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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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## SATAN'S FALSE TEACHING CONCERNING BAPTISM

by ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

The Bible's teaching concerning baptism is very simple, clear and plain, and can be readily understood by anybody who does not approach the Scriptures with a mind already full of error and prejudices. Despite the plainness of the Scriptures, however, there are all sorts of errors taught concerning baptism. Let us consider some of these briefly:

1. There are those who ignore baptism completely. Some groups, seeing the undue emphasis placed on baptism by some others, have decided to eliminate baptism en-

tirely. It is our understanding that the Quakers do this. The Salvation Army leaves off baptism. Of course the Salvation Army is not a church, but it functions practically as a church, leaving off the ordinances.

2. The Ultra-Dispensationalists eliminate water baptism. They hold that Matthew, for instance, was written for the Jews, hence does not apply to Gentile Christians of the "Church Age" as they call it. The "one baptism" of Ephesians 4 they interpret as Holy Spirit baptism. We know one minister who became thoroughly committed to the Universal Invis-

ible Church theory, and he repudiated water baptism entirely. The answer to that attitude is to be found in the Great Commission of Matthew 22:18-20. Examination will reveal that that Commission was given to Christ's church (not to the disciples as mere individuals). It was given as permanent orders for this whole age. This is made plain by Christ's promise, "Lo, I am with you alway even unto the consummation of the age." His outlook was age-long, and the command is to baptize the saved.

3. Some groups make a saving (Continued on page eight)

## Great Bible Messages Coming In TBE - You Won't Want To Miss Them

### The Cold Dismal "Faith" Of The Proud Modernist

The modernist has no pre-existent Christ, no God clothed in flesh, no suffering Saviour, no risen Lord, no coming King.

The modernist has no scheme of redemption for sinners, no repentance, no forgiveness for sins, no cleansing by the blood, no defined hope of life eternal.

The modernist has no revelation, no "thus saith the Lord," no satisfactory answer to life's three greatest questions: Whence did I come? Why am I here? Where am I going?

The modernist frankly declares his disbelief in the miraculous and in the diety of Christ.

The modernist assumes an air that God must be corrected and brought down to date—thinks of God as millenniums of years behind the times.

The modernist teaches Christian experience as an illusion; denies the verbal inspiration of the Bible, but lives on the free bounty of its orthodoxy every day.

The modernist will not stand on his own platform, with his own crowd, talk under his own flag, nor pay his own bills, but

preaches religious tolerance, sits on the fence, watches the fight and leaves the contestants to pay the bills.

The modernist appropriates the name of Christ to propagate his false teachings; is an infidel in the pulpit where Paine and Ingersoll were infidels out of it.

The modernist likes to appear incognito—in disguise.

The modernist's conclusions are illogical, absurd, and opposed to common sense and reason.

The modernist visualizes a universal brotherhood of man without the new birth and Fatherhood of God.

The modernist advocates an ancient fraud as a modern light.

The modernist revolts against a blood-offering for salvation from sins, in the same spirit shown by his brother Cain when he slew Abel for making the first blood-offering.

The modernist typifies those who crucified THE CHRIST.

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Tremendous spiritual blessings are in store for the readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in the closing weeks of 1956 and the coming weeks of 1957, if our Lord tarries His second coming! Great Bible messages, sermons, and articles written by humble, powerful, mightily used men of God, some living, some now with their Lord, are scheduled to be published in TBE. Many of these messages are already set in type, ready to go to press; others are prepared, ready to be set in type; and much more material is on hand, being edited, typed, and getting the "final touch" before being published.

We are contemplating another year of strong, Scriptural, spiritual, and soul-saving, edifying (Continued on page two)

### Election Is Not Based On The Faith That Man Has

By H. O. Van Gilder

So far from faith being, as some maintain, a cause of election, it is seen to be set forth in Scripture as a fruit of election.

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved); and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:4-9.

"For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for his sake."—Phil. 1:29.

In I Thessalonians 1:4, 5 Paul says, "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance." And this was the proof that they were of the elect, the fact that the Gospel came not "in word only, but also in power," and they were not as others of

whom it is written that "the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard."

With the statement quoted above from I Thess. 1:4, 5, it is interesting and instructive to compare Acts 13:48, "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the Word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Spurgeon's comment on this text is worth quoting: "Attempts have been made," said he, "to prove that these words do not teach predestination, but these attempts so clearly do violence to language that I shall not waste time in answering them. I read, 'As many as were ordained to eternal life believed,' and I shall not twist the text, but shall glorify the grace of God by ascribing to that grace the faith of every believer."

Another striking text bearing upon this is found in the tenth chapter of John's Gospel. Christ says to some of the unbelieving Jews: "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as (Continued on page eight)

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#### MORE JOHN R. RICE HERESY

"It is clear, surely, from the above teaching of the Scriptures, that no denomination has a right to call itself 'the church which Jesus founded.' Jesus did not found a denomination. He founded His own body, the household of God. He did not found a denomination, neither Catholic, nor 'Church of Christ,' NOR BAPTIST, nor any other." (October 26, 1956, "The Sword Of The Lord.")

#### Our comment:

If you want to get the truth about the church question, if you want the real facts, the truly Scriptural teaching on the church; if you want to read books which set forth the strongest body blows ever given to the universal invisible church heretics' position, then order the following books:

The Church That Jesus Built by Roy Mason, \$1.00

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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "THE BOOK OF REVELATION"

Revelation 6 and 7

As we study through the book of Revelation, we find that the second and third chapters have to do with the church period. In other words, all we find in the second and third chapters has to do with the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then chapters four and five tell us about those who are saved during the church era. After reading Revelation 2 and 3, one is inclined to be discouraged and to think that, in all probability, there

will be no gospel results and that nobody will be saved.

However, beloved, it is interesting always to me to notice that all of God's elect are going to be saved. Listen:

"ALL that the Father giveth me shall come to me."—John 6:37.

There isn't any doubt about it, beloved, they are all going to be saved. So in spite of the discouraging aspect that is presented to us in Revelation 2 and 3 concerning the churches, Revelation

4 and 5 shows us that there will be gospel results, and that there will be a multitude of individuals who will be saved.

Now when we come to the 6th chapter of Revelation, we begin the study of the tribulation period. The tribulation period is that period of seven years that comes between the rapture and the revelation. In other words, the tribulation begins with the rapture of the saints into the sky, and it ends with the revelation of Jesus (Continued on page two)

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## "Here's One—Where Are The Nine?"

One of the most challenging records in the Bible is given in the seventeenth chapter of Luke, verses eleven through eighteen. It is the account of Jesus' cleansing of the ten lepers. Of the ten that were cleansed by the power of God, only one returned to give thanks to the Lord Jesus.

Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

Oh, how many of us, like the nine lepers, fail to give thanks to God for His blessings upon us. How we so often fail to thank Him for His manifold goodness to us! How we fail to do His work, though He has not spared His only Son.

May we not ask of many of the readers of this the Lord's paper, "Where are the nine?" Of those that are blessed by THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, how many will show their appreciation this Thanksgiving?

Often, as the burdens of publishing this paper press sore upon us, we wonder, "where are the nine?" May God grant that you, like this one leper, will express your appreciation for the work of the Lord.

### TRACT ON SO-CALLED "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES"

The article entitled, "Jehovah's Bible versus So-called Jehovah's Witnesses," by Bob L. Ross is available in tract form for distribution.

We announced this on the back page of the same issue in which the article was published, but several have indicated by their letters that many overlooked the notice.

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Evolution

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When you order these tracts, please, if possible, enclose an offering to pay cost of paper, printing, packaging, and postage.

### Great Messages

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weekly publications of TBE. Much truth not preached in the modern-day, compromising, Arminian, modernistic, program-pushing, unionizing pulpit, will be brought to light by way of TBE. Many souls caught in the chains of heresy, false doctrine, and false churches will be sought after and liberated by the crushing, convicting, enlightening "Word of Truth" that will go forth through TBE. Souls that are lost, bound by sin, will be set free by the glorious light of the gospel of Christ that will reach them through TBE.

You can't afford to miss a single issue; you can't afford to fail to send in subscriptions for others; you can't afford to fail to do your part in helping to spread the Word of God that will be expounded within TBE's pages the coming year.

Here are just a few of the powerful messages that will appear in TBE from week to week:

"The Holy Spirit's Work in Salvation" by Arthur W. Pink

"Safety First" by J. M. Carroll (on Security).

"Why Are We Saved By Faith?" by C. H. Spurgeon.

"Righteousness For The Uprighteous" by C. D. Cole.

"Was Peter The First Bishop of Rome," ably handled by Pastor Nile Fisher.

"James Arminius, The Champion of Arminianism" by George S. Bishop.

"Denominationalism Put To The Test," by S. E. Tull.

"Should Women Speak In Mixed Assemblies" by John A. Broadus.

"Religion And Prisons," written for TBE by a converted inmate, John McRell.

"Sovereign Grace" by James Payne (of Great Britain).

"The Origin of Baptist Churches" by W. A. Criswell

"The Christian And Secret Societies" by W. P. Loveless

"The Family, Kingdom, and Church of God Differentiated" by H. Boyce Taylor, Sr.

"Refutation Of The Campbellite Claim As To Their Name" by J. R. Graves.

"The Church-Branch Theory" by J. W. Porter.

"The Devil's Mission of Amusement In The Churches" by Archibald Brown.

"Why I Am A Baptist And Not A Roman Catholic" by W. M. Nevins.

"Why Is It Wrong To Observe Christmas" by John R. Gilpin.

"Water Baptism" by Frank B. Beck.

"The Christian Warfare" by Robert M. McChesney.

"Segregation" by Wayne Cox.

"The Worship Of Mary" by J. B. Rowell.

"The Final Authority: Bible or Church" by V. C. Kruschwitz.

"The Perseverance of the Saints" by A. L. Pettie.

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Mr. Bob L. Ross  
Russell  
Kentucky

Dear Mr. Ross:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter which came earlier this month. I have been very busy in connection with the closing exercises for the Seminary and I have been out of the city part of the time.

