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## "I'm a poor sinner and nothing at all; But Jesus Christ is my all in all."

By C. H. SPURGEON

There was once a poor man in a small country town who had not all the sense people usually have, but he had sense enough to be a great drunkard and swearer. As God would have it, he once listened to a poor woman, who was singing:  
"I'm a poor sinner and nothing at all;  
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
Home he went, repeating these words, he put his trust in a crucified Saviour, and was really converted. Well, he soon came to the church, and although he was a peddler, and always traveling about, he said, "I want to join your church." They, remembering his sinful way of life, required some great evidence of a change before they received him.  
"O!" says he, "I must come in."

"But you have been such a great sinner, and you are unconverted," added the elders.  
"Well," said poor Jack, "I don't know if I'm unconverted, and I confess I am a great sinner—but I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all;  
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
They could not get from him any other testimony save this. He would only say—  
"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all;  
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
They could not refuse him, and therefore accepted him for fellowship. After this he was always happy. When a Christian man said to him, "But you always seem so happy and pleased, John; how is it?"  
"Well," said he, "I ought to be happy, for—  
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"Well, but," said the gentleman, "I can't see how you can be always so happy and sure. I sometimes lose my evidences."  
"I don't," said Jack,  
"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all;  
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
"Ah," said a friend, "I'm at times miserable because I remember my sad sinfulness even since conversion."  
"Ah," said Jack, "you have not begun to sing,  
I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all;  
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
"Oh!" said the friend, "how do you get rid of your doubts and fears? My faith frequently fails, and I miss my sure hope in Christ. My frames are so variable and feelings so contrary, what do you think of that?"  
"Think?" said poor Jack. "Why master, I have no good things to care about—  
I'm a poor sinner and nothing at all;  
But Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
Well, then, if there is any one here who is "a poor sinner, and nothing at all"—where is he? in the gallery, or sitting down below? If he cannot say all that poor man said; if he can say the first line, he need not fear to say the second. Never mind if he can't say,  
"Jesus Christ is my all in all."  
If he can say,  
"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all," he is most assuredly on the right road.  
"Oh, but," says one, "I am sinful, vile, worthless."  
All right! you're a "poor sinner and nothing at all," and Jesus Christ is willing to be your "all in all."  
"But I have blasphemed God, departed from His ways, and grievously transgressed."  
Well, I believe all that, and a great deal more. Very glad to hear it; for thus I see you are "A poor sinner, and nothing at all."  
I am very glad if you will hold that opinion of yourself.  
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## What Is It For One To Eat And Drink "Unworthily?"

By ROY MASON  
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"Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."—I Cor. 11:22.

Satan has grossly perverted the meaning of the above Scripture. Let us note at least two wrong interpretations that are often given.  
1. To justify "open communion." Opponents of what is called "close communion" say that it is wrong to restrict the Lord's Supper. They argue that it should be up to the individual rather than the church to determine the participants. "Why the Bible says," so they argue, "that a man should examine himself and if he feels that it is all right to partake of the Lord's Supper he should go ahead." That really means if he has a sentimental urge to join in with those of other faiths, he should "obey that impulse."  
2. To discern moral and spiritual fitness. Many assume that the Scripture under consideration teaches that one should examine himself to determine if he is "worthy" to partake of the Lord's Supper. We have known church members to decline to partake

and when they asked why, they replied, "I just don't feel worthy, and you know the Bible says that if one who is unworthy partakes, he eats and drinks condemnation to himself."  
Both of the above notions are wrong. Let us take a look and find out what is really said in the Scripture under consideration.

### Examine Concerning What?

The passage has reference to the MANNER OF PARTAKING. It has not reference to one who examines himself to decide, "Do I feel like eating and drinking with this group of people?" The passage speaks of people partaking in an unworthy manner—"not discerning the Lord's body" (verse 29). For instance, some make it a fraternal observance, designed to show regard for kinfolks or fellowship with people of other denominations. The Lord's body given for us, is not thought of at all. One is to "examine" himself to see if he is remembering the Lord and His sacrifice, or something else.  
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Elder and Mrs. FRED HALLIMAN of Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, were truly an encouragement and inspiration to all at our recent Conference. They plan to leave around the first of the year for their new work in the mission fields of New Guinea.

## WHAT I BELIEVE THE BIBLE TEACHES, NO. 6— WHAT I BELIEVE CONCERNING THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION

By Fred T. Halliman  
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Probably the most hated truth in all the Word of God is election along with its kindred doctrines. The most hated preachers are those that preach these Bible doctrines. Election, like most other doctrines, is perverted in many ways, but regardless of how or how much it may be denied, abused, and misused it is the bedrock of all other doctrines. Upon it our past had its beginning; our present is being fulfilled; and our future rests.  
To deny the doctrine of election is to deny the Bible, for there can be no such thing as believing the Bible and not believing election. Will not one's belief in election cause him to be careless and unconcerned about other important doctrines? