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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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## The Grace Of The Trinity In The Salvation Of The Elect

(This is the second of a series of messages on this theme.)

### Of The Grace Of The Son

By JOHN BUNYAN

of God. Heb. 1:2.

Second, I come now to speak of the grace of the Son; for as the Father putteth forth His grace in the saving of the sinner, so does the Son put forth His—"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich."—II Cor. 8:9.

Here you see also that the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is brought in as a partner with the grace of His Father in the salvation of our souls. Now this is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; He was rich, but for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

To inquire, then, into this grace, this condescending grace of Christ, and that by searching out how rich Jesus Christ was, and then how poor He made Himself, that we through His poverty might have the riches of salvation.

First. How rich was Jesus Christ? To which I answer—1. Generally; 2. Particularly.

1. Generally. He was rich as the Father—"All things that the Father hath," saith He, "are mine." Jesus Christ is the Lord of all, God over all, blessed for ever. "He thought it not robbery to be equal with God," being naturally and eternally God, as the Father, but of His Godhead He could not strip Himself. John 10:30; 16:15; Acts 10:36; Phil. 2:6; Rom. 9:4, 5.

2. Particularly. Jesus Christ had glory with the Father; yea, a manifold glory with Him, which He stripped Himself of.

(1) He had the glory of dominion, He was Lord of all the creatures; they were under Him upon a double account—(a) as He was their Creator, Col. 1:16; (b) as He was made the heir

(2) Therefore the glory of worship, reverence, and fear from all creatures, was due unto Him; the worship, obedience, subjection, and service of angels were due unto Him; the fear, honour, and glory of kings, and princes, and judges of the earth were due



JOHN BUNYAN  
Born 1628, Died 1688

(5) But again; as Jesus Christ was possessed with this, so, besides, He was Lord of life; this glory also was Jesus Christ's: "In him was life," therefore He is called the Prince of it; because it was in Him originally as in the Father. Acts 3:15. He gave to all life and breath, and all things; angels, men, beasts, they had all their life from Him.

(6) Again, as He was Lord of glory, and Prince of life, so He was also Prince of peace, Isaiah 9:6; and by Him was maintained that harmony and goodly order which were among things in Heaven and things on earth.

Take things briefly in these few particulars—(a) The heavens were His, and He made them. (b) Angels were His, and He made them. (c) The earth was His, and He made it. (d) Man was His, and He made him.

Second. How poor He made Himself. Now this Heaven He foresook for our sakes—"He came into the world to save sinners." (Continued on page five)

### ATTENTION CHICAGO READERS

There will be a Bible Institute at Macedonia Baptist Church, 2501 North Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, beginning March 27.

Four speakers have been invited to do the preaching in this institute:

Pastor Wayne Cox, Memphis, Tenn.

Pastor M. L. Moser, Little Rock, Ark.

Pastor Frank Beck, Miller-ton, N. Y.

Pastor John R. Gilpin, Ashland, Ky.

Bro. Fred T. Halliman is the pastor of the church.

unto Him; the obedience of the sun, moon, stars, clouds, and all vapours, were due unto Him; all dragons, deeps, fire, hail, snow, mountains and hills, beasts, cattle, creeping things, and flying fowls, the service of them all, and their worship, were due unto Him. Psalm 148.

(3) The glory of the heavens themselves was due unto Him; in a word, Heaven and earth were His.

(4) But above all, the glory of communion with His Father was His; I say, the glory of that unspeakable communion that He had with the Father before His incarnation, which alone was worth ten thousand worlds, that was ever His.



Our Readers' Rite

"I have enjoyed reading your paper very much and want to thank you for such a work. I feel sure God is behind you and I trust His blessings have already been with you. May God continue to bless you in your work."—Joe Jones, Texas.

"I wish that we could put this stone wall for the Faith and Banner of Truth in every Baptist home."—W. O. Durham, Louisiana.

"If you would like to know what I think of TBE, two 'subs' every other week is my answer."—Pastor Arthur J. Corcoran, Illinois.

"The TBE gets better every week. Keep up the good work. I keep finding people who have not bowed their knee to Baal."—Raymond Tatum, Kentucky.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "GOD'S FAMILY"

By PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN

"But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? and I said, Thou shalt call me, My father; and shalt not turn away from me."—Jer. 3:19.

Last Sunday evening, I spoke to you on the subject, "Whose Father Is God?" and I tried to show you that God is not the spiritual Father of us all, but rather that God is the Father of the saved, while the unsaved must confess that Satan is their spiritual father. I even went so far as to say that I thought it was wrong for an unsaved person to pray, "Our Father which are in Heaven,

Hallowed be thy name," for when an unsaved person prays that prayer, he is actually blaspheming, because God is not his Heavenly Father. While I tried to show you that not every one is a child of God, and that everyone cannot call God "Father," at the same time, there are those who are in the family of God who have God for an Heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ for a Saviour and elder brother, and have Heaven for a home after a while. Now, I want to show you some more about the family which God has.

I  
GOD HAS A FAMILY.  
The family which God has is a

very, VERY SELECT FAMILY. If you are in the family of God, you are there because of a selection that has been made. It isn't that you chose the Lord, but rather, that the Lord chose you. Listen: "Ye have not chosen me, but I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John 15:16.

"According as HE HATH CHOSEN US in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Eph. 1:4. (Continued on page two)

## "I SHOULD LIKE TO KNOW"

1. Some of my "Jesus only" neighbors say that Jesus is the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, all three. They say that Matthew 28:19, 20 does not say "names" but "name." Will you please answer their assertion in your paper?

Yes, we shall be happy to answer this assertion, and refute it. This heresy grows out of rejection of the Bible doctrine of the Trinity. There are three persons in the Godhead, yet there is but one God. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one in all things, yet they are distinct personalities. Each is a personality. All form the one true God; the three are not separate gods.

Now, in Matthew 28:19, 20 the "Jesus only" assertion is absurd. Baptism in the "name" of the three persons of the Trinity refers not to a designated title or name, but to authority. We are to baptize on the authority of the three persons of the Trinity. Just as some representative of our nation acts in the name of (on the authority of) our nation, we as a church are to baptize on the authority of (in the name of) our Triune God. And this reference in Matthew 28 only goes to confirm the matter of there being three persons in the Godhead. For we are not to baptize on the authority of only one of the persons, but on the authority of all three persons! I might say in passing that, nowhere in the Bible does

it say that one was baptized in the name of Jesus only. Certainly we read of those who were baptized in the name of Jesus, but since our Lord's commission was to baptize in the name of all three persons of the Godhead, we may be sure that the apostles thus baptized according to our Lord's command. The Scripture simply puts emphasis upon Jesus to stress the fact of His deity, His being a person of the Godhead. Many did not and do not believe this. But to believe in Jesus as God in the flesh is necessary for salvation. Belief in the Father and Holy Spirit is useless apart from belief in Jesus. This evidently, is the reason for the emphasis upon baptism in the name of Jesus. However, it does not mean that folk were not baptized in the name of the other two persons.

2. What is meant by "verbal inspiration"?

It means that the very words of the Bible are the inspired words of God. Some teach that the thoughts of the writers were inspired of God, but the words were not. This is contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Paul, in Galatians 3:16, makes an argument upon one letter in a word! If Paul did this, certainly we know that he believed in the complete inspiration of the Scriptures. And he expresses himself as to the inspiration of the Scriptures. (Continued on page eight)

## A DAY OF PRAYER ASKED IN THE BEHALF OF TBE

In view of a tremendous concern relative to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I am asking that our friends make March 20 a day of special prayer.

Finances have always been a problem with us, and especially so during all of last year. On account of the fact that our enemies fought us heavily, unfairly, and mercilessly, even though we have never retaliated, our contributions were considerably lessened. Then, too, business by way of job printing was poor all through the year, there being only two months of the year that we made anything above expenses, while we lost money during eight of the months.

We piled up a considerable deficit by way of unpaid bills, particularly for paper—in all about \$4300 at the end of 1956.

This year, things are much better. For the first year that I can remember, we have broken even for the months of January and February. We have always lost money in these months previously, but this year with all praise to His Matchless Name, we have had good business in the shop, and for our first time in history we have broken even in these

two months. Our contributions have likewise shown a decided increase. We are glad that God has put it in the hearts of some who turned from us last year, to turn back to us this year.

Yet even now, we do not have sufficient income from our contributions to make ends meet, unless we have an unusual year in our printing shop (such as we have had the first two months) which we do not anticipate. Actually, we need approximately \$200.00 more each month by way of contributions than that which we are currently receiving.

We have an old accumulated paper bill from last year which is a constant trouble to us. It is hard enough to make ends meet on current bills, to say nothing of an old account such as this paper bill.

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### REVIEWED

Where Are The Nine Gifts Of The Spirit? by B. F. Gate; Regular Baptist Press, Chicago 5, Illinois; 62 pages, 75c.

This is an excellent little book dealing with a much abused portion of the Word of God. It was pleasant reading to this reviewer, not weighty, but to the point and clearly presented. We recommend this book to you for your careful and prayerful perusal. If you are perplexed by those who boast of certain spiritual gifts, you shall be greatly blessed as a result of reading this book.

Twelve Great Questions About Christ by Clarence E. Macartney; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan; 221 pages, \$2.50.