As to the report which has come to you that I have joined the Congregationalists, let me explain. When our son was a little boy we moved to Pasadena and were unfamiliar with the fundamental churches. We knew Dr. Henry Hutchins well, and knew that he was very clear cut in his preaching of the truth and we placed our membership in his church which, incidentally, was a Congregational church. Since my radio ministry has made it impossible for me to attend a church service I do not take an active part there, and I still am an ordained Baptist minister.

Sincerely yours in Him,

Charles E. Fuller

Director

CEP/fw

For a long time, I had wondered of what church Charles E. Fuller was a member. I was under the impression that he was a Presbyterian. Then I heard that he was a Southern Baptist. And not long ago, I was told that he

had just recently joined the Congregationalists. So I decided to write to Mr. Fuller to find out.

Mr. Fuller gets much of his support from Baptists who think that he is sound in the faith. But the above letter reveals that he

is not at all sound in the faith and that he is anything but a Baptist. He has repudiated his ordination by his act of joining the Congregationalists. Fuller's action truly reveals what he thinks of Baptists.

—BOB L. ROSS.

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Verses 1 and 2:

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer."

This comes as a result of the opening of the first seal. In other words, when the first seal is opened, the first thing John saw was a white horse with an individual upon that horse, with a bow in his hand. A crown was given to him and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

Let me say, first of all, this does not represent the Lord Jesus Christ. There are lots of commentators who say that it does. In contrast, if you will read the 19th chapter of Revelation, you will find a picture of the Lord Jesus, for we read:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make

war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written that no man knew, but he himself.

"And he was clothed with a vesture, dipped in blood; and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean."

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, and with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." — Rev. 19:11-16.

Now, beloved, that's the Lord Jesus Christ. You will notice that He comes riding on a white horse. The individual we read about in Revelation 6:1, 2 is not the Lord Jesus, but he is the Anti-Christ—he is the imitation Christ; therefore, beloved, he comes riding on a white horse, which is exactly in imitation of the Lord Jesus Christ who eventually comes riding on a white horse. He comes to counterfeits and imitate and mimic the work of God, and thus he even imitates the Lord Jesus Christ riding on a white horse.

I might say in passing that the Devil has always sought to imitate the work of God. Go back to the Old Testament when the Jews were in Egyptian bondage, and when Moses threw down his shepherd staff upon the ground and it turned into a serpent, the magicians threw their shepherd staffs down and they, likewise, turned into snakes. When Moses turned the water into blood, and when he caused the plague of frogs to come up over all the land, the magicians did likewise with their enchantments.

I say to you tonight, beloved, the Devil has always tried to imitate God. Go back to the early days of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. You will remember

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### "The Book Of Revelation"

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Christ, when He comes back to this world. The tribulation period, in the Old Testament, is called primarily a time of "Jacob's trouble," meaning that it is particularly a time of difficulty for the Jews. While, beloved, the Jew is the primary sufferer, also, all Gentiles living within the world shall pass through this same period that we know as the tribulation period.

As I say, this 6th chapter is the beginning of the tribulation period.



## "The Book Of Revelation"

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that Jesus established a Baptist Church, and then when the Devil couldn't destroy it, and certainly he did his best to do so, but when he could not do so, then he decided to build one in opposition. Beloved, Catholicism and all the Protestant churches which have come out of Catholicism, are nothing else but imitations the Devil has given of the true, genuine article that Jesus established in the days of His flesh.

You might notice, also, beloved, that our Lord gave to us some great doctrines, not only when He was here in the world, but after He left the world, through the Holy Spirit, He gave marvelous truths through the sacred writers of the epistles. However, beloved, the Devil has given to the world false doctrines in opposition. Listen:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and DOCTRINES OF DEVILS."—1 Tim. 4:1.

Not every teaching that is promulgated from the pulpit is the teaching of the Lord. Some of it, in fact, much of it, is of the Devil—it is the Devil's imitation of the Lord's perfect doctrines.

I say then, beloved, that just as the Devil has worked all down through the ages in imitating and aping and counterfeiting the work of the Lord, so in these first two verses of Revelation 6, we have the Devil's counterfeit Christ—his imitation Christ, or one we choose to call the Anti-Christ.

You will notice his is going to

be a peaceful conquest when he comes, for it says that he comes with a bow in his hand. We don't think of a bow being a formidable weapon. Ordinarily, we think of a bow as a child's toy, and when the Anti-Christ comes, he doesn't come with cannonade and with bursting of shrapnel and shell; he does not come with atomic and supersonic guided missiles; he doesn't come with all the array of war the nations know today; instead, he comes to take over in a manner that is an indication of peace itself—thus covering his real intentions.

Listen to me tonight, the world is ripe for the Anti-Christ to come, and I'll tell you why: We have had wars and rumors of wars, and more rumors of wars, and still more wars. H. G. Wells, the infidel historian of England, says that in six thousand years of earth's history, we have had only 226 years of peace. And now the world is sick of war, and some of these days, an individual will come who is going to espouse the philosophy of Wendell Willkie, of "One World," and everybody will fall for his philosophy. The world would like to see that individual tonight. The nations of the world are bankrupt. There isn't a nation on the top side of earth tonight but what is bankrupt. There isn't a nation that could pay 10% of its indebtedness tonight, and nobody seems to know the way out. I tell you, beloved, there isn't a king, nor a prince, nor a president, nor a dictator, nor a statesman, nor a politician living tonight who can tell us the way out of the difficulties which we are in at the present time. Yet some of these days, (Continued on page-six)

## THE BAPTIST EXAMINER MEANS MUCH TO THESE TEXANS



MRS. J. B. ROZELL



MRS. ROZELL'S MOTHER



JOSEPH BRANCH

Pictured above are three wonderful Christian friends from Texas, Mrs. J. B. Rozell, Joseph Branch, her nephew (just recently saved), and Mrs. Rozell's mother. Mrs. Rozell has only been saved eight years, after having been an unsaved Sunday School teacher in a Methodist church for 25 years. Since her conversion she has had the joy of seeing many of her family profess faith in the Lord Jesus, and her mother submit to Baptist baptism.

Mrs. Rozell says:

"I am one of your subscribers to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, which I thoroughly enjoy each week. I haven't taken the paper very long, but I can truly say it is by far the best, most Scriptural

Christian paper that I have ever taken, and I now take ten different ones (all Baptist). I want you to know this for it thrills my very soul, but my mother read some of my BAPTIST EXAMINERS and was convinced after reading them, and the Bible along with them, that she was a Baptist, after being in a Methodist Church and in a Cumberland Presbyterian Church since she was thirteen years old, and she is now seventy-one years of age. I had the privilege of seeing my pastor, Bro. W. H. Fisher, of Lufkin, Texas, baptize her on March 20 of this year. So you see she has been saved 58

years and now sees that the Bible makes Baptists out of saved people if they have proper instructions. Thank you for this wonderful paper that makes us see and know the truth as it is in the Bible.

"I am an Independent Baptist myself and am happy to be saved, after being a lost Sunday School teacher for 25 years in a Methodist Church. I am a Baptist by conviction, and now I love your paper because it is the truth as the Bible teaches us, and not some man-made religion. I've found the truth and I love it."

Well, may the Lord richly bless Mrs. Rozell, her mother, and Joseph as they daily serve the Lord.

## From Out Of The Mail Bag And Into Our P. O. Box

### PREACHED ELECTION FOR 40 YEARS

Dear Brother:  
Just a few words to tell you how much I enjoyed the issue of THE EXAMINER containing the excerpts from men who have in the main, gone home, but who have left behind them the testimony concerning GRACE in the election and predestination of every person saved.

I have been preaching this for more than 40 years, and find in it the manifest truth—given in impossible-to-misunderstand language. It does not meet the approval of many who are exceedingly weak in the doctrines of Sovereign Grace. Much criticism is heaped upon the heads of those who believe the Bible and the emphatic declarations concerning the everlasting truth of our God's ETERNAL CHOICE and His own CALLING and SAVING the "Godly seed." (Mal. 2: et al.)

My church is small in numbers, but faithful in the doctrine of the Saviour. As I write, may I ask: Is there a faithful orthodox church in the city of Omaha, Nebraska, so far as you know? A young lady member of my church plans to marry shortly, and will live in that city. She wants to find a church completely separated from Conventionism. If you know of such a church, will you be kind enough to send me the address of pastor or of the clerk, or other member, who might be contacted.

I greatly enjoy reading THE EXAMINER! Pray for me personally and for my people.  
Yours in the Faith of the Saviour,  
B. O. HARRELL, Texas.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If any of our readers know of a sound church in Omaha, please let me know, and I will notify Brother Harrell.

### READS EVERY WORD OF TBE

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I sent you \$1.00 last week and trust that you got it. Am sending \$1.00 in this letter. Place 50 cents where you need it and for the other send one year's subscription to TBE to Bro. J. C. Magouirk, Louisiana. Bro. Magouirk is a deacon, not a preacher. He is an elderly man, and a man told me that he practically built the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of which he is a deacon now. Once I talked to Bro. Magouirk, and he told me that he did not believe in any conventions or associations and that the church would not belong to any while he was there. A man told me that the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is now without a pastor, and that a preacher of the American Baptist Association is now filling the pulpit for them until they can find an independent preacher. That was last week. I am not personally acquainted with this brother deacon; I met him while visiting a sick man. I mention this because I thought that via THE BAPTIST EXAMINER they may learn about and contact some preacher for a pastor. May the Lord bless TBE to Bro. Magouirk.

I met a brother at the church where I am a member, last Sunday, and he was taking subscriptions for TBE. He tried to subscribe me. I told him I took it. He said it was the best paper he ever read. I agreed with him. I will send more soon.

