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THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

A Sermon By Pastor Wayne Cox
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ELDER WAYNE COX

Matthew 26:26-28: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom. And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives."

The 28th verse of this 26th Chapter of Matthew will suffice for the subject: "For this is my BLOOD of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

The subject under consideration is one that is timely and important inasmuch as it deals with the only thing that can cleanse, redeem and, save—That is the BLOOD of Jesus.

You hear people speak about the cross. The cross holds a fascination for many people, but there is nothing of a meritorious

nature about the wooden cross upon which Jesus died, with this exception, it held the Son of God. Therefore it is not the cross that is so important, but the BLOOD that was shed upon the cross. That is the thing that is important; that is the thing we should learn more about: the blood of Jesus.

People in this modern age, the age of so-called enlightenment, have gotten way ahead of the Lord. The Bible has become to many, an outmoded, outdated, book of Psalms. Then people hear some-

thing about the blood of Jesus, and they are quick to retaliate with, "That's a butcher-shop gospel." Call it what you will, term (Continued on page 7, column 1)

Chapter III

THE EVILS OF THE "UNIVERSAL INVISIBLE CHURCH" THEORY

The late J. B. Moody's language is rather strong in his description of the universal, invisible church. We trust that readers of the more genteel spirit will bear with us for a moment as we peruse Brother Moody's impeachment of this "church." He says it is—

"An immense, immaterial, imaginary Imp; an immodest, impeachable, impracticable Imbecile; an impetuous, implacable, imperious Impertinence; an impossible, impecunious, imperiling Imposter; an incredulous, inconsistent, insensible Incertitude; an impalpable, improbable, impractical Impossibility; an insane, inappropriate, inconceivable Incubus; an indefinite, injudicious, inscrutable Insanity; an injurious, intolerant, indictable infliction; an indistinct, indescribable, intrusive Incantation; an invidious, invalid, invisible Invention; an intrusive, intrepid, entrenched Intrigue.

Spreading out into Shallowness,
Enlarging into Littleness, and
Increasing into Nothingness."

(From *Why Baptism? Why the Church? Why a Baptist?* pages 32, 33).

Brother Moody's terms are quite strong, but we certainly concur with him in his indictment of this theory. The evils of this theory are numerous and it deserves to be marked for what it truly is. We realize that we are not capable of detecting or even recalling all the evils that have resulted from the theory, but we will endeavor to call attention to some which are evident on every hand.

1. This Theory Results from a Violent Method of Biblical Interpretation.

As we have had occasion to mention in previous chapters, the method of interpretation via which men reach this universal, invisible concept of the church is contrary to orthodox methods of interpretation. In our reading of those who advocate the theory, we have found that the theory is first stated, then the writer goes to certain passages or verses and without hesitation forces his theory on them, taking no consideration of what is really taught. No one has yet begun with the Scriptures (Continued on page two)

From Our Readers



From Michigan

"Greetings In Jesus Precious Name." I am sending you a little love offering in the Name of our dear Saviour. We here at home my wife and I read the T. B. E. regularly and enjoy it very much and want to have it come regularly, till Jesus comes or we go home to be with Him; either way I am sure it won't be too long, as we are both past 3 score and ten. I am on Social Security and my income is very small. Money is a scarce item in our lives but God has been real good to us both and we are not in need. Wish it were possible to send you \$100.00 but we are unable to do that, but we can and do pray for you and your work. God bless you and yours. Keep the good work up. Everything points up to the soon return of our blessed Lord, Amen, even so come Lord Jesus.

Yours in His wondrous love,

MR. AND MRS. R. R. MacARTHUR

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As you read this frank appeal we trust that you will consider the fact that it is not Brother Bob or your editor that are asking you to support them as individuals, neither is this an appeal for you to support an interdenominational or nondenominational work—it is the sound work of a New Testament Baptist church, which we call upon you to support. "Unto Him be glory in (by means of) the church."

This is the most serious appeal that we have made in behalf of the work of our church in publishing *The Baptist Examiner* and broadcasting the Gospel. Please read it carefully and prayerfully and may God direct you to act for His own glory.

Two issues past we appealed to you in view of our present financial emergency, asking you to become prayer partners with us. We told you that our paper house was asking for a large payment (\$2,000) by February 1. Many have written to say that they were praying for the work and many have sent offerings (most of them small) to help us. But there was actually only one offering of \$100.00 received. Apparently business is poor everywhere and money is rather scarce. Accordingly, we did not raise the

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But this can't go on and on and we do not want to do business in this manner. We owe a debt and it should be paid—and soon. We must in some manner get out of the "red," and on to more solid footing. But how are we going to do it AND continue on with the work we have to do for the Lord?

It is easy to say, "The Lord will provide." Yes, that is true and we more than anyone else (or as much as anyone else) know (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Calling On "Dead" Men To Believe And Live

You ask, "What kind of sense is this, to urge a man to do something, and tell him in the same breath he can do nothing?" Do not the Scriptures call on men to believe? Do they not say that faith is the gift of God? I will exemplify to you, from the conduct of Jesus Himself, the consistency of this apparent inconsistency. "Jesus said to the man with the withered hand; Stretch forth thine hand." Was the man able to stretch forth his hand? Was he able to move it, more than he was able to move the mountains, or bring down the sun from the firmament? Yet he stretched forth his hand in a moment; with the command, Jesus communicated the power to obey. So with the calls to faith; men are dead in sin, but God gives life, and faith, through His Word, by His Spirit. Had the man with the withered arm adopted your plan, he would have petulantly replied to Jesus, "Why do you mock? why do you call on me to do, what you know I am not able to do?" This might have been very clever; but it would have ruined both body and soul.

Had you been at the tomb of Lazarus when Christ raised him from the dead, you would have had a very appropriate subject (Continued on page 8, column 5)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"WHEN YOU MEET YOUR KING"

By JOHN R. GILPIN

(Preached at the Baptist Mission of Minford, Ohio)

(Read II Samuel 19:9-40).

This is the old, old familiar story of bringing back the king. David had been king, reigning from Jerusalem. His son Absalom had risen in rebellion against him and had driven him from the throne. He crossed over the Jordan River east of Palestine and fled into the hills of that country. I don't know how long David was in exile away from the throne, but after the battle of Mount Gilboa when his son Absalom was killed, the people started talking among themselves, saying, "Now we ought to bring back the king. It is true that Absalom

made us promises and we thought we were doing right when we rose in rebellion with Absalom against his father David. We thought that we were in the right but now it has come to nought. Now we ought to all get together and bring back the king." The word passed from mouth to mouth and from ear to ear. After a while there was enough momentum generated as a result of the conversations that they set a day in which they determined to bring back David across the Jordan River into Palestine proper, and to set him on his throne again as king over Jerusalem.

The Word of God tells us as King David was returning that

the folk came out to meet him, and the very first person that fell down before King David was Shimei. When David was fleeing from Jerusalem to save his life a short time before, it was Shimei, a descendant of King Saul, who ran along on the top of the hill and threw stones and dust on David as he fled for his life before Absalom and his army. When one of David's men wanted to call a halt and to take his sword and cut off Shimei's head, David said, "No, no, don't do it. It could be that the Lord has told him to curse me. It could be that God has told him to do this, and if He has, He has some purpose for it. Therefore, we'll leave (Continued on page 2, column 3)

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and demonstrated that they teach this notion. According to the method of interpretation used to establish this theory any doctrine could be "proved" to be true. As a matter of fact, most heresies stand upon just such a method of interpretation. Someone gets a mental concept that seems right and is pleasing, then he goes to the Bible and points out a verse or two to "support" the theory. This is a violent method of Biblical interpretation, if it can be called "interpretation."

Let us notice how the advocates of the universal, invisible church theory force on God's Word their own concocted notion.

Upon all the generic, abstract references to the church, these theorists impose their theory. Did the reader ever notice that in the *Scofield Reference Bible* there is no mention whatsoever of generic, abstract uses of the word "ekklesia"? Scofield never marks a verse as being an abstract, generic reference to the church, though such is not uncommon in the Bible. Instead, he marks such references as teaching his notion as to the church. And to do this he had to concoct the idea of three churches ("local," "visible," and "true") in order to harmonize things. The ordinary Bible reader would be at sea to distinguish which church is which if it were not for Mr. Scofield's notes! This is a great violence to God's Word.

But more: **upon all generic, abstract uses of figures of the church, these theorists impose their theory.** When we read, for instance, of the church as the "body" of Christ, we are told that this is the universal, invisible church. Why is it so? Why couldn't it just as easily and scripturally be said that this is the

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BOB L. ROSS.

Roman Catholic Church? or for that matter, anything one wishes to dream up in his own mind? No scriptural evidence whatsoever is given to support the idea of these theorists. Paul clearly defines what he means when he uses the figure "body." In I Corinthians 12:27 he speaks of one church (the church at Corinth) as being the "body" of Christ. Now when he elsewhere uses that figure in an abstract, generic statement, we have a concrete example to guide us in our interpretation. But instead of following this orthodox method, the universal, invisible church theorists define the figure to suit themselves and their theory. A violent method of interpreting God's Word indeed when men will pay no heed to divinely inspired definitions of figures.

