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Depravity

By R. A. DOTY
Kailua, Hawaii

Brother Doty is doing a sound and Scriptural mission work in far off Hawaii. That it is sound and Scriptural you will be convinced by this splendid message.

Our town was shocked some months ago when a bag of bones and pieces of decayed flesh was found floating in the waters of Pearl Harbor. Eventually the investigators determined that some man was seeking to dispose of the body of a child, and that he had dissolved as much of the body as he could in a lye solution and that this plastic bag contained the remains of what once was a human being. We read in the newspapers almost every day of men and women who rise up against their neighbors and wickedly slay them. We all read a day or two ago of what the paper termed "flaming youth," who went out and for no reason set

fire to an unoccupied and just recently built house. A \$40,000 house went up in flames in order that "youth" might have its fling. I can remember reading in a paper about a 35-year-old man who raped a 10-year-old child. Back during World War II, I recall how shocked people were when a native woman who stood watching a convoy of trucks rolling down a highway suddenly snatched her suckling child from her breast and threw it under the wheels of a passing truck. Why do all these things occur?

Our text this morning is found in the seventeenth chapter of Jeremiah in verse 9: "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?" Now the heart that is mentioned here is not the organ of the human body responsible for the circulation of the blood, but rather our text speaks of the seat of understanding, the consciousness of man. Our text says that this seat of understanding, this

controlling intelligence of man is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Many people, I know, today, seriously question the truth of this statement from God's Word. They doubt that man is as bad as God says he is. The doubt which arises over this plain statement of man's condition brings us to our first point today.

I.

IS MAN'S HEART REALLY DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS AND IS IT REALLY DESPERATELY WICKED AND IF SO WHY IS IT THAT WAY?

I prefaced this message with a (Continued on page 6, column 1)

The Evil of "Running Off" Faithful Pastors

It is a very common thing today for churches to criticize and malign and abuse, and if possible, to run off pastors who bring the Lord's message against worldliness and sin. We know of a certain large church at the present time that has a large group of members who are resorting to every strategy and devilish device that they can think of to secure the resignation of the pastor. The only thing wrong is the fact that the pastor is making an effort to have a clean church.

We have in mind another church that succeeded in securing the pastor's resignation. A majority was secured by voting the card playing, dancing, swearing, gambling, non-supporting element. There were those whom we feel sure were saved people who lined up with the worldlings for one reason or another. No charge of wrong doing was brought against the pastor by his enemies. All knew in their hearts that his agitation against evil and his insistence upon a clean church was the thing that was the matter.

It is a terrible thing—a wickedness comparable with that of that mob that cried against our (Continued on page 8, column 3)

What TBE Has Meant In One Community

What THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has meant in Gordon, Ga., it can mean in your community. We beg you to read and re-read this letter and the letters on page three and "Your Editor Speaks" on page eight and then ask God if He would have you to have a part in supporting this written ministry.

COULD WRITE VOLUMES AS TO HOW TBE HAS BLESSED THEM

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I have just been entertained by TBE and I cannot help wishing that these Campbellites and weak shepherdless Baptists could be fed by the truths contained within its pages. This ministry is one of the most needed ministries in our age of apostasy.

At the present, I could not feel right to ask our little flock to take the money that is so badly needed to construct a meeting place, to put TBE in every home here. It may be that after our meeting with Brother Beck we will be able to do so for we plan to be in our building by then, if the Lord wills it so. He is to be here in April for two weeks.

I wish it were possible for us to send you the names and addresses on our mailing list, and you send them TBE all at once so that it will blanket Gordon, and we pay for them monthly at \$25.00. I wouldn't want you to agree with me in this in the least if it will put you in any strain, but if you could, I'm sure that Bros. Lyles and Torrance would help to keep this needed ministry up to and above average.

Your paper found its way to me

by the Providence of God, at a time my very soul was sick unto despair. I was at Mercer University, the Georgia Baptist University, and the infidelity, mockery, intellectual hypocrisy, worldliness and modernism of those who were hired by our churches to instruct our ministers was pressing me beyond measure. John R. Rice had risen as an apostle against that which I, too, was so certain to be error, but his inconsistency relative to Billy Graham only pointed out the jealousy and carnal envy even among those who claimed to be orthodox.

Almost like a miracle TBE came into my hands. I had never heard of election, and in it the doctrine was set forth so strong with those Scriptures that I had always skipped over as meaningless, that I set amazed at it. I showed it to my wife, trying to be reserved, and said: "You know, he has something here. I've never heard of it before, and the paper says it's missionary—well, I don't know—." Her reply was: "You've gone from rank modernism to fundamentalism, but if you go that way, you'll go alone!" Well, I didn't go very far alone! Scripture can't be argued with, and God revealed the Gospel of the grace of God to her as well as (Continued on page 8, column 3)

WHAT I BELIEVE THE BIBLE TEACHES

A Tract by Mr. Earl McCarter
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I shall endeavor to give an answer to a question frequently asked me: "What do you believe the Bible teaches?"

The Bible is the "inspired word of God" (II Peter 1:21; II Timothy 3:16). It is without error as originally written. The Word is true when it teaches the Genesis account of creation and the fall of man (Genesis 1; 2; 3), that man is totally depraved (Romans 1:21-32); all are lost unless born again (John 3:3); that salvation is by grace (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:21).

The sovereignty of God (Daniel 4:35, Psalms 135:6) foreknowledge (Romans 11:1-8), predestination (Romans 8:28-34), election (Ephesians 1:4, Jeremiah 1:5, Romans 9:8-13), effectual calling (Psalms 64:4), justification and glorification and that whosoever will may come and that these do not contradict each other (Revelation 22:17).

The church is local and visible. She has the Bible for her one and only rule of faith and practice (II Timothy 3:16-17). The decisions of a church are final and no other church or any organization has

any right to interfere with her decisions. There is no such thing as an invisible universal church.

The security of the believer (Romans 8:1, I John 3:9, John 17:2, John 5:24), that all saved people will be Baptists if they believe and obey the Bible. That Jesus Christ organized a church while on earth during His personal ministry (Matthew 16:18). He gave that church her commission (Matthew 28:19-20). There are only two church ordinances: Baptism and The Lord's Supper. Baptism is immersion of a saved person into water upon the authority of a sound Baptist church. The Lord's Supper is restricted to each local church. The elements are wine and unleavened bread (I Corinthians 11:23-24).

The way to finance the Lord's work is by tithes and offerings (Genesis 14:20, II Corinthians 9:7). Each local church should give her money where she chooses and that without interference from anyone.

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Satan's Counterfeits, No. 25—

GOD'S CURE FOR DELINQUENCY AND SATAN'S FALSE CURES

By ROY MASON
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Juvenile delinquency is one of the problems of this day in which we live, and it is getting worse. Prisons are jammed with youthful criminals, while many who ought to be there have not been apprehended. WHY DO WE HAVE SO MUCH DELINQUENCY TODAY? There are a number of things that have led up to it. We suggest a few of these:

1—GODLESS HOMES. Comparatively few delinquents come from good Christian homes. The majority of American homes are not Christian homes. God and his word receive no recognition. When children are not raised to respect and reverence God, they will not respect men. The Bible says, "Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord."