A great work proclaiming the supernatural work and Deity of our Lord. This book particularly sets forth the claims of the Word of God in opposition to modernism and its unbelief. This volume was first published in 1923, and it is good that it is once again (Continued on page eight)



The movie industry was designed by Hell, promoted by evil, and is sustained by the unwise.

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### "God's Family"

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So, beloved, if you are in the family of God, you are there not because of any selection or choice that you made, but you are there primarily because God made the choice before the foundation of the world. Thus, beloved, since you are in the family of God, you can see that it is a very, very select family that you are in.

I often look at folk whom I marry and I wonder why he would choose her or why she would choose him. I have married thousands of couples in the years of my ministry and as I look back across my ministry, especially as to marriage, I think of so many couples that to me it seemed obvious they were mis-mated and so unmatched in every respect so far as life was concerned. I have often wondered just what the individual saw in the other person whereby that he or she made the choice that they did.

Well, beloved, I have often wondered about God's choice of us. I know that it wasn't because of any foreseen good on our part. I know that God didn't make the choice because He saw any righteousness or any morality or any good deeds on our part that would be appreciated by Him. We read:

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."—Isa. 64:6.

I don't know what would prompt Him to choose us, but back yonder before this world began, before the world had ever been created, God had already made a choice so far as you and I are concerned, and if you are in God's family, you can see that you are a member of a very, very select family.

I want you to notice also that God's family IS A NOBLE FAMILY. Listen:

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever."—Rev. 1:5, 6.

You will notice that when we are saved, we are made to be kings and priests. What a noble lineage is ours! Would you believe me when I tell you that the poorest person, materially, that is saved, has a noble lineage that is far more noble than that of any king within this world?

I imagine that most people would be glad to be recognized as the son of a king, or to be known as the crown prince or the heir presumptive to the throne. I rather imagine that the majority of people would be happy to be recognized as somebody unusually important so far as kingly thrones are concerned. But, beloved, the most humble individual in all this world, the poorest peasant there is on all of God's footstool, who knows Jesus Christ as a Saviour, has a lineage that is far more noble than that of the noblest, highest king within this world.

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God's family is also a LARGE FAMILY. I have often looked upon families such as the family of Teddy Roosevelt, for his family of a dozen is always considered as the typical family of the years gone by. I have often looked upon these large families and I have thought, what wonderful fellowship a large family has one with another.

A few years ago I was invited by a friend to come to Alabama for a homecoming of his family. In fact, he sent me the money in order that I might fly down to be with him at his homecoming. Previous to this time, I had never met any of his family except this one individual. It was a large family—a family of a dozen or more—and I'll never forget the experience that I had, or the happy fellowship that I experienced, or the joy that came to me when I visited and had fellowship with this exceedingly large Southern family.

Beloved, will you believe me when I remind you that the family of God is a large family? Most people read Matthew 7:13, which talks about the many that enter in the broad way, and they think that since so many enter into the broad way, surely God's family is a very, very small family. But I would remind you that God's family is a large family.

Go back to the first man that was ever saved—to the day when God saved Abel and put Abel into that family as the first-born of all the sons of God upon this earth. Then come down to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ when a few more were saved. On the day of Pentecost, three thousand were added to that family. A few days later, five thousand were added to that family, all in one day's time. Then skip over the period of time in which we are now living and reach out yonder in the days that are yet before us, to the time that is yet in the distant future, to the time of the tribulation period, and you can see how that in one space of time God adds 144,000 Jews to His family, not counting the Gentiles that are saved out of every nation and tribe and tongue at the same period. I tell you, beloved, the family of God is indeed a very, very large family.

We read:

"And I say unto you, That MANY shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."—Mt. 8:11.

I recognize the fact that you and I can see only a very, very small stream of people going to church and a very, very large stream of humanity that are flowing in the direction of the movies and to other places of worldly amusement. I also recognize the fact that the FBI says in this present day that less than 2 per cent of the world's population go to church on Sunday night. Can you imagine, beloved, 98 people out of 100 going some place else other than to the services in God's house? Surely, beloved, it looks like the majority of the people are not concerned about spiritual things, and yet, in spite of that fact, I would remind you that God has a large family. Listen:

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the NUMBER of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands."—Rev. 5:11.

Multiply ten thousand by ten thousand, and you have a million. Then multiply this by thousands of thousands. Beloved, bring on your adding machines and your posting machines and your calculating machines. Bring on your secretaries and your clerks and all the individuals that know how to calculate in large figures. When you have done so, you will stand amazed at the number and the multitude of the family of Almighty God.

God's family is also a VERY INFLUENTIAL FAMILY. Do you realize that the family of God has influence so far as this world is concerned? You say, "Brother Gilpin, surely we don't influence

# Examiner Editorials

BY BOB L. ROSS



## Campbellite Says His Church Was 'Hidden' Through The Ages

One of our Campbellite admirers has sent us a little leaflet entitled, "Origin of the Well-Known Church of Christ." The leaflet is typified by the usual Campbellite ranting that is so characteristic of Campbellites when they are confronted with the matter of the origin of their church.

This Campbellite writer says this of his church: "She was providentially hidden for 1260 years, that she might be protected from the power of the Popes. But she EXISTED. She was purposely kept from the eye of the historian—as a measure of safety. She was in that state of confinement for 1260 years—from about 533 to 1793 A. D."

I'll say she was HIDDEN! She was yet "hidden" in the depths of the depraved mind of Satan during this period. She was certainly "hidden" from the Popes, for while Baptist people were being martyred by the scores during Roman Catholic domination, we have no record whatsoever on the pages of history of a Campbellite's ever going to the stake. While Baptist blood stains a trail all the way back to New Testament times, not one drop of Campbellite blood has ever been shed in martyrdom or persecution at the hands of Catholicism.

In fact, the Campbellite church was so well "hidden" that the founder of Campbellism himself (Mr. Alexander Campbell) could not find it! And lo, he had to go to a Baptist preacher (Mr. Luce) for baptism. The writer of the little leaflet says that the "Church of Christ" was hidden until 1793. Well, if it came out of "hiding" in 1793, then why in the world didn't Mr. Campbell go to the "Church of Christ" for baptism! It is written in his Memoirs that he was not baptized until 1812. Surely Mr. Campbell must have been possessed of gross darkness and ignorance to have not been able to recognize the "Church of Christ."

The author of this leaflet goes on to say, "What is here said of the identity of the Church of Christ this tract defies the whole denominational world to dispute."

I think it is sufficient disputation to simply quote from Mr. Alexander Campbell himself in reply to this challenge. This writer says that the

the world but mighty, mighty little." We find several expressions within God's Word that would indicate the influence of the family of God. Listen:

"Ye are the LIGHT of the world."—Mt. 5:14.

In this verse, Jesus was talking to saved people, and He tells them that they are the light of the world. Don't tell me, beloved, that God's family isn't an influential family. All the light that this world has is the light of God, and all the light that this world has is the light that goes out as a result of the family of God living here within this world.

Notice again:

"Ye are the SALT of the earth."—Mt. 5:13.

Salt is a preservative. If it were not for salt, you couldn't cure meat. If it were not for salt, you wouldn't be able to do any preserving in any manner whatsoever. Likewise, that which preserves the world, and that which keeps this world from falling immediately into a Devil's Hell is

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"Church of Christ" came out of hiding in 1820. Some twenty-seven years later (1820), Mr. Alexander Campbell published a book entitled, "Campbell-Walker Debate." In that book, on page 264, Mr. Campbell said this: "I say, while all the sects (Protestants—Ed.) are of recent origin, one of them yet 300 years old—not one of them able to furnish a model of their peculiarities in Scripture, or antiquity, greater than I have mentioned, the Baptists can trace their origin to apostolic times, and produce unequivocal testimony of their existence in every century down to present time."

So we do not have to get out of Campbell's "dispute" the statement of the author of the leaflet. On page 264 of this same book, Campbell refers to "foolish men; who ignorantly assert that the Baptists' sentiments are novel, that the sect is of modern date." Does Mr. Campbell not here include the author of the little leaflet?

Whereas the author of the leaflet says, "I will stand forth to refute" what he sets forth in his own ecclesiastical father, Mr. Campbell, declares that Baptists have existed since "the day of Christianity" (page 273, Campbell-Walker Debate). And remember, this declaration was made by Mr. Campbell some twenty-seven years AFTER the "Church of Christ" supposedly came out of hiding. Evidently, Mr. Campbell had no respect for this "church" which came out of hiding, for he did not go to it for baptism, and never so much as mentioned it in his history. Instead of affirming the perpetuity of the "Church of Christ," Mr. Campbell traces Baptists through all ages to the first century!

If the author of this little leaflet can gain acceptance with the ignorant and uninformed, purpose of his writing will have, no doubt, been accomplished. For it is only too evident that he did not write the little leaflet in an effort to set forth truth, thereby gaining acceptance with those who have at least a smattering of history and biblical knowledge.

the presence of Christian salt here within this world. My brother, just as soon as God garners away and with Him I am a joint-heir, I have a Bible to read which gives me light along the way. I have the promises of God at my disposal. I have a God who hears my prayer. I tell you, beloved, God's family is a very, very influential family.