2. The Imaginary, Invisible Church Usurps the Place of the New Testament Church.

As to **interpretation**, as we have just seen, this false theory usurps the New Testament church in many verses and passages. Thus these verses and passages which give us much divinely inspired truth as to the church are abused, perverted and misunderstood. Many, many people have failed to get a full, Scriptural view of the church as a result of this theory's being imposed upon certain Scriptures. And when people are led to the truth, it is difficult for them to get rid of the false concepts they have had.

Those who are subjected to and misled by this theory are therefore greatly warped in their thinking as to the church. They wrongly think that the church is composed of all the saved, or all the elect, or someone else, according to whatever theory they have been taught. They speak of "The Church" or "The True Church" with an elevated accent, but not so as to the "local" church.

The New Testament concept of the church is therefore belittled. The important thing becomes this big, universal, invisible "True Church." The little two-by-four "local" church is regarded rather lightly. What is the little side-show or "local" church compared to the Big Top or "True Church"? B. H. Carroll said: "More than once when I have inquired of a man, Are you a member of the church? the reply has been, I am a member of the invisible, universal, spiritual church." (Op. cit., page 12). Who cares about the "local" church when he is in

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ELDER T. B. FREEMAN
Mims, Florida

Sometime ago we published a message in TBE on the subject of Ephraim," by Brother T. B. Freeman. Now that message is available in tract form and may be ordered from the author (not from us).

"When You Meet Your King"

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it in God's hands." David walked on and his men followed him, and the last we saw of Shimei before David crossed over the Jordan River, he was standing on the hilltop, throwing stones and handfuls of dust, and cursing David, and calling him a bloody man. Now the first person that comes out to meet David as he comes back to be king in Jerusalem is Shimei as he falls down and begs for his worthless life.

Then as soon as Shimei fell before David, another man came into David's presence. His name is Mephibosheth. He, too, is a descendant of Saul — a grandson of Saul. His father's name was Jonathan. When Mephibosheth came into the presence of David, he immediately started making excuses as to why he didn't go with David when he fled from the city. You'll remember when Absalom rose up against David that all of David's faithful friends and followers went along with him. Mephibosheth didn't. It is true that Mephibosheth told his servant that he wanted to flee with David. It is true that Mephibosheth attempted to do so, but he was a lame man in both feet having been lame since he was a child. Mephibosheth wasn't able to go forth with David when David left Jerusalem. Now when David comes back, here comes Mephibosheth offering excuses, wanting to make right the apparent wrong of his failure to go along with David.

A third man came up. His name is Barzillai. He is eighty years old. He can't enjoy his food. He is past the years of enjoying his meals. He can't enjoy the voice of singing women. His hearing is poor. So far as Barzillai is concerned, his physical life is practically ended. While David was over on the eastern side of the Jordan River, it was Barzillai who likewise lived on the eastern side of the Jordan River and who

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"I Should Like to Know"

1. Is it ever right to say men have free-will?

Certainly, it is right. Men do have free-will. The will is free to act as the nature of man motivates. In fact, that's all the will is—the expressed choice of man's nature. It never acts contrary to man's nature, for it is subject to man's nature. That is where the Arminians go astray. Their idea of free-will is that men will choose things which their nature could and would not motivate. A depraved sinner would never choose anything but spiritual darkness ("men love darkness rather than light"—Christ). Man freely chooses, but as the hog never chooses to stay clean, so the sinner never of himself chooses to come to Christ. Only when the Spirit of God by the Gospel sheds abroad the knowledge of Christ in the heart will men freely choose to serve the Lord instead of sin.

2. Did Paul have women's help in spreading the Gospel?

We do not know exactly what you mean by women's help. Certainly Paul was helped by Christian women, but as to the kind of help they gave and what you have in mind, you will have to specify.

3. Explain Acts 21:9.

The daughters of Philip "did prophesy," the verse says. We do not have any record in the Bible of what kind of prophesying these women did, nor to whom they did it. But we can be certain of this: it wasn't done in mixed assemblies (see I Cor. 13:34, 35). In fact, while Paul was at Philip's, God did not have these women to give Paul a message that He had for him, but sent a prophet

from Judea named Agabus give it to him.

4. God told Aaron and Moses in the book of Lev. 10:1, 9 to drink strong drink or wine in the tabernacle of the congregation lest they die, and it was to be a statute for ever throughout generations. And you said in one of your papers that wine was to be used in the Lord's Supper. God spoke and you spoke and don't understand. Please explain.

Read the rest of God's statement which goes on in verses 10 and 11 and you will see what God commanded this. He did not want a drinking priesthood, one that was different from the world. Now what has this got to do with the matter of using wine in the Lord's Supper? Evidently nothing; no more than the verse which refers to drunkenness. I can't rule out one thing by a verse that speaks of another thing.

5. Who was Phoebe?

You can read about her in Romans 16.

6. Do you think it is wrong a woman to give a tenth of her income?

In a family, the woman's course usually does not earn a salary. But it is not wrong, it is right for all people who have money to give a tithe to the Lord.

7. Is the Baptist church only church that is right?

This is another question which is not specific. Right about what? About salvation? About baptism? About church government?

We believe Christ started a Baptist church. If you will heed Him, there would be others.

sustained David and provided food for him. Now that David is going back, Barzillai comes before David without an apology. He doesn't fall on his face. He doesn't offer an apology as to why he hasn't befriended David. Rather, he comes out to bid David goodbye. David said, "Wouldn't you like to go up to Jerusalem and live?" Barzillai said, "Oh, no, I'm an old man. My days are about gone. No, I don't want to go with you. If you want to, you can take my servant and give him a chance in life, but as far as I am concerned, I'll stay here." Barzillai didn't come into the presence of David with a lot of excuses and alibis, but rather, he has done what he ought to have done. Now David kisses him. I can see Barzillai

with the kiss of the king on his face, as he turns back to his home satisfied, because he has done what he ought to have done on behalf of the king.

Some of these days our Lord Jesus Christ left this world. He said:

"In my Father's house many mansions: if it were so, I would have told you. To prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, receive you unto myself, where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:2, 3.

When He gave the Lord's Supper's meaning to the Apostles He said:

"For as often as ye eat (Continued on page 3, column 1)

ATTENTION ADVENTIST

One of our Adventist readers has been making some offers to us for Scriptures to prove certain things about the service of the Lord's Day. We told him to get his offers up legal-like and we would be happy to take any money that other articles off his hands. As yet he has not come with such, but he continues to send us some printed material. Here is one printed card where a fellow offers to give his pickup truck for book, chapter and verse which teaches certain things. Well, we could use a good pick-up truck and will be happy to take it off the neighbor's hands.

So just let the Adventists get their offers put into some kind of legal form and we will take anything of value they want to give away. Here is what we are willing to prove to all such things pertaining thereto.

1. That New Testament Christians met on the first day of the week for worship or for the observance and practice of things pertaining thereto.

2. That New Testament Christians are not commanded to keep the Sabbath (Saturday).

3. That the Roman Catholic Church did not instigate the practice of Christians meeting for worship on the first day of the week.

4. That Seventh-Day Adventism is a modern sect known to the world until the 19th century A. D.

So any Adventist who wishes to give away anything should get his offer fixed up, send to us and we will oblige by giving the teaching of the Bible. We always are in need of money and could put the pick-up truck to good use, too. So hurry up, sooner the better.

—THE EDITORS.

The Church

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the "True Church"? This is the attitude that too many of our moderns have. The Lord's Church is thus snubbed and looked upon lightly. The New Testament church is referred to by these theorists as "human" while the "True Church" is Divine; the New Testament church is called "man-made," while the universal, mystical "Body" is wholly of the Lord. The church, according to these theorists, is no more divine than the family (Rice), yet this "One True Church" is nothing but divine. The New Testament church is thus stripped of its divine glory by this usurping theory. Though the Bible calls the church the body, temple, house, household, city, building, candlestick, and bride of Christ, this false theory appropriates these terms to itself, leaving the church without any glory.

3. God is Robbed of the Glory He Receives in the Church.

In Ephesians 3:21 we read, "Unto him (God the Father) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

God has revealed to us, then, that He receives glory in the New Testament church. This is not speaking of the church as a material building, but the "ekklesia"—the assembly of the Lord. It is in this body that He receives glory, for it carries out the commission and fulfills His will in earth. Therefore, when this universal, invisible church turns people from giving the proper place to the Lord's church, it robs Him of glory.

The Lord gave the commission to preach the Gospel to the church. It is in or by means of His church that He is to be glorified in this respect. But the universal, invisible church theory scoffs at this as Hagar of old mocked Sarah. Religious charlatans of all stripes have snatched the Gospel (usually in word only, however) and have taken it upon themselves to preach it, disregarding Christ's commission to the church.

The commission and authority to administer the ordinances was also given to the New Testament church. The Lord is glorified by the church's administration of baptism and the Lord's Supper. No ordinance is truly administered to God's glory unless administered under the authority of the Lord. But New Testament church authority is disregarded by universal, invisible church theorists. They say it doesn't matter about who does the baptizing or administering of the Lord's Supper. In fact, most of these theorists care little about the sacredness of the ordinances. With them such things are "non-essentials." (Imagine being brazen enough to call a single syllable of our Lord a "non-essential"!)

