school in the same town in which that child starts to school. Yet in my case, two of my children have completed both grade and high school in Russell, and Ruth, my youngest, has completed her Junior year in high school. For all the memories of the past, we give God thanks today as we face the future.

As for our mailing address, you may still write me as you have in the past — just Russell, Kentucky, or if you wish, Ashland, Kentucky. No street address nor box is necessary.

BOUND VOLUMES

Would you like to own a bound volume of this paper for the year of 1955? We have a few copies remaining of those which we bound. They have a black cloth cover, and have the name THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, stamped in gold both on the front, and also on the backbone. These bound volumes contain a copy of each and every issue of the paper through 1955. The price is \$5.00 postpaid.

We continually have calls for bound volumes for the previous years. We are sorry, but there are none available except for 1955. When these few which we have, are sold, there will be no more available.

Cook Or Book

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PULPIT; ICE CREAM chills the fervor of SPIRITUAL LIFE.

The early Christians were not COOKING in the SUPPER ROOM the day when the HOLY GHOST came, but they were PRAYING in the UPPER ROOM! They were not WAITING on TABLES, they were WAITING on GOD. They were not WAITING for the fire from the STOVE, but for the FIRE from ABOVE.

They were DETAINED by the COMMAND OF GOD, and not ENTERTAINED by the CUNNING of MEN. They were all FILLED with the HOLY GHOST, not STUFFED with STEW or ROAST.

Oh! I would like to see the COOKING SQUAD put out, and the PRAYING BAND put in. Less HAM and SHAM and more HEAVEN, less PIE and more PIETY. Less COOK, and more use for the old, OLD BOOK. Put out the fire in the church kitchen and build it on the CHURCH ALTAR.

More LOVE and more LIFE. Fewer DINNERS and get after SINNERS. Let us have a church full of WAITERS, WAITING on GOD, a church full of SERVERS, serving GOD and waiting for His dear SON from HEAVEN.

In Your Church Do You Have
THE COOKING SQUAD OR
THE PRAYING BAND

Help Us

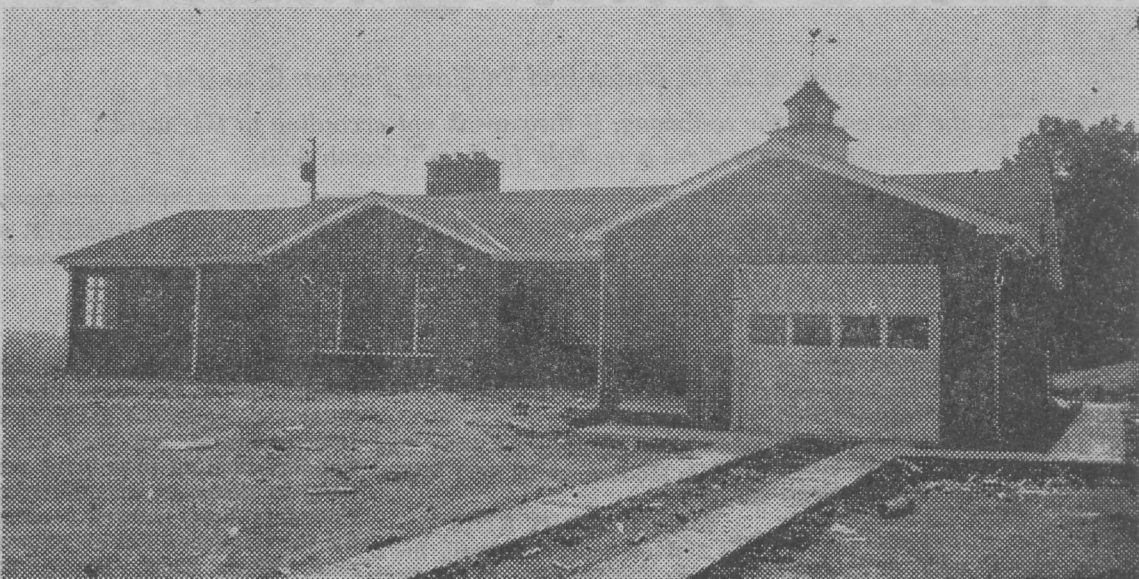
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mean by sovereign grace? How many Baptists know the difference between Baptists and Protestants? How many know anything at all about the doctrines of election, depravity, eternal security, and Baptist church history?

The answer is, very few. Won't you help us reach these folk? Here is all that we ask: Send us the name and address of every Baptist that you know. Not only preachers, but the youngest Baptist church member to the oldest. We want to acquaint them with TBE by sending them sample copies. We want to send out literally thousands of sample copies to Baptists all over the world! And you can help! Will you do it?

Right now, sit down and send us the name and address of every Baptist that you know. Don't wait until you can compile one big list; you can send some names now, and when you think of others, then you can send them.

By the way, you do not have to send the names of Baptists only. I am sure that there are many people in other organiza-

OUR NEW HOUSE IN ASHLAND, KENTUCKY



After a long, long waiting period, we are now living in our own house, and today we bow our heads and thank God for His goodness to us. I have often said that every Christian ought to have three homes — a church home, a Heavenly home and an earthly home. Thank God, our family has all three.

For nearly seventeen years, I have lived in the same house — having paid rent on it all this time. We have paid approximately \$10,000 rent on our dwelling in these years. We have had three funerals from this house in these years — that of my mother's sister who was my favorite of all relatives, Mrs. Gilpin's father and that of my own mother. Many sad experiences have come to us through these years, as well as many happy ones, for all of which we give thanks to God. Edgar Guest says: "It takes a heap of livin' in a house to call it home." Well, we've done a "heap of livin'" in this one house.

We have rented from one of the finest ladies through these years that I have ever known — Gertie Williams. I won't tell you how old she is, but you could truthfully call her an octogenarian. She was saved under my ministry years ago and I baptized her and I never had a better friend than she has been. Many have been her opportunities through the years to have been enticed from me by her acquaintances, but she has been a 100% true blue friend through the years. I don't guess that I would ever live to pay \$10,000 rent to anyone else, but I know that I'd never pay it to a finer character than Gertie.

But, let me tell you about our new house. It is just a dream. I referred to it the other day as my earthly mansion, and it is such. It has eight rooms, is built of brick, and is finished on the inside with knotty pine. We are so happy because of God's goodness to us in this respect.

We do a great deal of printing for one of the Building and Loan Associations here in Ashland, and perhaps as much as three years ago, one of the directors, knowing that I paid rent where I now live, suggested that I build a house, borrow the money from the B. and L. and pay for my house just as I pay rent. When the idea finally materialized with me, I wanted to build a frame house, but the B. and L. insisted that I build of brick, and since they were furnishing the finances, I was glad to acquiesce.

Down in Tennessee, we have a friend by the name of Burton Pedigo. He is a friend of long standing. He gave the first \$100 for purchasing our printing equipment back in 1944. As much as five years previously though, he had been supporting our printed ministry, and all through the years he has continued as a warm friend and supporter. He is a lumber dealer and he furnished practically all the lumber that we used in our house. One lumber dealer in Ashland, who is a close friend, told me that he couldn't buy the lumber at the price we were getting it delivered to our lot. Thank God for Bro. Pedigo and his son James. If it were not for their generosity, we wouldn't have this house today.



R. D. "Buddy" NOURSE

home. Now we want to ask you to come see us. We want to share our new home with you. Stop by and spend a night, and eat a meal and fellowship with us. I can assure you that you'll be welcome in our new home, for which we give God our thanks today.

tions that would receive the Word of God if they could only hear it.

We especially request that you send us the names before the first of August. We make this request because we are planning a special "get acquainted with TBE" issue and want to know how many

extra copies to print.

Oh, help us get out the message now! May God lay it on your heart to do so!

Wild oats and old rye grow in the same field.



GERTIE WILLIAMS

One of the brethren of Calvary Baptist Church is a contractor—R. D. "Buddy" Nourse. Actually, he is a cabinet maker and brick mason par excellence. He built our house, and at a fraction of what it would have cost if anyone else had done so. Really, this house would have cost twice what it has cost if it had been built under normal circumstances. I think that "Buddy" has gotten more pleasure out of this house than any that he has ever built. He was saved under my ministry years ago, and I baptized him, and he just naturally has gotten a real joy out of building this house for his pastor. He told a friend the other day that of all the folk he had ever worked for that Mrs. Gilpin and I were the nicest he had ever had to deal with. Well, we thank God for him, especially in view of what he has done for us in building this house, in the manner in which he has built it, and at the price he has charged us.

May we say to all of our readers — the latch-string hangs out at our house all the time. We have guests more or less continually through the year. When folk are passing through this area, they naturally like to stop to see the one who edits The Baptist Examiner and to see where, and how, it is printed. It is always a real joy to us to have guests in our home. We want to share our new home with you.

SATISFIED PHARISEE

If a Pharisee can but get a few husks of outward duties to feed upon, and muster up a few rags of self-righteousness to throw over his back, he is presently as proud as Lucifer.—John Gill.

Amid a torrent of sin and sorrow, you may cross the stream of time upon the stepping stones of the place marked, "Jehovah-Shammah."

"The Devil's Big Four"

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of the world, who is the Devil, has blinded the minds of individuals to keep them from being saved. In other words, he has perverted the grace of God.
Now, let's notice four ways whereby the Devil has perverted God's grace.