2—DELINQUENT PARENTS. When parents live like the devil, as many do, how can it be expected that their children will be saints?

pected that their children will be saints?

3—MOTHERS WHO WORK IN PUBLIC, to the neglect of home and children. Many children practically raise themselves. They ramble about all day while parents are away.

4—SCHOOLS WITHOUT CHRISTIAN STANDARDS. Formerly the Bible was read in the schools, and ministers were often invited to speak before students. Teachers were prevailingly Christian. This has been pretty well changed today. The atmosphere of many of the schools is un-Christian.

5—MOVIES AND TELEVISION THAT PORTRAY CRIME. Along with these go the "Comic Books" glorifying the criminal. Children are fed on a diet of murder and crime, and they put into practice the things they see portrayed.

6—Vicious SEX MAGAZINES AND FILTHY LITERATURE. The news stands reek with filth, and it cannot but have a corrupting effect on children.

What Are the Remedies for Delinquency?

1—A RETURN TO GOD ON THE PART OF PARENTS. God (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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"GOD'S LOVE"

Sermon Preached by John R. Gilpin; Mechanically Recorded for Publication

"The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people."—Deut. 7:7

I will remind you at the very beginning that this is a theme that will never, never be exhausted. The time will never come that you will preach too much about the love of God, nor will the time ever come that you will have heard all that could be said concerning God's love.

That reminds me of the song: "Could I with ink the ocean fill, Were the whole sky of parchment made,

Were every blade of grass a quill And every man a scribe by trade, To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry, Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky."

Certainly if ever there were a song sung that is true to the Word

of God, this is, for the one theme that seems to me to be utterly inexhaustible is the love of Almighty God.

I was impressed very much with the text that I have read to you. God makes it clear why He chose the Jews. He didn't choose them because that they were the largest of all nations. He didn't choose them because they were the wisest of all people. If He had been choosing a nation of people (Continued on page 2, column 1)

DOERS OF THE WORD

The best interpretation of what a man's faith is, is to be found not in what he says, but in what he does. A faith that does not manifest actions in correspondence with it, is a spurious and worthless faith, if indeed it may be called a faith at all. This is no decrying of creeds. Creeds have rendered, and are rendering, a great service, and we believe in the wisdom of them; but they need to be not only professed, but also lived. Nowhere in the Word of God is it taught that talking can take the place of doing.

—Unknown

THE NEED OF BOOKS

All preachers need books. Young or old they need books. City, town or country preachers—they need books. Fresh or fossilized they need books. Paul told preachers to give themselves to reading. All preachers need to read. Some preachers are too poor to buy books; some are too stingy; some too fossilized; some don't buy because too lazy to read them. Buy your pastor a book and give it to him. If he reads it you have freshened his ministry and perhaps given him a vision that will help him, help the church, help you—Taylor.

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"God's Love"

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to be His people on the basis of age, of antiquity and culture and education, he would certainly have chosen Egypt, or He might have chosen China or India with multiplied thousands of greater population than that of the Jew. Instead, beloved, God chose the Jews to be His people, and I think the reason that He chose them was because of God's love to that one particular race. As the text says, "The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people."

Well, beloved, as I have thought about the love of God and as I have meditated much upon God's love, I want to tell you several ways whereby God has manifested his love in our behalf.

I

GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE IN THAT HE HAS MADE A HELL FOR THE UNSAVED.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, how in the world could Hell teach the love of God?" Well, beloved, it is obvious that God's love is manifested in that He has prepared Hell for the unsaved, and I will show you why.

Suppose that an unsaved man with an unregenerate nature were to go to Heaven. Do you know that man would be utterly and absolutely miserable throughout eternity if he went to Heaven with his unsaved, unregenerate nature unchanged by the grace of God?

I can go out of this building tonight and find ten people in a pool room or in a beer joint and bring them here to the services. Do you know who will be the most miserable people in this building tonight? It will be those ten that I bring here because their nature is not in accord with going to God's house.

I can pick ten people out of this audience and take them to a pool room or a beer garden. Beloved, I will tell you in advance that the most miserable people there will be the saints of God that I take there. Why? Because they don't have a nature for that place.

I contend then, beloved friends, if an unsaved man were to go to Heaven in his present natural, unsaved, unregenerate state with all of his carnality, that that man would be absolutely miserable. He would be more miserable in

Heaven than he would be in Hell.

D. L. Moody, years ago, used to tell an incident of two individuals who had a very similar experience on the same day. Pulled up at the dock were two boats. One of them was to carry a group of gamblers and drinking men to an island a few miles distance where they would spend the day in reveling and sin and debauchery. Moored close by was another boat that was to carry a group of Sunday School teachers and preachers and children and Christian workers on a Sunday School picnic. Just at the last moment before the gang planks were lifted on each of these boats, two men rushed up, one going to the Sunday School picnic and the other man going with the crowd who were going to spend the day in debauchery and sin, and in their haste to get on the boats before the boats pulled out, each of them got on the wrong boat. The man that was supposed to go on the Sunday School picnic actually got on the boat going out with the crowd that was going out for a day of sin, and the man that wanted to get on the boat that was going out for a day of sin, actually got on the boat that was enroute to the Sunday School picnic. The gang planks were lifted and each of the boats took off to its respective destination, and it wasn't long before these two men realized the mistake that had been made. The most miserable man on board each of those boats that day was the individual that was out of place, out of harmony, and out of his environment.

Now, beloved, just multiply that one day by three hundred sixty-five days and you would have a man's experience for a year. Then multiply it by an unending eternity, with years that never could be counted, and you could have that man's experience throughout all eternity. I say then to you, that when God made Hell with all the flames thereof, God manifested His love to unsaved people, and so far as I am personally concerned, I consider Hell the greatest manifestation that God has ever given to the non-elect of His love.

II

GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE IN THAT HE HAS GIVEN HIS SON TO DIE FOR THE ELECT.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that HE LOVED US, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." — I John 4:10.

Beloved, if you want to see God's love, look to Calvary. The fact that Jesus Christ came to Calvary and died for our sins is a manifestation of the love of God. If you would ask me the greatest manifestation that I had ever seen of God's love, I would say that so far as I am concerned it was that day when I looked up to Calvary and saw that Jesus Christ had died for my very own sins, and as a result of my sins the Son of God had poured out His life's blood on the Cross. Beloved, to me that is the greatest

manifestation of God's love.

Here's an individual that lives sacrificially and who shows his love for God. You say, "My, how wonderful that that man loves the Lord like he does. What a wonderful manifestation of love." Beloved, I would ask you to look beyond that man's love for God and his service for God. I'd ask you to look far beyond that, and look yonder to Calvary, and see the Christ that died for the individual and you can see why any man loves the Lord, and why any man serves the Lord. You can see why any man goes to church and reads his Bible and tithes and works for the Lord and does everything that he can for the cause of Christ. Why? Because God has first loved him and given Jesus Christ to die for his sins.