The commission to teach God's Word ("teach all things—Matt. 28:20) was given to the New Testament church and God is glorified in the church's teaching His Word to those who become Christians. Paul under divine guidance referred to the New Testament church as "the pillar and ground of the truth." He said in Ephesians 3:10 that God's wisdom is made known by the church. In Revelation the church is presented as the "candlestick" which gives out with the light of the Word. It was not to a pope, or to the apostles, or to individuals that the commission was given, but to the New Testament church. The God-called minister performs his ministry under the authority of the New Testament church. The commission is not a preacher's except as he is a member of Christ's church. But the invisible church theory teaches the very opposite.

It has been the author's observation that those who hold strongly to this theory are men who are idolized and glorified by those that follow them. Some individual person or organization, not God in His church, receives the glory. Let this question be considered: Does the church have any place in the majority of the modern radio programs, religious periodicals, union meetings or other works which center around certain individuals? Compare the Apostle Paul with some of our moderns: he had great respect for the New Testament church, was a baptized member of it, established churches practically everywhere he went, and exalted the church in his writings. He does not speak of the "One True Church," but exalts the New Testament church. He said that God received glory in the church. Yes, compare Paul with the individualists of today: who is getting the glory and how? Examine the work of these persons and answer: What place does the New Testament church have in their work?

One can easily see that the universal, invisible church has usurped the place of the New Testament church and God is thereby robbed of glory. When individual men are exalted above the church, God is certainly not glorified, regardless of all that might be said in words such as, "We give all the glory to God," "It is His work," etc. These men, by their actions and practices, scorn the New Testament church and church authority. They have built their own little Babels and like them are much better than the church built and commissioned by Jesus Christ.

4. This Theory is Responsible for Much of the Contempt and Wide Disobedience with Regard to the Ordinances.

Many who hold this false theory of the church do not observe the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Others call them "non-essentials" and "minor details," making them "do-as-you-please" matters, and relegate them to a place of almost complete insignificance. This is done in the face of the plain teaching of the Bible on these doctrines and their importance. Those who thus disobey God do so because of a false concept as to the church. They are in the "True Church" so why concern themselves with the "non-essential" ordinances? Why cause division among members of the "True Church"? Why "break fellowship" over such "little things"? This might appear to be very pious to the world, but what about God?

To show how little regard these theorists have for the ordinances, we call attention to the fact that none of the schools which hold this theory, such as Moody Bible Institute, Bob Jones University and Wheaton College teach what God says (Continued on page five)

"When You Meet Your King"

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bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—1 Cor. 11:26.

On the day that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended up into the skies, as the disciples stood and looked at Him as He went up little by little into the heavens, the angels came down and said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall SO COME in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." — Acts 1:11.

It looks today beloved, like the one Absalom prefigures has pretty much his way in this world. It looked like Absalom had his way for a while. When he drove David from the throne and caused him to flee for his life, it looked pretty much like Absalom was definitely "in the saddle." The one that Absalom was a type of — none other than Satan — seemingly has his way in this world today. But, beloved, as the day came when David came back to his throne, so the day is coming when our greater King David, the Lord Jesus Christ, is coming back to this world again. When He comes, there are going to be individuals who are going to react just exactly like Shimei and Mephibosheth and Barzillai. Let's notice these individuals.

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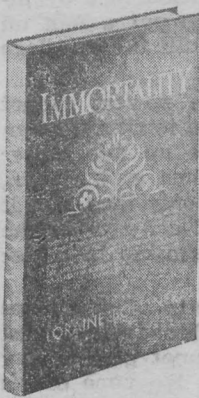
I can see Shimei now as he falls on his face before David and begs for his worthless life. Oh, it was wonderful one day for him to walk along on the top of the ridge and throw stones and dust at David and curse him, but now things have changed. Now Shimei begs that his worthless life be spared.

I look on Shimei as a good example of the unsaved within this world, who are in definite and positive rebellion against Almighty God, who are one day going to fall on their faces before the Lord to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of All. Yes, beloved, there are a lot of ungodly people in this world? Isn't it amazing how much ungodliness there is even in your life now, and certainly before you were saved?

I was thinking this past week how ungodly I was before the Lord saved me. Would you believe me if I would tell you of two things I did before I was saved — how ungodly and irreverent I was. I remember once going to work for a man who was a Christian. When we sat down at the table (I knew he always prayed before he ate), he

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Then Give As God
May Lead You

turned to me and said, "John, do you say anything before you eat?" I said, "I usually say, 'Pass the biscuits.'" Now can you imagine a young fellow fifteen years of age, being that ungodly as to sit in the home of a Christian man and insult him like that.

Then I thought of another time I was invited into another Christian man's home and when he asked me to pray. I said:

"If the Lord will make us able, We'll eat all that's on this table;

We can do it,
If we'll all stick to it. Amen."

Now can you imagine a fellow being that ungodly? I am ashamed of it today, but I am persuaded, it is no worse than the balance of Adam's descendants.

Why, beloved, in West Virginia sometime ago an ungodly youngster came to the front of a church building, knocked open one door and rode a mule right up the aisle while the service was in progress, tried to shake hands with the preacher, and rode back down the aisle out of the building. Can you imagine anyone being that ungodly?

Beloved, think of your own life before God saved you. I dare say that there isn't one of us but can recall incidents in our lives that were just as ungodly as these. Some of these days all of the ungodly Shimeis are going to fall down and plead for mercy when our King comes back. I think of some of these Shimeis who occupy pulpits and who deny the doctrines of election and grace, who are Arminians through and through. I say to you, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this world, there's going to be some individuals who have denied the doctrines of grace — unsaved religious hellions, who just like Shimei are going to fall on their faces and plead for their worthless lives.

If I speak to one that is unsaved, may I appeal to you to remember that as Shimei fell before David and plead for his life, when our King and Lord, Jesus Christ, comes back, every unsaved person will fall before the Lord Jesus and plead. Yea, beloved, you'll acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord in that day. It will be too late, but you will do it. Listen:

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. — Phil. 2:10, 11.

II

MEPHIBOSHETH.

Mephibosheth reminds me of lots of modern day Christians. When King David came back, Mephibosheth came out to meet him, but he had an alibi. He had an excuse as to why he didn't go along with David in the first place. Now he comes out to make right the wrong of his life.

Beloved, if I'm not mistaken there are going to be a lot of Baptists who are going to have some things to make right at the judgment bar of God. Just as Mephibosheth came to make excuses when he met the king, you and I will have a lot of excuses when we meet our King. There will be a lot of things that will have to be made right. I tell you, beloved, there will be a lot of God's people who will have a lot of things to be made right when they stand in the presence of their King.

How about those Baptists that don't tithe? Listen:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye

have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. BRING YE ALL THE TITHES into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." — Mal. 3:8-10.

Yes, beloved, there are a lot of saved people, Baptist people, who have been taught the truth, and yet do not bring their tithes to God. I just wonder how that a Baptist man can read the Word of God, knowing that he is going to stand in the presence of his King someday, and yet go out of the church house, and refuse to bring his tithes to God. Brother, sister, you may refuse today (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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WHAT IS ELECTION?

By CHARLES H. SPURGEON

What is this doctrine of election? Let us try to understand it as spoken of in the text: "Knowing, brethren, beloved, your election of God."—II Thess. 2:13.

I. There is Such a Thing as Election

Any man who should deny that man is a free agent might well be thought unreasonable, but free-will is a different thing from free-agency. Luther denounced free-will when he said that "free-will is the name for nothing." And President Edwards demolished the idea in his masterly treatise.

God is the universal agent and doeth as He wills, and His will is supremely good. He is the superlative agent, and man, acting according to the devices of his own heart, is nevertheless overruled by that sovereign and wise legislation which causeth the wrath of man (that agency in which the creature cannot govern himself) to praise him; and the remainder thereof He restrains. How these things are true I cannot tell. It is not necessary for our good, either in this life or the next, that we should have the skill to solve such problems.

I am not sure that in Heaven we shall be able to know where the free-agency of man and the sovereignty of God meet, but both are great truths. God has predestinated everything, yet man is responsible, for he acts freely, and no constraint is put upon him even when he sinneth and disobeyeth wantonly and wickedly the will of God.

But so many as are saved, you will say, are saved because they believe. Certainly it is so; it is most true—God forbid I should deny it—but wherefore do they believe? They believe as the result of the working of the grace of God in their hearts. Since every man who is saved confesses this, since every true believer in the world acknowledges that something special has been done for him more than for the impenitent, the fact is established that God does make a difference. No one ever heard it laid as an impeachment against the Lord that He has made such a difference, so I cannot see why he should be impeached for intending to make that difference, which is just the doctrine of election.

I am saved, but I know it is not because of any goodness in me, and if you are saved, you will freely confess that it is the distinguishing love of God that has made you to differ. The doctrine of election is simply God's intention to make the difference between people which you know exists. While He gives mercy to all, He gives more mercy to some so that the mercy already received shall be made effectual to

their eternal salvation.

II. This Election of God is Sovereign

He chooseth as He will. Who shall call Him to account? "Can I not do as I will with my own?" is His answer to every caviller. "Nay, but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?" is the solemn utterance that silences every one who would impugn the justice of the Most High. He has a right, seeing we are all criminals, to punish whom He will. As King of the universe, He doubtless acts with discretion, but still according to His sovereignty. Wisely not wantonly He rules, but ever according to the counsel of His own will. Election, then, is sovereign.