I never knew the doctrine of election before I got in touch with you. I don't know why it was never taught or preached in this part of the country. I have attended most all the Baptist churches off and on. I am so glad I got my eyes open. Thank you for you and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. You are doing a mighty work. May God raise up His people far and wide to uphold and support you in His work. I read every word in it each week. I learn something new all along. I am studying the Revela-

tion and following your exposition each week. Let the false prophets howl, let heresy roar, let all enemies oppose you who may. You are like old John the Baptist; keep up the work. You're God's man; you are with His Word, the Bible. God ever bless and keep you.  
A Faithful Louisiana Reader

### FROM A SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION PASTOR

Dear Sir:  
Enclosed is a check for a 2-year renewal to your paper, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

May I say that although I do not agree with everything which you print, especially in regard to our Convention, I still respect your right to say it and want to keep informed as I think some of your articles dealing with the doctrines of the Bible are among the best that I have ever read.

The column "I Should Like To Know," is especially helpful in regard to the most questions which are posed. Let me add this word of commendation. I think you will gain many friends by your note in the issue of October 6, "Please Brethren." This certainly exemplifies the Christ-like spirit of receiving criticism.

My father and I converse very frequently over the articles which appear in your weekly.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter and the prayers of you and yours there in the office and church are very earnestly sought for the work of our church here.

E. H.—Kentucky.

### STANDS FOR THE OLD FAITH

Dear Bro. in Christ:  
It is once again a real joy to be dropping you a line. God bless you very much! I again thank God for your ministry. How it really blesses my heart.

Well, I am not a unionist, a decisionist, a universal church-ist, or anything they teach here. When God has called you and set you free, you just do not change. Amen!

I look forward from week to week to receiving your paper. There is none like it. I really praise God for it. I know it is the "minority voice" of today, but the man of God is always in the minority. At first I could not understand why God had sent me here. I still do not understand it all. But God is using me to present the "Gospel of Grace." Amen! I get them on the run sometimes. They still can't answer how a dead man in sin is going to say "yes" to Christ before he has been quickened by the Holy Spirit. Never will they. Pray for me!

Bro. Gilpin, I will say this. If they don't believe in election, and that Baptist churches are the only ones, they had better throw away half the books in their library. Amen! There is just too much and too many things for what they believe. I can see but one thing, and that is, they have left what our fathers believed.

I would request your prayers for me here. I only want to stay until God leads me away. I was signed up, had paid some money and all, before God showed me the truth. I might say TBE was used greatly (to say it lightly) by Him in helping me.

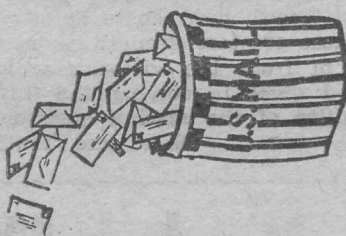
I just felt led to send a word of encouragement. Please remember me in your prayers.

Elected in Him and made a Baptist by Him!

CLETUS R. SNYDER—Indiana.

### FROM RECENT VISITORS

Dear Bro. Gilpin:  
Just a line to let you know that we ar-



rived home safe. We had a wonderful vacation and feel that our meeting you and seeing the printshop was one of the highlights of our trip.

We feel that you are doing a wonderful work through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, for which is enclosed \$20.00.

Keep up the good work and may God bless you.

RONNIE AND CONNIE McTAGGART, Florida.

### WHERE IS THE MAN?

Dear Mr. Gilpin:

When I took up weight lifting about 10 years ago, all I could hear about was the muscle-bound man or the man who used weights and his muscles looked up, drew tight, or got too big to allow free movement. Over the years, I have looked for a muscle-bound man. A national magazine has offered \$1000 reward for one. But still, no muscle-bound man has been found. I still have people who will warn me against being muscle-bound when they hear I lift weights.

This thought has occurred to me: Ever since "free-will" has been taught, there has been a man who has been dealt with the Spirit and, turning the Spirit away, (may I inject Isaiah 40:13) has become eternally lost because he has "rejected the Spirit too long." If somebody will show me a living man who has been dealt with concerning his soul by the Spirit that failed to be saved, I will gladly relinquish my search for a muscle-bound man and give him my utmost attention.

BOBBY MACK—Alabama.

### FROM A SAILOR LAD

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I received THE BAPTIST EXAMINER this evening and was glad to get it. In it I read the item about a sailor stationed on the U. S. S. Kidd. I, being drafted into the Navy, know about some of the things that go on. I am now at the Mediterranean Sea and scheduled to be here for about five or six months.

There is some kind of Protestant preacher and Catholic priest aboard, but very few people attend even their services.

To show some of the things that go on! There is vulgar language almost every time anyone opens his mouth. On one ship that was here, it was reported that one out of every five got disease, so many that they ran out of penicillin. My ship is some stricter on drinking now. Some won't go ashore because they know that they will get in trouble.

I have had people tell me when I told them I don't drink that I would drink and be just like any other sailor when I came back from here. But I know that God is able to keep me wherever I am.

A brother,

ROBERT J. BOURN—U. S. Navy.

### "IT FEEDS MY HUNGRY SOUL"

Dear Brother Gilpin:  
Enclosed is small donation—use as needed. Seems little to do and hardly worth

sending—but perhaps enough of them will help you bear your burdens from time to time.

Would love to do more but our S. S. checks only take care of about half of our current expenses and we have to dig into our little savings for balance, and having no children we naturally have to be very careful. Don't ever want to be a burden on anyone—you know what I mean.

How I do love and appreciate THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. It feeds my hungry soul each week. So many meaty articles and your sermons are wonderfully inspiring, revealing. I pray they do countless thousands as much good as they do me and even more, for being reared in a Christian home and not only that but a strict Baptist home, I have long understood and known of the unbiblical and evil teachings and practices of these counterfeit, man-made, so-called churches. And instead of condemning and censuring their constituents too severely I pity them; it's the leaders I condemn. Many know better or could know better. I think, if the devil didn't have his "blind-bridge" on them. The Book says, "Many are wilfully ignorant" and I verily believe it's true. And I imagine many do not care to know the Truth because they would not want to break rank with friends and loved ones. But surely many, who really know the Lord in the free pardon of their sins, would "come out of her" and are making the change by being enlightened by the wonderful TBE articles. So may it live long to examine and enlighten those who are really His, and groping (by birth and environment) in utter darkness.

He promises to "guide into all truth" and I feel He is accomplishing this through you and your writers. And I feel you and they will be rewarded in that day for your faithfulness.

May you and yours experience great joy each day in His service in His name. I know you and your family are all helping in this great work, and I pray you may be given all health and strength necessary to continue the publication of this great paper.

Sincerely,  
MRS. THAD GRIFFITHS—Tennessee

### HUNGRY FOR MORE TRUTH

Dear Brother Gilpin:  
I am enclosing my check in the amount of \$10.00.

\$5.00 to be used as needed in your work. \$5.00 as part payment on John Gill Commentary, leaving a balance of \$25.00.

I really like the Commentary. After I decided to get a commentary I looked at several and this one is the best that I have seen. The printing isn't as good as others that I looked at, but it is more sound.

I made a list a few days ago on books that I would like to own. Everyone of them is from the list I got from you. They total over \$100.00. I would sure like to have them, but at present I am unable to get them.

Do you know an E. J. Daniels of Florida?

I heard him preach a few months ago and his sermon was based on Proverbs 29:1. He said a man could resist the Holy Spirit so long and then he would never have a chance to be saved no matter how much he wanted to be saved. I purchased one of his books with that sermon in it.

I didn't believe it so I started searching deeper to strengthen my convictions. Your paper was a wonderful help. I studied the Doctrine of Election by C. D. Cole, T. P. Simmons and C. H. Spurgeon.

Until that time I believed in election but I didn't realize what a wonderful doctrine it is.

I didn't want to go quite far enough. I hesitated between the fact of God's own will and pleasure and the idea that He

foreknew those who would accept Him and therefore elected them.

Thank God, I now see the truth.

That God elected before the foundation of the world according to the good pleasure of His will.

The commentaries on Romans and John, Sovereignty of God, The Doctrines of Grace, and a host of others are among the books I want most.

I thank God for your paper that has helped me so much in the past few years.

I find each day some wonderful truths that I probably would never have known without reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Brother Gilpin, please pray for me and my family.

If you are ever in Owensboro, please look me up.

Yours in His service,

FLOYD WILLIAMSON.

### LOVES THE OLD FAITH

Dear Brother Gilpin:

The paper must not stop. Ways to keep it like it is:

1. No LIFE subscriptions for sending money to help on press like I did and got LIFE.

2. Keep on with 50c, and if people want to send \$1.00 subscription, then O. K. If God wants it at 50c, then keep it at 50c.

3. Very last resort: Every two weeks, but don't think of it. Do change to two weeks before changing paper. It is very well balanced. Keep all doctrines coming, never get old. One way to ruin the paper for people that love the truth is to cut down and compromise Christian and church (local) doctrines, and substitute church news or a newspaper. Keep it God's, containing the Lord's Word. You can't improve it in only one way: Keep it just the same week after week, God's paper. What you print each week is hated, and some doctrines are called damnable doctrines by self-called Baptist preachers.

I can't see why so-called Baptists won't take the Bible and follow its teaching and pattern. But remember a lot of those kind of people are not born-again. A lot of Baptists are in hell.

The Lord bless you with your work.

BILL LOWE—Missouri

### LOVES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I have been receiving your paper now for about three or four months and enjoy it very much because it is one of the very few papers in print today which defends the sovereignty of God.

The Lord has seen fit to entrust me with the belief of this great truth and I welcome any new reading material on such subjects. I enjoy especially the articles by Arthur W. Pink because I have a number of his books.

I am enclosing five (\$5) dollars for which I would like for you to send me a copy of T. P. Simmons' book "A Systematic Study of Bible Doctrine." With the remaining \$1.00 I would like for you to send me THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for two years. You may send the book postage collect.

If you have other books by T. P. Simmons or any by C. D. Cole I wonder if you would send me a list of them.

Thanking the Lord for showing mercy to such a one as I, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

ROBERT A. COX, JR.—North Carolina.

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God never begins at a man's fingers' ends to save him but with his heart.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."—Ecc. 12:1

# Baptist Youth Witness

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

## The Sovereignty Of God In Creation

By Arthur W. Pink

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power: for Thou hast created all things and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."—Rev. 4:11.