I THE DEVIL HAS PERVERTED THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE FALSE TEACHING THAT A MAN MAY SIN AWAY HIS DAY OF GRACE.

I am satisfied that there isn't a person but what sometime or other in life has heard some preacher say that you had better be careful or you may sin away your day of grace, and then it would be too late, and you could never be saved. I want to tell you of some experiences in this respect.

A few years ago, Hyman Appleman — the world-famous Jewish evangelist, came to Ashland for a revival meeting. I attended several nights of that meeting. One night he began his message by saying that he had found quite a number (or, as he said, quite a sprinkling) of people in this area who were troubled by the doctrine of election. He said, "If you will listen carefully, I will explain it to you." He said, "It isn't anything to trouble you about. It is like this: God has voted for you, the Devil has voted against you, and that leaves a tie vote. You have to break the tie, and whatever way you vote, it unties the vote, and that is all there is to election." Beloved, he looked right down at me when he said it. I may be mistaken, but I have always had a feeling that he made that statement for my special benefit. Well, whether he did or not, I never could shake my head as fast negatively as I did to him, when he made such a statement.

He went on to say in the same sermon that there is something harder to understand than the doctrine of election, and something vitally more important. He said, "The thing that is most important is not whether God has elected you, but it is whether you have put off your salvation so long that God won't save you." He said, "There's many a man in Ashland who has sinned away his day of grace, because he has put off his salvation too long."

Beloved, I say to you that such a statement is a lie, and I will prove to you from the Word of God presently that there is no such thing as a man sinning away his day of grace.

Let's notice another example in this respect. There used to be a preacher of quite a great deal of reputation in Atlanta, Georgia, by the name of Jesse M. Handley. He was a good preacher in many respects. I have often said concerning him when he preached on Hell, that he could make you think that Hell wasn't a half mile away. But Jesse M. Handley had a sermon for which he was famous, and which he has preached all over the Southland, and in which, there is not one word of truth. His sermon is on the subject, "God's Last Call," and it is based upon a misinterpretation of Proverbs 1:24-28. Listen:

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me." — Prov. 1:24-28.

Basing his sermon on this passage of Scripture, Handley says that many a time a sinner puts off his salvation too long until he gets to the place that God won't hear him and that God won't save him, and that he has crossed the deadline and it is impossible for him to be saved. Beloved, I say again, it is a lie. It is perversion of the Word of God, and of the grace of God, and the doctrine thereof is certainly from the Devil.

Listen to another experience: Several years ago, I sat under the preaching of T. T. Martin, a Southern Baptist evangelist, who had been a great war horse in the ministry in the years gone by. Brother Martin was getting old and his messages were very, very feeble. I could put up though with the feebleness of his messages, but it certainly was a burden to my soul to hear him in practically every sermon quote Genesis 6:3, where God said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man," and he would make this application, that since God's Spirit would not always strive with man, that one had better watch out or he will sin away his day of grace. I do not think that there was a time that I heard him in that revival meeting but what he emphasized the possibility of a man resisting so long that he would sin away his day of grace.

Now, beloved, such an application of Genesis 6:3 is definitely a misapplication of the Scripture. When God said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man," God was talking about the Antediluvians — the folk who lived before the flood, and He said that there was going to be 120 years from the time that He made that announcement until the flood was going to come upon the earth. During that 120 years, His Spirit was to strive with them, but after that, His Spirit would not strive with man, but rather a flood would come and would sweep away the world and all that is in the world, except those who were housed safely within the ark. Beloved, to take that passage of Scripture which was spoken to the Antediluvians, and apply it to this day, is nothing but a perversion of the Word of God.

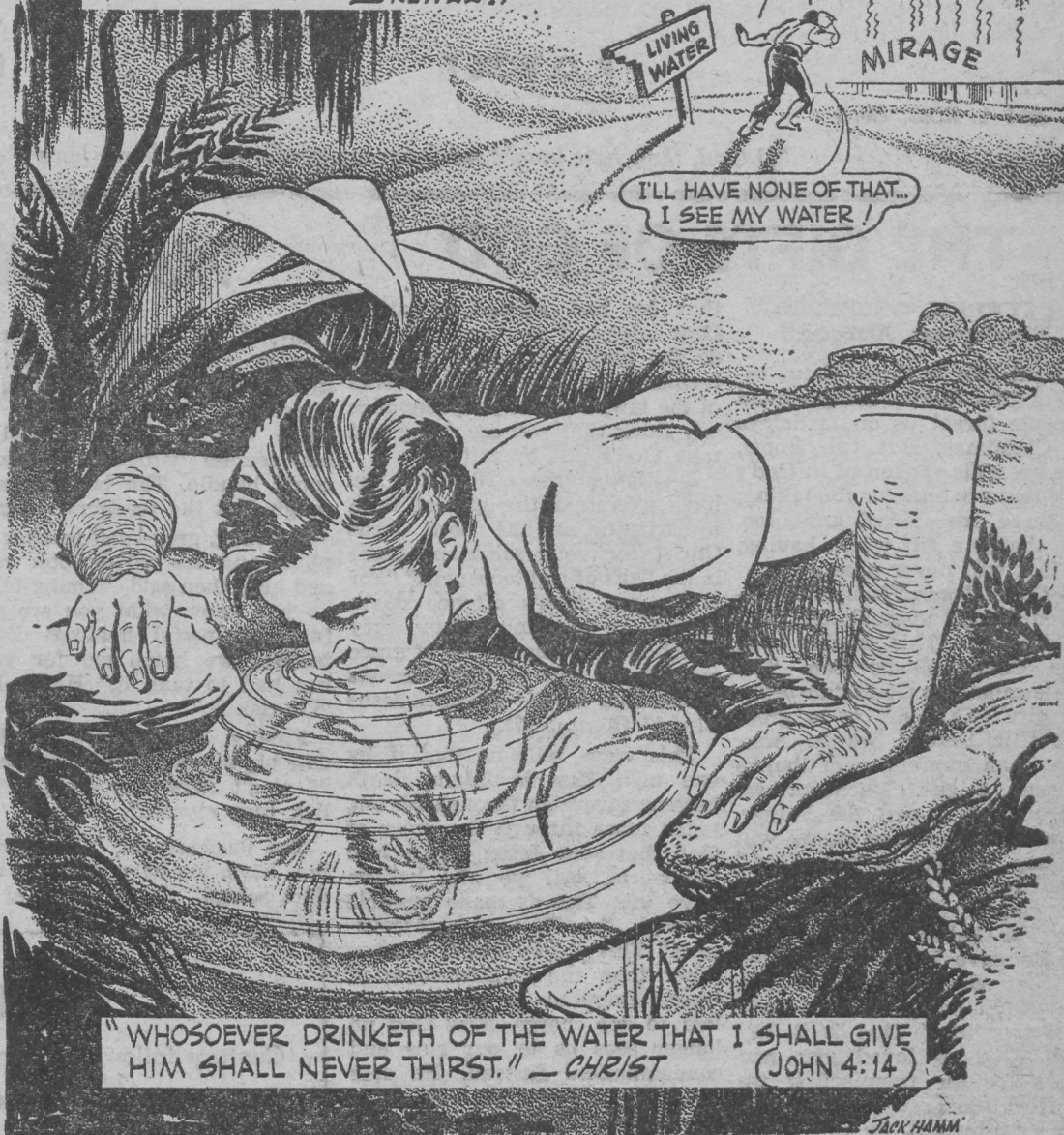
I say then, beloved, the Devil's first great perversion of God's grace is when he teaches that man can sin away his day of grace.

Now, having noticed these three experiences, let me say that a sinner doesn't have a day of grace. Grace is only for the child of God. The sinner is actually under law. If you are here and are lost, you have never had a day of grace. You have never experienced one moment of grace in your life. You are not under grace, but you are under the law of Almighty God, and that law points to you the message of God Almighty's condemnation, because of your sin, and because of the fact that you have violated the law of God.

Let me give you some Scriptures to show you that God never does begin to work in a man's heart and then quit without saving him. Listen:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did FOREKNOW, he also did PREDESTINATE to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many

OASIS
LET HIM THAT IS ATHIRST COME.
AND WHOSOEVER WILL, LET HIM
TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY."
— REV. 22:17



brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also CALLED: and whom he called, them he also JUSTIFIED: and whom he justified, them he also GLORIFIED." — Rom. 8:28-30.

Notice, beloved, here are five events — two of them in Eternity past, one yonder in Eternity to come, and the other two here in time. This would tell us that before the foundation of the world, God foreknew us, and that He has predestinated us, and called us, and justified us, and that out yonder in Eternity to come, He is going to glorify everyone whom He foreknew in Eternity past.

Talk about a man sinning away his day of grace. The Word of God says that every man whom God foreknew, is going to be glorified yonder in Eternity. How could God start to save a man and then turn him loose and let him go to Hell, in the light of this verse of Scripture?

Let's notice again:
"The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand . . . For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Isa. 14:24,27.

Beloved, you can't read these verses without the realization that whatever God proposes comes to pass. What God proposes to do, shall be accomplished. No man can disannul the purposes of God, and when He stretches out His hand to a sinner, no man can turn back therefrom.

Notice again:
"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ." — Phil. 1:6.