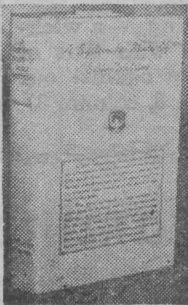
Several years ago, I was in a Bible Conference in Chicago and I heard a man say that the greatest manifestation of God's love was a beautiful picture of nature. He described so beautifully the sunrise and the sunset, and with eloquence he painted a sunrise and a sunset until you could almost see the colors as the words fell from this man's lips. He said that that was the most unusual manifestation of God's love that you can find. But I thought, beloved, as he was talking, ere he finishes his message the sky may become overcast with clouds, the lightning may flash from one end of heaven to the other, and the thunder may roll through the skies. Then where is your beautiful picture of the love of God, when the sun is covered with the clouds? Beloved, that isn't the greatest manifestation of God's love.

A few days later I was in another Bible Conference and I heard a man say that the most marvelous manifestation of the love of God is that of a mother caring for a child. He, likewise, with wonderful eloquence of words gave to us a beautiful verbal picture of a mother that cared for her child, almost working her fingers to the bone to look after her child, and to protect and care for that child. I remembered, beloved, so I heard him speak, of that passage of Scripture that says that a woman may forget her sucking child, and I thought how that many times a mother will take her own offspring and cast it to one side, and may even walk away and leave it and never see that child again. Then where is your manifestation of God's love gone?

Oh, no, beloved, I do not say to you that the greatest manifestation of God's love is a beautiful scene of nature by way of a sunrise or a sunset or a beautiful rainbow. I do not say that the

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"I Should Like to Know"

1. What is a familiar spirit?

It is a demoniac spirit that takes possession of a spirit medium and speaks through her (or him, generally a her).

2. Explain James 5:19-20.

A man may be saved only once, yet he may be converted many times. Every time that he strays from the truth and is recovered, he is converted. Every time he sees new truth and accepts it, it can be said that he has been converted to that particular truth. Every time that one turns away from error as a result of reading God's Word, it can be said that he has been converted.

It is because of this fact we ought to be patient with all weak Christians. Many of them need converting, and many could be converted, if we would but patiently teach them God's Word. Remember: we hide a multitude of sins when such an one is converted.

3. Are all sinners punished alike?

No; it is more tolerable for the heathen and those who have no light, than for the ones who hear the gospel. Matthew 11:9-24.

4. Did Moses write Genesis in the same sense as John wrote Revelation?

Read II Timothy 3:16.

5. Is God going to get more people than the devil if He has to take the lives of babies to do it?

God will have more than Satan, but He doesn't have to take babies to do it. He could save all if He so desired. But He has chosen to show both His mercy and His wrath (Romans 9:22, 23).

greatest manifestation of God's love is that of a mother caring for her child. Rather, beloved, if you want to see the greatest manifestation of God's love, then come with me, as the old song says: "There is a green hill far away Beside the city wall, Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all."

Beloved, if you want to see the manifestation of God's love that will thrill your heart and soul not only for tonight, but for all time, stand outside the city of Jerusalem and see Jesus Christ as His hands were pierced, and as His feet were driven through with nails, and as His side was riven with the spear. Look at Him as the blood falls down from the wounds in His body and see the pain as it verily leaps along the arteries of His body. See His bosom as it heaves and falls beneath the weight of the pain that He felt, and see Him as He suffers our Hell to keep us out of Hell. Beloved, I say to you, if you want to know of the love of God, then see Jesus Christ dying for our sins upon the Cross. It is no wonder that the Apostle Paul in writing to the church of Rome, said:

"But God COMMENDETH HIS

God takes babies for His own for good reasons, known only to Him. (Daniel 4:35).

6. Is that statement true in the light of God's Word?

That God takes the lives of babies to get more than the devil, no.

7. How do you know the Bible is true?

By its numerous prophecies which, though made hundreds of years beforehand, have been fulfilled to the very letter; by its like effect and influence upon people of all nations, races, languages, social rank, offices, and ages; by the prophecies concerning the Jews; by its perfect harmony with archeology and other sciences; by the character and godliness of those who have believed it; by the fact that it was written by 44 men of different phases of life, at different intervals in history, in different countries, and under different circumstances; yet it is in agreement in all of its teachings as to the world, God, Christ, the Scriptures, man, salvation, Heaven, Hell, sin, Satan, etc. Some of these men were educated, some uneducated, some were theologians, some were fishermen; yet the majesty and sublimity of the style, language, and content throughout the whole of the Scriptures is unsurpassed by the writings of all other men combined; by its unexcelled moral standards; by its antiquity and continuance to this day, despite the attacks of infidels, atheists, Catholics, and wicked men to either destroy or pervert the spreading of its teachings; by the fact that the godly have cleaved

LOVE TOWARD US, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."—Rom. 5:8.

When did He show his love for us? When you and I were saints of God? After you and I had become children of God? After you and I were already walking in fellowship with Him? No, no, beloved, but even while we were yet sinners He commendeth His love toward us in that He gave Jesus Christ to die for the sins of God's elect.

III

GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE IN ADOPTING US INTO HIS FAMILY.

Somehow the thought of adoption always strikes home to me very, very forcibly. I remember several years ago in one church that there were thirteen families that had adopted children into their families — in other words, childless homes — that couldn't have children themselves. I have often thought about a child that is adopted. Certainly, beloved, if ever a child ought to love its mother and father, it is the child that has been adopted into another family. You naturally feel that one that is born of you, that

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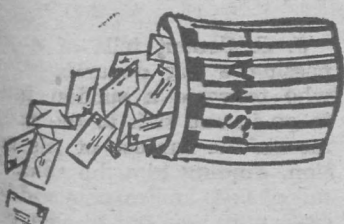
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Yours for the truth,

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall,
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Yours,

W. M. Casey,
Kentucky.

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Dear Brother Gilpin:

Enclosed is a check for renewal of my subscription to TBE. At this time I regret to be of no ability to give any additional gift to you for the benefit of the paper, though I, personally, feel that the paper warrants it.

I appreciate your paper and the position it takes in this day of putrid apostasy and corruption within "religious" places. It is commendable and right for every child of God to take the Word of God and stand firm in this time with convictions identical with the Bible. In this respect your paper is encouraging.

God bless you as individuals and as an editorial staff in the measure that you are found faithful to the task appointed by God for you to do.

In His service, I remain your brother,

Eld. Norman M. Walters,
California.

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Yours in Him,

Hansford Holmes,
West Virginia.

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Dear Brother Gilpin:

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Sincerely,
W. E. McKinney,
Tennessee.

ENCOURAGES US TO BEG FOR TBE

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Who calls you a beggar may not know he and all men are beggars. We hope and pray he will beg for salvation before he comes to beg for rocks and mountains to fall on him to hide him from the face of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will bow some time.

Democrats beg for money and at the same time accuse Republicans of having all the money men. All churches (so-called) pass the plate for money. All men are beg-

gars in one way or another.

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Dear Brother Gilpin:

I was really surprised when I read of the small contributions that came into your office after all the appeal and all the prayers that went up in your behalf. I really and truly believe if everyone of your readers--say you have 2,000 readers and each one would give just \$1.00--you could have easily made the goal and had some left over. Now, don't you think that people could afford \$1.00 apiece? Of course, I don't know the conditions all over the country, but I am sure if they are out of work people are still getting their compensation checks. The Lord will provide somehow and someday.

We are still praying that this goal can be reached for you folk. When I think of the thousands of dollars that are sent to Billy Graham (we don't support him anymore) for his campaigns, and you people can't even get a small amount like \$2,000, it just makes me sick. This fellow Billy Graham goes over to Europe, over to Australia, all over the countryside and the people right around us are going to Hell. I don't mean to sound off, but it just doesn't seem right to me.

I am going to wait a few days more and then I am going to withdraw my Credit Union balance again and send you some more. I know it is not much, but every little bit helps. I don't want to see this paper go out of existence. It's the only one I know of that stands for the truth today.

I want you to know, Brother Bob and Brother Gilpin, that we are for you and we know that God will hear our prayers and that He will move the people so that you may get this money to run your affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. George teBrake,
Wisconsin.

TBE HAS BLESSED THEM BEYOND MEASURE

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Enclosed please find an offering for your use in publishing TBE. May God richly bless you in your labors through this paper. I have been a reader for around twelve years and have a life subscription that, thank the Lord, you gave me for a small offering sometime ago. It has been on my heart to support you more for a long time and several times I have been enabled to do so, but have failed and allowed the Devil to hinder me. I can earnestly testify that TBE has blessed me beyond measure. I pray that God has much more use for you and Brother Ross through this paper.

Brotherly in His love,

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond
R. Reynolds, Colorado.

GLAD TO TELL WHY HE SUPPORTS THIS PAPER

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Surely I am the least of all the Saints, it seems I can hardly write a good letter or express myself as I would like to. However, I have a Saviour who has given unto me wisdom and righteousness and redemption. Everything that I need.

We have given our support to the Baptist Examiner because we believe it to be a wonderful source of instruction to the Saints in light and to those in the ministry.

We believe it is published by men who seek to uphold the truth without fear, that the name of God might be glorified. Our prayer to God is that your need shall be met and nothing shall hinder your work. May the Spirit of God lead you to the extent that men will see your good work and glorify the Father in Heaven.

Yours in His name,
Floyd Cotton, New York

DO WE OWE THESE BOYS ANYTHING?

All over America there are bright-faced lads like this one who need spiritual guidance. Maybe one or more of these boys is in your own home. We seek from week to week through the columns of this paper to give you the message which they need so badly. Through this paper and our radio broadcasts, Calvary Baptist Church is seeking to be a blessing to this and future generations. May God help you to enable us to do so by your contributions. We trust that the truth we stand for merits your support today and your continued support for tomorrow. A letter, along with your contribution, would be a decided encouragement and inspiration to us today.

SENDS 11 "SUBS" FOR OUR PAPER

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I started a letter to you a few minutes ago telling you that I was sending you a check for \$15.00 for ten subscriptions to your wonderful paper, but the telephone rang and it was another Bible loving friend telling me to include her among the number. So the check is \$11.50 for eleven subscriptions.

My wife and I are enjoying the wonderful messages we find in your paper so much. It is really heart-warming to find something like TBE when every way you turn you find modernism and neo-orthodox tendencies. After thirty years of wonderful Bible teaching and preaching here in our church we are now being fed morning, noon and night on the program including that great, wonderful, universal church (?). We have really enjoyed Brother Bob's con-

tinued piece on the church. Brother Mason was really good on it, too. Then Brother John on the Tabernacle is so refreshing. In fact, it has all been so wonderful.

In His matchless name,
C. G. Cook,
Alabama.

PRAYING THAT GOD WILL RAISE UP FRIENDS FOR TBE

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Just a line to let you know why I like TBE. I like it because it preaches the "Thus saith the Lord" more than any paper I ever read. I am praying for you and Brother Bob that God will bless you and raise up friends who love the truth to supply your every need so TBE will keep going out more and more every day to those who need it.

Myrtle Gardner,
Kentucky.

ONCE HE HATED ELECTION BUT NOW HE LOVES IT

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I think TBE is the greatest builder of faith to Christian people as well as, a great Gospel preaching paper. I don't see how I could get along without it.

I have been receiving the paper for about eight years and have learned the truth about the Gospel and many doctrines from it. I once hated the doctrine of election but through TBE, I have learned to love it very much. The truth of election brings the greatest of all joys to a man's heart when he receives its meaning in his salvation. I have greatly enjoyed all the sermons by Spurgeon in TBE.

May our God and Saviour continue His blessings upon you and all who help you to publish TBE.

Chestine Mitchell, Alabama.

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

Baptist Youth Witness

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

Shall We Elect A Roman Catholic?

By DON HILLIS

Our political pundits are already predicting the possibility of Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.), receiving the Democratic party Presidential nomination in 1960. The Christian Herald says, "It is becoming more obvious as the months go by that Senator Kennedy is a likely candidate for the Presidency." The Gallup Poll indicates that Mr. Kennedy now holds a sizable lead. Senator Kennedy came within a hair's breadth of receiving the Vice-Presidential nomination in 1956. This, in spite of the fact that no Vice-President is ever farther than a heart beat from the Presidency. When asked if a Roman Catholic could become the President of the United States, Mr. Kennedy's answer was, "yes."

This strong Roman Catholic Senator recently "fathered" an immigration bill which opens the way for southern Europeans (Catholics) to fill the unused immigration quotas of northern Europeans (Protestants). For this, he has received the high praise of the Catholic hierarchy.

Should Mr. Kennedy become the President of the United States, the date lines of newspapers all over this democratic country would read:

Rome: "Pope John XXIII Wires Felicitations."

Vatican City: "Roman Catholic Hierarchy Jubilant over Kennedy's Victory."

New York: "Cardinal Spellman says, 'This is Rome's Greatest Triumph in 300 Years.'"

Rome's Church-State

To those whose eyes are open to the history, practice and teachings of Romanism, the headlines above lucidly portray the "beginning of the end" to a hundred-and-one liberties which are enjoyed only in Protestant countries.

A DIAGNOSIS

A missionary on furlough when asked what is the matter with the churches in America, diagnosed the disease, as follows:

1. Fatty degeneration of the heart (Wealth, luxury and ease.)
2. Pernicious anaemia, (lack of blood in its theology and in the fight with sin).
3. Cerebro-spinal meningitis (destruction of backbone and brain center).
4. Cancer, (unbelief in the supernatural).
5. Neuritis, (super-sensitiveness to ridicule and criticism).