III. Election is Free

Whatever may be God's reason for choosing a man, certainly it is not because of any good thing in that man. He is chosen because God will do so. We can get no further. We get as far as those words of Christ, "Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight," and there we stop, for beyond that, no philosophy and no Scripture can take us.

As it is sovereign and free, so

IV. Election is Irreversible

Having chosen His people, He doth not cast them away nor call back the word that is gone out of His lips, for it is written, "He hateth putting away." He is of one mind, and who can turn Him? Once more,

V. Election is Effectual

For "whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified."

And,

VI. This Election is Personal

For He calleth out His children one by one by their names. He calleth them even as He leadeth out the stars, and so He bringeth them every one to the Father's house above.

We have thus given a statement as to what this doctrine is. There we leave it. Our present object is not so much to expound the doctrine, as to strike a blow or two at certain errors which are very common and which spring out of it. I know, dear friends, that there are some who are so afraid of this doctrine that the mention of it produces alarm. If they were to meet a lion in their way, they would not be more terrified than they are when they see this doctrine in Scripture, or hear it from the pulpit.



CHARLES H. SPURGEON In His Early Years

Abraham Lincoln's Warning

"The (Roman Catholic) priest, the nuns and monks, who daily land on our shores under the pretext of teaching their religion, instructing in their schools, taking care of the sick in their hospitals, are nothing else but the emissaries of the pope, to undermine our institutions, alienate the hearts of our people from our Constitution and our laws, destroy our (public) schools, and prepare a reign of anarchy here as they have done in Ireland, in Spain, and wherever there are people that want to be free.

"Till lately I was in favor of the unlimited liberty of conscience, as our Constitution gives it to the ROMAN Catholics. But now it seems to me that, sooner or later, the people will be forced to put an amendment to that clause toward the papists.

"Is it right to give the privilege of citizenship to men who are the sworn and public enemies (No. 1) of our constitution, our laws, our liberties and our lives?"

"The very moment that popery assumed the right of life and death on a citizen of France, Spain, Germany, England, or the United States; those states then committed a suicidal act by allowing popery to put a foot on their territory with the privilege of citizenship.

"Two supreme powers cannot exist in the same territory; when popery will give up this power which it proclaims as her own, then alone, and only then, can it be tolerated and can receive the privilege of citizenship in a free country.

"I am for liberty of conscience in its noblest, broadest, highest sense. But I cannot give liberty of conscience to the pope or his followers, the papists, so long as they tell me, that their conscience orders them to burn my wife, strangle my children, and cut my throat, when they find the opportunity.

"If the American people could learn what I know of the fierce hatred of the generality of the priests of Rome against our institutions, our schools, our so dearly bought liberties, they would drive them away, tomorrow, from among us, or would shoot them AS TRAITORS."—KNIGHTHOOD OF CATHOLICISM, by W. J. Burbank, State Treasurer of Iowa, 1923, pp. 221-25.

*Lincoln was finally assassinated April 14, 1865.

My Prayer

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight O Lord my strength and my Redeemer Amen. Psalm 19:11

BEECHER'S HORSE

That scarce shall lead unto the day—
So runs the life of man!

Henry Ward Beecher once owned a horse which he said ought to be a member of his Church, for "it would work well alike in single harness, double harness, saddle, or lead, on the off side or the nigh side, in shafts, to a stone boat, or a plow; it would stand anywhere it was hitched, and never kicked over the traces."

It has been said there are three kinds of people in our churches today: "The row-boat people, who always need to be pushed, and pulled, and urged along; the sail-boat people, who go only when there is a favorable wind; and the steamboat people, who go along bravely and steadily whatever the wind or weather."

Beecher's horse must have belonged to the "steamboat people," and it is no disgrace to us to possess this horse's churchly characteristics.—I. Q. M.

Fresh Water Harbor

In the state of Washington there is a fresh water harbor where ships weighted down with barnacles can come. After a few days the fresh water causes the barnacles to lose their clinging power, their weighting power, and they lose their hold, sinking to the bottom of the harbor.

Selfishness, greed, worldly pleasures, unimportant things, weigh our lives down. Only the grace of God can save us from these weights. The love of God is all sufficient to rid our lives of all evil and fill our lives with that which is good.

When we truly pray, "Thy will be done," it is like entering the fresh water harbor. God can cleanse our lives, scraping them clean.—Isola Baker.

PRAYING AND PLANNING

We plan and plan; then pray
That God may bless our plan.
So runs our dark and doubtful way,

When Service Is Ended

By AUGUSTUS TOPLADY

Lord let me not thy courts depart,
Nor quit thy mercy-seat,
Before I feel thee in my heart,
And there the Saviour meet

Water the seed in weakness sown,
And ever more improve:
Make me a garden of thine own;
May ev'ry flow'r be love!

O send my soul in peace away;
For both my Lord hath bought:
And let my heart, exulting, say,
I've found the pearl I sought!

Hints and Helps

NINE REASONS FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE

By J. D. GILMORE

1. It is a **mirror**, to show me myself and my Saviour....James 1:23, 24
2. It is a **hammer**, to break my hard heart.....Jeremiah 23:29
3. It is a **fire**, to purify me from evil.....Jeremiah 23:29
4. It is a **two-edged sword**, to pierce me through and through.....Hebrews 4:12
5. It is **food**, to nourish and sustain my soul.....Jeremiah 15:16
6. It is a **lamp and a light**, to guide my feet aright....Psalm 119:105
7. It is a **good seed**, to produce a harvest for God's glory.....Matthew 13:37
8. It is a **discerner**, to keep my motive always pure....Hebrews 4:12
9. It is a **sword**, to enable me to fight for my King....Ephesians 6:17

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When You Meet Your King
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do it, but there is a day coming when you will be making a lot of excuses as to why you did not do so. I can see old Mephibosheth coming down to see King David with his alibi and with his excuses as to why he did not go along with David when he had to see out of the city. And then, I can see a lot of Baptists coming to meet the Lord Jesus Christ with money in their pockets and their bank accounts that ought to have been brought into the house of God — that ought to have been dedicated to Baptist missionary work. They will come, beloved, with excuses as to why they didn't do it.

I tell you, beloved friends — and I wouldn't be your friend if I didn't tell you, if I were you and had a payday yesterday or today, I'd take ten cents out of every dollar of that money and I'd hurry it tomorrow to a Baptist church that was standing for the truth. I wouldn't want my money to come back and find me with money in my pocket that belonged to Him — money that should have gone to His church.

Let's notice again. I wonder if any of you are **lodge members**. Well, if you are, I want to say something to you. I want you to know that I have never known any lodge man who was anything but a dead stick spiritually in his church. I don't say that here are not exceptions, but I will say this, in my ministry I have never known a lodge man who was not a dead stick spiritually to his church. Whenever I go to a funeral and I see that crowd standing around the casket

with their "shirt tails" hanging out, I look for the most unspiritual members of Baptist churches, and I find them there.

A few days ago I was reading of a Baptist who had died. In reading the plans for his funeral, I learned they were going to have four or five lodges to conduct graveside rites. Somehow I closed my eyes and floated back through the distance, and I remembered the man in the Old Testament who was buried by his concubines and I couldn't help thinking when I read about the Baptist that was going to be buried by four different lodges that he certainly was being buried by his concubines.

I want to tell you, beloved, a saved man ought to be a member of one organization and only one — namely, a missionary Baptist church. I don't say you ought to be a member of a church, but I say you ought to be a member of a missionary Baptist church and you ought to be mighty certain that it is a good sound one, or not be a member of it. You haven't any business dividing your time and your talents and your money between lodge organizations and your church. Everything that you have belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ and the only organization that He has in this world to get glory through, is His church.

We read:

"Unto HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."—Eph. 3:21.

The Lord Jesus Christ never gets any glory except through His church, and your life ought to count for Him through the church.

I see Mephibosheth falling, offering alibis and making excuses for the fact that he had not been too true to David.

I wonder about some of the Baptists that I know today — how they are going to fall down in His presence and make alibis too. I read in the Bible that it says:

"LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are command-

ed to be under obedience, as also saith the law." —1 Cor. 14:34.

There are a lot of Baptists who think it is perfectly all right to **unbridle the women** and let them speak and make motions and pray and preach and do anything in this world that they want to in the house of the Lord. Maybe you think I am old-fashioned. I met a fellow the other day who had been reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for quite a number of years, but he had never seen my picture. He said that he just didn't know how young I was. He said he had always thought I was an old man, who had whiskers hanging half way down my chest.

He said, "Brother Gilpin, I read where you said that women ought to be silent in the church and I would have sworn that you were an old grandfather." Well, I am a grandfather, and I want to tell you something: I believe this Bible to the extent that I am not going to deny the Word of God.

When the Word of God says to let your women keep silence in the churches, I'm going to say the same thing that I've been saying since I was a boy preacher. A woman's place in a Baptist church is one of silence. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it. I like to think of that crowd of preachers that's denied it and encouraged women to get out of their place. I like to think of that crowd of preachers the day that they come into the presence of our King David, the Lord Jesus Christ. They will make lots of excuses then. There's going to be a lot of preachers make excuses that day for not living up to what God said as to a woman's place in God's House.

I think also of that crowd that are saved who are **church haters**. You say, "Brother Gilpin, there's nobody who is saved who hates the church." Yes, there are plenty of them, and I'll call one of them by name, just as a sample. John R. Rice, the editor of **The Sword of the Lord**, hates the church that Jesus built.