This tells us that He who begins a good work in you is going to finish it. He isn't going to start and then let you cross the deadline. He isn't going to bring you to church and let you hear the Word of God and become deeply convicted of your sins, and then turn you loose, and let you go to Hell. He isn't going to convict you of your sins and then let you go on for a while in an interested

manner, and then turn you loose and let you cross the deadline, and sin away your day of grace, so that you can never be saved. Rather, beloved, it tells us that He is going to finish that which He begins.

I often, in connection with this passage of Scripture, make this statement. All of you know what it is in life for a woman in the providence of God to perhaps miscarry so far as the birth of a child is concerned. In life, it is possible that a child may be conceived in the womb and yet there may be a miscarriage, and that child never be born. Beloved, while it is possible that there may be a miscarriage so far as a natural birth is concerned, there can never be a spiritual miscarriage, for God's Word tells us that He will finish that which He has begun. God will never conceive you in Christ Jesus without bringing you to a spiritual birth.

Let's notice another chapter to show you that it is impossible for a man to sin away his day of grace:

"ALL that the Father giveth me SHALL COME TO ME." — John 6:37.

Everyone that is given to Jesus Christ by God the Father is going to come to Him. My business is to preach to you the Word of God, and your business is to listen to

the Word of God, and everyone of you who are the elect of God, will come to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I read again:
"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I SHOULD LOSE NOTHING, but should raise it up again at the last day. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. EVERY MAN THEREFORE THAT HATH HEARD, and hath learned of the Father, COMETH unto me." — John 6:39,44,45.

Every man who learns of the Father and who hears the Holy Spirit, is going to come to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, beloved, doesn't that comfort your heart and bless your soul when you read these verses, to realize that it is impossible for a man to sin away his day of grace? I tell you, my brother, my sister, when a man hears the Word of God and the Spirit of God has begun to work within his heart, that Spirit of God will never let up. That man may go on for a long time in rebellion against the Lord, but God will never let up until that individual is saved and becomes a child of God.

I say to you, no man will ever sin away his day of grace. It is a perversion of the Devil. It is the Devil's first perversion of the grace of God.

II THE DEVIL PERVERTED THE GRACE OF GOD BY FRUSTRATING GOD'S GRACE.

"I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

Paul says that there is a possibility of a man frustrating the grace of God. It is bad enough (Continued on page seven)

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

THE GIFTS OF GOD

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We all like to think about receiving gifts. We are disappointed if people forget us on birthdays and Christmas. But you know, there are gifts spoken of in God's Word that are ours for the taking; and these are eternal gifts, too. Now, that is a gift worth having, one that will never pass away.

1—*Christ Jesus*. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). This is the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son. The apostle calls Him God's "unspeakable gift." This gift is so great that it is beyond words. Also, there is an expression of thanks for such a gift. Whenever we realize what it cost the Father, and what it means to us, we will only say "thanks be unto God."

The reason that God would make such a gift is given in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." That is it, my friend. God so loved you and me. Notice the promise! If we will trust the Lord Jesus Christ, God's supreme gift, we shall never perish, but have eternal life. Look at another verse: "He that believeth on him (Christ) is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

2—*Faith*. In the verses quoted above the word "believe" appeared several times. Salvation has always been by faith. But notice, the faith is also a gift from God. Yes, even the faith that we believe with came as a gift. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves (that is, the faith through which you are saved is not of yourself): it (the faith) is a gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9).

If any part of our salvation depended on the works of the flesh, God's way of life would not be a gift. Man would boast and claim

that he had earned salvation. Dear friend, if you are trying to do the best you can; if you are trying to be saved by the works of the law, I beg of you, renounce any thing that you are doing and take God's gift by faith.

3—*Righteousness*. Now that you have exercised the gift of faith by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, there is the "gift of righteousness." "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:17).

This verse tells us that if by one man, that is Adam, death became sovereign through his sin, much more through the grace of God that sent Jesus Christ into the world, will we who believe have life. This is made possible through the "gift of righteousness." This righteousness is none other than the righteousness of Christ imputed to us. That is, laid to our charge. Now God no longer sees us in our sins and condemnation. Instead, He sees us in the perfect righteousness of Christ Jesus. This is a wonderful gift, and cannot be earned by the works of man.

4—*Eternal Life*. Because of our perfect standing before God in the work of the Lord Jesus, we have eternal life. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

Now you that insist upon works for salvation take note of that word "wages." A wage is something that we receive for our hire and work. Now it says here that the wage is death. That is "spiritual," "physical" and "eternal" death. You are already dead in sins. (Eph. 2:1-3). You one day will die physically. To follow this will be eternal death known as the second death. (Rev. 20:6). What do you wish? This wage? Why would you work for such a wage when the gift of God is eternal life?

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"He Took My Whipping For Me"

Mr. A. C. Dixon, the famous Baptist preacher, who was born in the mountains of Virginia, relates the following: Years ago there was a certain school in his section which no teacher could handle. The boys were so rough that the teachers resigned.

A young, grey-eyed teacher applied, and the old director scanned him, then said, "Young feller, do you know what you are asking? An awful beating! Every teacher we have had for years has had to take it." He replied, "I'll risk it."

Finally, he appeared for duty. One big fellow, "Tom" whispered, "I won't need any help, I can lick him myself."

The teacher said, "Good morning, boys, we have come to conduct school!" They yelled at the

top of their voices. "Now, I want a good school, but confess I do not know how unless you help me. Suppose we have a few rules. You tell me and I will write them on the blackboard."

One fellow yelled, "No stealin'!" Another yelled, "On time!" Finally ten rules appeared.

"Now," said the teacher, "a law is no good unless there is a penalty attached. What shall we do with the one who breaks them?"

"Beat him across the back ten times without his coat on."

"That is pretty severe, boys. Are you ready to stand by it?" Another yell, and the teacher said, "School comes to order!"

In a day or so "Big Tom" found his dinner was stolen. Upon inquiry the thief was located — a

little hungry fellow, about ten. Then next morning the teacher announced, "We have found the thief and he must be punished according to your rule — ten stripes across the back! Jim, come up here!"

The little fellow, trembling, came up slowly with a big coat fastened up to the neck and pleaded, "Teacher, you can lick me as hard as you like, but please don't make me take my coat off!"

"Take that coat off; you helped make the rules!"

"O teacher, don't make me!" He began to unbutton, and what did the teacher behold! Lo, the lad had no shirt on, but strings for braces over his little bony body.

"How can I whip this child?" thought he. "But I must do something if I keep this school." Everything was quiet as death. "How come you to be without a shirt, Jim?"

He replied, "My father died and mother is very poor, I have only one shirt to my name, and she is washing that today, and I wore my brother's big coat to keep warm."

The teacher, with rod in hand, hesitated. Just then "Big Tom" jumped to his feet and said, "Teacher, if you don't object, I will take Jim's licking for him."

"Very well, there is a certain law that one can become a substitute for another. Are you all agreed?"

Off came Tom's coat, and after 5 hard strokes the rod broke! The teacher bowed his head in his hands, and thought, "How can I finish this awful task?"

Then he heard the entire school sobbing, and what did he see? (Continued on page five)

THE BIBLE

Century follows century—there it stands.

Empires rise and fall and are forgotten—there it stands.

Atheists rail against it—there it stands.

Kings are crowned and uncrowned—there it stands.

Despised and torn to pieces—there it stands.

Profane, prayerless punsters caricature it—there it stands.

Higher Critics deny its claim to inspiration—there it stands.

Infidels predict its abandonment—there it stands.

Modernism tries to explain it away—there it stands.

The arrows of hate are discharged against it—there it stands.

—WORLD WITNESS

The Little Baptist

Chapter III

CONVERSATION ABOUT THE BIBLE

Mellie became satisfied that there was no mistake about her Bible, and she continued to read it, and to ask her mother the meaning of texts which she did not fully understand. Mrs. Brown took great pains to explain to Mellie all about the Bible, how that it was first written by men inspired of God, but that it was not first given in our language, and therefore had been translated from other languages into the English. She told Mellie that a good and wise king of England, named James, seeing the great need of the Bible among the people in a language that they could read, employed a number of the best scholars in his kingdom and had them to translate it into the English language. "And this translation," said she, "is the Bible that we now have."

"But, Mamma, all people don't use it, do they?" asked Mellie with an air of sober reflection.

"Yes," continued Mrs. Brown, "those who speak the English language, except the Roman Catholics. They have a translation differing in some respects from this. But the Episcopalians, Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians, with other sects in our country, all take this as the Word of God."

Mellie pushed back her hair, gave her chair a hitch up closer to her mother, and replied:

"It's very strange that they don't all agree then, if God tells them all the same things. I think God won't like those much who will not do what He tells them. But Mamma, what do you mean by translating the Bible?"

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST NEED

I was in Tokyo just a few days after the war with Japan. As I passed some buildings that had been demolished by our bombers, not many days before, I smelled a sickening odor. When inquiring as to the cause of the penetrating stench, I was informed that it was coming from dead bodies beneath the rubble of the building. Then for the first time, I realized what man really is without a few breaths of God's clean, fresh air that we are breathing every minute of the day in which we live. It was then I realized what the Word of God means when it says, "Life is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." I realized what the Scriptures mean when it says, "Man is of few days, and full of trouble." This refers to man, that knows not God. God never intended man's days to be few and full of trouble. God intended for man to have peace and peace abundantly here in this world and through the ages to come. The only peace to be found in this world will be found only in the Prince of Peace. The only cure for a broken heart is the Great Physician.

The pleasures of this world are (Continued on page five)



Our Bible Study

STUDIES IN GALATIANS

By A. M. OVERTON
(Now in Glory)

Chapter Three

"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" v 27.

The expression "put on" is translated from a Greek word that is used for the putting on of a garment. This Scripture declares that those who have been "baptized into Christ" have "clothed themselves in Christ." Does this not support the theory that baptism is necessary to salvation? No, far from it.

There is a very real sense in which baptism is the Christian soldier's uniform. The uniform does not make him a soldier, but

it declares that he is a soldier. He must be made a soldier before he has the right to wear the uniform.

However, if we will let Scripture interpret Scripture, instead of trying to read into it our own ideas and opinions, we will do well.

In Acts 19:3 we have the identical expression as we find here "baptized into," with the same words, same tense form, etc. In this passage in Acts we have the case of the twelve disciples of Apollos whom Paul found when he came to Ephesus. He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" (Acts 19:2, Moffatt's translation). They replied that they did not so much as know there was any Holy Spirit. (Apollos had not preached (Continued on page five)

"THE LITTLE BAPTIST"

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"To translate, my dear, is to change the words which are in one language into the words of another with the same meaning. Words, you know, are signs of ideas, and we get the idea, or meaning, of the words in one language, and express it by using the words of another language."

Mrs. Brown further explained that the writers of the Old Testament wrote in the Hebrew language, and the writers of the New Testament in the Greek language, and in order to give us their meaning, scholars who understood these languages had given the ideas to us in words of which we know the meaning.

"Yes, Mamma," said Nellie, "I think that I understand you, and I think it was very kind in King James to have the Bible translated into a language that the people can read and understand. But you have always told me that it is the Book of God, and if the people all think that it is His book, I can't see why they don't all read it, and do just what it tells them. Now you know, Mamma, that Dr. Fransworth preached last Sunday that people were God's children, or I thought that was what he meant. And he said that they ought to look to God to learn their duty, and when God tells them in the Bible what they must do, they ought to do it willingly, just as a good child obeys its parents. You know, Mamma, that you always praise me, and call me your little darling when I do as you tell me, and you say if I disobey, you will have to punish me for it. Then, if people are God's children, I think that they ought to read His book, and then do whatever it tells them. Don't you think so, Mamma?"

"Yes, dear; but you know that bad people, like bad children, do not care to do what is right. Rather, they take pleasure in doing evil. But all good people want to do right — they want to do just as God tells them."

"But the good people don't all do alike, Mamma. You said that Mr. Coleman, the Baptist preacher, was a good man, and I know that Dr. Fransworth is a good man; but they don't both do alike — I know they don't. They both have God's book to tell them how to do, and yet when Dr. Fransworth baptizes people, he just takes a little water in his hand and wets a little place on their heads, and Mr. Coleman leads them down into deep water, and puts their whole bodies under it. And I think that John the Baptist must —"

Mellie was going on to say that she thought John the Baptist must have put the people down under the water too; but her mother stopped her by saying that it was a difference in understanding the Bible that caused the different denominations to practice differently. "And," said she, "I have no doubt that all honestly think that they are right. I believe that Dr. Fransworth and Mr. Coleman, both have honest intentions, and are trying to obey God as best they can. They can't both see alike in reference to baptism, and therefore, they don't do alike."

"Well, Mamma, I'm going to read my little Bible, and I'm going to learn and do all it says for me to do. I intend to see how much of it I can understand, and if there is any of it that God has not made plain so that people can understand it, I guess it is about something that He doesn't want us to do. I'll see what it says about baptizing folks and everything else. Gods wants us to read His Bible, doesn't He, Mamma?"

"True, my child, and I'm glad to find that you are so determined to read and learn. When you find anything that you can't understand, come to me and I will try to explain it to you. I want you to try to learn as much as you can. Should we find anything in reading that is too hard for us, we will ask Dr. Fransworth to explain it when he calls, and you shall understand all that your Bible teaches. It is only a month now until you will start to school. Then I hope that you will learn a great deal about the Bible as well as your other books."

"And I shall be so glad to go to school, Mamma, for then I will have such a nice time. I'll ask Mr. Hamilton to let me study grammar and history—yes, and botany; so that I can go in the class with Laura Thompson, Nellie Perkins, Katie Jones, and all the larger girls. I intend to try to beat them all, too. I don't care if they are older than I; I'll make them work for it, if they keep ahead of me. O, I do wish school was open now."

Saying this, she bounded from the room perfectly elated with the thought of going to school.

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Our Bible Study

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that truth). Then Paul asked them, "Unto what then were ye baptized?" Their answer was, "Unto John's baptism."

Apollos was a fine young preacher, but all he knew was "the baptism of John" (Acts 18:25). This is clearly seen in reading the rest of the 18th chapter and seeing that, after he had been taught "the way of God more

perfectly," he began preaching the mighty message "that Jesus was the Christ." Naturally, since the preacher knew nothing but John's baptism to preach, that was what he preached, and that was what his "converts" believed. And when they were baptized, they were baptized believing that it was John's baptism that saved. Thus they were "baptized unto John's baptism." Later, after Paul had preached the same truth

that John the Baptist had preached, "that they should believe on Jesus Christ," these twelve were "baptized into (or, unto), the same of Jesus Christ" (v. 5).

Whatever, or whoever it is that one is depending on, or believing in, for salvation when he is baptized, this is truly "into what," or "unto whom" he is baptized. (See also Romans 6:3).

Therefore, it is clear that those who have really been "baptized into Christ" have already been clothed in His imputed righteousness. And that is exactly what this 27th verse teaches.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" vv 28, 29.

In Christ Jesus there are no boundaries of race, station, or sex. All stand before God in His righteousness, which gives all alike a perfect standing. The natural divisions among us in this world will be completely eradicated when we shed our earthly mortality.

Believing in Jesus Christ as Saviour, we are in Him, and we are His. Being His, we are in Him, and therefore we came into heirship of the promise God the Father made to God the Son, the Seed, through Abraham. In Him we have everlasting redemption and safety because He, the Son of God, was completely obedient to the Father's eternal will in bearing our sins in His own body on Calvary's tree.

What a wonderful Saviour! And what a wonderful salvation is ours in Him! May our word and walk be honoring to Him and becoming to those who know Him as Redeemer.

He Took My Whipping

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Little Jim had reached up and caught Tom with both arms around the neck. "Tom, I am sorry I stole your dinner, but I was awful hungry. Tom, I'll love you till I die for taking my licking for me! Yes I'll love you forever!"

Do we not see somewhat of a spiritual lesson in this story? Truly all who have ever been made conscious of the fact, by God's Spirit, that Christ took their whipping for their sins on Calvary's Cross, continually feel toward the Lord Jesus Christ, what little Jim expressed in his words to big Tom: "I will love you forever."

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. We love him, because he first loved us." I John 4:10, 19.

The Gifts Of God

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5—Grace. After we have received these marvelous gifts, I am sure that we would want to become active for the Lord. But, again we are not dependent upon ourselves for the strength to work. God furnishes daily grace to perform His work. "Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power" (Eph. 3:7). Another verse shows that God has even chosen the path of works that the saved are to follow. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

6—Negative and Positive. After these gifts have been made, God gives a negative and positive instruction concerning our use of them. Beloved, it matters not how small or great you may be, God has given you some gift. It is your responsibility to use it. "Neglect not the gift that is in

For Little Children

MOSES AND AARON GO TO SEE KING PHARAOH

Boys and girls, after Moses and Aaron arrived in Egypt, they went to talk to King Pharaoh. They told Pharaoh that the Lord said to let the children of Israel go into the wilderness to worship Him there.

But Pharaoh became haughty and said, "Well, who is the Lord that I should obey Him and let the children of Israel go! I don't know the Lord, and I am not going to let the children of Israel go!"

Then Moses and Aaron begged Pharaoh again to let the children of Israel go worship the Lord for three days in the wilderness. But Pharaoh would not let them go.

Later that day, Pharaoh called the men who were watching and bossing the children of Israel as they worked. These men were called taskmasters because they managed the work. And Pharaoh told these taskmasters to make the children of Israel work harder. Always before, the taskmasters had given straw to the children of Israel to make the bricks out of. But now Pharaoh told the taskmasters to not give them any straw to make the bricks. He said that the children of Israel would just have to get their own straw.

Then Pharaoh even said that though the children of Israel would have to get their own straw for the bricks, they would have to make just as many bricks as they always did.

So the taskmasters told the children of Israel that Pharaoh said for them to find their own straw and that they must work even harder.

And the children of Israel went

about all the land to hunt for straw. All the time, the taskmasters told them to work harder. They did work hard, but they could not make as many bricks as they used to. So the taskmaster took the officers of the children of Israel and beat them.

Then these officers came to talk to King Pharaoh and said: "Why are you treating us so badly? You won't give us straw to make the bricks with. And then you beat us when we can't make as many bricks. It is your fault, King Pharaoh!"

But King Pharaoh would not listen to them. He told them that they were lazy. He said for them to work and to make just as many bricks as they used to.

Then the children of Israel blamed Moses and Aaron for all that was taking place in their lives.

And what did Moses and Aaron do? No, they didn't get mad or angry. They didn't cry, either. They just went to the Lord and told Him. They told the Lord that King Pharaoh wouldn't let the children of Israel go. Moses didn't know what to do; he just left it all up to the Lord to take care of.

And boys and girls, when we today as the Lord's children, those of us who are saved, don't know what we should do or where we should go, the Lord says that we can come to Him and ask Him what He wants us to do. The Lord says:

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8.

Next week: What the Lord Told Moses To Do.

Greatest Need

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for a little season. I know because I have tried them. The greatest need of this world today is for individuals like you and me to come to the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the New Birth. This is only found in His blood that was shed almost two thousand years ago, on the cross at Calvary. DAMON E. WYATT

Little People's Corner



Quia by Ethel M. Hoskins; drawing by Marsden Lore

CAN YOU NAME HIM?—A BIBLE QUIZ

A burning bush
One day he found;
And removed his shoes,
For 'twas holy ground.

By Courtesy of C. S. M.

ANSWER:
Moses

His Servant Ye Are Whom Ye Obey

(Rom. 6:16-23)

Some look with scorn on the Christian life and think there's no pleasure in it;

If he's never known the freedom in Christ,
If he's never felt the sweet peace of the blest,
If he's never had the joy of sins forgiven,
If he has no hope and assurance of Heaven,
If he's ne'er tasted good things of God's Word,
If his poor soul on husks for swine is fed,
If he's not felt thrill in answered prayer,
If in sorrow he's not known the joy of God's care,
If in obedience he's not seen God's loving smile,
Nor in chastening heard His sweet voice all the while,
If he prefers pleasure of sin for a season,
Tho' down in his heart he knows no good reason,
If he cannot pillow his head at night and know, come
what may, everything's all right,
If he refuses to take God's only way,
He's a slave of Satan, sad victim of strife, and dead
in sin and don't know it.

—MAY HALEY HUGHES

Tale Of A Tract

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We shall examine some of the passages where reference is made to baptism.

1. The Saviour's baptism, Matt. 3:16. Two things are involved in this baptism: Water was the element, and it required a going up out of the water.

2. John's baptism, to which Jesus submitted. John 3:23. This required much water.

3. The baptism of the eunuch, Acts 8:38,39. This required a going down into the water, both of the candidate and the administrator, and after the baptism was performed, a going up out of the water.

4. This baptism to which the whole church at Rome submitted. Rom. 6:4,5.

This was at once a burial, a resurrection and a planting. This was Paul's baptism, for he says, "We are buried," etc., thus classifying himself with all his brethren at Rome.

5. The baptism of the brethren at Rome was the form of doctrine. Paul tells us the gospel or doctrine was the death of Jesus for our sins, His burial and His resurrection. I Cor. 15:1-5.

Baptism must represent the great facts of the gospel. From all these Scriptures it is clear that baptism involves water, much water, going down into the water, coming up out of the water, a burial, a resurrection, a planting, a form of doctrine.

Do all or either of the three practices of Christendom satisfy all the demands?

I submit the following diagram:

Baptism Requires:	Sprinkling Requires:
1. Water.	1. Water.
2. Much water.	2. Much water.
3. Going into the water.	3. Going into the water.
4. Coming out of the water.	4. Coming out of the water.
5. Burial.	5. Burial.
6. Resurrec- tion.	6. Resurrec- tion.
7. Planting.	7. Planting.
8. Form of doctrine.	8. Form of doctrine.

Thus sprinkling and pouring only meet one condition, viz., water. Water is the element, neither of them require much water, or a burial, a planting, a resurrection, nor do they represent any part of the gospel. They are wholly meaningless and insignificant.

It remains for us to try one more diagram.

Baptism Requires:	Immersion Requires:
1. Water.	1. Water.
2. Much water.	2. Much water.

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3. Going into the water.
4. Coming out of the water.
5. Form of burial.
6. Form of resurrection.
7. Form of planting.
8. Form of doctrine.

Thus immersion meets all the requirements. The subject needs no further comment. He that hath eyes to see, let him SEE.

Will we ever know the good a tract may do as bread cast upon the water? Going over the mission field of the wide Southern Baptist territory, it has helped many to a clear understanding of New Testament baptism.

How many had a part in it? The man who wrote it, the friend who copied it and gave it to me, the printer, Bro. Hamilton, who put it in his tract, the worker who used it, all these have passed on. But the eternal gospel of the grace of God, though corrupted and perverted by some will stand glorious as the everlasting hills around the New Jerusalem.

While many actors in my story have long since gone home, and eighty-eight years have rested lightly on the head of this unworthy scribe, his hope is that some few will recall faces out of the past and many other readers of the digest will enjoy reading this "Story that is told." Together we can rejoice that as Baptists we have helped the world to understand

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LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22, 1956

THE JESUS OF REVELATION ----- REVELATION 1:9-20

INTRO.: In the last message I offered a contrast between Genesis and Revelation. One contrast was: "In Genesis we find Paradise turned into a desert; in Revelation we find a desert turned into a Paradise." This must take place (v. 1). In this message we get a picture of the One who is to accomplish this.

I. The Reason God Gave This Patmos Vision. Rev. 1:9.

This tells us why Revelation was written (tribulation). All other disciples were dead:

Stephen stoned. Acts 7:59,60.

James beheaded. Acts 12:2.

Philip scourged; thrown into prison; crucified in A. D. 54.

Matthew slain with halberd in A. D. 60.

James, the brother of Jesus, author of epistle of James. At age of 94 was beaten and stoned by Jews; brains beaten out with clubs.

Matthias, stoned at Jerusalem and later beheaded.

Andrew crucified.

Mark, dragged to pieces in city of Alexandria when the heathen people were holding a feast to Serapes, their idol.

Peter. Crucified head-downward.

Paul. Gave his neck to the sword on the Ap-pian way.

Bartholomew. Translated the Gospel of Mt. into the language of India. Was cruelly beaten and then crucified by the idolaters of India.

Jude. Crucified at Edessa in A. D. 72.

Thomas. Preached in India. Excited the rage of Pagan priest. Thrust through with a spear.

Luke. Hanged on an olive tree in Greece by idolatrous priests.

Simon. Crucified in Britain in A. D. 74.

John was the only apostle left. The Word of God had been watered plentifully with the blood of saints. Cf. Mk. 10:35-40. At Rome, he had been cast into a cauldron of burning oil. Escaped by miracle without injury. Was banished to Patmos where he wrote the book of Revelation.

Christians were discouraged. John was old. He stood alone. He was exiled to Isle of Patmos. God said, "All right John; even if they won't let you leave a little island 30 miles in circumference, I'll permit you to penetrate the secrets of Heaven. Write what I show you and send it to the churches. It will awaken faith, hope, and courage among the churches."

What Christians need today is to suffer a little for their Christianity. Cf. Mt. 5:10-12; Acts 5:40, 41.

Nero; burned Rome; blamed Christians. Had some sewed up in skins of wild beasts and worried by dogs until dead. Some dressed in shirts, made stiff with wax, were set on fire to illuminate Nero's gardens.

Rhais and Marcella, her mother, had boiled pitch to pour on their heads and were burned alive.

Two women, Perpetua and Felicitas, stripped naked were thrown to mad bulls. First attacked Perpetua, stunning her. Then turned on Felicitas (pregnant and big with child) and gored her dreadfully. Were not killed though and executioner finished task with sword.

Cecilia, a young married woman, was placed naked in a scalding bath and her head was struck off with a sword.

Julian, a native of Cilicia, was put in a leather bag filled with serpents, lizards, and scorpions and was thrown into sea.

Julian, the apostate, had Christians burned alive, brains beaten out; some were scalded. Some were ripped open and corn put in stomachs and hogs were turned loose with them, which devoured the grain and entrails of the martyrs.

II. When The Vision Came. Rev. 1:10.

This vision came on the Lord's Day—the day of worship. Was not on Sabbath, as Sabbath was already done away with. Cf. Mk. 16:1, 2; Acts 20:6, 7; I Cor. 16:2; Col. 2:14-16; Hosea 2:11; Ps. 118:24.

The man who has no Lord's Day is not likely to see visions and hear voices, as John did. Baptists offer lots of excuses for having no Lord's Day.

Tired from work.

Late hours at business on Saturday night.

Have to mind the baby.

Going to visit grandma. Cf. Mt. 10:37.

Cooking for company. Cf. Phil. 3:18, 19.

Sunday sickness.

Worshipping in nature's cathedral (this usually means a Sunday swimming party).

Woe to the Christian who hears no voices and sees no visions of God's work. In 99 cases of every 100, he is spending the Lord's Day wrong. In Pennsylvania mines they bring mules up on Saturday night so they won't go blind. Every Christian would do well to imitate this.

"A Sunday well spent
Brings a week of content,
And joy for the cares of tomorrow.

But a Sunday profaned
Whatever be gained,
Is a sure fore-runner of sorrow."

III. The Jesus of Revelation. Rev. 1:11-16.

1. Christ reveals Himself to John. Cf. Rev. 1:1.

2. This gives us a picture of how Christ looks today. Christmas crowd makes much ado about Christ as a babe. Easter crowd speaks of His resurrection. Many preachers speak of Him as lowly Nazarene and dwell on His love, patience, peace and good deeds. That is not the Christ of Revelation, nor the resurrected Christ, nor the Christ of today. All the way through the book of Revelation the Christ we see is a Christ of kingship, power, majesty and glory. He is not just a little above man; He is God—a King. Not the lowly Jesus—but the lordly Jesus.

3. Whenever churches see Him in His lordly glory they serve Him; attend all services; read His Word; and really work for Him.

4. He was in the midst of the candlesticks. This assures us His presence. Cf. Mt. 18:20; Mt. 28:20.

5. He was clothed. Every saint of God will be clothed in Heaven. Cf. Rev. 7:13. Note how much of Christ's body was clothed.

6. His face and head shone. Like Moses. Cf. Ex. 34:29. Christians didn't need "paint" to shine.

7. His eyes (v. 14b). This is the look that is upon us every day. A man in town was under conviction. He was drinking. He said that I sat on his bed and pointed at him all night. If he moved from one room to another, I followed him. That is nothing to compare with this look of Christ.

8. His feet (v. 15). They picture judgment and purity. It is with these feet that He walks among the churches. With these feet He shall tread down Rome and her harlot daughters, destroy Satan, and the Anti-christ.

9. His voice (v. 15). Cf. John 5:28, 29; Jer. 25:30, 31. Skeptics defy God. When He lifts His voice against them, the last one will cry for rocks and mountains to fall on them. Cf. Rev. 6:12-17.

10. He holds the stars in His hand. Stars are preachers (v. 20). He holds the preachers. Need no protection, but the Lord. Cf. Is. 26:3. How little preachers are. No more than the rings on His finger. He protects them though, as precious.

11. The sword (v. 16). This is the Bible. Cf. Heb. 4:12. Will be judged by this Word. Cf. John 12:48; Rev. 2:16.

12. His countenance (v. 16). Christ is to the moral world what the sun is to the natural. This is how we will see Him in Heaven. Cf. Mt. 17:1, 2; Acts 9:3; Rev. 21:23.

IV. The Effect Of This Vision. Rev. 1:17.

1. The effect on John. Cf. Is. 6:5; Job 42:5, 6; Mt. 17:6.

2. Jesus is the cure of the downcast, despondent Christian, because of the resurrection. Job 14:14; II Tim. 1:10; I Cor. 15:54-57.

Grief stricken father; children's casket key given to keeper of cemetery. Minister said, "The key to your little girl's grave hangs at the girdle of the Son of God and He will come some morning and use it."

Man stung by bee; much pain; consoled himself in thinking that the bee would never sting another, for the bee had left his stinger in him. Death lighted upon Christ, He took the sting out of death. It may light on us, but without a sting.

"I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead,
He lives, my ever living HEAD!

He lives, to bless me with His love,
He lives, to plead my cause above,
He lives, my hungry soul to feed,
He lives, to help in time of need.

He lives, to give me full supplies,
He lives, to bless me with His eyes,
He lives, to comfort when faint,
He lives, to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives, to crush the fiends of Hell,
He lives, and doth within me dwell,
He lives, to heal, and keep my whole,
He lives, to guide my feeble soul.

He lives, to banish all my fears,
He lives, to wipe away my tears,
He lives, to calm my troubled heart,
He lives, all blessings, to impart.

He lives, my kind and gracious friend,
He lives, and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives I'll sing,
He lives, my prophet, priest and king.

He lives, all glory to His name,
He lives, my Jesus still the same;
O, the sweet joy this sentence gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives."

FREE-WILL, FREE GRACE

John Gill, preaching a charity sermon, some years ago, concluded thus: "Here are present, I doubt not, persons of divided sentiments; some believing in free-will, and some in free grace. Those of you who are free-willers and merit-mongers, will give to this collection of course, for the sake of what you suppose you will get by it. Those of you on the other hand, who expect salvation by grace alone, will contribute to the present charity out of love and gratitude to God. So between free-will and free grace I hope we shall have a good collection.

"The Devil's Big Four"

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for the Devil to put into the hearts of preachers that a man can sin away his day of grace, but here is something even worse when the Devil puts it into the heart of a man to stand before a congregation and frustrate the grace of God by telling men that they can be saved by their works, apart from the grace of God.

These folk in the churches of Galatia had been bewitched. They had been deluded. False preachers had come in after Paul had been there and had told them that they were saved partly by works, as well as by the grace of God. Beloved, there hasn't been a man saved in all the six thousand years of earth's history apart from the grace of Almighty God. In other words, your works don't have a thing to do with your salvation. Listen:

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith WITHOUT the deeds of the law."—Rom. 3:28.

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

Salvation doesn't come to the man who is trying to work his way to Heaven, but rather, salvation comes to the man who doesn't work, and who receives the grace of God.

But, beloved, the Devil frustrates God's grace. Every time that a preacher stands before a congregation and tells you that you have to hold out to the end, he is frustrating God's grace. Every time that a preacher stands before a congregation and tells you that there is something that you have to do in order to be saved — that you have to quit your meanness, or you have to do a lot of reforming — he is telling you that you can save yourself. My brother, salvation is by, and through, the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross, and there is no salvation apart from the sacrificial death of the Son of God at Calvary. All the works that a man may ever do will never add one thing to his salvation. Would it to God that I might burn it into your soul that there is no salvation apart from the grace of God. Your works have nothing whatever to do with your salvation.

Before I came to the services, I went out to the corner to the mailbox to mail a few letters. I stepped up to the box and raised the lid and put the letters in the slot, but purposely, I held on to them. I did so two or three times. Eventually, I turned them loose, and the letters were in Uncle Sam's hands. When I turned loose, those letters were in the hands of a common carrier, and they would be delivered to their destination, but as long as I held on, those letters could never have been delivered.

Beloved, you have to turn loose of all of your efforts so far as salvation is concerned. When you commit yourself to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the grace of God, thank God, salvation is yours. As long as you hold on and try to do something yourself, God will never save you. God has never saved any person in six thousand years who tried to help God out in the realm of salvation.

I can imagine a man who has fallen into an open well. I can see that man as he is struggling

within the water. A man comes up and looks down at him and says, "Now just declare yourself. You are perfectly all right. You are not in a bad condition." Do you know who that man is, beloved? He is a Christian Scientist. He says there is no such thing as sin — nor error — nothing wrong.

I see another man walk up and say, "Stand aside," and he gets his pencil and starts to write down some good rules: 1. Never go near a well. 2. Always be careful when you are approaching an open well. 3. Always watch when you are walking over the top of a well. Beloved, those rules are good rules, but they won't help that man down within the well.

Likewise, the ten commandments are all good laws, but they are not going to help you when you are a sinner. When you are on the road to Hell, the ten commandments won't help you one particle. You need something besides the law of God when you have already broken that law.

Another man comes up and sees the man down within the well and he drops a rope over into the well, and says, "Man, take hold of the rope." The fellow within the well catches hold of the rope, and the man up above says, "Now, hold on, and I will pull you out." He pulls and pulls, but when he gets him near the top, the man within the well lets go, and falls back within the well. Again, he tries to pull him out, but the man, in his feeble condition, can't hold on, and he falls back into the well.

Beloved, do you know who that man is? That man is the preacher who is saying to you, "Do the best you can and the Lord Jesus will do His part. You hold out faithfully to the end and you will get to Heaven after a while."

Eventually, another man comes up, and he says, "You are all wrong about this whole thing." He says, "Here, you take hold of this end of the rope and I will go down into the well and will get that man out." He goes down into the well and with one arm about that man and the other arm holding on to the rope, he lifts that man to safety.

Beloved, that is exactly what Jesus Christ did for you when He went to the Cross of Calvary and it is nothing but a perversion of the Word of God when a preacher tells you that you can save yourself by your works, or you can help save yourself by your own efforts. Beloved, Jesus Christ does it all, or there is no salvation. The only time that Jesus Christ saves a man is when that individual quits trying, and just trusts the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