Witness the condition of Spain's 20,000 Protestants. **George Washington said, "If the United States ever loses her liberty, it will be through the Romanist Priesthood."**

The far-reaching religious freedom which is now enjoyed by both minority and majority religious groups in the United States stems from our Constitutional principle of the separation of Church and State. Rome accepts the tenets of separation of Church and State only when and where it is to her advantage to do so. Rome does not believe in a State church, i.e., the Lutheran Church in Denmark. The only political doctrine acceptable to the Vatican is a Church-state, i.e., one in which the State is subservient to the Church, again exemplified in Spain. The Catholic bishops of U.S.A. declare openly that, "Separation of Church and State has become the shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism."

In Rome's eyes the Church is more noble than the State and therefore the State is bound to further the ends of the Church and to refrain from interfering with the Church's authority. According to her concepts she has the absolute right, independently of the State, to those material and temporal things which are necessary to her spiritual ends. In the case of any conflicts over those rights, the Roman Church must prevail. **The Pope's sovereignty far outreaches that of any temporal ruler.** His is a non-territorial sovereignty which holds sway over Roman Catholics in every country in which they live.

Mr. C. Stanley Lowell says, "Roman Catholicism in the United States has come a long way in a century and a half. At first as a feeble minority it accepted Church-state separation. **Now it intimidates Congress, censors and silences opposition, collects vast sums from the public treasury and drives toward official recognition and establishment.** If the Protestants do not unite in determined opposition, this drive will, in another decade, see the end of Church-state separation here. We shall have, to all practical effect, a religious establishment in a country whose Constitution forbids it."

Religious Tyranny

Though it is evident beyond question that the Roman Catholic church is a powerful political system which is determined to subjugate the world to her temporal

powers, yet she is essentially a religious organization. Should Rome obtain the political and temporal ascendancy in the United States for which she is striving incessantly, our hard-won religious freedom would come to an end.

The Roman Catholic view of religious liberty is expressed in these words: It is "the inalienable right of all men to worship God according to the teaching of the Catholic Church." This is a far cry from the guarantees of our American Constitution which grant to men the privilege of

choosing their faith and their form of worship. According to Romanism, no State can justifiably prevent the right to worship God according to the teaching of the Catholic Church. The State furthermore, "has the duty to foster this true worship — to which all must submit." This is religious tyranny!

This is just the Catholic way of saying that you as a non-Catholic are a heretic and that America is following the path of heresy from which it needs to be converted. It is therefore the clear duty of every true Catholic to share in the conversion of this country to Romanism, by any and all means, be they foul or fair. A calculated consideration of this matter leads one to ask the question, "Is it possible for one to be a sincere and honest Catholic and also be a true American?" Samuel F. B. Morse has said, "The Papacy is a political system, despotic in its organization, anti-Democratic and anti-Republican, and cannot therefore exist with American Republicanism."

This I Will Do For My Country

Luther W. Martin says that

"I Wish My Mummy Didn't Smoke!"



I know my Mummy loves me. She dresses me up in nice clothes. She feeds me on the things that are good for me. She buys me lots of things. She reads books about how to take care of me. She sits up with me when I do not feel good. She will do 'most anything for me. But I wish she didn't smoke!

I've never had a clean kiss in my life. Sometimes her breath is awful bad; and when she kisses me just after she has been smoking, it almost makes me sick. All the time there's something funny tasting about it. Once, it did make me dizzy and I cried, and she said it was from something that I had eaten.

She was fixing my oatmeal the other morning and smoking, and she got ashes into it. 'Course she didn't see it, but I had to eat it.

I get so tired of living in smoke all the time. It hurts my eyes and I rub them hard and she doesn't know what is the matter. The worst thing is when she lays a cigarette down and the blue smoke gets into my eyes and nose and stings and stings. She doesn't know why I fuss so much, and sometimes she shakes me for being bad.

Sometimes my lungs hurt from so much smoke, and I cry and Mummy gets cross, and I don't

know how to tell her, and then we both get fussy and Mummy tells my Daddy that I have been just awful all day.

And I don't like the way that some men look at my Mummy when we are eating in a restaurant and she is smoking.

Maybe I'll get used to it, but it is awful hard on a little fellow like me. I like fresh air and clean things. I feel so good when I go outdoors and away from my Mummy's smoke.

Sometimes Mummy has company in the afternoon and when all the "girls" begin to smoke and there aren't any windows open, it gets terrible and I get cross and Mummy says, "I don't know what is wrong with that child today. Why can't he be good when there is company in the house?"

Once, when she was holding me and smoking, I got some ashes in my eye and it hurt awful and I screamed and screamed, and that night she told Daddy I had a temper tantrum. I don't know what a temper tantrum is, but it sure hurts.

It's awful hard growing up with grown-ups. And now, will you believe me—Grandma has started smoking too!

I don't know what people want to smoke for. I wish my Mummy didn't.

Are We Presenting Christ To The Lost?

J. E. Conant tells of a pastor passing a big department store who followed a sudden impulse to go in and talk to the proprietor on the subject of his salvation. Finding him, he said: "I talked beds and carpets and bookcases with you, but I never talked my business with you. Would you give me a few minutes to do so?" Being led to the private office the minister took out his New Testament and showed him passage after passage which brought before that business man Jesus Christ. Finally the tears began to roll down his cheeks, and said to the pastor, "I'm seventy years of age. I was born in this city, and more than a hundred ministers, and more than a hundred church officers have known me in a business way, and in all these years you are the only man who ever spoke to me about my soul."—Evangelism.

Romanism is "—democratic enemy and Communism's prototype." If the United States is to escape the bondage of Catholicism, then every true Christian must put up a strong defense of a forthright offense. For a defense we suggest the following:

1. A study of the "mother harlots" as pictured in Revelation Chapters 17 and 18.
2. The reading of such books as "Fox's Book of Martyrs," "The Monk Who Lived Again," — B. H. Pearson; "Behind the Purple Curtain"—by W. M. Montague; "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome"—by Father Chiniquy; "Out of the Labyrinth"—by L. Lehman; "American Freedom and Catholic Power"—by Paul Blanshard.

Since the best defense is strong offense, you owe it to yourself to:

1. Pray for and work toward the conversion of Catholics.
2. Keep posted on Catholic political, social and educational maneuvers, both national and international. This, you can do through such magazines as "Christian Heritage" and "United Evangelical Action," or through the releases of "Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State."
3. Raise your voice through your vote against Catholicism in endeavor to seek power through political office.