I read in the Word of God that God has given us a commission—a commission to go out into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Beloved, He has made us to be the heralds of the greatest news that ever fell upon the ears of human beings.

Can you imagine the influence of the family of God when He calls us the light of the world and when He speaks of us as the salt of the earth—that which purifies and preserves this world from immediate destruction? Can you imagine how influential we are as the family of God when we realize that He has called us to be the heralds of the greatest news that ever fell upon the ears of mankind, and when He has given to us the commission to go out into the world and evangelize the world for Himself? I say then, beloved, God's family is not only a select, and a noble, and a large family, but God's family is a very, very influential family.

God's family is a WEALTHY FAMILY. Sometimes down here within this world, God's children, materially speaking, are very, very poor, and sometimes God's children have a hard time from a material standpoint. However, I want to remind you of this truth, that so far as God's family is concerned, God's family is a wealthy family. If you are in God's family, you are most exceedingly wealthy. Listen:

"And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."—Rom. 8:17.

Beloved, I am wealthy. I have God for my Heavenly Father. I have Heaven for my home after

a while. I have Jesus Christ, my Saviour and elder brother, and with Him I am a joint-heir. I have a Bible to read which gives me light along the way. I have the promises of God at my disposal. I have a God who hears my prayer. I tell you, beloved, God's family is a very, very influential family.

God's family is a HAPPY FAMILY. Do you know what it takes to make a person happy? Most people don't make for happiness. Many people have in mind that they just had money they were be happy.

Near Lexington, Ky., stands a fine palatial mansion which was owned by a man who had an exceeding great amount of this world's goods; but before the mansion was completed, the man blew his brains out in a hotel in New York City. I tell you, beloved, every time that I go to that place, I am reminded that money doesn't make for happiness.

Some years ago, I was in Richmond, Virginia. I saw a mansion near there which was the most unusual thing I have ever seen. I saw in one of the bedrooms a bed which was made in the shape of a swan's back, so that actually (Continued on page three)

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# POSSUM RIDGE LETTER

dere bro, Gilpeens—

ever since i started ritin fer TBE ive ben re-embarrassed by mi spellin. noin how ignurent i wuz, when i saw wun uf them ads sayin that in 7 ezy lessuns they kud teech me tu spell and rite i sent away fer the informashun. i aint kompleated the first lessun yet but hits ahelpin me.

Mose who went to the third grad in skule has ben helpin me with mi homewurk. Tuther nite the lessun asked which is kerkect to sa the negro bote the watermellon from the farmer or the farmer. Mose sed neither but that hit shud sa the negro stole the watermellon from the farmer.

Mose is sum karakter. uf korse he has illegal konvikshuns in his mind along the subjects of blak kats luky numbers horseshus and the weather predikshuns in the papers, but hes alright. he has a hand that is own bruther tu the hoof uf a plow-hors. he often has a hard time findin a plac tu set his size 12 width Ds down, and his hart is jist as big as his hands and feet. if king Solomon wud pluk his own beard with all uf his fabulus riches wuz janitur in Moses hous he wud envy everytim he considered how rich Mose is in kontentment.

while we wuz workin on mi lessun in sum maner the subject ut ester kum up and i asked Mose what he wuz givin up fer Lent. noin how he dont beleav in ester i watched him and herd him breathe hard lik a horse when u tak the saddle off. Then he sez im goin tu giv up \$1.19 fer mi wife tu by a new hat.

when our precher luks out at his kongregashun on ester sundy mornin and sees all the ribbons flowers birds kornstalks and fethers he will hav wun hard time gittin his cogitashuns tgether fer the mornin sarmont.

Mose and i shore had wun gude time talkin about that artikle by that feller Fisher from Dayton Ohio. Now thers a feller what nos his Bibul. Mose sed after we red hit that the universal churchites reasonabul oxcus fer bein at larg. he sed if he had his wa hed chase them all off this terrestial globular planetary hunk uf matter slightly flattened at the poles and nown as the earth.

i shore got filled up when i red

this pece by bro. Fisher. Problems wuz always hard fer me in skule but ill bet them universal fellers will think they shore hav been served up a mess uf hard wuns when they tri to anser them problems bro. Fisher expounded. then when i got tu rikolektin over this artikle mi think tank went tu wurkin. I Cor. 14:34 sez tu let yore wimmen keep silence in the churches. if the church is universal then shed hav tu kep silence in the kitshun and the parlour fer she is everywhere in the church. that shore wud be hard on most wimmen. the wimmen wud even hav tu keep silent in heaven fer we are told the universal church will meet there.

i herd uf a precher at the kounty seet that beleavs the church is invisibil. wun Wednesday nite i wus in town and as mi habit is i wanted tu go to prair meetin but his church wuz as dark as a kave. the pastur wuz invisibil. the quire wuz invisibil. the deekins wuz invisibil. hit wuz then i saw an invisibil church fer the first time.

thinkin how i wanted tu go tu meetin that nite i went away sad like thinkin uf this invisibil church. i wud shore hav liked to asked that invisibil precher if he had ever tasted felt smelt seen or herd an invisibil universal church.

since the offisers uf a church are pasturs and deekins id lik tu ask who is the pastur and who are the deekins of this universal church.

Mose sed that he dont like nuthin invisibil in ether ghosts er churches.

Mose and i jist desided that the invisibil church is an imaginary immaterial impertinent improbable implacable impervious impending indefinite impossible inconsistent inscrutable invalid insane imposter.

when i finish mi lessuns maby ill be abul tu turn out peeces that old gentlemen with thin side whiskers and thik poketbuds will sandbag wun another fer the privileg uf buyin. i want tu git so i kin rite like that pronouncer on the radio speaks. then ill be abul to maybe be a real help tu our dere old Baptist jernel.

WATCH OUT FER THE HAM. HITS ON HITS WAY.

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## "God's Family"

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when the individual might be sleeping in that bed, he was really sleeping apparently on the back of a swan. The forty acres around that house were landscaped and laid out with all kinds of beautiful trees, shrubbery and flowers of every description. Yet, beloved, that man and woman who built that house and landscaped that property, though they

had multiplied millions of dollars, separated and divorced, and both of them died of a broken heart. I tell you, beloved, money doesn't make for happiness.

But there is something that makes for happiness. The man who is a child of God and who is in God's family has one secret of happiness. Listen:

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Rom. 5:1.

Do you know what makes for happiness? It is the peace of God. It isn't anything that can come to you from this world, but the man who knows God, the man who has been justified by faith, has peace with God, and that peace makes him happy in the Lord Jesus Christ. There isn't a thing in this world that can give a man happiness more than to be able to put his hand upon his breast and to say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." There isn't a thing that enables a person to face the problems and the difficulties of this life like the knowledge that he is at peace with the Lord Jesus Christ. So i say, beloved, that the family of God, being at peace with God through Jesus Christ, is a very, very happy family.

God's family is a family wherein EVERYONE OF THAT FAMILY HAS THE SAME NATURE. Do you realize that if you are in God's family you have the same nature that everybody else in God's family has? Listen:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious

promises; that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—II Pet. 1:4.

Beloved, if you are in God's family, you have God's nature on the inside of you. Every person who has been saved has been made a partaker of divine nature. Doesn't that thrill your heart to know that you have something of God on the inside of you? If you are saved, you have God's nature dwelling within you.

What a family, then, is this family of God — a select family, a noble family, a large family, a very influential family, a wealthy family, a happy family, and a family wherein everyone has the same kind of a nature — the nature of God Himself.

II

## ALL PEOPLE ARE NOT MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY.

Not everyone can claim God as his Heavenly Father. Listen:

"Ye are of YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do."—John 8:44.

"In this the CHILDREN OF GOD are manifest, and the CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."—I John 3:10.

In this verse He holds up two classes of people — one, the children of God; the other, the children of the Devil.

I say then that not everybody is in the family of God. Believe me when I tell you that there are over 3,000 dialects and languages within this world and the Bible has only been translated in a little more than 1,000 of these dialects, which would tell us that there are almost 2,000 dialects and languages that never yet have heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. They have never read the Bible telling about the Son of God. Surely, beloved, when you remember this, you are brought face to face with the fact that not everybody is in the family of God.

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—Mt. 7:13, 14.

This would tell us that many of this world know not Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Just think of your neighbors. Just think of the individuals that live next door to you. Just think of the people with whom you work. Just think of your family. When you think of all this, you are brought to realize that the majority of people in this world know not the Lord Jesus Christ. They are not in God's family.

In Matthew 13:1-20, we have the story of the sower who went out to sow. You will notice that the first sowing didn't produce fruit. The second sowing didn't produce fruit. The third sowing didn't produce fruit. But the fourth sowing, so the Word of God tells us, did bring forth fruit. Notice, 75 per cent of the seed was lost, which would tell us that so far as the seed itself is concerned, fully 75 per cent of it goes for naught.

I tell you, beloved, while God has a marvelous, wonderful, remarkable family, not everybody is in the family of God.

III

## THERE ARE SOME DIFFICULTIES WHEREBY PEOPLE DON'T GET INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD.

There are some people who are absolutely IGNORANT OF SPIRITUAL THINGS, who have never been told the way whereby that they can come into the family of God. There are people round about you who don't know how to be saved, who do not know the way of salvation, who do not know how to get into the family of God.

Do you remember that Ethiopian eunuch who had been to Je-

# From Spurgeon's Pulpit

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## God Pardons Wicked Sinners

By Charles H. Spurgeon

I have heard of a great man, who was once taken to see the French galley-slaves, and he had given to him the authority to set free any man whom he found at the galleys to whom he cared to give his liberty. He went to one man, and found that he was committed for ten years, and he asked him about his crime. He said that he thought that he had been treated very unfairly; he didn't know that he had done much amiss. Perhaps he had, once or twice, taken a little that was not his; but the temptation to which he had yielded was very strong, and he had done so much good in other ways that he really thought he was very badly treated in being sent to the galleys. So the gentleman passed him by; he was too good a man to receive a free pardon.

There was another, who said that he was perfectly innocent; he even swore that he was as innocent as a new-born babe of every accusation that had been brought against him. The gentleman also passed him by, for he too was too good to be freely forgiven.

Then he came to another, who said that he might have tripped perhaps, but much more was

Jerusalem to worship and was returning home? As he rode along, the Spirit of God told Philip to join himself to the chariot, and he did so. Listen:

"And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him."—Acts 8:30, 31.

Here was a man who had gone to Jerusalem to worship and there wasn't anyone there who could tell him how to be saved. Now he was returning home an unsaved man.

Beloved, one reason why a lot of people are outside the family of God and still in their sins is because they are ignorant of spiritual truths. They have never yet been taught the way whereby they can be saved.

Another difficulty in the way of people getting into the family of God is the fact that MANY HAVE BEEN DECEIVED. Just think of the number of people who have been deceived relative to religion. Think of the number that are depending upon their confirmation.

A man was telling me just a short time ago how he had spent so much money getting a dress ready for his little child so that she could be confirmed into the church. He told me how he had gone to church that Sunday, even though it wasn't his usual custom to do so, just in order to see his little girl confirmed that day. When he told me about it, he said, "Brother Gilpin, wasn't it wonderful?" I said, "No, I can't agree with you. So far as you are concerned, you are an unsaved man, and your child is unsaved. The confirmation was merely a deception, and the preacher that confirmed that child was merely a tool of the Devil to deceive you and to deceive that child in thinking that she is now all right spiritually in the sight of God."

Beloved, there are lots of peo-



made of it than was true, and there were liars in court, and perjury had been committed by a great many of the witnesses against him, and he knew a great many men who were twice as bad as he was, yet they were at liberty while he was there in chains. That man was not the one to be pardoned.

At last, the visitor came to a poor fellow who said to him, "I have a long sentence to serve, but I fully deserve even more than that sentence. I wonder that I was not condemned to death, for, had they proceeded to extremities, they might have proved me guilty of murder, so I look upon my sentence as much lighter than I really deserve to suffer." Then he, who had received the authority to pardon whom he pleased, said, "I pardon you, for, according to your own confession, you appear to be the only man in the whole place who is really receiving justice, and therefore I will show you mercy, so you may go your way as a free man."

In like manner, the Lord Jesus Christ is always ready to bestow His mercy upon those who confess that they deserve the heaviest sentence of His justice; but as long as we kick against that, we cannot expect Him to look upon us in love.

ple like that little child who are deceived by confirmation.

Then there are those who are deceived by reformation. They think that all they have to do is to reform and change their ways.

Likewise, there are those who are deceived by church membership. They think that all they need to do is to join the church and they will be all right and go to Heaven when they die.

I tell you, beloved, there are a lot of difficulties in the way to keep people out of the family of God, and one of the greatest difficulties whereby they are kept out of the family of God is that people are deceived by confirmation and reformation and church membership, to say nothing of the false religions of the world, such as Christian Science, Russellism, and all the various false doctrines that are offered to the world in the guise and the name of religion.

There is a third difficulty whereby people don't get into the family of God and that is because they are NOT WILLING TO SUBMIT THEMSELVES UNTO THE TEACHINGS OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. There are those who have heard the Word of God, and who have been taught God's Book faithfully and patiently by someone who has actually tried his best to give to that individual God's message of salvation, yet they go on in their sins and are not willing to submit themselves to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"Because the carnal mind is ENMITY AGAINST GOD: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."—Rom. 8:7.

There are people who know that Jesus Christ died, who know that the Son of God poured out

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

### WHOSE FATHER IS GOD?

By H. BOYCE TAYLOR

In pulpit, press and platform today you hear much of the "Fatherhood of God."

Horace Bushnell was the first to teach in this country in his book, "Christian Culture," in 1847, that God is the Father of all children—that "to train up a child for future conversion is the very character and mark of all unchristian education."

J. T. McFarland (M. E. Church) —"We have baptized our children, and by that act we have declared them to be children of God."

The 1910 Discipline of Southern Methodists teaches that all children "are born into this world in Christ the Redeemer, heirs of life eternal."

Rishell in his book, "The Child

as God's Child" maintains "a religious life beginning with the life of the child and never lost would make conversion unnecessary."

So declare most other psychologists and most religionists of the twentieth century.

It is also a fundamental doctrine of all secret fraternal orders with which we are acquainted.

All men have God for their Father—all are brethren. — New Oddfellows' Manual, page 109.

Fraternity is the culmination of the "Sermon on the Mount" and the glorification of the sublime doctrine of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."—M. W. A. National Congress 1897.

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feigned belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."—Masonic Voice Review.

These are but samples. Many similar quotations from these and other fraternal societies might be given.

What Saith The Scriptures?

To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.—Isa. 8:20.

WHOSE FATHER GOD IS NOT

1. He is not the Father of Angels.

Unto which of the angels said He at any time, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten thee? (Heb. 1:5).

2. He is not the Father of infants.

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### "The Law Says I Am, So I Am"

An attorney and one-time political figure in California, was sentenced to serve six months in Federal prison for failure to file an income tax return.

The attorney was a tired and defeated man when he heard the judge commit him to custody.

Before the passing of the sentence, the attorney caused a dramatic silence in the courtroom as he pleaded guilty:

"I find it somewhat difficult to conceive of myself as a criminal. But the law says I am, so I am.

"Quite frankly, I made a mistake, and therefore I should bear the burden this court seeks to impose. I'm not afraid of going to jail for some wrong that I've done—

"It is just—I don't want my children in school to have others say to you, 'Your Daddy is a jailbird.' If it were not for those two, I wouldn't say a word."

He had to go just the same. He actually failed to file returns from 1946 through 1950 while earning a net income of \$50,000.

There are many persons who individually say: "I find it somewhat difficult to conceive of myself as sinner" and they should add, "but God's law says I am, so I am." For "whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet of-

fend in one point, he is guilty of all." (James 2:10).

There has been only one person who kept the law perfectly—the Lord Jesus Christ. And He graciously deigned to die in our place. Now, "whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Constrained by His love, we will live to His glory; and instead of embarrassing our loved ones, we will be adornments to the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.—NOW.

### IF CHRIST ISN'T THE SON OF A VIRGIN

All the rivers of Christian theology become one great life-giving stream in the cross of Christ. But if Jesus were the son of Joseph and Mary, then He was not free from the taint of sin — He was not separate from sinners. You have left in that manger-cradle at Bethlehem the child who may become a world's great prophet, leader, dreamer, reformer, but Jesus, the Saviour, the Redeemer, is gone! Christ is lost to humanity!

Wise men of the East, take back your gifts which you have laid at His cradled feet, for the child is not the King of Heaven and Earth. Shepherds, standing in silent awe in the lowly cavern where the young child lies, go back to your sheep upon the fields, for this world and its cares are the only reality! Angels, whose music comes floating down from Heaven's gates, silence your sweet songs and leave manking to the grim music of its sobs and moans and curses and blasphemies. Star of Bethlehem, tender dayspring from on high, go out and leave this world in the blackness of darkness, forever groping in endless cycles with its lust and its illusions, for Jesus is not that Holy thing which shall be called the Son of God, and shall save us from our sins. He was born of flesh and of the will of man, not of the will of God. Our Christ is gone, and with Him dies the hope of humanity.

—Clarence Macartney

### THE RSV HASN'T REPLACED THE KJV

Jack L. Gritz, editor of The Baptist Messenger, in an editorial "Battle of the Bibles," December 13, 1956, appearing in this official organ of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma says:

"Efforts to substitute the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for the King James Version although backed by a million dollar advertising campaign and supported by leaders in many denominations across the nation have failed—and failed completely. Since it was published in 1951 the RSV Bible as translated in 1611 has been purchased by a larger number of persons. Across the country the ratio is probably 20 copies of the King James Version sold to one copy of the Revised Version (which incidentally is in the hands of one publishing firm only)."—Christian Victory

"Can God forget the blood of His dear Son, or do so despite to His sacrifice? Impossible. All for whom He died as a covenant Substitute He will save. His redeemed shall not be left in captivity, as if the ransom price had effected nothing."—C. H. Spurgeon

## The Little Baptist

(CHAPTER XIII (Continued))

The committee promptly called on Mrs. Brown, and very kindly tendered to her the forbearance of the church, providing that she would promise not to speak against their faith and customs. They earnestly entreated her not to force on them the painful necessity of excluding her.

Mrs. Brown told the committee that she would not attend the meeting of the Session, and she handed them the following written statements which she wished to be understood as her final decision:

"I have not acted hastily in forming my conclusion, nor am I now prepared to take any backward step. My wish, all my life, has been to be a Bible Christian. And with my conception of God's teachings, I cannot endorse the baptism of unconscious infants; nor do I believe that anything but immersion is Scriptural baptism. Therefore, I can make no promise to abstain from a free expression of my opinions. I regret to be compelled to differ from those with whom I have so long and so pleasantly mingled in a church relation. And while I cherish the kindest feelings for the members generally, I cannot sacrifice the right of conscience. In a word, I will obey God rather than man."

The committee reported to the Session, "That,

"WHEREAS: Sister Amanda Brown has been charged with the offense of disseminating heretical opinions and *inveighing against our doctrines and customs*, and,

"WHEREAS, She has been repeatedly admonished, and faithfully warned of the evil she was bringing on the church, and earnestly entreated to withhold her expressions of disapproval, and still solemnly declares her intention to persist in her former course, we recommend her exclusion from the communion of the church."

With but few remarks, the report was adopted.

At the next regular meeting of the church, the pastor, in accordance with his duty as defined on pages 514 and 515 of the Confession of Faith, announced that certain charges of errors in doctrine and habitual expressions, tending to produce discord in the church, had been made and sustained against Sister Amanda Brown, and that the Session, after due deliberation, had, on behalf of the church, excluded her from its communion. He then read from the book (Confession of Faith):

"When any offender has been adjudged to be cut off from the communion of the church, it is proper that the sentence be publicly pronounced against him." "The design of excommunication is to operate on the offender as a means of reclaiming him; to deliver the church from the scandal of his offense; and to inspire all with fear, by the example of his punishment."

He then pronounced the sentence in the following form:

"WHEREAS: Sister Amanda Brown hath been, by sufficient proof, convicted of publicly disseminating doctrines contrary to the faith and practice of the church, and after much admonition and prayer, obstinately refuseth to hear the church, and hath manifested no evidence of repentance; therefore, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pronounce her to be excluded from the communion of the church."

"It is due to Sister Brown, perhaps," he remarked, "to say that there has been no impeachment of her moral character, no al-

legation against her piety. It was because of the dissemination of views opposed to our doctrine and practice as a church, that made her expulsion necessary. The harmony of feeling and unity of sentiment in a church, is of the highest importance to its welfare, and it became a matter of necessity to purge out the leaven of heresy that had begun to work. For as the Scripture doth truly say: 'How can two walk together except they be agreed?'"

The exclusion of Mrs. Brown from the church, as might well be supposed, was a subject of much talk in the community, and many were the guesses as to what would be her future course.

It was but a short time after the church trial until Mr. Jones, a neighbor, called on her. He was accompanied by a stranger whom he introduced as Dr. Atwood, and who, as she soon ascertained, was a preacher of that system of doctrines known as Campbellism. The title of "Doctor," however, had relation to medicine, rather than to divinity.

Dr. Atwood had recently organized a small church in the town. And being desirous of gaining more members, and knowing Mrs. Brown to be a convert to immersion, he thought that she would probably unite with his church. Several hours had been spent in conversation relative to the different denominational peculiarities, in which he had taken special pains to represent his own in the most favorable light. Finally his conversation was directed to Mellie, to whom he remarked: "I can see no reason why anyone who is inclined to be an immersionist, cannot unite with the Christians. There is a great similarity—in fact, but little difference, between them and the Baptists."

Mellie smiled, and softly and pleasantly inquired, "Are not all true believers in Jesus Christ Christians? The world has given the different denominations their names, and they accept them, and since the world has given you a name, too, why do you not accept it? Then, when you wish to be more explicit, say you are a Campbellite Christian, as distinguished from Baptist Christian, Methodist Christian, etc. And as regards a similarity between your doctrines and the Baptists' doctrines, excepting the action of baptism, it appears to me that nothing can be farther from the fact. I understand you to believe that *baptism* is essential to salvation, while Baptists teach that *salvation* is essential to baptism. You deny the doctrine of inherent total depravity, which is the very foundation of Baptist theology. Baptists teach regeneration by the direct agency of the Holy Spirit, which you deny. Baptists teach that religion is spiritual in its nature, while you seem only to regard it as a mental exercise. You teach that regeneration is only a reformation of life, while Baptists believe that it is a radical change of the moral nature, followed by reformation as its fruits. You baptize to make disciples; Baptists baptize on a profession of discipleship. You are a stranger to me, but your doctrine is not new. I have read it from books, heard it from the pulpit; and find that you run in the familiar channel. It seems to me that your teaching is contradictory."

"Why, Miss," said the Doctor, "you interest me by your ingenuity, as much as you astonish me by your boldness. And now you will please point out some of the contradictions."

(Continued next week, D. V.)



# "THEY WON'T MISS ME!"

"They won't miss me!" said the mother as she repeatedly left her children for rounds of teas and parties. The devil did not "miss" the children either.

"They won't miss me!" said the soldier as he went AWOL. But he spent 30 days in the guard house after that.

"They won't miss me!" said the man on the assembly line, as he slipped away without permission. But that airplane crashed and killed his brother for lack of a single part.

"They won't miss me!" said

the sentry as he slipped away from duty. But the enemy surprised and massacred his comrades that very night.

"They won't miss me!" said the church member as he shed his responsibilities in a day of crisis, and then wondered why his country gave way to softness and demoralization.

"They won't miss me!" said the church member as he omitted worship one Sunday, and then another, for trivial reasons, and then wondered why he no longer enjoyed a victorious Christian life.—Selected.

in His own body to save him. Gal. 3:13.

7. Man by sin had lost peace with God; but this would Jesus Christ lose also, to the end man might be saved.

8. Man should have been mocked of God, therefore Christ was mocked of men.

9. Man should have been scourged in Hell; but to hinder that, Jesus was scourged on earth.

10. Man should have been crowned with ignominy and shame; but, to prevent that, Jesus was crowned with thorns.

11. Man should have been pierced with the spear of God's wrath; but, to prevent that, Jesus was pierced both by God and man.

12. Man should have been rejected of God and angels; but, to prevent that, Jesus was forsaken of God, and denied, hated, and rejected of men. Isa. 48:22; Prov. 1:24-26; Matt. 27:26, 39, 46; Psalm 9:17; 11:6; 22:7; Dan. 12:2; John 19:2-5, 37; Num. 24:8; Zech. 12:10; Luke 9:22.

I might thus enlarge, and that by authority from this text—"He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." All the riches He stripped Himself of, it was for our sakes; all the sorrows He underwent, it was for our sakes; to the least circumstance of the sufferings of Christ there was necessity that so it should be, all was for our sakes: "For our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

And you see the argument that prevailed with Christ to do this great service for man, the grace that was in His heart; as also the prophet saith, "In his love and in his pity he redeemed them."

According to this in the Corinthians, "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ," both which agree with the text, "By grace are ye saved."

"I the chief of sinners am,  
But Jesus died for me."

I say, this was the grace of the Son, and the exercise thereof. The Father therefore shows His grace one way, and the Son His another. It was not the Father, but the Son, that left His Heaven for sinners; it was not the Father, but the Son, that spilt His blood for sinners. The Father indeed gave the Son, and blessed be the Father for that; and the Son gave His life and blood for us, and blessed be the Son for that.

But methinks we should not yet have done with this grace of the Son. Thou Son of the blessed, what grace was manifest in thy condescension! Grace brought thee down from Heaven, grace stripped thee of thy glory, grace made thee poor and despicable, grace made thee bear such burdens of sin, such burdens of sorrow, such burdens of God's curse as are unspeakable. O Son of God! Grace was in all thy tears, grace came bubbling out of thy side with thy blood, grace came forth with every word of thy sweet mouth. Psalms 45:2; Luke 4:22. Grace came out where the whip smote thee, where the thorns pricked thee, where the nails and spear pierced thee. O blessed Son of God! Here is grace indeed! Unsearchable riches of grace! Unthought-of riches of grace! Grace to make angels wonder, grace to make sinners happy, grace to astonish devils. And what will become of them that trample under foot this Son of God?

## Whose Father?

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And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (Eph. 2:3).

According to Milligan by nature means, not what we are by custom or by law, but in both classic and Hellenistic Greek "that which is innate or inborn." Every child born into this world



## For Little Children

### A BIBLE QUIZ

Boys and girls, here are some Bible questions for you to answer. You will find the answer to each question in the verse beside the question.

1. Why did Jesus come to the world? (Matthew 1:23).
2. Who baptized Jesus? (Matthew 3:13-17).
3. How was Jesus baptized: by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion? (Matthew 3:16).
4. Name four of Jesus' first disciples. (John 1:40-49).
5. What important ruler talked with Jesus one night? (John 3:1, 2).
6. What did Jesus tell this ruler about being "born again"? (John 3:3).
7. What two kinds of people are there in the world? (John 3:18).
8. How can we live forever? (John 3:36).
9. Who is the "Water of Life"? (John 4:14).
10. What is God like? (John 4:24).

is born a child of wrath.

### 3. He is not the Father of Abraham's natural seed.

Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children... They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God. (Rom. 9:7-8).

### 4. He is not the Father of those who deny the Deity of the Lord Jesus.

In John 8:41 the Pharisees said: "We have one Father even God." Jesus answer was: "Ye are of your father the devil." This was the verdict of Him, who is to be Judge of the living and dead, as to the family connection of all religious teachers who claim to be God's sons without a personal faith in the Lord Jesus.

Note John 8:24: "If ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins."

"I AM" was the Redeemer of Israel from the bondage of Egypt. Jesus was the "I AM."

Note that all deniers of the Deity of the Lord Jesus are the children of the devil and can't go to heaven. (John 8:22).

Incidentally it ought to be remembered too that any man who teaches a Fatherhood of God apart from a personal receiving of the Lord Jesus is a child of the devil.

### WHOSE FATHER GOD IS

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. (John 1:12).

### God is the Father of Believers only.

This sonship is based on redemption.

But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem them that were under law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (Gal. 4:4-5).

Only redeemed men and women are taught by the Holy Spirit to say "Abba, Father." (Gal. 4:6). All others who call God Father are "bastards and not sons."

Ye are all the children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:26).

No sonship apart from a personal receiving of the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

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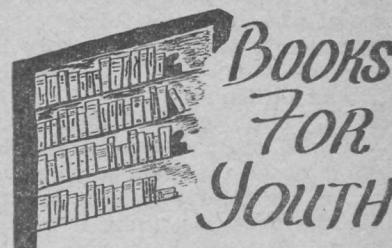
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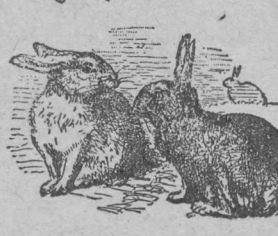


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"The trees of the Lord are full of sap; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; Where the birds make their nests; as for the wild goats, and the rocks for the conies."—Psalm 104:16-18.



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## MEXICAN MISSION WORK SHOWING GENUINE PROGRESS

### Work Being Opened Up In Virgin Field Of Huanimaro

I wish that all of those who read the Mexican Newsflashes could have an opportunity of visiting some of the missions here in Old Mexico. Some of our missions are small, some are large, some are in an area where the work of preaching the Gospel is comparatively easy, while others are in a place where it is very hard and difficult because of the local Catholics, local authorities, or various other reasons. But since most of you cannot come here on the field and visit the work, the next best thing is for someone who has been here to tell you of some of the missions.

This last Thursday, I had the privilege of visiting the mission in Huanimaro for the first time. I have known of the work in this town for several years, as it was a mission begun by the Central Baptist Church while Brother Jacinto Munoz was pastor of the Baptist Church in Irapuato, but until this week, I had never been able to visit there. During the time when Brother Munoz visited the mission there, there were times when mobs would wait for him at the edge of town, but he would just wait in the city until they dispersed and then return to Irapuato. For a long time, he visited the mission by riding a bicycle, and had many close calls with the fanatical Catholics there.

In spite of all these difficulties, the few believers who were there were faithful and loyal and continued to open up their homes to the preaching of the Gospel, even though it meant possible persecution from their friends and neighbors, and it has often led to persecution there but they have continued in spite of the difficulties.

The mission remained small for quite some time, and seemingly the work was at a standstill. While the church in Irapuato did not have a permanent pastor, it was impossible for them to have

regular services in Huanimaro, but since the church now has a regular pastor, they are having regular services in Huanimaro every Thursday night. To show how the Lord blesses us when we continue faithful, this last January 6 they had special services there and there were 15 who received Jesus as their Saviour. As always, immediately after this, there came a protest from the local authorities about the services in the home, and the government began to cause many problems, but again the mission seems to have "weathered the storm" and for the last three weeks they have had no difficulties with the authorities.

On Thursday when I planned to visit them (February 28), we left Guanajuato about 11:00 which was one hour later than we had planned, but that is about the custom in Mexico. I drove to Irapuato and took with me Brother Oscar Cruz and Brother Isidro Estrella, both members of the faculty of the seminary here in Guanajuato. In Irapuato, we picked up Brother Joel Rosas, pastor of the church, and two members of the church and then left for Huanimaro.

For about 45 minutes we were able to drive on a paved road, but we had to turn off to one side and we left any semblance of a road. There were two ruts to follow for a short distance, and then the ruts began to disappear and various different routes took place and if it hadn't been for Brother Joel Rosas along with us, we wouldn't have known the way.

To say the road was bad is to put it mildly. There were times when the roads had deep ruts and the part in the middle would scrape on the bottom of the car, and other times when there were so many rocks in the road that we couldn't miss them and had to

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### HAVE JUST HEARD OF JESUS FOR FIRST TIME



A group of young men who attend services in Saguarichi—the new meeting place mentioned in Marcelino Ramos' letter. They need Jesus. Please help us to help them.

### Work Progressing On New Church House In Guanajuato

I know that many of you are anxious to know how the work is progressing on the church building here in Guanajuato, and I know that you are more anxious than I to see the progress of the work here. One of the first things that I did after arriving here in Guanajuato was to visit the building work and to see how soon we would be able to move into the building to have our regular services.

As most of you know, we were forced to suspend the work on the building during the rainy season (May-October) because we are building a small two-story building next to the auditorium to be used for Sunday School rooms, and it is being built of adobe (mud brick) and this type of building can only be built in the dry season. The adobe brick had been made last year,

but they had to be stored in the auditorium so that they would be out of the rain, or else they would have been destroyed, but being stored in the auditorium, it meant that we couldn't work there.

Since the work was resumed, they have just about completed the work on the adobe building. The walls are about up to their proper height now, and they are beginning to put the floors in now, the floor between the first and second story and the roof. We hope to have that completed within a month.

As far as the auditorium itself, we completed the walls and roofing last year, and since the adobe bricks have been removed, we have put the doors and windows in, the wiring of the building has been nearly completed, and what

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### Four Grown Men Are Saved In One Service At Irapuato Church

By M. L. Moser

Last Sunday I visited with the church in Irapuato where Brother Joel Rosas is the pastor. In the morning I visited with the church in Guanajuato and drove over to Irapuato for the evening service. Brother Joel invited me to preach, and as I never turn down an opportunity to preach, I preached the sermon for the evening service.

A good crowd was there, the building being full, and there were over 60 present for the service. At the close of the service four men received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and two others showed interest on their faces. Two of these men are around 20 years of age and live about 3 miles from Irapuato on the highway between Irapuato and Guanajuato in a small place called Gapallilo. They had been coming to the services for several weeks, beginning at the special services the church had on New Year's Eve, and attending every Sunday night after that.

It's not an easy thing for them to come to the services. They can ride a bus to town and to the church, but after 8:30 in the evening there are no more buses except the first class buses, and of course, it costs them too much to ride first class, so after services, they walk the three miles home.

Another man who had been attending the services for some time made a public profession of faith, and the fourth man was new to the church as it was his first time to be in the services.

The church in Irapuato is growing and already they are crowding their small building to capacity. As you know, they are meeting in a rented house, with the front two rooms fixed up into one room much like the inside of a church. The pastor lives in two

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### SOULS SAVED AND RAMOS PERSECUTED

Esteemed Brethren:

Greetings in the name of the Lord and may the Lord bless you. Now I wish to give you my information for the month of January.

The first week we went on a trip to eight of the places or missions that we visit regularly. We had seven professions of faith of people who were converted while I was preaching. We are thankful to the Lord that the work is progressing in the missions around Cuauhtemoc.

The second week we visited a place called Ranch Solis. One of the young ladies who is a member of the church married a young man who was not a Christian. He was saved during the service and two more young ladies were saved also. We had the op-

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### THESE CHILDREN HAD NEVER HEARD OF ANY RELIGION



A group of children in Saguarichi. Some of God's elect may be facing you in this group. Don't you want to have a part in sending the Gospel to them?

### MORALES EXPECTS TO START NEW MISSION

Loved Brethren In Christ:

By means of this letter I wish to inform you that for the last few days my brother and I have been on a missionary trip to the villages of Las Riberas, Macayo, Cucuyulapa, and, glory to God, the Lord blessed us greatly. We had very good meetings. In Cucuyulapa, a Pentecostal invited us to tell him of our doctrine so we had a preaching service and showed slides and many who had not accepted the Pentecostal doctrine came to our services. We had about 200 present and they liked our work and our doctrine. They invited us to continue visiting and I have faith in the Lord that we will have a Baptist mission very soon in Cucuyulapa.

Your brother that loves you very much,

Julio Morales Jr.



#### Four Saved

(Continued from preceding page) small rooms in the back of the church, and the church is very active.

The church in the last two years has bought a piano, making them one of the few churches in Mexico that owns a musical instrument; they have bought a loudspeaker and amplifier to be used in Irapuato and in the missions attended by the church; they have just recently painted the inside of the building, and have bought some benches that were made by a believer, but of another denomination, so that this church is not only active, but they have their hearts in the work. The members have a passion for lost souls, and seem to be one of the more spiritual churches or missions in Mexico. Let us continue to pray that together with their pastor, Brother Joel Rosas, they will be able to continue to preach the Gospel and reach many souls for Christ.

#### Huanimaro Mission

(Continued from preceding page) go real slow. We passed several small villages, with maybe 25 homes in each one, and we were the subject of the attention of all of them, as few cars ever go into Huanimaro, and especially one from the United States.