In the great expanse of eternity, which stretches behind Genesis 1:1, the universe was unborn and creation existed only in the mind of the great Creator. In His sovereign majesty God dwelt all alone. We refer to that far distant period before the heavens and the earth were created. There were then no angels to hymn God's praises, no creatures to occupy His notice, no rebels to be brought to subjection. The great God was all alone amid the awful silence of His own vast universe. But even at that time, if time it could be called, God was sovereign. He might create or not create according to His own good pleasure. He might create this way or that way; He might create one world or one million worlds, and who was there to resist His will? He might call into existence a million different creatures, and place them on absolute equality, endowing them with the same faculties and placing them in the same environment; or, He might create a million creatures each differing from the others, and possessing nothing in common save their creaturehood, and

who was there to challenge His right? If He is so pleased, He might call into existence a world so immense that its dimensions were utterly beyond finite computation; and were He so disposed, He might create an organism so small that nothing but the most powerful microscope could reveal its existence to human eyes. It was His sovereign right to create, on the one hand, the exalted seraphim to burn around His throne, and on the other hand, the tiny insect which dies the same hour that it is born. If the mighty God chose to have one vast graduation in His universe, from the loftiest seraph to creeping reptile, from revolving worlds to floating atoms, from macrocosm to microcosm, instead of making everything uniform, who was there to question His sovereign pleasure?

Behold then the exercise of Divine sovereignty long before man ever saw the light. With whom took God counsel in the creation and disposition of His creatures? See the birds as they fly through the air, the beasts as they roam the earth, the fishes as they swim in the sea, and then ask, Who was it that made them to differ? Was it not their Creator who sovereignly assigned their various locations and adaptations to them!

### The Heavens

Turn your eye to the heavens and observe mysteries of Divine sovereignty which there confront the thoughtful beholder: "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star

### JESUS FIRST

But every young man who gets tangled in the perplexities of the yielded life and the mating question, is not defeated. We know of many happy victories. A certain earnest young man, a graduate of a Bible Institute, was led of God to go to Africa. The young woman to whom he was engaged said, "I've been carefully thinking it over and have decided that you will have to take your pick between Africa and me. I won't go to Africa." He loved her with an overwhelming devotion. Her announcement almost crazed him and rendered him incapable of decision. He walked the streets all night, but when morning light came his mind was calm and resolute. He went to Africa alone. It was a case of "Jesus first" with him. There are some whose greatest strength comes to them from the victories which God gives in solving the difficulties of the mating question. —News and Truths

differeth from another star in glory" (I Cor. 15:41). But why should they? Why should the sun be more glorious than all the other planets? Why should there be stars of the first magnitude and others of the tenth? Why such amazing inequalities? Why should some of the heavenly bodies be more favorably placed than others in their relation to the sun? And why should there be "shooting stars," falling stars, "wandering stars" (Jude 13), in a word, ruined stars? And the only possible answer is, "For Thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev. 4:11).

### The Earth

Come now to our own planet. Why should two-thirds of its surface be covered with water, and why should so much of its remaining third be unfit for human cultivation or habitation? Why should there be vast stretches of marshes, deserts and icefields? Why should one country be so inferior, topographically, from another? Why should one be fertile, and another almost barren? Why should one be rich in minerals and another own none? Why should the climate of one be congenial and healthy, and another uncongenial and unhealthy? Why should one abound in rivers and lakes, and another be almost devoid of them? Why should one

be constantly troubled with earthquakes, and another be almost entirely free from them? Why? Because thus it pleased the Creator and Upholder of all things.

### Animals

Look at the animal kingdom and note the wondrous variety. What comparison is possible between the lion and the lamb, the bear and the kid, the elephant and the mouse? Some, like the horse and the dog, are gifted with great intelligence; while others, like sheep and swine, are almost devoid of it. Why? Some are designed to be beasts of burden, while others enjoy a life of freedom. But why should the mule and the donkey be shackled to a life of drudgery, while the lion and tiger are allowed to roam the jungle at their pleasure? Some are fit for food, others unfit; some are beautiful, others ugly; some are endowed with great strength, others are quite helpless; some are fleet of foot, others can scarcely crawl—contrast the hare and the tortoise; some are of use to man, others appear to be quite valueless; some live for centuries, others a few months at most; some are tame, others fierce. But why all these variations and differences?

### Vegetable Kingdom

What is true of the animals is (Continued on next page)

## Needed: Men And Women Of Prayer

By E. M. Bounds

We are constantly striving to devise new methods, new plans, and new organizations to advance the church and secure enlargement and efficiency for the Gospel. This trend of the day has a tendency to lose sight of the man, or sink man into the plan of organization. God's plan is to make much of man—far more of him than anything else. Men are God's method. The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men.

What the church needs today is not more machinery, not new organization, not more novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer. The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer.

Talking to men for God is a great thing, but talking to God for men is greater still. He will never talk well and with real success to men for God who has not learned well how to talk to God for men.

It is necessary to iterate and reiterate the fact that prayer, as a mere habit, as a performance gone through by routine, or in a professional way, is a dead and rotten thing. Such praying has no connection with the praying for which we plead. We are stressing true praying, which changes and sets on fire every high element of the preacher's being—prayer which is born of vital oneness with Christ and the fullness of the Holy Ghost, which springs from the deep, overflowing fountains of tender compassion, deathless solicitude of man's eternal

good, a consuming zeal for the glory of God, a thorough conviction of the preacher's difficult and delicate work and of the imperative need of God's mightiest help.

It is prayer-force which makes saints. Holy characters are formed

by the power of real praying. The more of true saints, the more of praying; the more of praying, the more of true saints.

More time and early hours for prayer would act like magic to (Continued on next page)



MANY HAVE NEVER HEARD

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15

## Our Bible Study

### STUDIES IN GALATIANS

By A. M. Overton  
(Now in Glory)

#### CHAPTER VI

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."—Vs. 14.

Few statements in all of God's Word are more expressive of real spiritual power and devotion than are these. It is so easy for us to glory in earthly things. It is so easy, pleasant, and humanly desirable for us to be proud of what we have, have done, or can do of ourselves. But, the Apostle Paul—as thoroughly human as any of us—had learned so well the revealed truth of the Lord Jesus Christ and had walked so closely by His side in obedience to the Holy Spirit's leadings, that he could truthfully say, "God forbid that I should glory, save (or, except) in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The cross in which he gloried was not merely a wooden crucifix to be worn or fingered. It represented the glorious Person and perfect work of the crucified Son of God.

It is very common to hear preachers—and church members, too—bragging about themselves, their families, where they have been, what they have seen, how many they (the preachers) have baptized, etc., etc. None of

us have anything, are anything, or have done anything to brag about. And how foolish, how utterly out of place is any glorying on our own behalf when we have the inexpressible and inexhaustible glory of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and all of His wonderful works of love and grace in which to glory, and about which to brag. But, the flesh likes to brag about the flesh, and there we have the explanation for what we commonly see and hear among us.

In the latter part of the above verse the apostle, by the Spirit, tells us how and why he could glory only in the cross of Jesus Christ. He recognizes the glorious truth that in Jesus Christ he is dead to the world and the world is dead to him. Such is provided for every believer, but most of us delight in, insist on holding on to, and walking around with the old dead Adam nature. This great and gracious truth is plainly set forth in Romans, 6th chapter, and there the way is pointed out to us to live "as those alive from the dead." It is to recognize and yield to the truth that we are dead to sin in the reckoning of God, that we should likewise reckon ourselves to be crucified in Him, risen in Him, and in Him let the world be dead to us, that we will find the source, motive, and enablement for the kind of life the Apostle Paul lived, and (Continued on next page)



# Some Comments As To Dancing

## BLISTERED FEET

"I blistered my feet dancing last night," said a young lady who was a professing Christian to an aged minister whom she knew and greatly admired. "By the way," she added, "what do you think about dancing?"

The minister, with Christly pathos in his voice, said, "Daughter, have you ever blistered your feet in the service of Christ?"

—Good News Broadcaster

## WHAT IT PAID ME

Does dancing pay? It paid me (says the girl in a rescue home, an unwanted baby on her arm) in heartaches worse than death. It paid me in the form of this harmless, unnamed baby, who must carry the shame of its unwed father and mother through life. It paid me by shutting all doors into decent society, all avenues that lead to a happy marriage and a useful life.—Selected

## A JUVENILE JUDGE SAYS:

I have sentenced hundreds of boys and girls to juvenile institutions for the social sin indulged in. When did it start? I ask. There is but one answer . . . at the dance hall. We met, and our moral restraints were soon broken down in public. Then it was easy to take the last step in a parked automobile by some dark roadside.—Selected

# For Little Children

## KING JOASH SINS AGAINST THE LORD

II Kings 12 and 11 Chronicles 24

Boys and girls, do you remember that last week we learned about little Joash that was made king when he was seven years old? Well, after Joash was crowned king, Jehoiada the priest talked with Joash and the people, and they all decided that they would get rid of the idols and images of the land of Judah, and that they would serve the Lord and be His people.

So the people broke down their idols and tore down their images. Then they came to the temple of the Lord and began to offer sacrifices unto Him, just as Moses many years ago had commanded them to do.

But boys and girls, there were still some wicked people who did not want to get rid of all of the idols. And so they kept a few and did not destroy all of them as Jehoiada the priest had commanded them to.

As the years passed by, little Joash reigned well and did all that was pleasing to the Lord, as long as Jehoiada was living. And when Joash was grown, he saw that the temple of the Lord needed to be repaired. It had not been repaired for several years, and old Athaliah and her wicked sons had not taken care of it at all. So repairs needed to be made.

So King Joash commanded that they make a chest and set it outside of the temple for people to give their money to, so that there would be money to repair the temple. So the chest was made and put outside of the temple, and the people put their money into it. Each day the Levites came and took the chest into the king's office and the money was emptied from the chest, and then they put the chest outside in front of the temple again.

Soon there was enough money, and the carpenters and masons came and worked on the temple of the Lord to repair it. They worked and worked and made it very beautiful. Jehoiada took some of the money and made some vessels for the temple to be used when they sacrificed unto the Lord.