I'll offer another name, and I'll give you proof for both of them. Do you have a Scofield Bible? I use one, and have, since 1925. I got used to the way in which it is marked and accordingly I've used it continuously since 1925, but, beloved, C. I. Scofield in this Bible, by his notes, shows that he hates the church that Jesus built. I never give a Scofield Bible to anyone, or sell one to anyone, but what I tell him this. The notes are good except what Scofield says about the church, and this is poisonous.

Now, beloved, listen. As far (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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The Church

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about baptism and the Lord's Supper. In fact, they don't even take a position on these matters. Also, **R. A. Torrey**, an outstanding advocate of the "True Church" notion, does not mention the church, baptism and the Lord's Supper in his famous book, **What The Bible Teaches**. Imagine a book such as this not mentioning these outstanding truths. Of **D. L. Moody**, it is said that he never took an open stand on baptism. Likewise (and logically), Moody did not take a position on the matter of the church, except to say he "believed in it." His son-in-law wrote of him, "Denominationalism was excluded from Mr. Moody's meetings. He believed in the church. He was a church member himself, but he never preached any church. He preached Christ, and those who were quickened spiritually were urged to seek a church home of their own choice. Hence sectarian issues were avoided, denominational differences did not arise, not even antagonism between Protestantism and Romanism aroused." (**Moody Still Lives** by A. P. Fitt, page 74).

Yet these same people will dare to speak of the Bible as being an absolute, final authority! The "Fundamentalists" will insist that the man who does not accept the Bible as a final authority is not sound in the faith, yet they themselves will not comply with but a few doctrines which generally are held by most professing Christians. Anything that the Bible teaches which would cause division in the "True Church" is marked "non-essential" and piously (?) cast aside for the sake of Christian (?) union. And anyone who is concerned enough to want to obey God in all matters is branded as being "narrow, sectarian, prejudiced and bigoted," and even a Pharisee. But Bible-believing and Bible-obeying people will not be moved by slander; they will obey what they clearly know is the teaching of God's Word and will wait to see if He judges them to be characterized by all that of which they are accused.

God is also robbed of glory "in the church" by the invisible church theory on the matter of giving. God's tithes and offerings have always been brought to that place which He has been pleased to call His "house." When the Tabernacle was God's "house" tithes were brought for the support of its ministry and worship. It was the same when the Temple became God's "house." Now God's "house" is His church (1 Tim. 3:15). It is the New Testament church and its ministry that should be supported by the saints.

There is practically as much opposition to this truth today as to any other taught. The free-lancing interdenominationalists play the role of parasites in seeking support for their work. The self-styled "radio pastors" and "radio evangelists" use such sophistry as this in misleading God's people: "Give where you receive the blessing. If you receive a blessing from my radio ministry, you should support my work." Or, "Follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If He leads you to give to my work, then you should do so. I know if you are blessed by my work the Spirit will lead you to give to it."

Now these representations are quite conservative compared to some that are given by men of this type. Some of these men go to preposterous extremes in pressuring people for money. For instance, the editor of **The Sword of the Lord** stated that those who do not send in subscriptions to his paper for other people "will be guilty of serious sin, will dishonor Christ, will lose reward at the judgment seat of Christ" (May 30, 1958 issue). Yet this same editor does not think that a commandment of Jesus Christ such as baptism is serious enough to be regarded as anything more than a "minor detail."

As for the idea of giving where you receive your blessing, saints should be primarily receiving their blessings through the ministry of the Lord's church. The Holy Spirit is leading the saints to support the New Testament church in which God receives glory. We do not believe that He is leading people to support the Arminian union evangelists whose chief concern is "decisions" and whose chief unconcern is the church, its ordinances and its ministry. The church is God's "house" and God's Spirit leads men to give to its work.

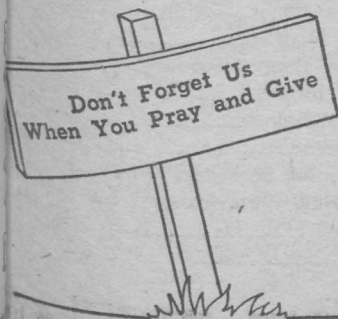
The universal church theory thus is responsible for people being misled as to giving and God is robbed of glory.

5. This Theory is Responsible for Much of the Unionism, Unsectarianism, Ecumenicalism, and Inter-, Non-, and Un-denominationalism of Our Time.

The things just mentioned in the heading are the idols of many people. From the pew to the pulpit to the seminary chair men and women dream of these things for "Christianity." They would not have any division over any doctrine, regardless of whether or not it is a Bible doctrine, and especially would they not have any kind of division on the "non-essentials." To be "unsectarian" is the next thing to having wings, according to this modern attitude. This kind of thinking has been popular for the past few years. The glamorous Arminian unionism of such men as Charles Finney, D. L. Moody, Sam Jones, Billy Sunday, Billy Graham, etc., has weighed heavily upon professing Christendom until it has become rather unpopular to hold the "narrow" idea that the Bible is really an authority for us in all things. We are encouraged by our pious moderns to not cause any division over certain doctrines. So union meetings, union missionary movements, union ministerial councils, and union church councils are enjoying their hey-day, thanks to the universal, invisible church theory which makes it so easy for the "members" of the "True Church" to lay aside their "petty differences" and unite for the promotion of the "cause of Christ."

To our thinking, this modern attitude simply points in one direction: to the final apostasy and the union of all the apostates in one world "church." Two cannot walk together if they are not agreed. Amos gave us that simple axiom years ago. If men are to walk together religiously, they must be agreed. They must be agreed as to obeying God, else they must be agreed in disobeying God. This movement of our day is agreed in disobeying God. They agree that they will not take a stand

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The Church

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for God's Word and practice what He says.

If any one doubts that the universal, invisible church theory is very much responsible for the unionistic attitude of our time, let him try advocating the New Testament doctrine of the church to those of this movement and see the reaction. Unionism, universal churchism, "non-essentialism," open communion, alien immersion, etc., are of the same family.

6. This Theory Fosters the "Church of Your Choice" Flippancy.

Since the "True Church" is the main concern of those who advocate the invisible church theory, and since they relegate the "local" church to a back seat, it becomes of little importance as to which church a person joins. Most invisible church theorists will stress the importance of church attendance, but they do not think it is of much importance as to the kind of church one attends, just so long as it is professedly "fundamental." Billy Sunday, for instance, gave an "instruction" tract to his converts and the only instruction given as to the church was "join some church." Billy Graham, the leading unionistic, glamour-type preacher of our time, in his book **Peace With God** says that churches are like hats: all people don't like the same kind of hat and because of our "physical differences" in this respect different kinds of hats have to be designed to suit us. He says that the beliefs of the various denominations are "almost identical" and does not think it matters which one a person joins, just so he gets into one that "meets his needs." According to reports on Graham's campaigns, he gives no instructions as to what kind of church to join, but the "deciders" go to the church of their choice, even to Roman Catholic or Jewish groups, without a disapproving word from Graham. John R. Rice, another invisible church advocate, is more strict than Graham in that he will not urge people to go to any church but a "fundamental" one. But he considers Holiness, Campbellite, and Pedobaptist churches to be "fundamental" if they hold to the few doctrines called "the fundamentals." In his book on **The Home**, pages 91-94, Rice tells of giving his approval to a man's going to the Campbellite church and uniting with it.

All of this flippancy as to the church to join results from the invisible church theory. As long as you are in the "True Church" it doesn't make much difference about what "local" church you join. These theorists have the idea that all the various denominations are "branches of the church" and one is just as good as another. They have no room for the truth that Jesus built but one kind of church while here on earth and that He has perpetuated His church throughout all ages to this day, and that all other churches have been planted by men. This theory thus disregards Christ's church and makes the churches founded by Calvin, Luther, Wesley, Campbell and the scores of others who have started sects and schisms to be on the same plane as the church that Jesus built. Rather, we might say that this theory in a practical sense annihilates the idea that the church Christ built is even in existence.

It does matter what church one joins, this "church of your choice" notion notwithstanding. **Christ has only one kind of church on earth—the one patterned according to the New Testament and the one that has descended and existed throughout all ages and countries since the day He built it.** It is not the Presbyterian, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Methodist, Campbellite or any other recently formed organization. Is it a Baptist church? If the particular Baptist church meets the requirements we mentioned in the second sentence of this paragraph, yes. Actually, sound Baptist churches are the only churches in existence that could possibly be the present-day expressions of that church built by Christ for they are the only ones whose history does not begin on this side of the ministry of Christ. This is not to say that the name "Baptist" has anything to do with the matter so far as the New Testament and history are concerned; it is simply to say that the churches today known as Baptists that are sound in New Testament faith and practice are the only churches that did not begin a few years ago with some man such as Luther, Calvin or Wesley. The doctrines and practices of sound Baptists are those of the New Testament and there have been churches in all ages holding to the same truths. But this subject shall be a matter for discussion later on; we mention it only briefly here as it relates to the point under consideration.

In conclusion, let the saint of God be careful that he is in a church that meets the standard of the New Testament. Your baptism is important, the observance of the Lord's Supper is important, your church affiliation is important; don't be misled by those who lightly esteem the whole truth. We certainly believe the other doctrines of great weight such as the person and work of Christ and the doctrines of grace, but we also believe these things which pertain to the New Testament church are of importance. Let us not throw away these commandments of Christ as being mere "non-essentials."

"When You Meet Your King"

(Continued from page five)

as the church of Jesus Christ is concerned, the Son of God never started but one church while he was in this world. All the Protestant churches admit that they are too young to claim to have been started by Jesus. The Catholics can't prove in any wise at all any history prior to 600 A. D., or thereabout. I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ just built one church. He said, "I'll build my church." There isn't any doubt in my mind but that this was a missionary Baptist church.

I think of John R. Rice, I think of C. I. Scofield, and I think of all these folk like them who say that all the saved of the world

make up the church. I think of them when the King comes back and they meet Him and stand in the presence of Him who started His church and they give an account for the lies that they have told about his church. Don't tell me, beloved, that they are not going to make some excuses! Don't tell me that they won't act like Mephibosheth! I don't think there's any doubt but what C. I. Scofield was a saved man. I don't think there's any doubt but what John R. Rice is saved. I've known him for years and I don't think there is any doubt about his salvation. But, my brother, he is going to give an account to the Lord Jesus Christ someday for the way in which he has lied

about the church that Jesus built.

Then I think about some other folk — the compromisers. Now, beloved, it would be a lot easier to compromise a message, to tone it down, and to unionize with everybody that comes along, than to honestly preach the Bible. It would be a whole lot easier to do that now, but what is it going to be like when you stand in the presence of your King? I tell you, beloved, when I was a boy I'd rather my father would pat me on the back for something I'd done that was right than anything else in all the world. Beloved, when I stand in the presence of my King, I'd rather He would give me just one little pat of approval than anything else in this world. I'd rather have it than all the popularity of the world and praise of men.

It is not an easy thing for a man to keep from compromising. I think of Billy Graham. There's no doubt but that Billy's a saved man, but, beloved, he is a compromiser. As a boy he was pastor in Chicago. They dropped the name Baptist from the church and called it the Community Church. When he went to Minneapolis and became head of Northwestern University after W. B. Riley died, everything he did was a compromise. Beloved, when you see him on your television, you are looking at America's greatest compromiser so far as the truth of God's Word is concerned.

I say that he is America's greatest because of the opportunity that he has. Any man that refuses to hold a meeting unless the heretics and the modernists are invited to come into it, and share in the meeting, and have part in it, and are given positions on the various teams that are at work—any man that takes that position is a unionist and a compromiser. I guess it sounds big to talk about filling the Cow Palace, or preaching to a crowd that overflows Yankee Stadium, or filling Madison Square Garden until the crowds have to be turned away. I guess it sounds big now. But, beloved, can you see Billy when my King, and his King, comes back and he gives an account of himself. The Word of God says:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK THEM which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; AND AVOID THEM." — Rom. 16:17.

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"—Amos 3:3.

Instead of marking and avoiding these heretics, Billy has walked hand in hand with them. What abilis he'll have to offer when the Lord Jesus comes again.

I think of another group that will have to make excuses and that is the group that knows the truth and departs from it. I've seen it happen so many times in the last few years. It grieves me for a man to know the truth and to turn away from it. I think now of Brother Lassere Bradley. His father and I used to be very close friends. His father was a Catholic before he was saved. Lassere's father and mother are two good, godly people. But, beloved, Lassere has gone from Arminianism to Calvinism to Hardshellism. The only good thing I can say about him is that he is a great leader. A man who can lead a group of people from Arminianism to Hardshellism is certainly a leader. But what a day of humiliation and shame it is going to be for Lassere when the King comes back.

Pick up his paper and read where he says today that the Gospel is not for the lost, but for saved people. In contrast to this Hardshell notion he has concerning the gospel, God's Word says: "For I am not ashamed of the GOSPEL of Christ: for it is the power of God unto SALVATION to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." — Rom. 1:16.

How pathetic to see any one turn from the truth. And in this case, it is double pathetic, since Bro. Bradley has turned to Hardshellism. I have absolutely no use for the lies of Hardshellism. Jonah acted the part of a Hard-

shell when he refused to preach to the lost in Nineveh. The miracle of Jonah is not that he remained alive in the belly of the fish: The miracle is that the fish could stomach him or any Hardshell preacher for 72 hours without getting sick.

I tell you, beloved, when the King comes back, as it was with Mephibosheth when King David came back, there will be a lot of alibis offered, and a lot of excuses made. Beloved, I want to learn what the Word of God says and then stay with it because when my King comes back I don't want to have to offer excuses for my preaching and my ministry.

III

BARZILLAI

It thrills my heart when I think of Barzillai. I see that old man of eighty years come out to meet King David to tell him goodbye. I see David, who has been sustained by him and who has lived off his bounty these few weeks that he has been on the east side of the Jordan — I see David reach over and put a kiss on the cheek of Barzillai.

Beloved, some of these days we are going to stand before our King, our Greater David, the Lord Jesus Christ, and when we do, I would rather have just one kiss of approval than to have all the praise that this world could offer today.

Do you realize that He has promised rewards for His own that are faithful to Him for things that they have done through His church? In the Gospel of Matthew He tells us that He will give us a reward for as little as giving out a cup of cold water in His name. Beloved, it is going to be a great day when we stand in the presence of our King. I think about the crowns He is going to give us. I think about the rewards we are going to have. I think, beloved, what it is going to be like to be in His presence. I won't have to fall on my face like Shimei. I'm not going to have to make excuses for the way I've handled His Word. I tell you,

He Came

Christ the Saviour came from Glory—

Yes, descended from above. Came to live and tell the story Of the Father's matchless love.

Yes, He told it by His living And by every word He said; He came not to do His own will But the Father's will instead.

There upon the tree He suffered Gave His life that we might live By His grace and mighty power From all sin and death set free.

How He suffered! What a Saviour!

May His blessed name be praised He was buried, but one morning He arose up from the Grave!

He not only came, He's coming Soon He'll reign for ever more Him

Over on the Golden Shore. —C. L. Swain

CONCLUSION

Now let's look at these men. Shimei represents the saved, whether they are inside or on the outside of the church. Mephibosheth represents people who haven't lived as they ought to have lived, who have made excuses when He comes. Barzillai represents the man who has seen the truth and stands for it and can't be moved. Shimei represents the unsaved, Mephibosheth represents the guests at the wedding and Barzillai represents the bride. I believe that every one who sees the truth and stands for it the rest of his life is going to be a member of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. My brother, in this Bible, (Continued on page 7, column 2)

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Dodging

On a business man's desk we recently saw a card containing these words: "You can't dodge." Many of us try to dodge and to dodge means to detour and we would certainly like to detour around an obstacle, but in detouring, we often encounter the rough, rough road. It is better to face things at the first than to face them at the last. It is easier to go through with a matter of minutes than to go around a matter of months. The Psalmist said, "By my sword I can leap through a wall." Dodging is not the way to face reality.—Tucker.

When You Meet Your King

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Compromises and fails to stand for it is going to be among the guests at the wedding.

God help you to take this in its simplicity and apply it to your own soul. If you are lost, when Jesus comes you will fall in His presence and confess that He is Lord, only to be cast into Hell. If you are saved but not living truly as a saved man should, compromising His Word, you will make excuses. Beloved, I can't think of anything that would be more embarrassing than for a saved man to stand in the presence of Jesus Christ and make excuses when He comes. If you are saved and living in the light of the Book when He comes, as there was a kiss for Barzillai, there will be more than a kiss for you. God help you to be true to the Book, true to my King until He comes for us again.

May God bless you!

The Blood of Christ

(Continued from page one)

A "butcher-shop gospel" if you please, but if there is one thing the Bible teaches, it is that "without the shedding of BLOOD there is no REMISSION of sin." (Heb. 9:22).

Attack the blood of Jesus all you please, denounce it, deny it; let it still stand as the only thing that remits sins.

Fifty years ago professing Christians were quite different than they are today. Fifty years ago if a man preached a sermon without exalting the blood of Jesus, without mentioning the blood of Christ in the message, people said he wasn't preaching. But today it is revised; it has changed altogether. Today if a man preaches on the blood of Jesus, he is preaching that which is offensive. The Apostle Paul wanted the offense of the cross to continue and every Bible-loving, Christ-honoring member of the Word's church and every God-called preacher of the gospel ought to be willing for the offense of the cross to continue. Certainly one way to offend, is to preach on the blood of Jesus—the "Butcher-shop gospel."

A man stood in Vanderbilt University, less than five years ago, and spoke to six hundred ministers, or supposed-to-be ministers, and said, "Boys, when you go out to preach, one thing I don't want you to mention is the blood of Jesus. There is no meritorious power in the blood of Christ, no more than in a hog's blood, and when you get up and talk about it you are only preaching a butcher-shop gospel."

He was heralded as one of the greatest religious men of this age. They held him in the highest esteem. They said, "He is an eloquent speaker, a wonderful Christian gentleman."

He was a rank infidel, that's what he was. It's a sin to call anything by the wrong name. Why beat the devil around the stump, to speak; why not come right out and call him what he is, what anyone is who denies the blood of Christ?

There are a number of things I want to say about the blood of Jesus—

First, It Was the PRICE That Was Paid for Our PURCHASE

I've said this from the pulpit many times and I say it now again. The believer is not a free moral agent in the Arminian sense. People get the idea that life is their own, to do with as they please, to order after their own discretion. Beloved, that isn't true. Here is a text I want you to notice. I'm sure it has been read and heard many times without striking pay-dirt, without hitting home. I Cor. 6:19-20, Paul talking to the Church at Corinth:

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN? For ye are BOUGHT with a PRICE: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Brethren, you are not your own, you have been bought with a price, and you belong to God. I have been purchased by the blood of Jesus, and it is not for me to order my life as I please. God has the authority to command, and it is for me to obey. Remember that friends, if you are saved, you are not your own, you belong to God. Paul said, "You no longer belong to yourself. You have been purchased, bought with a price. Then use that which you have to glorify God; that is, your body and spirit."

You may raise the question, this evening: "What WAS the PRICE that was paid?"

The PRICE beloved, was the BLOOD of Jesus. Paul makes it so plain, talking to the Ephesian elders, pointing out to them their responsibilities as pastors and preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts 20:28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath PURCHASED with his own BLOOD."

Purchased how? With his own blood. That's the price.

I fear a lot of people who claim to be the children of God, have missed the boat; they have failed to take into consideration that it was the blood of Jesus that purchased, bought, and set free. It's the BLOOD, that's the PRICE.

My salvation didn't cost me one thing in the world, but it came at a tremendous price, for it cost Heaven, Christ, God His Son, and Christ His blood.

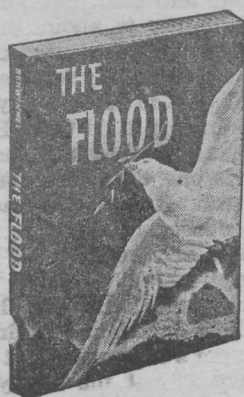
Second thing I want you to notice—

It is the BLOOD that is the Basis for Our REDEMPTION

People who claim to be Christians, sometimes hug their children to their bosoms and say, "I

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love you best in the world." Wives put their arms around their husbands, and husbands their wives, and say, "Honey, I love you better than anything."

Listen, beloved, that isn't right. Christ has bought us, and to Him and Him alone belongs the best love of our hearts, for He has redeemed us. "For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with such corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but with the precious BLOOD of CHRIST, as a lamb without spot or blemish."—I Peter 1:18, 19.

There are three words used in the New Testament for redemption; **Agorazo**, which means to buy in the forum, or marketplace.

The second word is **Exagorazo**, and means to buy out of the marketplace, and set free. We were being auctioned off in the marketplace as slaves to sin, but Jesus, by His Blood, bought us and forever set us free.

The third word used is **Lutroo** and means to pay the price and set free. Jesus paid the price and set us free, therefore we are now bond servants of the Master. He has the right to command and demand of me the best love of my heart.

Here in I Peter 1:18, 19 the Apostle Peter was talking to saved Jews, and they understood that under the law, men who were sold into slavery, if they could, would save enough money to redeem themselves from their masters. So he raises the question, how they were redeemed from sin, and tells them it was not with such corruptible things as silver and gold, but with the precious BLOOD of Christ. It was the BLOOD, he said, that redeemed.

Preachers, if you ever get up to preach and you suddenly forget everything you ever knew, if you can remember just one thing, it is the BLOOD that makes everything right. It is the BLOOD that saves. It is the BLOOD that redeems. If you never preach but one sermon in your whole life, let it be the blood of Jesus. Exalt the blood of Christ.

The third thing I want you to notice—

The BLOOD is the Basis of Our PEACE

When I was a young preacher-boy I made many mistakes, many blundering mistakes, in trying to win lost souls to Christ. I would approach a lost man and ask him if he wanted to make peace with God. Beloved, don't ever ask a lost man if he wants to make peace with God, for CHRIST has already made the PEACE. Peace is God's gift. Colossians 1:20: "And having made PEACE through the BLOOD of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself." Who made the Peace? JESUS. How? Through the BLOOD of His cross. It's the BLOOD . . . It's the BLOOD . . . It's the BLOOD.

You may say, then "Brother Cox, if Jesus has already made the peace, and I am lost, how can I become the recipient of this peace with God?"

Through faith in Jesus, that's how. It's not in the church, nor church ordinances, your friends, neighbors, or loved ones. Man without Christ is an enemy of God. There is enmity between the man and God, but through the blood of the cross, the enmity has been slain, and through the blood man can become reconciled to God, and enjoy peace with God. It is the BLOOD all the way. Romans 5:1: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ." Therefore the BLOOD is the basis of our PEACE.

Not only that—

The BLOOD is the CHANNEL of Our FORGIVENESS

I'd like to point out here that the forgiveness of sins is one of the most misunderstood subjects in the Bible. You have heard people tell the lost to get down on their knees and beg God to forgive them of their sins, that if you pray long enough and hard enough, God will remit the pen-



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ality for sins. That's human forgiveness, beloved, not Divine. Divine forgiveness is the execution of the penalty, and that penalty is death. Jesus died under the penalty. Divine forgiveness means the bearing away of sins, and men RECEIVE the forgiveness of sins. Ephesians 1:7: "In whom we HAVE REDEMPTION through His BLOOD, the FORGIVENESS of sins, according to the riches of His grace." We have REDEMPTION. What else? FORGIVENESS of sins. We have it, we didn't get it, it's a gift.

The translation of the word "forgiveness" comes from a Greek word **Aphesus**, and means to bear up and bear away, to separate the sins from the sinner. Fifteen times it is found in the New Testament. Six times it is rendered "forgiveness," and nine times it is rendered "remission," but it always means the same thing, to bear up and to bear away.

Paul talking to King Agrippa, told him how that God had called him to preach to the Gentiles to open their eyes and turn them from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan, unto God, that they might RECEIVE the forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

In Christ, you see, you RECEIVE it. In Acts 10:43 the Apostle Peter says the same thing to the household of Cornelius:

"To Him (Christ) give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall RECEIVE remission of sins."

You receive it, don't you see? You don't get it, for this expression carries with it an implication you have done something to earn forgiveness of sins.

The BLOOD of JESUS is the CHANNEL of our FORGIVENESS . . . The blood of Jesus was shed and Jesus paid for our sins. The old debt was settled on the cross, thus we who believe on Jesus, can sing as in that old song "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago." IT'S the BLOOD, don't you see? It's the blood.

Beloved, may I say this as tenderly and as kindly as I know how: anything, ANYTHING, that detracts from the blood of Christ and it's power is a dangerous thing. May you always have before you this one great cardinal fact, it is the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST that saves, cleanses, sanctifies, purifies and redeems.

CHRIST'S BLOOD Provides the Liberty of Our ACCESS to God

No man without the merits of Christ's blood has the right to approach God. He is not God's child. He has nothing wherewith to plead his own cause before God. He must have the blood of Christ. "Watch it now," you say, "Brother Pastor, I can't accept that." Well, let's see what God's Word says. Hebrews 10:19, 20: "Having therefore, brethren, by the BLOOD of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath boldness to enter into the holiest, consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh."

Paul said by the blood of Jesus we have access into the Holiest. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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The Blood of Christ

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Who dwells in the Holy Place? God. Who has access to the holy place? Only those who come by the blood of Jesus. Every saved person in the world can talk to God, can plead with God, can communicate with God, because he does it on the merits of the blood of Jesus, the blood of the Lamb of God. Therefore the BLOOD of Jesus provides the liberty of our ACCESS to God.

Also, the BLOOD of JESUS is Our CERTAINTY of OVERCOMING

I talked to a man a long time ago on the campus of the Baptist Hospital. He was a retired minister. I had gone there to take a patient and his wife was in the hospital. We were discussing the Bible, and he said, "Brother Cox, I'm afraid the Lord's church will eventually lose her identity."

I said, "that won't do, because the Lord Himself gives the marching orders, and has promised to be with her always, and the council of the unseen world shall not prevail against her. Therefore she will never lose her identity."

He said he was afraid a lot of God's people would not overcome, that they would succumb to temptation and be drowned out.

I said, "Every child of God will overcome, because the blood of Christ makes it so."

You watch it now. I said a moment ago that the blood of Christ is our certainty of overcoming all things and we shall walk in the sunlight of the presence of Jesus Christ, having been made as pure as the blood of Jesus can make us, having overcome. Notice Revelation 3:21: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

Who is the man that overcomes? The Apostle John had this to say in I John 5:4, 5: "For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

You may say, "That's fine, that's good, but my faith may grow weak."

But you know, beloved, faithful is He who promised. (Hebrews 10:32).

But here is the one that climaxes and proves the certainty of our overcoming: Revelation 12:11: "And they OVERCAME him by the BLOOD of the LAMB."

We are victorious through the blood of the Lamb of God. Don't talk to me about a man who believes in Christ not overcoming. He shall walk victorious into the presence of God, because the BLOOD sustains him. Through the BLOOD we are victorious. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb.

The BLOOD of Jesus is the Means of Our CLEANSING Every Day

I John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST His Son CLEANSETH us from all sin."

You see, friends, it is a continuing, present tense, CLEANSETH. The BLOOD is always there to cleanse from sin. It's continuous. It's there all the time.

Don't you see what the blood does? It saves us, it purifies us, and cleanses us from daily sins. It's the blood of Jesus, and not anything else.