We finally arrived in Huanimaro and stopped at the home of Brother and Sister Manuel Jaramillo. He has a blacksmith shop next to his house and just as we drove up, fire was flying everywhere as they were repairing a broken plow. We stopped at the home and rested awhile and then they asked if we would like to see the town a little before services. We walked down the main plaza and then to the two springs where the town gets its water. Looking up on a small mountain we saw a cross that had been set in concrete. Seeing a cross in Mexico is not an unusual sight as nearly every town has a cross on a mountain near the town. Brother Jaramillo asked if we would like to climb to the top and get a good view of the city, so we climbed to the top of the mountain. After reaching the top, we were breathless and stopped to catch our breath, and while sitting down there and looking over the city, I thought about our climb up the mountain.

The mountain was not an extremely high mountain, yet for us it was a difficult climb because of rocks, cactus, and the steep grade. I then looked over at the

cross which was near us and thought about the thousands of people who each year climb the mountain to worship this small cross on top of the mountain. Instead of climbing by foot as we did, they begin at the bottom and climb to the top of the mountain on their knees, believing that this kind of penance will reduce their time in purgatory after they die. On May the 3rd of each year, a regular pilgrimage is made from the city to the top of the mountain, all of them crawling on their knees in order to pay homage to the Virgin of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico. They then go back down the mountain and go to the Catholic church there (there's only one) and there confess their sins to the priest and sing or recite "Hail Marys" or Ava Maria's to the Virgin of Guadalupe, thinking that this will give them a form of salvation, but can never be sure of that.

Looking at the cross, I wondered how many had worshipped at that cross. It was old, made of wood, and set in concrete. How long it had been there I don't know. I asked several people, but none of them could remember when the cross wasn't there. Little did the people of Huanimaro really know the meaning of the Cross of Calvary and that it was not the cross that saved, but Him who died upon that cross.

After returning to the house we made plans for the services. The church in Irapuato has bought a loudspeaker system, and they have some hymns in the Spanish language, so placing the speaker in the patio, so that it would carry to all the city, we played those records so that everyone would know that we were going to have services.

Brother Isidro Estrella preached the sermon that night, using the story of Paul and Silas and the jailer for his text, and at the close of the service, there were two present who received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour—one man who is in his thirties, J. Rosario Aguilera, and a young mother, Lucila Sanchez. Her husband was there with her, but he has remained lost as he was seemingly untouched by the sermon.

After the services, we gathered up our few belongings and made ready to leave and return to Guanajuato, but those there in the house tried to get us to stay because of the danger of traveling at night, but since we had left the preachers in the seminary alone and had told them we would return that night, we decided that it would be better to leave anyway so that we could be at the seminary the next morning.

We left, and since it was night,

had a little more difficult time in finding the road back. One time we ended up on a dead end after taking the wrong turn at a Y in the road and had to return. Eventually we reached Irapuato, left those there and returned to Guanajuato and arrived about 12:30 midnight.

After visiting in Huanimaro we arrived at several conclusions. First, Huanimaro is a small town, off the roads where people go who do not live there. There is only one Catholic Church there and our small mission, and other than that there is no other kind of church services there. It is a new territory that we are working in, trying to bring the Gospel to these thousands as well.

Second, the year 1957 has seen the hand of the Lord move in a mighty way, with 15 being saved in one night in January and two being saved the night I was there, and I don't know about the other services. It looks like the Lord is ready to begin moving in the hearts of the people of Huanimaro and to establish a permanent work there.

The reason I say a permanent work is because they are trusting that soon they will have a church building, and in a separate article I will explain about that.

I want each of you to definitely pray for the mission in Huanimaro. It is a town among the Tarascan Indians and the few believers there need your prayers every day. Join with me as we pray that God will continue to call those out of the multitude who are of His elect.

#### Ramos Persecuted

(Continued from preceding page) opportunity to preach to about 150 people. The Lord blessed us very much on this occasion.

In the third week we visited a place where we had never visited before. It is a long way from Cuauhtemoc, very far back in the Sierras. The roads were very bad. The place is called Saguarichi and as the place is so far from any other city or town, the people had not heard any kind of religion. We had services two nights. The first night there were about 30 adults and 15 children present and the second night there were about 40 adults and many children.

In the last week we went to several missions that we have been visiting before and giving out tracts. Some of the men tore up the tracts and threw them in our faces but in spite of all this we had a service with 37 people present and the blessings of the Lord were greater than ever before.

I thank the Lord for His blessings and do want to ask you all to pray for me and for the missions around Cuauhtemoc.

Your brother in Christ,  
Marcelino Ramos

#### Church In Guanajuato

(Continued from preceding page) little bit of plumbing we will need has been completed. Looking at a timetable which we have drawn up, we are hoping that we will have the auditorium sufficiently completed so that the process of deeding the property over to the federal government can be begun in about two months. Before that is done, we can use the building for the classes of the night school, and classes will be begun there this next week, if everything turns out according to schedule.

We are hoping that everything will be ready in the building by the month of June so that when the group from the United States comes down to visit the work here in Mexico, we will be able to have a dedication of the church building. That would be about the second week in June, and I believe that we will have it ready by that time.

The church here in Guanajuato is saving money to buy the benches to put in the auditorium, and maybe they'll have the money by then to buy enough benches,

## Property Donated For Church House In City Of Huanimaro

A related article in this issue tells you much about the work in Huanimaro as far as the preaching of the Gospel and its results, but going further than that, we can see the work of the Lord in the lives of the few believers that are there.

Since they have had such difficulty with the government in Huanimaro because they are having services in a private home (which is against Mexican laws), Brother Manuel Jaramillo in whose home the mission meets for services, has a piece of property next to his house that he is willing to donate for the building of a church building. As most of you who have been reading our Mexican Newsflashes for some time know, when a church building is built, it must be deeded over to the federal government of Mexico, which means that the property forever becomes the property of the government, so that Brother Manuel Jaramillo is donating a piece of property that he knows will belong to the government but one in which they can worship with the backing of the federal government instead of the opposition of the government.

I have taken pictures of the property, but since there is an adobe (mud brick) wall on the street side, it is hard to tell anything about the size of the property, but it is large enough to build a small building, large enough to seat 100 people if it is crowded. The people of the mission are very enthusiastic since the Lord has blessed in such a way this year, and they are anxious to build the building, but as is true of all our other missions, they do not have the money to build the building. Brother Jaramillo said that he would be able to make the windows and the doors in his blacksmith shop, but they would have to pay someone for the actual construction of the building as there is not a member of the mission who is in the building trade, all being farmers.

I am wondering if there is some church, or individual, or group

that would like to assume that as a project. It would cost around \$1,000 to build the building, maybe a little more, or maybe a little less, but I can say that it would be mission money well spent. If any church or individual would like to send some money, extra or above your regular offering, designated for the building in Huanimaro, I should be happy to receive it and to begin the work on the church building. We won't have to wait until we have all of the money to begin the work, but we can build the building as we have money, and when we don't have the money, we can wait until we do. I would ask one thing, and that is that the churches and individuals who have been sending in your regular offerings, please don't designate them for the building there as we have our regular expenses of the seminary and the missionaries on the fields to continue to support, so that this offering should be over and above the regular offering that we have been receiving.

Even if we can not help economically in the building of this church building, we can certainly help by making it an object of prayer. I hope that each of you will covenant with me to make this a definite object of prayer so that the Lord will in His time, enable us to build the building in Huanimaro.

#### FAITHFULNESS NEEDED TO THUS CONTINUE

Very Esteemed Brethren:

I pray that you all are enjoying the blessings and the peace of God.

By means of this letter I am sending the information of the work realized during this month.

David and I went to a ranch near here, about 18 miles. We could only reach the place on foot, so we walked along and gave out Gospel tracts and some of the people gave us opportunity to talk to them of the message of the Word of God and several showed real interest.

In some of the homes they said that so many had come preaching different doctrines that they did not know which was the truth. I told them that the truth did not exist in man, but came through the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me." I also told them that it is not religion that saves us, but that we are saved by believing in the Lord and then we want to do His will. I explained much more to them and they seem to realize that, now that they have heard the truth.

Also we met three old men who said they had the religion of their fathers and were not interested in hearing about ours. They did not want to take our tracts. They did not believe the Bible, saying that they were now old and did not need advice. We told them that Christ gave His blood that all who receive Him could have salvation and eternal life without exception; no matter the age, color, or nationality; that the Gospel is for young and old alike. They were indifferent so we could not force ourselves upon them. But pray that they may remember the message that we gave them and turn from their sins before it is too late.

In spite of this rejection there are many who receive the Word with much joy and I have faith in the Lord that we will soon be able to win many souls to the Lord.

We desire your prayers for the mission here in Frontera which is a new mission and still very small. We have services each Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Please pray for us.

Your brother in the work of the Lord,

Joel de los Rios

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1957

## THE QUESTION OF THE FATHERHOOD

JOHN 8:32-59

Memory Verse: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do."—John 8:44.

### I. Bondage. John 8:32-35.

The condition of the natural man is far worse than he imagines. It is worse than what the average preacher or Christian worker thinks. He is completely fettered and hobbled by the Devil. He is in bondage and under the dominion of sin. He is ruled by a tyrant—the Devil. Cf. Titus 3:3; II Pet. 2:14; II Tim. 2:26; Eph. 2:2; Col. 1:13; II Cor. 4:4.