GOD'S MAN

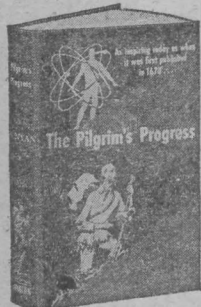
You soft-hearted brethren, were born to the wrong sex, ten to me. God never had a man of sweetness and softness who He approved, either in Old Testament or New Testament times. God's men trod on thorns, faced lions or had a hard, round road to travel. When they go to bury me and some man says, "I was popular with everybody," I'll get up and say, "Hold on, brethren, I am not ready to meet God yet, if that is what they say to me."—Riley.

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"God's Love"

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carries your own blood—you naturally feel that one should love you, but for a child to be picked up out of another family and brought into a family, certainly that child ought to love the one that has manifested so much love toward it in adopting it into that family.

Beloved, do you realize that you weren't born into God's family? When you were born into this world, you were born into the family of the Devil. Every last one of us was born a child of the Devil, and if you are unsaved, you are still a child of the Devil. Listen:

"YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:44.

I say to you, every unsaved man has the Devil for his spiritual father. No man can look up into the presence of God and say "Our Father, which art in Heaven," without lying, until he is saved. In fact, every time that a man repeats the Lord's Prayer, he lies to God when he calls Him "Our Father." God isn't your father if you are unsaved. You are a child of the Devil, and you will never become a child of God until God adopts you into His family.

Beloved, to me one of the most marvelous truths that is taught in this Bible is the fact that God is a God of adoption—that He reaches down and picks up those of us who are in the family of the Devil and transfers us over into the family of God and we thereby become adopted children of God, so that God is our Father and Heaven is our home and Jesus Christ is our elder brother—all because we are adopted.

We read:

"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not."—1 John 3:1.

Certainly it is marvelous that He has bestowed His love upon us. If He hadn't loved us, He would never have adopted us out of the family of the Devil into His own family.

IV

GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE IN THAT HE KEEPS US SAFELY AFTER HE HAS SAVED US.

You who are saved, do you know how long you would keep saved if it were left up to you? You wouldn't even get out of this building a saved person if it depended upon you to keep your own self saved. There isn't a one of us who could ever keep him-

self saved, and keep himself a child of God, if it depended upon us. If God manifested His love to us giving His Son to die for us, and if God manifested His love to us the day that He adopted us into His family, then surely He has manifested His love to us every day since, in that He keeps us saved and keeps us in the family of God.

Let's notice how long that God has loved us:

"The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have LOVED THEE WITH AN EVER-LASTING LOVE: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."—Jer. 31:3.

How long has He loved us? With an everlasting love, and that word "everlasting" means "from eternity past to eternity to come." God doesn't love like some human beings love. Some folk profess to love, but their love waxes cold, dims and dies. Beloved, a lot of preachers preach a God who loves on the same basis as the divorcees love today. The fact of the matter is, every Arminian preacher in this country who preaches that man can be saved and then lost, and that God doesn't love a man enough to hold him from everlasting to everlasting—every Arminian preacher is presenting to you a God that loves just exactly like divorced folk love. I tell you, beloved, that isn't the way God loves. God loves us everlastingly.

Listen again:

"Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I NOT FORGET THEE. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."—Isa. 49:15, 16.

Yes, it is true that a woman may forget the child to which she has given birth. It is true that a woman may be able to forget the child that has nursed and taken nourishment from her own breast. It may be true that a woman would walk away and abandon her child and allow that child to be brought up by someone else. It may be true that a woman may abandon her own child and never love that child again. Beloved, that is not what God does. God loves us. How much? With a love that never fails. Even more than the love of a mother herself. How much has He loved? Enough that He has graven us on the palms of His hands, and the word "graven" is the word for "tattoo."

You know, beloved, when a person gets a tattoo mark on his body, it is there. The only way it can be taken off is to be cut off, and a scar left. A boy works for me in my printing shop who has about twenty-five tattooed marks of various kinds on his body, and he told me that he would give any sum of money if he could get rid of them. He said that the only way he could get rid of them was to have them cut out, which would leave a scar.

Beloved, I'm tattooed to the hands of God, and the only way that the Devil could ever get me out of the hands of God is to cut me out. I thank God I'm graven on the palms of His hands. Beloved, I don't keep saved because I am stronger than my fellow-man, and whereas somebody else falls, I stand erect; I don't keep saved in my own strength, but I keep saved because the God who manifested His love in giving Jesus Christ to die for me—the God who manifested His love by adopting me into His family, that God has manifested His love also in that He has graven or tattooed me to the palms of His hands.

Beloved, when I want to think about the love of God, I just remember the fact that ever since the day I was seventeen years of age Jesus Christ has been my Saviour. Not because that I wanted Him to be my Saviour, not because that I have been strong enough to hold out, but He's been my Saviour every day because I have been graven on the palms of His hands.

Let me read you another verse

to show you how that our security in Him manifests His love to us:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."—Rom. 8:38, 39.

Notice, he names nine agents and agencies—internal, internal, and external—and he says that none of these nine nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus.

Beloved, a saved man, a man that has passed from death unto life knows something of the love of God, because it is God's love that keeps him saved from day to day. You and I never would have come down to this hour as His children if it hadn't been that He keeps us saved. The best man, the best woman in all this world would have fallen by the wayside long, long ago if left to himself, but thank God, we don't keep ourselves. We didn't save ourselves and we don't keep ourselves saved. He saved us, He keeps us saved, and when I think of it, I am reminded how much He loves us in that He keeps His children from day to day.

V

GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE IN THAT HE CHASTENS US WHEN WE DO WRONG.

"For whom THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."—Heb. 12:6.

Now what does that word "chasten" mean? Beloved, it just means literally that He beats the Devil out of us, and that is what He does.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, God doesn't do that." Yes, He does that to me, beloved, and I am persuaded that He does you, too. The fact of the matter is, I wouldn't be a bit surprised but what you still have an awful lot of the Devil left in you even after these years in which you have been serving Him and walking with Him. I tell you, beloved, you can't do wrong without God whipping you. If you're God's child, you are not going to do wrong without God chastening you.

A big old fellow down the river twenty-five years ago said, "I'll just tell you, Brother Gilpin, I don't believe a word you preached last night." I said, "What did I preach last night?" He said, "You said that if a man were a church member and he sinned, God would whip him." I said, "I never said any such thing." He

said, "I was right there and heard you say that if a man were a church member and sinned, God would whip him." I said, "No, I never said a thing like that." He said, "What did you say?" I said, "If a man were a saved man and he sinned, God would whip him." He said, "Isn't that just what I finished saying?" I said, "No, you are talking about church members and I am talking about saved people." He said, "Isn't that all one and the same?" I said, "It might in that Campbellite church where you go, but it is not one and the same in the Bible." He said, "I don't believe it anyway. I pass the Lord's Supper in our church every Sunday morning and I am one of the pillars of our church. Whenever I go down to Cincinnati to buy a bill of goods for my store, and want to, I get drunk. If I want to have some friends in, we gamble. If I want to have a woman come up and spend the night at the hotel with me, I do it and God never lays His hand on me." I said, "Brother, do you know what you are. You are just a spiritual bastard."