So the repairs were finished, and the people came to the temple and there they worshipped the Lord with their sacrifices and were very happy.

But one day, Jehoiada the priest died. He was very old and had served the Lord faithfully. After he died, the princes of the land came to see King Joash and they flattered him and made him feel big. When these princes suggested that they worship a few idols, King Joash agreed with them and let them do it. Later Joash even killed Jehoiada's son when he came and told them that the Lord was angry with them for worshipping idols.

So the Lord became very angry with Joash because he was worshipping idols and because he had killed Jehoiada's son, Zechariah. And pretty soon, the Lord sent the Syrian army into the land of Judah and they defeated Judah, and the Lord delivered many of the people of Judah into the hands of the Syrians. So the land of Judah was defeated, and the Lord caused Joash's own servants to kill him.

Boys and girls, the Lord just won't stand sin. He won't stand murder, and He won't stand people who worship idols instead of worshipping Him.

How much better it is to serve the Lord with all our hearts and souls, trusting Him to lead and take care of us, than it is to serve something or someone other than Him! God's Word tells us:

**"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."**

all we can say is "Our God is in the heavens, he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased" (Psa. 115:3).

## Human Beings

If then we see the sovereignty of God displayed throughout all creation why should it be thought a strange thing if we behold it operating in the midst of the human family? Why should it be thought strange if to one God is pleased to give five talents and another only one? Why should it be thought strange if one is born with a robust constitution and another of the same parents is

frail and sickly? Why should it be thought strange if Abel is cut off in his prime, while Cain is suffered to live on for many years? Why should it be thought strange that some should be born black and others white; some be born idiots and others with high intellectual endowments; some be born constitutionally lethargic and others full of energy; some be born with a temperament that is selfish, fiery, egotistical, others who are naturally self-sacrificing, submissive and meek? Why should it be thought strange if some are qualified by nature to lead and rule, while others are only fitted to follow and serve? Heredity and environment cannot account for all these variations and inequalities. No; it is God who maketh one to differ from another. Why should He? "Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight" must be our reply.

Learn then this basic truth, that the Creator is absolute Sovereign, executing His own will, performing His own pleasure, and considering nought but His own glory. "The Lord hath made all things FOR HIMSELF" (Prov. 16:4). And had He not a perfect right to? Since God is God, who dare challenge His prerogative? To murmur against Him is rank rebellion. To question His ways is to impugn His wisdom. To criticize Him is sin of the deepest dye. Have we forgotten who He is? Behold, "All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. To whom then will ye liken God?" (Isa. 40:17, 18).

(Chapter II of Brother Pink's book, *The Sovereignty of God*, 320 pages, \$3.00. Order from this paper).

## Our Bible Study

(Continued from preceding page) for the type of selfless service he rendered to the Lord he loved.

**"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature (creation)"** — Vs. 15.

How plain it is in all the Word of God that the flesh, and all of its activities, is wholly valueless to get into Christ, or to remain in Him! And yet, so much of modern apostate religion is based altogether on the feelings, the works, and the values of the flesh. Here we hear the Lord say that **circumcision**, the initiatory rite to a religion of "living right," is without avail, without any worth whatever. The fact that one is circumcised, or uncircumcised, has absolutely nothing to do with his being in Christ Jesus. We are in Him by virtue of a **new creation**, which is the birth from above (John 3:3-7). And it is too self-evident to discuss that the one born never has anything to do with his birth. This principle is just as true in the matter of spiritual life as it is in the physical.

## Prayer

(Continued from preceding page) revive and invigorate many a decayed spiritual life. More time and early hours for prayer would be manifest in holy living. A holy life would not be so rare or so difficult a thing if our devotions were not so short and hurried.

The little estimate we put on prayer is evident from the little time we give to it. How poor and mean our petty, childish praying is beside the habits of the true men of God in all the ages! To men who think praying is their business and devote time to it according to His high estimate of its importance does God commit the keys of His kingdom, and by them does He work His spiritual wonders in this world. Great praying is the sign and seal of God's great leaders and the ear-

nest of the conquering forces with which God will crown their labors.

The holier a man is, the more does he estimate prayer, the clearer does he see that God gives Himself to the praying ones, and that the measure of God's revelation to the soul is the measure of the soul's longing, importunate prayer for God. Salvation never finds its way to a prayerless heart. The Holy Spirit never abides in a prayerless spirit. Preaching never edifies a prayerless soul. Christ knows nothing of prayerless Christians. The Gospel cannot be extended by a prayerless preacher.

God wants elect men—men out of whom self and the world have gone by a severe crucifixion, by a bankruptcy which has so totally ruined self and the world that there is neither hope nor desire for recovery; men who by this insolvency and crucifixion have turned perfect hearts toward God.

No amount of money, genius, or culture can move things for God. Holiness energizing the soul, the whole man aflame with love, with desire for more faith, more prayer, more zeal, more consecration—this is the secret of power. These we need and must have, and men must be the incarnation of this God-inflamed devotedness. God's advance has been stayed, His cause crippled, His name dishonored for their lack.

Genius (though the loftiest and most gifted), education (though the most learned and refined), position, dignity, place, honored names, high ecclesiastics cannot move this chariot of our God. It is a fiery one, and only fiery forces can move it. The genius of a Milton fails. The imperial strength of a Leo fails. David Brainerd's spirit can move it. Brainerd's spirit was on fire for God, on fire for souls. Nothing earthly, worldly, or selfish came in to abate in the least the intensity of this all-impelling and all-consuming force and flame.

To pray is the greatest thing we can do; and to do it—well, there must be calmness, time, and deliberation; otherwise it is degrad-

ed into the littlest and meanest of things. True praying has the largest results for good; and poor praying, the least. We cannot do too much of real praying; we cannot do too little of the sham. We must learn anew the worth of prayer, enter anew the school of prayer.

—"Preacher and Prayer"

## Sovereignty

(Continued from preceding page) equally true of the birds and fishes. But consider now the **vegetable kingdom**. Why should roses have thorns, and lilies grow without them? Why should one flower emit a fragrant aroma and another have none? Why should one tree bear fruit which is wholesome and another that which is poisonous? Why should one vegetable be capable of enduring frost and another wither under it? Why should one apple tree be loaded with fruit, and another tree of the same age and in the same orchard be almost barren? Why should one plant flower a dozen times in a year and another bear blossoms but once a century? Truly, **"whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in the earth, in the seas, and all deep places"** (Psa. 135:6).

## Angels

Consider the angelic hosts. Surely we shall find uniformity here. But no; there, as elsewhere, the same sovereign pleasure of the Creator is displayed. Some are higher in rank than others; some are more powerful than others; some are nearer to God than others. Scripture reveals a definite and well-defined gradation in the angelic orders. From arch-angel, past seraphim and cherubim, we come to "principalities and powers" (Eph. 3:10), and from principalities and powers to "rulers" (Eph. 6:12), and then to the angels themselves, and even among them we read of "the elect angels" (I Tim. 5:21). Again we ask, Why this **inequality**, this difference in rank and order? And

# The Little Baptist

## CHAPTER VIII (Continued)

"There is where you have committed a grave error, Sister Brown. Now, of course, we must not prevent our children from reading the Bible; yet we should keep a strict watch over them, and try to keep their minds under such discipline as will insure them against the danger of imbibing false notions. And it would be well if Mellie could be influenced to let the Bible alone awhile. Let her read some of our denominational literature until her mind becomes more settled. Of course, I would not say this publicly; nor would I, as a general thing, discourage a free reading of the Bible; but the reading of other works are needed as *helps* to understand it. See that she reads the Catechism, and other books in which our doctrines are set forth. Solomon said, 'Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.' If we just give our children the Bible without instructing them in its meaning, three-fourths of them will come out Baptists in the end. So, if we want them to be Presbyterians, we must indoctrinate them in our faith while their minds are easily impressed; for you know that

'Education forms the common mind;

As the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined.'

Impressions made on the minds of children are seldom erased."

"Who would have thought it possible," said Mrs. Brown, "for

a child of Mellie's age to have turned the world upside down by a little reading of the Bible? It is something wonderful if her childish prattle about baptism, and the Baptist Bible, is going to turn the heads of all the children in the town and make *crazy little Baptists of them*. But, Dr. Farnsworth, you insinuate that I have neglected my duty in not having Mellie more familiar with our church Catechism. Now, sir, *that's just what's the matter*—she knows too much about the Catechism. When she found the Bible differing from the teachings of her Catechism, she decided at once that her's was a Baptist Bible, and there is where all this trouble started. When convinced that her Bible was the same as others, and that God was the author of the Bible, and man the author of the Catechism, she readily accepted the Bible and adhered to its teachings."

Mrs. Brown spoke in rather an animated spirit, and the doctor thought her tone was a little *sharp*. It was the first time that she had ever heard her pastor insinuate that the doctrines of her church were in danger from a too free use of the Bible. And the suggestion that she should restrain her child from reading it, she regarded as indeed strange—coming from one who professed to take the Bible for his *rule* in both faith and practice.

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### "The Book of Revelation" mon. Listen:

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there is coming a man, who is going to say, "I have the answer." Who is he? The Anti-Christ. We read about him in Daniel. Listen:

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."—Daniel 8:23-25.

Notice that Daniel says that some of these days the Anti-Christ is going to come. He will be an unusual character, for he will be able to understand "dark sentences." That expression is only found three times in the Bible. It is the word used relative to Samson's riddle. Listen:

"And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a RIDDLE unto you."—Judges 14:12.

It is the word used relative to the Queen of Sheba when she asked "hard questions" of Solo-

"And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with HARD QUESTIONS."—I Kings 10:1.

It is also translated "dark sayings" in Proverbs 1:6. Listen:

"To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their DARK SAYINGS."

When the Anti-Christ comes, he can give you an answer to every problem. There is not a problem confronting the world tonight but what the Anti-Christ will have an answer for it, and that's how he will get control. Let a man rise up who knows how to explain riddles, explain all the hard questions, and give meaning of all dark sayings, and he will absolutely make the world believe that he is the Lord Jesus Christ.

In a peaceful manner, he is going to take over and take possession of this world in which we live. He'll do it just about like Absalom took possession in the days when he arose up in rebellion against David. We read of this rebellion against his father, David, in II Sam. 15. Absalom would rise up early in the morning and go out in the market place. He met everyone who came to town. He would take a fellow off to one side, pat him on the back, kiss him on the cheek and listen to his tale of woe. When the man had finished, Absalom would say, "Your cause is right,

I know you are right, but there is no one to hear you. The king has made no arrangements to take care of a case like yours. If I were king, I would see that things were done differently." He would send them home with seeds of discord sown in their minds, and with the thought that Absalom is the man who should be the king. Thus, little by little, Absalom undermined his father, until one day he blew the trumpet, and all the crowd to whom he had been talking, rallied to his support.

Listen to me tonight, beloved, that's exactly the way the Anti-Christ is going to get control of the world when he comes to take possession at the beginning of the tribulation period. Oh, beloved, what a contrast between this man who rides this white horse, and the Man who rides the white horse in Revelation 19, for He is my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, whereas the man who rides the white horse in Revelation 6:1, 2, is none other than the Anti-Christ who takes possession and control of the world by deceit, and thus in a peaceful manner, becomes the ruler of the whole world.

### II

Let's go on to the second seal:

"And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse that was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."—Revelation 6:3, 4.

The color of this horse is red—the color of blood. Accordingly, this horse and his rider signify bloody times. Do you suppose there will be times of bloodshed yet for this world before the Lord Jesus Christ reigns here? Actually, beloved, when the tribulation period comes, men will wade through blood. Do you want an illustration of this as it is given to us in the Old Testament? Listen:

"Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. And in those times there was NO PEACE to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And NATION WAS DESTROYED BY NATION, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity."—II Chron. 15:3, 5, 6.

Let me tell you, beloved, that which was true in the days of the Old Testament, will be exactly what will be true when the Anti-Christ takes over. When he first takes control of the world, there will be peace, but the peace does not last. Can you see tonight a world with no peace in it—a world of international slaughter—well, everything in the world is tending toward just exactly that situation tonight.

Ever since I was a little boy, I have been hearing a lot about peace and attempts for making peace. For example: When World War I ended, we talked a lot about the League of Nations, but the League of Nations became a "League of Nations," amounting to nothing. When World War II came to an end, immediately there was ushered in what we

called the "United Nations," but they have been more divided than they ever have been united, and so far as the peace efforts of the United Nations are concerned, we probably would have been far better off if United Nations had never come into existence. Why is it the League of Nations and the United Nations have failed to bring peace? There are two reasons: In the first place, human nature is in a depraved state; and secondly, you can't have peace without the Prince of Peace, and until the Lord Jesus, as the Prince of Peace, comes back to this world, there will never be any abiding peace; but instead, there will be war and bloodshed continually right down to the time when Jesus sets up His kingdom.

These peace efforts remind me, to a great extent, of a man and woman who were always quarreling. Finally they said, "We must do something about it. It's a shame for us to have our home on this basis." The man said, "Whenever I have had a hard day at the shop and I come home in a bad mood, I'll have my hat tilted over on one side and you'll know to be especially nice to me." She said, "When I have had a bad day at home I'll have my apron turned up on the left side and you'll know to be especially nice to me." A few days passed and the man came home with his hat tilted on the left side. She was unusually sweet to him and they got along fine. A few days later when he came home, she had her apron turned up on the left side and he was unusually nice to her. They got along that way for quite some time. Finally, one day he came home with his hat tilted on the left side and she had her apron turned up on the left side. They hadn't made any provision for such a situation as that.

That's just exactly like these peace efforts and attempts at peace that the League of Nations and the United Nations have been making. I offer to you a prophecy tonight, based upon God's Word—this world is going to be bathed in blood before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up His kingdom. You and I are not going to be here, for we are going to be in the skies at the marriage of the Lamb when this is taking place on the earth, but it is coming. When we are up yonder in the skies, if we look away from the marriage of the Lamb, and look down on the earth, we will see this world bathed in blood during the tribulation period.

### III

Let's notice the third seal:

"And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say,

A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine."—Rev. 6:5, 6.

Notice this horse is a black horse. Black is always the color of famine. You can't understand much about the prophecies of Revelation if you don't know a good deal about the Old Testament. Let's turn back to the Old Testament and see that the color of black is an indication of famine. Listen:

"Their visage is BLACKER than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick."—Lam. 4:8.

"Our skin was BLACK like an oven because of the terrible FAMINE."—Lam. 5:10.

"The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the DEARTH. Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish; they are BLACK unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up."—Jer. 14:1, 2.

All the way through the Word of God black is the color of famine. What follows war? Always famine. We have never known anything about famine in this country, following any war, since all of our wars have been fought outside this country. The reason for this is we have never had any year but what we could still continue to produce crops. However, look at the war-torn countries—year after year they are unable to raise crops. The result—famine.

After the red horse, comes the black horse. After the period when peace is taken from the earth, comes the period of famine. Notice how the grain is sold—it is sold by weight. When there is an abundance of grain, it is always sold in gross measure. The very fact that it is weighed, marks it as a time of scarcity and want.

Notice the price:

"A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny." The word "penny" is the word for "denarius." How much is that? It was a day's wages for a man. Notice this—a measure of wheat for a penny. This means one quart of wheat for a day's wages. That measure of wheat meant that a man would have to work a whole day in order to get a quart of wheat. Even then, beloved, when he had done so, there was nothing left for his family, for a measure of wheat was just about what an individual himself would eat in one day's time. Talk about famine—that's famine when a man works all day and it takes his whole day's wages to buy enough food for himself, with nothing left for his family.

Did you ever know what it was to be hungry? I do, for I went 26 hours without food when I was unable to get it. In 26 hours, you know what the pangs of hunger are. Well, famine is one of the terrible experiences that comes in the tribulation period.

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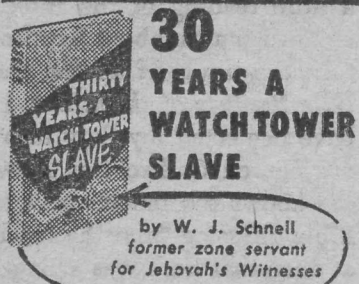
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1956

### THE ANTI-CHRIST

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Without shedding of blood there is no remission."

**INTRODUCTION:** The Devil has always been the imitator of God. Cf. Mt. 13:24, 25. For salvation by grace, he has preached salvation by works. While Jesus built His church, the Devil has also built one. Cf. Rev. 3:9. While Jesus has, had His preachers, Satan has had his ministers too. Cf. II Cor. 11:13-15.

It is no marvel then to turn to Revelation 13 and find an imitation of the Trinity. The Dragon (verse 2) is Satan as anti-God. The Beast out of the sea (verse 2) is Anti-Christ. The Beast out of the earth (verse 11) is Anti-Holy Spirit. Thus we have a Trinity of evil — Satan's counterfeit imitation of the blessed Trinity.

This chapter gives a picture of the work of the Anti-Christ.

**I. The Sea.** Rev. 13:1. The sea represents the multitudes of the people. Cf. Rev. 17:15; Mt. 13:47-49. The Anti-Christ then comes up out of the teeming mass of society.

**II. When He Will Arise.** At the time of the world's greatest unrest (when the sea is the roughest). Cf. II Thess. 2:3; II Tim. 3:1-6; II Tim. 4:3, 4.

**III. Will Have Imperial Dominion.** Rev. 13:1. Ten horns. All earthly power will be summed up in his horns. The crowns tell us that he is a ruler and has dominion over all the earth.

**IV. A Blasphemer.** Rev. 13:1, 5, 6. Never was there such a time of blasphemy and irreverence as now, with critics laughing at the virgin birth and all the miracles of the Bible. This is just preparing the way for the Anti-Christ.

**V. An Intellectual Genius.** Rev. 13:1. The seven heads are symbollic of full intelligence. Cf. Dan. 8:23. The Hebrew word translated "dark sentences" is rendered "hard questions" in I Kings 10:1 and is used of Samson's riddle in Judges 14.

**VI. A Political Genius.** Cf. Dan. 11:21, 23.

**VII. He Will Be Handsome.** Rev. 13:2. (leopard). No animal quite so beautiful as a leopard. Perhaps because he is handsome, he will be able to accomplish that which he does.

**VIII. He Will Be Blood-thirsty.** Rev. 13:2. (leopard). No animal is so blood-thirsty as a leopard. This is his real nature, although it is covered over at first. Cf. Rev. 6:1, 2. The doctrine of "survival of the fittest" will be the fundamental teaching of this anti-Christian period.

**IX. He Has An Indomitable Will.** Rev. 13:2 (bear). Feet represent the will. Feet can't take us anywhere until the will operates. Since his feet are like a bear (large), then what will power this one must have!

**X. An Oratorical Genius.** Rev. 13:3. "mouth of a lion." Cf. Dan. 7:20. He is an imitation of the

earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?—Rev. 6:12-17.

Now, beloved, this records what happened to the physical world. First of all, a world-wide earthquake. Can you imagine a scene much more horrible than that of the whole world passing through an earthquake?

A man told me many months ago of being in San Francisco when an earthquake occurred a number of years ago. He said it was a horrible thing to be standing in some spot one minute, and maybe the next minute the ground would drop out from under you and you would be standing four or five feet lower than you were a moment before. A man couldn't begin to imagine the fear that would fall upon an individual when a building would tremble, totter and fall right beside you. He said as he passed through the experience of that earthquake in San Francisco, he saw thousands of people lose their lives, while he, as one of the few in the business part of the city, escaped death. He said, "Nobody can imagine the fear that I passed through."

Imagine what it is going to be like when God shakes this entire world — when the whole world rocks like drunken men. Can you imagine what it is going to be like when the sun turns black and the moon appears as blood? Can you imagine what it is going to be like when you look up into the skies, and instead of seeing the sun as a ball of fire, it will turn black; and instead of seeing the moon, you see it as it appears to be blood. Oh, can you imagine what is coming so far as this world is concerned? Not only that, but God says, "The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together." Some of these days, God is going to roll up the heavens like you would roll up a scroll. Some of these days, the mountains and the islands will move out of their places. In other words, what is now ocean will then be dry land, and what is now dry land will then be water.