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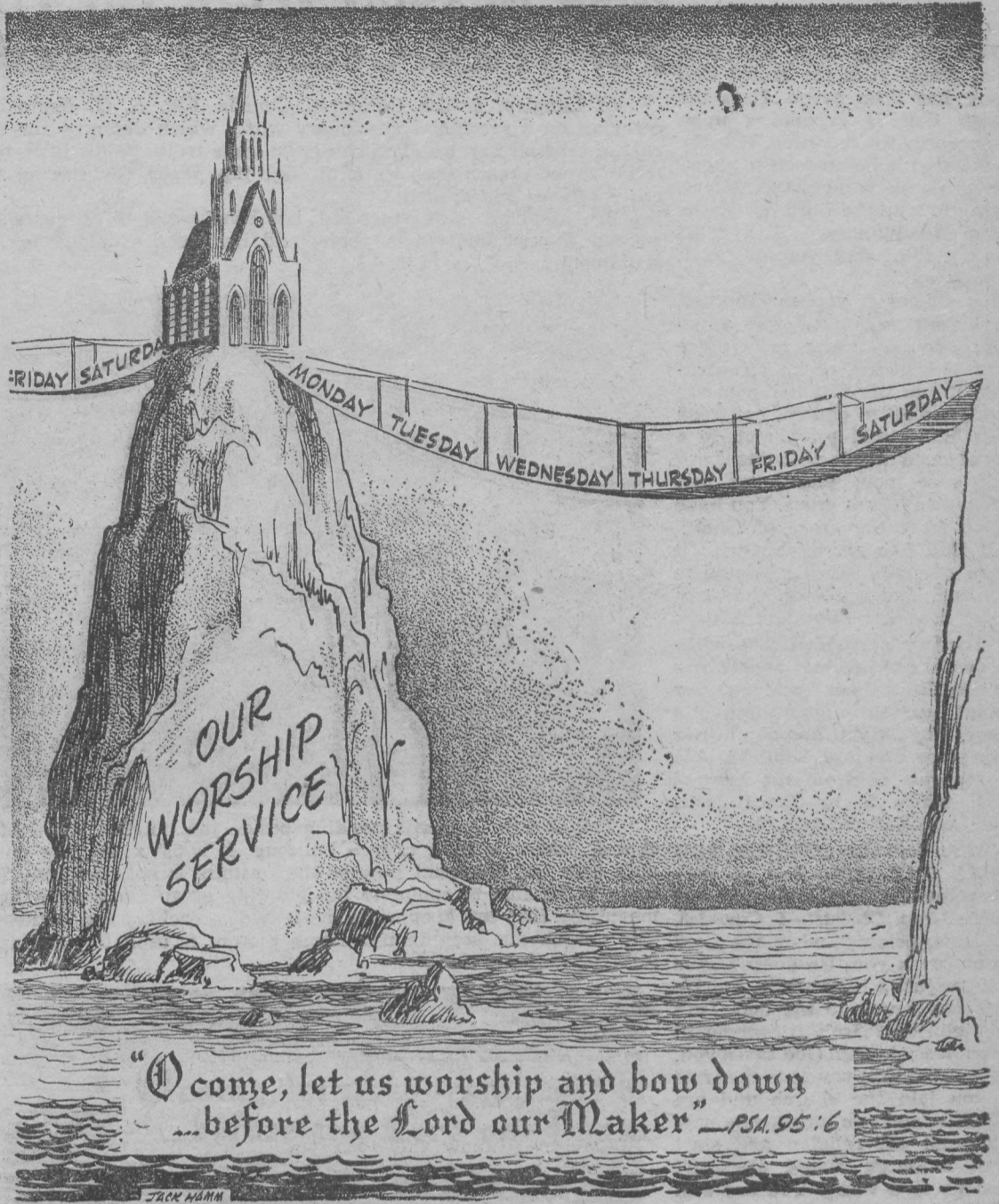
THE DEVIL HAS PERVERTED THE GRACE OF GOD, BY TURNING GOD'S GRACE INTO LASCIVIOUSNESS.

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."—Jude 1:4.

Jude says that it is ungodly men in his day who are turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. But, beloved, they have someone back of them, and that is the Devil. The Devil is using ungodly men to turn God's grace into lasciviousness. He is perverting God's grace.

What do we mean when we say that the Devil is turning God's grace into lasciviousness? Beloved, there are individuals who say that when you are saved, you are at liberty to go out and do anything that you want to do. In other words, their slogan is: "From mercy to liberty." Just as soon as you reach the mercy of God, then you are at liberty to live any kind of a life that you want to live, and the man who is preaching that is turning the grace of God into lasciviousness. I never met but one such char-

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acter in my life. This was his argument: He said that he believed that when a man was saved, that he ought to live as sinfully, as ungodly, as corrupt, as immoral, as vicious, and as vile as was humanly possible. He said, "We are saved by grace," which was correct, but he said, "the more you sin, the more of the grace of God it takes to save you. Therefore, sin all you can, be as immoral as possible, be as vile as possible, do everything that you can that is wrong in life, in order that it will take more of the grace of God for your salvation, and it will bring more honor and more glory to God."

That was the crowd that Jude was talking about which I have just read.

I want to show you that this is the Devil's work. No man who studies his Bible ever preaches doctrine like that. No man who loved the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour ever preached a doctrine like that. Beloved, that is turning the grace of God into lasciviousness.

On the contrary, the Word of God tells us that when God saves us, He saves us that we might live for him. Listen:

"For we are his workmanship, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."—Eph. 2:10.

Did God save you to live a life of sin? No, He saved you unto good works. Did God save you that you might go out and wallow in sin? No, He saved you that you might live a life of good works. What kind of good works? The kind that has been ordained of God that we should walk in them.

Notice again:

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might BE CAREFUL TO MAINTAIN GOOD WORKS. These things are good and profitable unto men."—Titus 3:8.

This would tell us that God wants us to be careful to maintain good works. This does not

mean that you are saved by your good works, but after you are saved, there should be some good works in your life.

Listen again:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. TEACHING us that, DENYING ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS."—Titus 2:11-14.

This tells us that the grace of God brings salvation, and when it brings salvation, it teaches us some things. It teaches us to deny ungodliness. It teaches us to deny worldly lusts. It teaches us to live soberly, righteously, and godly, that is, soberly as unto ourselves, righteously as unto others, and Godly as unto Him who created and re-created us. Beloved, not only does the grace of God teach us thus, but it teaches us to look for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ.

My brother, my sister, when someone tells you that when you are saved by the grace of God that you can live any kind of a life that you want, and the more you

sin, the more it will glorify God, that man is preaching the Devil's message. It is the Devil's perversion of the Word of God.

IV

THE DEVIL HAS PERVERTED THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE FALSE TEACHING THAT A MAN CAN FALL FROM GRACE.

Haven't you heard it said that a person can be saved and then lose his salvation? I don't know how many people I have talked with who say, "I believe we are saved by grace, but we are kept saved, provided we will hold out." Beloved, there's many a person who talks about an individual being saved and then falling from grace.

Well, God's Word talks about falling from grace. Listen:

"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; YE ARE FALLEN FROM GRACE."—Gal. 5:4.

Surely, beloved, this is the passage of Scripture that the Arminians have been looking for, for years — falling from grace!

Let's notice what this means. These were Baptist churches in the regions of Galatia, for there were no other kind back there. Paul said, "Ye are fallen from grace." He said that they were trying to be justified by the law. Now, beloved, if a man is trying to be justified by the law, he is just unsaved. God's Word tells us that such are lost.

"Knowing 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."—Gal. 2:16.

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Beloved, who is it that falls from grace? It is the crowd that never has been saved. It is the crowd that is depending upon their works for salvation. It is the crowd that is holding on to themselves, trying to help themselves, trying to help the Lord out in the realm of salvation. Paul says, "If you are doing that, you are fallen from grace."

Let me say to you, my brother, if you are trying to save yourself, if you are trying to help the Lord out in the realm of salvation, if you think that if you are good, and go to church, and read your Bible, and pray, and do a lot of good deeds that the Lord will save you, you have just fallen away from grace. You have fallen from the grace of God.

If God has saved a person, it is all of grace from beginning to the end, and the individual can never lose his salvation. Listen:

"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. 8:28,39.

"Who shall also CONFIRM YOU UNTO THE END, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 1:8.

Listen, beloved, when the Lord Jesus saves you, He doesn't save you for just a little while, but He confirms you unto the end. Isn't that glorious? Isn't it wonderful to know that when God saves you, He will confirm you unto the end? If you join the church and are baptized, and you turn over a new leaf, and get religion and start over a dozen times, it won't amount to a thing. You are still fallen from grace. You are just trying to save yourself, and as long as you are trying to save yourself, you are fallen from grace. But the day that you see the truth that the Son of God on the Cross died for all of your sins, and paid for all of your sins — the day that you see that, thank God, you are saved by the grace of God, and thank God, He then confirms you unto the end.

CONCLUSION

In closing, may I beseech you to look up to Calvary and see Jesus Christ upon the Cross. The Son of God died for your sins. The only hope that I have for myself is God's grace, and the only hope that I have for you is God's grace. I don't tell anybody to join the church, or to be baptized, or to try to hold out faithful to the end to be saved, but I tell everyone:

"Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin hath left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."

May God help you to trust Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and may He help you to see the truth that it is all of grace. He will not only save you, but He will keep you through all the days to come.

May God bless you!

Owen's Argument

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some sins to answer for: and so no man shall be saved.

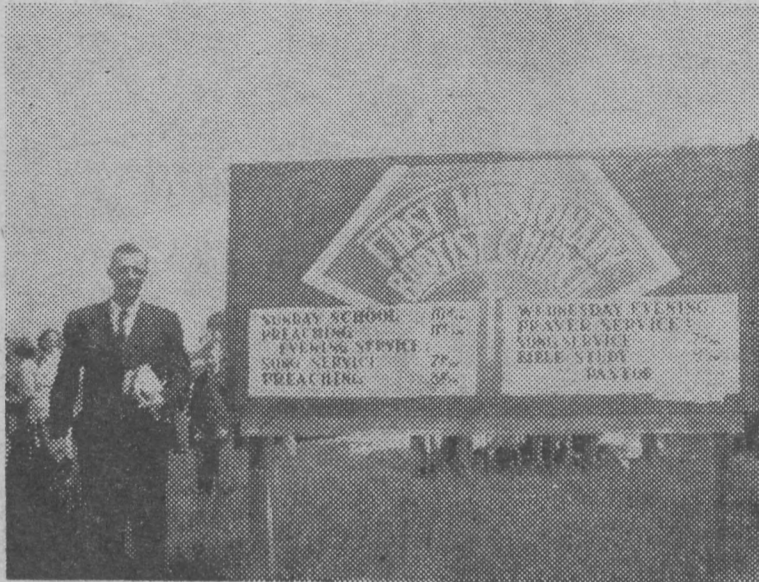
"If the second (which is the proposition we lay down as truth), then Christ, in their stead, suffered for all the sins of all the elect in the whole world. If the first, why are not all freed from the punishment due unto their sins? You answer, "Because of their unbelief." — I ask, is this unbelief a sin or not? If not, why should they be punished for it? If it be, then Christ suffered the punishment due unto it, or he did not. If he did, why must that hinder them more than their other sins for which he died? If he did not, then he did not die for all their sins.