You know, beloved, there are few words in Kentucky that are fighting words. Whenever you use certain words, you ought to always have your gun ready. I carry a gun with me all the time, only my gun is a sword. It is law on one side and Gospel on the other. Beloved, you can cut a man to pieces going or coming. I grabbed my sword. I needed protection, and I read him this verse of Scripture:

"For whom the LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."—Heb. 12:6-8.

I said to this man, "If you can live a life of sin and God doesn't chasten you, that just proves that you are a spiritual bastard. You have never been born of the Spirit of God."

Beloved, if you've been born of the Spirit of God, you can't sin without God whipping you. Who does He whip? The Devil's children? Not on your life. Who does He whip? The unsaved crowd? No sir. What is God doing with the unsaved? He is just turning them loose. Hell is out yonder and they will be punished after a while. God is not whipping the unsaved, but He is chastening His children. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." If the time ever comes when you feel like the Lord is just about killing you, you ought to thank the Lord for it, for that is a sure sign that He loves you. God chastens whom He loves.

VI.

GOD HAS MANIFESTED HIS LOVE IN HIS PROVIDENTIAL DEALINGS WITH US.

"Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because THE LORD THY GOD LOVED THEE."

Let's get the story back of this. The Jews were coming out of Egypt, going over into Canaan. During the forty years that they were traveling, they went through the country of Moab. Balak, the king, didn't want them to pass through and he sent for a preacher to put a curse on them. The preacher sent word to him that he wouldn't have anything to do with it. Then Balak's servants came back and said, "Our master, Balak, has plenty of money. If you will just come along with us and preach the preaching that we tell you to preach, and put a curse upon these Jews, Balak will give you plenty of money." Balaam said, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the Word of the Lord my God to do less or more," as if to say, "The Word of God is final in my life."

Somehow they showed that preacher some of that money and

it turned his head and he went along with them. Balak took Balaam, the preacher, upon a high hill and said, "See those Jews camping there in the valley. Now curse them." Balaam started to do so. But you know, beloved, every record that's used on a phonograph has two sides, and sometimes you make a mistake and put the wrong side up. Balaam started to pronounce a curse upon the Jews but somehow God put the record wrong side up and instead of pronouncing a curse upon them, he pronounced a blessing upon them. Balak said, "Wait a minute, you're doing wrong. Let's get up on the mountain a little bit father so you can better see them." So Balaam went up upon the mountain, a little higher, and they built another altar. This time instead of cursing them he pronounced another blessing upon them. Balak said, "Now wait a minute. Let's get all the way up to the top of the mountain." He thought surely that Balaam would be able to see that crowd and he would really pronounce a curse upon them. They got up on top of that mountain and Balaam started to speak, but he pronounced a blessing upon the people that he was supposed to curse. Why was it that Balaam couldn't curse the Jew? This text tells us: "Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the Lord thy God loved thee." You see, He showed His love by His providential dealings with Israel.

Look at those Jews over there in the land of Babylon when the king, Ahasuerus, had already given a command that on a certain day they were to be destroyed. Yet when that king went to bed one night, he couldn't sleep. He wasn't worried about the command that he had given, but he just couldn't sleep. Finally, he said, "Read me a story and maybe I'll go to sleep," and what do you suppose they brought in to read to him? Beloved, they brought the chronicles of the court. You would have thought there would have been enough bloodshed in those court records to have driven sleep from his eyes that night and forever. However, when they started reading, they read how the king's life had been saved when a plot had been made against him, and he said, "What did I do for that man? Do you mean that I allowed a man to save my life, and I didn't do anything for him?"

All that night wicked old Haman was building a gallows to hang Mordecai, the Jew, on. Now Mordecai was the one who had

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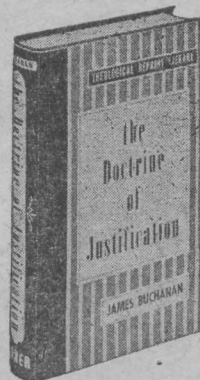
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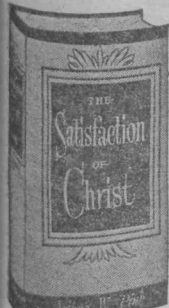


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Depravity

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seventh chapter of the book of Hebrews. In the ninth and the tenth verses we find something which is difficult to believe also. It is on a different subject, that of the giving of tithes but we find a similar situation. The writer says, "And as I may so say, Levi also who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his Father when Melchisedec met him." The writer here is speaking about the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe who received tithes of the people of Israel had also paid tithes in Abraham. Now how could this be? Levi the priestly tribe was not in existence in Abraham's time. Abraham had a son, Isaac, and Isaac had a son Jacob and one of Jacob's twelve sons was Levi and from the tribe of which Levi was the head and which bore his name came the priesthood referred to here in the book of Hebrews. Now this scripture says that Levi also, that is the tribe of Levi, paid tithes in Abraham. And the explanation is that Levi was yet in the loins of Abraham when He paid tithes to Melchisedec. Here is a situation where seemingly the tribe of Levi was in the loins of Abraham and when Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec the scripture plainly says that Levi ALSO paid tithes to Melchisedec. Abraham was their representative and when Abraham paid tithes, they paid tithes.

Thus we can see that when Adam, as our representative sinned, we also sinned. We may not have wanted him as our representative but he represented us never the less. There are some people in the United States who did not vote for Eisenhower, and did not want him to be president or to be their representative, yet he is the president and he does represent them whether they like it or not. It is somewhat the same situation. Adam was our representative and whether we like it or not and unfortunately our representative got us into trouble. Thus all human creatures born in this world are born with a sinful nature.

The old song which appeared some years ago which spoke of "Doing what comes naturally" reminds me of our sin nature. Sin is what comes naturally to all men as we are born with a sin nature. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" Rom. 3:23. That means that every-

body has missed the mark and come short of the holiness demanded by God. It is not just Adam's fault that you are a sinner. Adam gave you the nature but you continue to sin willfully. A person is not a sinner because he has sinned, but rather he sins because he is a sinner; he has a sin nature. A man doesn't become a liar because he lies; rather he lies because he is a liar. A man doesn't become a thief because he steals, but he steals because he is already a thief at heart. It is his nature within him. The reason many people don't steal things is that they are afraid of being caught, and that is the only reason. Reading in Romans chapter 5 and verse twelve of this situation, that is, of Adam's guilt and our subsequent fallen state we find these words, "Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Now a man in this depraved state is referred to as being Lost. We know where he is but he is lost from the salvation of God, lost from the presence of God, and he can not come into the presence of God in that condition. This brings us to our next point which answers the question as to what is the best thing a natural man can do?

III

THE BEST THING A NATURAL MAN CAN DO IS SIN!

There are some startled looks on some faces, but this is positively the truth. The best thing, in fact the ONLY thing a natural man can do is SIN. That is correct; the only thing that an unsaved person is capable of doing is sin. He may engage in activities which men consider good but he will do nothing that will be pleasing to God.