### II. Freedom. John 8:36.

From this bondage of sin, nothing but the truth of God can deliver. Jesus is the Truth. Cf. Jn. 14:6. He came to deliver men from sin. Cf. Lu. 4:18. He delivered from the condemnation of sin and the wrath of God. Cf. Rom. 8:1. He delivers from the bondage of sin. Cf. Rom. 6:14, 18. He delivers from the power of Satan. Cf. Acts 26:18; Heb. 2:14, 15. How we should rejoice for Jesus who emancipates us from the power of sin and Satan!

### III. Why They Sought To Kill Christ. John 8:37.

The Word of God had made no entrance into the heart of these wicked Jews. The world's opposition to Christianity today comes from this source. One must either receive the Word of God, or else the same Word of God will judge him. Cf. John 12:48.

### IV. Abraham's Seed and Abraham's Children. John 8:38-40.

These Jews were Abraham's seed all right, but they were far from being his children. A tree is known by its fruit. Their fruits prove them anything but Abraham's children. Many today make the same error of supposing that since their parents are saved, they themselves do not need to be saved. Let us remember: Salvation comes by faith and cannot be inherited. Cf. Jn. 1:12, 13.

### V. The Fatherhood of God. John 8:41.

This claim is made on every hand today. Every lodge is founded on it. Most church members believe it. It is the greatest lie the Devil ever told. The origin of this heresy is interesting. It is very ancient. It was introduced into America in 1894, when the World Parliament of Religions was held in Chicago. It was preached then by the Brahmins of India. They are direct descendants of Ishmael, Abraham's son by his concubine. Cf. Gen. 16. What a lesson for us! Had Abraham not taken his affairs in his own hands, but wait on God for a son, this heresy might never have been preached.

### VI. The Unsaved Are Children Of The Devil. John 8:42-44.

Every child born in this world is born a child of Satan. Cf. Mt. 13:37-39; Rom. 9:8; I Jn. 3:10. Tom Paine in his "Age of Reason," declares that the Creator is the spiritual father of us all. He was so fearful at death that he hired an attendant. The attendant told him that he had burned the book. Paine said that he wished all of his readers would do the same, since he realized his fallacy. May you realize it now!

## "God's Family"

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His blood for sin upon the Cross of Calvary, yet they go on their way — they go on the road to Hell just because they are not willing to submit themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ as a Saviour, whereby they might become a member of God's family.

### IV

### THERE IS A WAY OF ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S FAMILY.

I want you to realize the fact that you can be a member of God's family if you want to be. You say, "Brother Gilpin, you preach election so much that it makes me wonder if a person could be saved if he wanted to be." Beloved, I have good news for you. If you want to be saved, you can be saved. If you want to be saved, that is the best evidence in the world that God has elected you and that the Spirit of God is dealing with you to bring you unto salvation. The Word of God does say, "Whosoever will," but you will never "will," unless the Spirit of God works within your heart. Listen:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."—John 1:12.

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### VII. The Devil, A Murderer. John 8:44.

In the Garden of Eden, the Devil murdered Adam and Eve spiritually. Cf. Gen. 3. In that day the human family died also. The Devil thus murdered each of us.

### VIII. The Devil, A Liar. John 8:44.

The Devil is the biggest liar of all times. He told the first lie ever told in the Garden of Eden. Cf. Gen. 3:4. He has been at the business ever since.

### IX. The Unsaved Are Skeptical Of The Truth. John 8:45, 46.

Since the day our first parents believed the Devil's lie, the entire race has been skeptical of the truth. Men will give credence to some grotesque absurdity such as evolution, or salvation by works, or a denial of the immortality of the soul; but as soon as the Truth is presented, men will reject it. Psalms 85:3; Isaiah 28:15.

### X. A Sure Test. John 8:47.

If one is God's child, he has a desire for the Bible and God's Word. The fact that one does not desire to read the Bible and that he has no desire to hear God's Word, brands him as unsaved. May our attitude toward the Bible daily be that of little Samuel, "Speak, Lord, thy servant heareth."

### XI. Christ Insulted. John 8:48.

What frightful insults our Lord submitted to. They called Him a half-breed Samaritan and a Devil. All this He endured for our sakes.

### XII. A Marvelous Promise. John 8:51.

This refers to the second death. Cf. Rev. 20:11-15. Death means "separation from God." It means an eternal burning Hell. How wonderful that it can be escaped. Through Jesus this is possible. Cf. Acts 4:12; John 14:6.

### XIII. Straight Preaching. John 8:52-55.

Christ told them that they were unsaved and liars. These were plain statements, but the pure truth. We need that kind of preaching now.

### XIV. How An Old Testament Saint Saw Christ Before His Birth. John 8:56-58.

Cf. Gen. 22:14. Abraham saw:  
1. Humanity bound and tied by sin, just as Isaac was bound. Cf. Rom. 3:10-12, 23; Rom. 8:7.  
2. Humanity helpless. Cf. Isa. 64:6.  
3. The wrath of God. Cf. Rom. 1:18.  
4. The substitution. Cf. I Cor. 15:3; I Pet. 1:18, 19; I Pet. 2:24.  
5. The suffering of Christ. Cf. Psalms 22.  
6. The resurrection. Cf. Heb. 11:17-19.  
On seeing this, Abraham rejoiced and was glad (v. 56). May God help some reader of these lines to do likewise!

### XV. An Attempt To Stone Christ. John 8:59.

Here was Immanuel, but there was no knee bent to Him! No loving homage was tendered Him. These orthodox Jews revealed their true character by rejecting Him. Things have not changed one whit today. He would be treated the same by many professing Christians if He were here today.

the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."—Col. 1:13.

What does it mean by a translation? If you will go back to the Old Testament and read the story of Enoch, you will find that when Enoch was living here within this world, he walked with God. One day when Enoch was walking with God, he never came back. Why? Because he was translated from this world into the world to come. Listen:

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."—Heb. 11:5.

There is a way of entrance into God's family and God compares it with a resurrection. He compares it with a birth, and He compares it with a translation.

### CONCLUSION

I ask you, which family are you in? I rejoice that the individual who believes in Jesus Christ and receives the Son of God as his Saviour is saved in an instantaneous and supernatural manner by the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, might it please God to take hold of some individual who knows not Jesus Christ as a Saviour, and to lift him up and save his soul and translate him out of this world into the kingdom of His own dear Son. If you want to be in God's family, you can be. Listen:

"Who hath delivered us from

"But as many as received him,

to them gave he power to become the sons of God."—John 1:12.

Would you like to get out of the family of Satan? Would you like to get into a new family? Then, beloved, I can tell you how to do it. We are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. May God bless you, and may God enable you to lay hold of Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour by faith.

## Day Of Prayer

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The paper company is asking me to pay this account in full by the end of March. It amounts to approximately \$1700.00, none of which I have, and I can see but very little in prospect between now and then.

I am now in a revival with Pastor Wayne Cox and the great Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn. It is truly a great church of great people who have liberally supported TBE through the years. Whatever offering they give me, will go in its entirety toward this paper indebtedness.

Even then, we will still owe a considerable amount on this account. Knowing this, I realize that something must be done, and accordingly I am asking for a day of prayer in our behalf. May I ask that you please remember us on March 20 in much and earnest prayer, that God will provide for our immediate needs at once.

Please pray (1) that God will enable us to meet our needs, (2) that He will continue good business in our behalf all the year as He has thus far, (3) that He will raise up more contributors to support our work, and (4) that He will keep Bob and me faithful to Him every day.

If God enables and leads you to make an offering in our behalf just now, please remember that it will be most deeply appreciated. Bob and I are doing our best to give you a good paper. We will continue to do so, God enabling us.

Remember Galatians 6:6, which says:

"Let him that is taught in the

word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

"Communicate" means "share with." In other words, God is saying that the individual who is taught, is to share his material things with the one who taught him.

Well, Bob and I try to give you the best paper we can every week. Will you share with us that which God has given you a material nature? We need your help today, as we perhaps never need it again.

May the Lord bless you!

P. S. If you send an offering make your check payable to the vary Baptist Church.

—John R. Gilpin

## Books Reviewed

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available to the Christian public. The questions as to our life have to do with (1) His virgin birth, (2) His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, (3) His originality as a teacher, (4) His miracles, (5) His deity, (6) His death for our sins, (7) His resurrection, (8) His bodily ascension, (9) His second coming, (10) His harmony with Paul, (11) His personality and uniqueness, and (12) His foes.

Perilous Times by W. L. Rouse, 5401 Trentman Street, Fort Worth 5, Texas. 28 pages (including 12 pictures), price not given.

This is a good little book exposing the racial integration conspiracy. Pictures are shown of well-known public figures indulging in inter-racial activities. You can finish reading the book in one sitting, and come away with a new sense of the rising danger of intergration.

## "I Should Like To Know"

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In II Timothy 3:16-17, scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Also see Peter 1:21, I Peter 1:10, 11.

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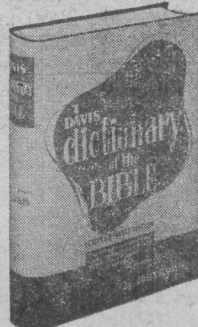
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