Listen, beloved, the "Sunday School picnic" is over so far as this world is concerned. God tells us what is going to take place in this physical world—the sun turns black, the moon appears as blood, the stars of the heavens shoot through the skies as so many meteors, and the heaven itself departs as a scroll; what is dry land becomes sea and what is sea, becomes dry land. What effect does this have upon that ungodly, devilish group that have bowed to the Anti-Christ? Notice, beloved, what they do. They have a prayer meeting, and who goes to that prayer meeting? The kings

of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the chief captains, the mighty men, every bondman, every free man. You couldn't get that crowd to come to a prayer meeting now, could you? Suppose you go out tonight and invite this crowd to come to the service next Thursday night and see how many will come. Ask them to come with you to a prayer meeting sometime, and see how many will come. Beloved, then that crowd will cry to the mountains and to the rocks to fall on them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.

It must be painful when individuals get so emotion-filled that they cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them and grind them into powder. That's the crowd today, who would turn up their nose at a prayer meeting. Years ago, I preached a sermon on "One of the Last Prayer Meetings That Will Ever Be Held In The World," and I took this passage of Scripture as a basis. Look at this prayer meeting: To whom will they be praying? They will not be praying to God, but to rocks and stones. For what will they be praying? For death and yet they can't find death. Who is attending? The crowd that would turn up their noses at a

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### Revelation 13

Lord Jesus Christ — the One who spoke as never man spoke. Cf. Mt. 7:28. Will surpass all orators, both ancient and modern.

**XI. Receives Power From The Devil.** Rev. 13:2 "Dragon." This dictator of this last world empire gets his power from the Devil. Cf. Mt. 4:8-10.

**XII. He Has Supernatural Powers.** Rev. 13:3. Cf. Rev. 11:7. In view of this, it is no wonder that all the world wondered after him. Such was true of Alexander the Great. Men's hearts melted when they came into his presence.

**XIII. He Will Be A Religious Genius.** Rev. 13:4, 8, 14, 15. Cf. II Thess. 2:4. He will weave together all the false doctrines of Mohammed, Buddha, Confucius, the popes, atheists, and all the errors of all Protestants. On top of this he will set up his own image to be worshipped. Cf. Dan. 11:36. No world ruler has ever been without a state religion. Read Daniel 3. World is now getting ready for the entrance of such a religion. Union meetings are but paving the way for the work of the Anti-Christ. Billy Graham's campaigns with his hundreds of "decisions" will fade into oblivion in comparison with the work of the Anti-Christ. When the World Sunday School Convention was held in Edinburgh (about 25 years ago), a representative of Buddhism stood on the same platform with Christianity and was applauded. This is but getting the world ready for the work of the Anti-Christ. The fact that the denominations are uniting, and seeking to unite, is but an indication of what is in store — every vestige of the world's religious life will be summed up in the person of the Anti-Christ.

**XIV. Will Continue As An Oppressor For 42 Months.** This will be the last half of the Tribulation period.

**XV. He Will Be A Military Genius.** Rev. 13:4, 7. Cf. Dan. 8:24. In view of his exploits, the glory of Alexander and Napoleon will be forgotten.

**XVI. He Persecutes All Who Differ.** Rev. 13:7, 15. Cf. Rev. 11:7. God's own must not defend themselves with carnal weapons. Study verses 9 and 10 very closely in this respect.

**XVII. He Will Be A World-Wide Ruler.** Rev. 13:7. Cf. Rev. 17:17. The dream of the League of Nations and the United Nations will then be realized.

**XVIII. He Will Be A Commercial Genius.** Rev. 13:16-18. Cf. Dan. 8:25; Psalm 52:7; Dan. 11:43. He will be wealthier than old King Croesus and every race will be absolutely slaves.

**XIX. He Will Have An Able Confederate.** Rev. 13:16-18. This "beast out of the earth" is the False Prophet. Cf. Rev. 19:20. He is the spiritual adviser to the Anti-Christ.

The work of this False Prophet will be an attempt to caricature the work of Elijah, who will be on earth (Rev. 11), encouraging the hearts of the Jewish remnant.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET US

WHEN YOU PRAY

AND

WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

### "The Book Of Revelation"

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Anti-Christ. Following his coming is the red horse, which means blood and warfare upon the earth. Following this red horse comes the black horse, which means famine, which inadvertently follows war and bloodshed.

#### IV

Let's look at the fourth seal:

"And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth seal say, Come and see. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them, over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth."—Rev. 6:7, 8.

I wish you would notice this horse is of a pale, leprous color. This horse means fright or fear.

You will see this horse's work is actually prophesied in the Old Testament. Listen:

"For thus saith the Lord God; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?"—Ezek. 14:21.

In other words, this fourth horse then prophesies that one-fourth part of the world's population is to die from war, from pestilence, from famine and from wild beasts. This is just a continuation of the work of his predecessors. It looked mighty good when the Anti-Christ came on the scene and said, "You just listen to me and I'll take care of all the problems for you." That sounded mighty good. It looked like a "Sunday School picnic" when every nation turned over the reins of government to the Anti-Christ. They all will clap their hands and say, "How foolish we are to ever think about fighting, when we can let one man rule and thus have 'one world.'" It looked as though they were going to have a Sunday School picnic right here in the world, but listen, it's over now. The red horse, the black horse, the pale leprous horse, and with the breaking of the seals and the coming of each of these horses, comes more and more trouble upon a world that is just beginning the throes of the tribulation, for all this takes place when the tribulation period is scarcely begun.

#### V

Let's look at the fifth seal:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."—Rev. 6:9-11.

That's the story of the breaking of the fifth seal. Listen carefully: Every saved person in the world is going to be caught up into Heaven before the tribulation period begins, but, beloved, as a result of this tribulation, a lot of people will be saved. Do you think that saved people will give their allegiance to the Anti-Christ? No. As long as men are unsaved, they will do anything

to support the Anti-Christ, but as time passes by, God is going to save a multitude of people during the tribulation period, and when they are saved, they will refuse to bow to the Anti-Christ. Their salvation will only bring more persecution unto them and will be the cause of their martyrdom. When saved, they will doubtlessly condemn the Anti-Christ, which will result in their martyrdom. If a man gets to Heaven during the tribulation period, he will go there as a martyr to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's notice this closely: All of God's children will be caught away when Jesus comes at the rapture. You and I won't be here when this tribulation period begins. There will not be a saved person in the world when everything is turned over to the Anti-Christ—all of God's people will be gone. The people who are saved during the tribulation period will not go along with that beast, the Anti-Christ, and when they rebel, they will be slain. I tell you, beloved, the man who is saved during the tribulation period will seal his testimony with his life's blood.

We had martyrs during the Dark Ages. If you remember Fox's book on martyrs, you will find what happened to Christians in the early days. Can you imagine individuals having their stomachs ripped open with a sword and corn placed inside their stomachs, and then hungry hogs turned loose, as those individuals wallow in their blood and the hogs eat their entrails and the corn inside their stomachs? Can you imagine individuals with hot molten lead poured into their ears, with their tongues pulled out of their mouths? Can you imagine women with their breasts cut from their body with sharp shears? Can you imagine the suffering that came when individuals were baptized by immersion in baths of hot boiling oil? That's what they went through in the early days of Christianity at the hands of the pagans and later at the hands of the Catholics. Imagine an individual placed inside the "iron maid" as the iron casket was called, and when the door was slammed, dozens of spikes went through the individual's body. Can you imagine individuals who were butchered piece by piece until their bodies were completely dismembered? Is it possible to imagine priests, in the name of God, taking a believer—a Baptist preacher and cutting off a piece of his body, waiting a few minutes for him to suffer, and then torturing him again by cutting another little piece off his body, and thus continually cutting until all of his body was cut away, or at least until the individual expired from loss of blood to die.

The day of martyrdom hasn't ended yet. When the Anti-Christ reigns, there will be a period of martyrdom again for every believer in Jesus Christ, and not one will escape. Truly a day of suffering is awaiting those who become God's children during this awful period of tribulation.

#### VI

Now let's notice the breaking of the sixth seal:

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great

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## "I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW"

1. How can Christ have as many bodies as there are local Baptist churches?

It is easy to understand when you get the proper picture presented in the Scripture. The church is not literally the actual body of Christ, but it is merely likened unto a physical body (I Corinthians 11:14-31), and because the church belongs to Christ, it is called the body of Christ. This is true of each church.

In I Cor. 11:3, we are told that Christ is the head of every man. He can be the head of each church just as easily as He can be the head of each man. Besides, have you never heard of a man being the head of a number of business firms, institutions, or bodies?

2. What do you think about a church that allows wedding receptions and showers in the church basement?

The church is no place for things of this kind. I Corinthians 11:22.

3. Will you please explain Revelation 11:3-13? Who are the two witnesses? Does the Bible say? And are they yet to come, or in the past?

This will be discussed more fully when we come to this chapter in the exposition of the book of Revelation, which is being published in this paper each week. But now, to answer your questions in brief:

There is no ground for being dogmatic as to who the two witnesses will be. The Bible does not say. The preaching of the two witnesses is definitely yet to come, and it was not in the past.

4. Explain the difference in Hosea 13:14 between "ransom" and "redeem."

"Ransom" is the price paid for the redemption. "Redemption" comprehends of course the ransom, but is the actual transaction of setting free.

5. When did the boy scouts have their beginning? And were they organized by the Catholics?

They had their beginning in the early 1900's with Daniel Beard. I do not know just how much influence the Catholics had in the organization.

6. How can one be sure that the Lord is in the call of a church for a preacher to become its pastor?

By earnest prayer to the Lord and by putting no reliance whatsoever upon the suggestions and desires of the flesh.

7. What do you think of a church's permitting an insurance firm to sponsor a "dial-a-prayer" system? This dial-a-prayer system is a series of recordings 58 seconds in length, and on each one a Scripture is used and a prayer is heard.