"Let the Arminians take which part they please."—John Owen.

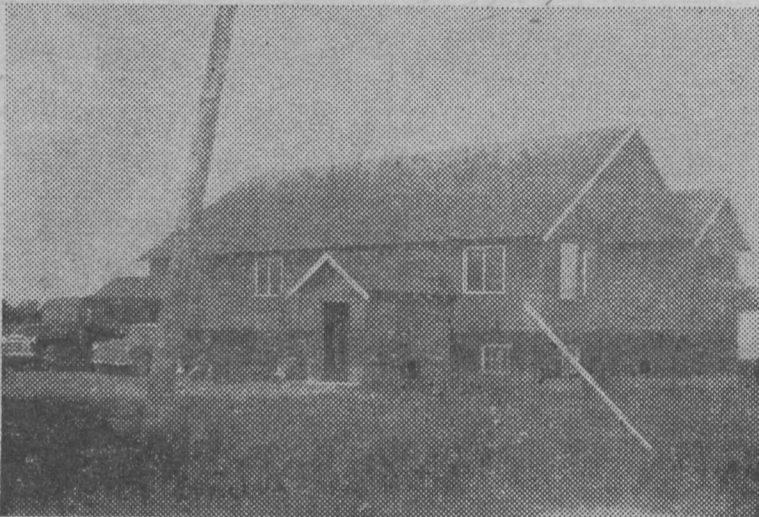
Real Mission Work On The Far West Coast Of Canada

At Langley, British Columbia, Canada, Eld. A. G. Aspinall is carrying on a sacrificial missionary work, which deserves the support of all true Baptists. Preaching the same truths to his little flock there, as we preach each week through this paper, God has marvelously blessed his ministry.

Bro. Aspinall is 34 years old, has been saved three years, has been a Baptist about two years, and has been ordained for approximately nine months.



This is Bro. Aspinall standing beside the bulletin board of his church. Below is their church building. It is 55' x 35'. The church only uses the basement now as the upstairs is not complete. They hope to be able to complete the building at an early date. In the meantime, they are keeping at the task of preaching and witnessing. The church bus seen in this lower picture is used for picking up folk for their services.



Below is a picture of their Sunday morning congregation of recent date. It is interesting that Ab Andres their Bible Class teacher has himself only been a Baptist for eight months, while their S. S. Superintendent, Harold Bannerman, has only been a member of the church for about six months.



That our readers might get a more complete picture of the church's endeavors, I am quoting from a mimeographed letter which Bro. Aspinall sent out recently:

20184 Jericho Road
R. R. 4, Langley
British Columbia, Canada
June 4, 1956.

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour:

We wish to thank all the sister churches for the support given us, both in prayers and finances. The church continues in good fellowship—growing daily in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. We have 22 members again, one was restored to fellowship several weeks ago. One member has moved to Mission City, about 30 miles away and across the Fraser river and is unable to attend services due to the lack of transportation. Soon we hope to start

a mission point in that locality, the Lord willing.

The Sunday School is growing, and more adults are attending our services. The young people have saved up enough to buy a duplicator and this report is the first attempt at its use. The young people intend to put out a bulletin, also make invitations to church and to Sunday School. We are really proud of them.

My wife has helped me faithfully with them since we started. Now we are expecting an addition to our family in October, and she must soon begin to restrict some of her activities. Our boy is nearly 13, and Gail is eleven. It is almost like beginning a family anew!

Modernism

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they know no more about the power of God than a Hottentot. Jesus warned against the Pharisees when he said, "Beware of the heaven . . . of the Saducees."

MODERNISM IS NOTHING BUT REVAMPED SADUCEEISM

It is often called "religious liberalism." It is "liberal" in the sense of being loose and liberal in throwing the truths of God recklessly away. It got its modern start in the universities of Germany. It became the fashion for theological professors to study and secure a degree from a German university, and such men came back to disseminate the Saduceism which they had imbibed. Doubtless the Modernism of those German universities helped to produce the First World War.

THE GROWTH OF MODERNISM IN AMERICA

Modernism got started in America, and it has spread very rapidly. It took over in the theological departments of such schools as Yale, Harvard, University of Chicago. In fact we know of no great university whose divinity department is not modernistic. Then it conquered theological schools such as Andover, Colgate, Rochester, Crozier. Southern Baptists are unwilling to face the truth that modernism has made inroads in their colleges and seminaries. Many Baptist preachers prefer to stick their heads in the sand, like the ostrich. Our own conviction that Modernism has largely taken over, has come from reading the writings of professors and from questioning students. We don't believe that many of our Southern Baptist educational institutions will stand impartial investigation. Several years ago an investigation of Southern Seminary was called for, and THE TRUSTEES WERE APPOINTED TO DO THE INVESTIGATING! Would their findings be such as to impose blame on themselves? Of course not!

WHAT MODERNISM HAS DONE

It has gone a long way toward destroying Northern Baptists. The Northern Baptist Convention (now called "American") has lost hundreds of churches. Two large groups, The Conservative Baptists and the General Association of Regular Baptists, have sprung up in protest against the infidelity of the Northern Convention. Among Methodists the sway of Modernism is almost complete. Two of their most popular men are Bishop Oxnham, who has been affiliated with subversive groups and who has recently been running around with a Communist leader, and

Financial support has dropped off and we are not able to meet our expenses. A year ago we had to borrow money at the bank to buy needed materials for the church building, repayable at \$45 a month. These last three months, due to lack of finances, the bank repayment has not been made. How long they will carry us, I do not know; we owe approx. \$700. Gas, oil and upkeep of the bus amounts to \$45 a month; it is used for church pickups Sunday and Wednesdays, also Friday's young people services. Insurance, light and fuel averages fifteen dollars a month. Our local offerings average eighty dollars a month, which is very good considering that we have only three working men in the church. The women and children give what

To me it shows a marvelous work of grace, not only on the part of Bro. Aspinall personally, but on the part of the congregation as well, that this little group keeps going, and progressing in spite of their difficulties. Truly, God is working through them that a true witness might be given to His word in that area.

Wouldn't you like to have a part in supporting God's Word in this area? Send each offering direct to Bro. Aspinall as God may lead you to make, and remember he is preaching the same truth TBE contends for every week.

Nels Ferre, blasphemer of Christ.

Modernism is responsible for the declining power of Churches in America — and they are declining as a moral and spiritual force. Many have degenerated into do-good, social service organizations, with no certain message concerning eternal things.

WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK

Modernism will according to the Scriptures, sweep the great mass of professing Christians off into apostasy. II Thess. 2:3 foretells a great sweeping apostasy climaxing in the coming of the Anti-Christ, whose stooge, the False Prophet, will unite apostate Christendom as a tool of his atheistic state. True Christians are in the minority, but they will win out. For encouragement read Daniel 7:18, 27.

I Should Like To Know

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years old, I feel a sort of obligation to society to call the white-coat boys to come and get the individual. Paul calls such "science," "science falsely so called." (I Timothy 6:20). The Word of God says that God made man and that it was done about six thousand years ago. Anyone who does not believe the Word of God is a fool. (Luke 24:25).

7. Recently a Baptist preacher (?) gave me a copy of HERALD OF HIS COMING. In return, I gave him a copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In the "Herald" was an appeal for workers, so I applied. When I received a questionnaire, I also received some tracts. The theme of one was "praying through," so at the bottom, I asked the brother if he believed in it. He was kind enough to answer, and I send it forthwith to you. I don't think a Baptist would have any place in that organization, do you?

I used to get this paper, but I became so disgusted with its Arminianism and a volley of other heresies that I quit taking it. It is somewhat of a "Holy Roller" paper and propagates similar heresies, although it is not as fanatical as some of the extremists of that sect. I believe that many of the writers of this paper are saved, but they are very definitely in error on many doctrines.

GOD'S PURPOSE SURE

A late eminent person used frequently to say, that "Every faithful minister is immortal until his work is done." And it may as truly be asserted of every elect sinner, that he is immortal until he is born again. It is impossible that any of God's people should die in their sins: for whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and Christ's sheep must be brought home to Him in regeneration.—Toplady.

they can, but are limited in their finances.

This is definitely a full time work for me, and the church voted after my ordination, to pay me fifty dollars a week. At that time there was enough coming in to allow this action. However the church could not continue to do so, and I have had to work out part time in order to keep things going. We believe we can be self-supporting and hope to start another work within a year's time, as we have hopes of several more men joining the church soon. We pray that the Lord will lay it on the hearts of sister churches to help keep this work going that we may continue to proclaim the truth in this area.

In the Master's Service
—ELDER A. S. ASPINALL