And here is another thing—

The BLOOD Takes Us on to Heaven and is the Theme of Our Praise

I love to hear gospel hymns as well as anyone I know. I love to hear men sing, who know the One they are singing about. The blood will be the theme of our praise in the "by and by."

Revelation 5:9-10: "And they SANG a new song, saying, THOU ART WORTHY to take the book,

and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by THY BLOOD out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth."

They sing about the blood of Jesus; it is a victorious song. That's why we love to sing the old hymn.

"There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Emanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains."

You want to know what you'll be doing on the other side? You'll be singing about the blood of Jesus, that's what you will be doing. "And they SANG a new song, and said, Thou art worthy; Thou wast slain to redeem us; by Thy blood, by Thy blood, Thou hast redeemed us."

"Thy blood has made us become priests of God.

"Thy blood hast made it possible to reign with Thee on earth. "Thy blood hast saved us. "Thy blood hast sanctified us. Thy BLOOD, Thy blood, Oh Lord, thy blood!"

How many people realize, when they read the Word of God, that God is speaking to their hearts? How many people read about the blood of Jesus Christ and exult in the knowledge that they have been redeemed with that precious blood? How many people read the trial of Jesus, in Gethsemane, as we see Him there on His knees, as His pores open and He sweats great drops of blood, and forever hallows the place where he kneels—how many people read that and cry out, "Oh, Lord Jesus of Calvary, all that suffering for me!"

How many read and think about the Word of God as they ought? They think of church membership, rituals, ceremonies, thus and so, but it is the BLOOD. It has always been the BLOOD and throughout all eternity it will always be the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST.

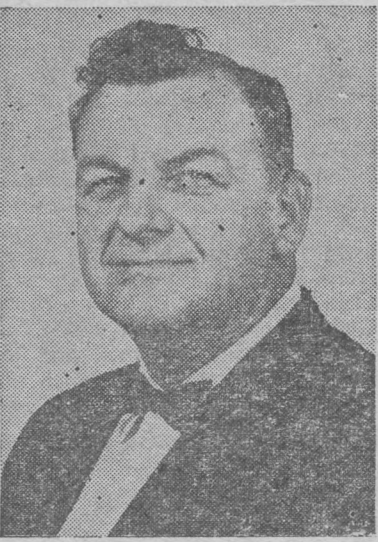
Oh, if I could only make you realize it's the blood, beloved, that saves and you become the recipients of the power of the blood of Jesus, through faith in His blessed and holy name. Then you can say with the poet of old, "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling, wash me and free me in the blood of Christ."

From Our Readers

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From Texas

I am honored for the privilege to say something about why I support THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

1. I support THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and will recommend it to all my friends because of its message of the sovereign



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grace of God and its teachings concerning the local, visible, autonomous church.

2. The stand it takes against heresies, mission boards and ecclesiastical machines.

3. Last but not least, because of its consistency.

I know the editors personally and consider both to be humble, true servants of the Lord. My continual prayer is that God will

see fit to let the message continue until the coming of the Lord.

C. N. Taylor,

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From Tennessee

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I think is the soundest paper in print. We have (my wife and I) supported it all along. We have sent out subs to all to whom we thought should read them, and still do. Enclosed is a small money order toward the expenses. More will follow. All of the children of God who love the truth should support in every way the paper. I love the way Brother Gilpin always comes up with the answers. He is a great man of God. We love him for his firm support of the TRUTH. Always feel free to call on us. May God's blessings continue.

THE JACKS FAMILY.

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From Ohio

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is my friend. It has gone before and stood beside me time and time again.

I have, in my library, copies of The Examiner which I have



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accumulated for many years. I try to keep these copies in order according to the books and chapters of the Bible. Time and time again I find them to be a reliable council to me. Beloved, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is my friend.

I would that every one would make The Examiner his friend too. I can assure one and all that it will go before or stand beside you no matter how severe the test may become. It will remain ready to council you in all of your hard problems. It will prepare paths for you and your children.

Brother Ross and Brother Gilpin are good friends of mine, but this is not my reason for speaking so highly of The Examiner. I speak as I do because The Examiner finds its source in the Scriptures. The Examiner is the stream of truth that flows from the spring of the Word.

May God bless the writers of The Examiner by opening the book of knowledge to them, and by opening the hearts of those who read it.

Your brother in Christ,
ELDER WILLARD WILLIS.



Your Editor Appeals

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by personal experience that He will. We also know from experience HOW He will provide. He will raise up friends to help us. He will impress His people to support us. One brother wrote recently and said, "The Lord told me to send this to you." That is how the Lord provides. He isn't going to reach down and erase our debts; He isn't going to hand us a bankroll out of the sky; He

is going to use means to accomplish His end.

Now that is why we tell you our needs. If you know our needs you can pray and support the work accordingly. The Lord works in this way, we believe.

Your editor owns a printing shop and puts it to good use in behalf of the work. But lately business has not been good, in fact, it is the poorest that I can remember. Since Christmas, we have not even broken even. Naturally, we have not been able to do for TBE what is necessary. Therefore, we not only need your subscriptions and offerings, we need them in a special way.

We are distressed, but not expecting disappointment. Does not the Bible say that the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to God? Isn't the silver and the gold His? Doesn't the material wealth of the world actually belong to Him? Well, if it does, and this is His work, and it is His will for it to go on, He will see that we get some of wealth. Yes, He will provide.

Now somewhere, surely, among our many readers and friends, the Lord has deposited some of His wealth for just "such a time as this." Some person in our reading audience perhaps has a great sum which the Lord intends to use in behalf of TBE. If it please Him, may that person be impressed to send it in now. Or perhaps, more than one, or again He may use many. How He works is not for us to say, but we have seen Him work for us for many years now and we know somewhat of how He will help us.

Pray much especially for us the next few days and ask God to lead you in sending subscriptions and offerings to the church's work.

'Tis true that most of your editor's life is past. But remember the future, remember your children, remember the thousands in the next generation that will need such a paper as this. Brother Bob and Calvary Baptist Church should be able to continue on this ministry for years to come. They can and will, but RIGHT NOW WE WANT TO CARRY ON, too. Your prayers and gifts will help us now and encourage us with regard to the future.

Thousands of people are blessed by the ministry of this paper every week. Many preachers depend upon TBE as a source of sermon material and general help. One wrote just recently that he had carelessly let his subscription expire and found himself "lost" without the paper. The messages and doctrines of the paper prompt our preacher brethren to preach these same messages and truths to God's people. Don't let this source of sound Bible material slack up in the least, for these preachers and the many others who will come in contact with TBE in the future would be "let down." Your gifts and prayers will help.

Brother Roy Mason wrote some time ago and said that The Baptist Examiner is about the only sizeable paper of general circulation that is standing for the whole counsel of God in this day. That is a shame, if it is true. But we are thankful that at least this paper is one that does stand for the Truth. It lays a tremendous responsibility upon us to go on, in view of the lack of sound papers.

Many preachers and laymen owe their doctrinal soundness to this paper's message. That is not our "boast" but the happy testimony of many of our beloved brethren. Help us to continue the publication of such a paper.

One who does not love the editor and the truth of this paper says that we are "beggars." (Incidentally, that is mild compared to what some of our enemies say.)

Well, beloved, WE ACKNOWLEDGE IT. We are beggars.

We are begging in behalf of the Truth which this paper publishes.

We are begging, thinking of the many preachers who are blessed by the paper.

We are begging, thinking of the many who write and say, "I have

no sound church near me to tend. I depend upon the TBE for my spiritual food."

We are begging, thinking of young preachers who are desperately in need of being grounded in the great truths of God's Word and led away from Modernism and Arminianism.

We are begging, thinking of future generation that will receive the message of this paper.

As we beg you to open your purse, we think of the many say they have been encouraged to stand firm because TBE is a standing firm. We beg you to be extraordinarily generous in the many Baptist preachers and Baptist churches that have no printed beacon-light a witness if it were not for TBE.

Yes, we are beggars, not self but for the Truth and the world who love it and need it. If we only thinking of self, we would take the beating we do, we would not carry the burden we do. We wouldn't put up with what we have to; we would quit standing for the Faith and "get along with the world. Self and World get along fine, but we have no desire to "draw back."

Send \$10,000, if God leads us so; send us a penny, if God leads us. But whatever you do, for the going of the paper, as we enter our 21st year, send us an offering for the Truth's sake.

When you get to glory, will never be ashamed of fact that you supported the paper and the Truth for which it stands. You'll be happy then to know that you had a part in the work of a New Testament church stood for the Word of God.

While this is fresh in your mind, get the envelope of mail, praying that many thousands of others will do likewise.

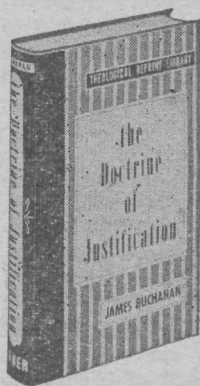


Calling

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for your ridicule; and, doubtless you would have been very wise "Lazarus come forth," said Saviour, with a loud voice. "Lazarus come forth," cries the man, "you might as well call the rocks to live. Have you been told that the man is days in the grave? Why do call upon a dead man to live? Yet the word of the Lord was in vain. Jesus spoke the word to existence, and by the power of the same word Lazarus heard, lived, and came forth.

In these facts, Sir, we will ever have an answer to all quibbles of sophistry, with respect to calling on dead sinners to believe.—Author Unknown.

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