First of all, I do not believe in such prayers. The Scripture is alright, but the prayers, unless they are taken from God's Word, were born in the minds of men who made them up for just this purpose.

Secondly, this insurance company is doing this for advertisement. The querist mentioned in his letter to us that the insurance company requires that their name be listed on the church bulletin as the sponsor of this dial-a-prayer system. No church should yoke up in such an alliance.

8. Where did Cain get his wife, and who was she?

He married one of the many daughters of Adam (Genesis 5:4). It was of necessity that he marry his own sister for the human race to reproduce. God had not yet given a commandment forbidding the marriage of brother and sister; so there was nothing wrong in Cain's marriage. After all, Adam married his own

rib (Genesis 2:21-25).

9. Should a woman have short hair?

"If a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering" (I Corinthians 11:15). No. According to this verse, she should let her hair remain long.

10. Is it not unscriptural to display pictures of Christ?

Yes, there are no pictures of Christ, and to make a picture which is supposed to be Christ is wrong for at least two reasons: It violates Exodus 20:4, and to many unlearned folk who do not know that there are no true pictures of Christ, it tells a lie, and they have a false conception of Christ thus drawn in their minds. And even those who know better often find themselves visualizing Christ as the artist pictures Him. This is wrong.

11. Would you please answer why you do not co-operate with the American Baptist Association, and what is wrong with it?

There is no Scripture for such an organization. And if there were, we could not cooperate with these brethren because in general they are rank Arminians, feminists, and mourner's benchers. The A.B.A. is as much a machine as any of the rest of the modern-day associations and conventions.

But we have never fought the A.B.A.; in fact, we have many friends within it who receive our paper and believe as we do concerning God's sovereignty.

12. Why did Jesus wait until after supper to wash the disciples' feet (John 13:3)?

This was the passover supper, not the Lord's Supper, and the Bible does not say why Christ waited after supper to do so.

13. Was not Peter a full-grown man at the time of John 13:6?

Yes.

14. Jesus answered him, "What I do thou knowest not now." I hold that a full-grown man would know for what purpose feet were washed that night. Didn't Peter know?

The reason Peter questioned the Lord in this matter was that Peter was astonished that the very Lord of Heaven would stoop to perform such a lowly task. The Lord was here teaching the disciples the lesson of humility (John 13:15).

15. Where is it said that they wore sandals in Bible days?

Mark 6:9, Acts 12:8.

16. Was the Sabbath day changed to Sunday?

No. Christ fulfilled the types regarding the Sabbath day, and we now observe the first day of the week. Matthew 28:1, Acts 20:7, I Corinthians 16:2, Hebrews 4:8.

17. Where and when was man first indwelt by the Holy Spirit?

Adam was saved in the Garden of Eden, seeing Christ Jesus in promise and type (Genesis 3:15, 21). It was the Holy Spirit who dealt with him in the Garden and who indwelt him when he was saved.

18. Did not the wines of Palestine vary?

Yes, just as they have always varied and do vary today.

19. Was wine mixed with water for sacramental purposes in early Christian churches?

There is no evidence of such in the all-sufficient Book of God (II Timothy 3:16).

20. Was the grape juice which came from the grapes sweet juice, and could it be used in taking the Lord's Supper?

Grape juice contains leaven whether it is sweet or not. Leaven symbolizes evil, and thus does not give a proper symbol of the blood of Christ which is without evil. So grape juice could not be used in taking the Lord's Supper.

## Baptism

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rite out of baptism. This is the most serious error of all. It is inexcusable to ignore baptism, and to fail to be baptized, but it is a thousand times worse to exalt baptism to the place of attributing to it saving power. The Roman Catholic, the Mormon, and the Church of Christ people — to say nothing of others, attribute saving power to baptism. Of these the Church of Christ people are the most insistent. To attribute saving power to baptism people have to do several things:

(1) They have to utterly misunderstand the Bible way of salvation. Such have no conception of salvation by grace. Such Scriptures as John 3:16; Acts 16:30-31; Acts 10:43 they ignore.

(2) They have to set Scripture against Scripture, for, if some verses teach salvation partly through baptism, then they contradict those other plain verses that teach salvation apart from baptism.

(3) They have to take Scripture out of its proper context. For instance, they quote "Baptism doth also save us" (I Pet. 3:21). In doing this, they fail to quote the rest of the verse which says, "the like figure . . ." The whole verse shows that baptism is a "figure" or illustration, of salvation.

(4) They have to ignore the Scripture example of a man (the penitent thief) who was saved apart from baptism. To the argument, "You must be immersed to be saved," the Bible argument is, "Here is a man who was saved without baptism."

Of course the story of the conversion of Cornelius and his household completely refutes the theory that baptism is essential to salvation, for they were saved and exhibited miraculous "signs" before they were baptized. They were baptized because it was manifest that they were saved and endowed with the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.

4. Some distort and change the act or mode of baptism. Baptism of the Scriptural kind, is immersion. The word "baptize" means to immerse. No one would ever read the New Testament and conclude otherwise, if left alone. The Catholic Church changed the mode—as is confessed frankly in Catholic writings—and Protestants (Baptists are not "Protestants") have carried the Catholic forms of baptism over from their mother church. What is there against sprinkling or pouring for baptism?

(1) Both are pure inventions of men, completely contrary to the Scriptures.

(2) They destroy the meaning of baptism. Baptism to mean anything, must be a burial and a resurrection. (See Rom. 6:4.)

(3) They involve the "baptism" of unbelievers. The Scripture order is to make disciples, then to baptize them. When babies are sprinkled, they are not believers.

5. Another false teaching concerning baptism, is that which seeks to justify alien baptism. That is, the acceptance of baptism administered by those to whom Christ gave no authority. This is a growing practice that strikes at the very heart of vital church truth.

## "The Book Of Revelation"

(Continued from page seven) prayer meeting now. What a difference between the average prayer meeting now and that prayer meeting, for in the average prayer meeting you can't get an "amen" out of the crowd; however, this crowd has so much emotion that they cry to the rocks and mountains to fall on them.

This Scripture asks: "Who shall be able to stand?" Listen to me tonight, beloved, this world has refused God in His sovereignty and has been forever in rebellion against God. In the tribulation, the world is even more rebellious. It is then run by man — God

is completely ruled out. Jesus has caught up into the sky all the redeemed of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is gone and the saints of God are gone; in fact, God Himself is ruled out of the world, and for seven years, God turns everything over to man; yet even in doing so, beloved, God sees to it that this earthquake and all the disturbances that come to the physical world — God sees to it that it takes place. In it all, there is no peace for the world. Beloved, you can't have peace without the Prince of Peace. You can't have a world at peace as long as Jesus Christ is ruled out.

Now just a few words about this 7th chapter of Revelation:

"And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree, and I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."—Rev. 7:1-3.

Notice this truth: In judgment, God always deals in mercy. Do not forget that. In six thousand years of earth's history, God has never dealt in judgment but what He has, also, dealt in mercy.

"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel."—Rev. 7:4.

There are some of God's elect right here in this tribulation period and God's angel will say, "Wait! Hold back judgment until we have put the seal of God in the forehead of God's own." God isn't going to let a one of His elect go to Hell. This thrills my heart when I see God even stopping the angels to hold back those disturbing blasts until the elect of God can be garnered out of this world. Does not this make you happy just to know He is going to take care of His elect? God is going to see that all of His elect are saved, even if He has to work a miracle to do it.

This gives me encouragement when I go out to preach. Let me tell you that it is a mighty discouraging thing to preach the Word of God today, with so few people going to church, so few people being saved, and so few people showing any interest in spiritual things — it is discouraging, but the most encouraging thing I know is that God is going to work miracles, if necessary, in order that all of His elect which are here in this world, shall be saved.

How many are thus saved during the tribulation? Without reading the rest of the chapter, I will mention the fact there were 12,000 sealed out of each of the twelve tribes of Israel, or 144,000. Then in addition to those Jews, a multitude of Gentiles are saved, for it says in the 9th and 10th verses:

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and all kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."

Notice this, beloved friends, when the 144,000 Jews were sealed, then there was sealed a great multitude which could not be numbered, of all the Gentile nations of the world. How were they saved? How many saved themselves? They praise the Lord, for they say:

"Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."—Rev. 7:10.

How are they saved? They are saved by blood. Listen:

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence come they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the BLOOD OF THE LAMB."—Rev. 7:13, 14.

Notice how they washed their robes — not in the baptistry, not in the river, not in the millpond, and not in the creek; but they washed their robes in the "blood of the Lamb." That which is necessary to save this crowd during the tribulation period is that which it took to save this sinner

who stands before you. God's remedy for sin from the first man saved until the last man that shall ever be saved, is salvation by blood. I love to think about the blood of my Lord. It means something to me when I realize the fact that Jesus Christ died for my sins. When I recall it, I bow my unworthy head to thank Him that He included my name in the list of those for whom He gave His blood. I say, along with this group, "Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

Beloved, I want you to notice what joy is theirs when they are saved. Listen:

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."—Rev. 7:16, 17.

May God bless you!

## Election

(Continued from page one) I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish." — John 10:26-28. Please let it be noted that He did not say, as our Arminian brethren would have done, Ye are not my sheep because ye believe not, but "Ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep."

If it be insisted that faith is the most common thing in the world, possessed by all normal men, we reply, But faith in Christ is never the result of natural reason, but of supernatural revelation! When Peter confesses Christ the Lord replies: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."—Matt. 16:17. And Paul declares, "And that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."—I Cor. 12:3.

Obviously, this revelation is not given to all men, even of those who hear the Gospel. What governs its giving? Chance, or the elective purpose and grace of God?

This relationship between election and the faith of man is further seen in the fact that the elect possess a faith which cannot be overthrown. For example: Christ speaks of the false prophets of the tribulation period, who, He says in Matt. 24:24, "shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch as if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." And John describes this time and the coming of the beast, and says, "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the lamb slain."—Rev. 13:8 R.V. Paul, also, writes to Timothy concerning the false prophets of this present time: "who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his."—II Timothy 2:18, 19. Their faith is not overthrown!

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