In God's sight the depraved man's motives for doing anything are wrong. People are quick to take issue with the preacher and think of what they consider exceptions to this rule. They say, "Preacher, if a man pays his honest debts, isn't that good?" But God says that if a lost man pays his honest debts it is sin! He does not say it in so many words but God is not pleased at anything a lost person does. If he doesn't pay his honest debts it is worse sin but it is still sin even when he pays them. It is sin no matter what he does. They say, "Well, preacher, this is a hard saying, and you must be wrong. Do you mean to say that if a man with a family provides for his family that it is sin?" YES, for a lost man to do anything is sin. Whether he eats, sleeps, works, gives money to the Red Cross or to the Church it is still sin. All that a lost man is capable of doing is sin. It may not seem to be sin to men yet when a lost man does such things they are sin, in the sight of God.

Someone objects and says, "I don't see how it could be wrong for a lost man to put some money in a church offering." In Proverbs 15:8 we read, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." Why, do you know that the Bible teaches that if a lost man plows his field it is sin in the eyes of God? In Proverbs 21:4 "The plowing of the wicked is sin."

I still see doubt written on some faces in our congregation this morning. I don't think that some of you believe what I am telling you! Let us consider some other scriptures.

Genesis 6:5 "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Some people perhaps can be heard to say, "Oh, yes, but this was BEFORE the flood." And that is true but let us read also in Genesis 8:28 which is after the flood. "The Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth."

Psalms 53:1-3 "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity, there is none that doeth good. God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God. Everyone of them is gone back; they are altogether become filthy, there is none that doeth good, no not one."

David said of himself in Psalm 51:5, "Behold I was shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me."

In the New Testament we are told in Romans, chapter 3, verses 10-18, "As it is written there is none righteous, no, not one. There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable, there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre, with their tongues they have used deceit, the poison of asps is under their lips; whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Two other passages which indicate the natural man, fleshly man, man without faith—the gift of God, is not pleasing to God no matter what he may do are the following:

Hebrews 11:6a, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him."

Romans 8:8, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." In another place we read, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

On looking at man in his natural state we find him dead, vile, wretched, blinded, corrupt, wicked, destitute, void of any love for God, yea, indeed loving the things which God hates and hating the things which God loves, having enmity toward God—and we could go on for some time describing man's condition from God's Word, but when we see all of this in its awful truth we are made to wonder, "Who then can be saved?" And this brings us to our next point:

IV.

SINCE MAN IS IN THIS BLINDED AND DEPRAVED STATE AND IS UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING THAT IS PLEASING TO GOD HOW CAN HE EVER BE SAVED OR BECOME RIGHTEOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT?

It is apparent that he will be unable to do anything which will be pleasing to God as all that he is capable of doing is sin. So he will not be able to earn his own salvation. His good deeds cannot outweigh his bad deeds because he doesn't have any good deeds at all. He can't make himself better as all of his actions are controlled from an evil heart—a heart which even he himself will find difficult to understand—a heart that is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

A lost man is like a blind man; that is, a lost man is blinded spiritually. He is dead spiritually. Before a blind man can see, something must be done for his eyes. Before a dead man can live he must be given life. A blind man in this world needs not glasses but eyesight. Putting flood lights all around him will not help him to see. Surrounding a lost man with stacks of Bibles, song books, prayer books, holy looks, long faces, candles, etc., will not cure his spiritual blindness. Men are saved and lifted out of the miry clay of sin when the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit comes on their blinded and depraved heart's quickening and making alive that which heretofore has been dead.

One who really understands total hereditary depravity will see that salvation by grace is the only possible way for the lost sinner to be reconciled to God. With an understanding of this important doctrine it is easy to see that only God through Jesus Christ can save sinners and that election is only God's determination to save whom He will, and that security of the child of God is only the natural result of God's

election and God's salvation. But without a proper understanding of depravity these doctrines will continue to be mysteries.

This is explained in Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 1-9, "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins. Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God who is rich in mercy for His great love where-with He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace are ye saved) and hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast."

I believe that before a man can be saved he must realize that he is lost, otherwise he will see very little need of a Saviour. The lost must know of their condition. They are sinners, true enough, whether they know it or not and yet the Bible speaks only of salvation for SINNERS. There is nothing said about salvation for righteous people, that is for those who think that they are righteous. Jesus said in Matthew 9:13b, "I

am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Now I have talked to many people who said they were sinners, but I remember one man in particular who agreed that he was a sinner although he seemed to me to have a rather good opinion of himself. I then asked him if he were a bad enough sinner to deserve to go to Hell. He thought this over for a minute and then replied that he was a sinner but he did not think that he was a bad enough one to deserve to go to Hell! No person with such an idea can be saved! If you have not come to the place where you realize that you are a sinner, a bad sinner, bad enough to deserve Hell, then I declare unto you that YOU CANNOT BE SAVED. Until you see yourself a justly condemned, Hell deserving sinner you are not a fit candidate for salvation. You do not consider yourself lost hence you have no need of a Saviour. Jesus died for LOST people—people that know that they are lost. Luke 19:10, "For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was LOST." Not that which was worthy, or good, or influential, or praying, or rich, or poor, or holding out, or being baptized, or doing the best they can, BUT HE CAME TO SAVE THAT WHICH WAS LOST. I remember hearing an illustration somewhere about a family that was visiting in Canada and who stopped to visit a zoo just before crossing from Canada back into the United States. They had a large family and when they got to the border the official questioned them as to the number in their family. It

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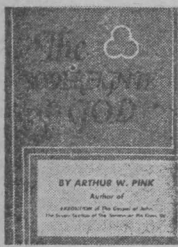
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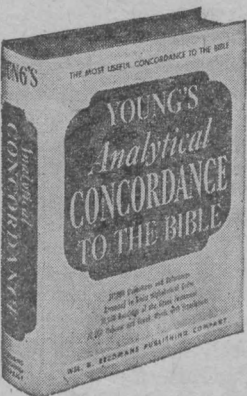
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Savior, "Away with Him! Away with Him!" when the people of a church reject and ruin the ministry of a man whom the Holy Spirit has set in that church as overseer and pastor. We can think of few acts of wickedness as great. May not such persons look for the stinging lash of God's chastening whip until the repent of their wicked, wicked deed and seek to make amends?

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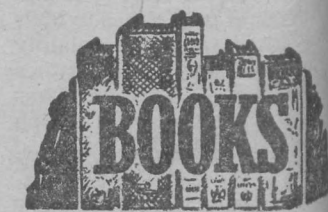
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was during this check that they suddenly realized with horror that their youngest child, a lad of 4, was missing! They had left him at the zoo. They went rushing back to the zoo imagining all sorts of things about their poor lost boy, but when they got there he was not the least upset but was enjoying the monkey's antics and having a good time. You see, the little boy was not at all upset for he did not know that he had been lost! How like

many people today, who do realize that they are lost.

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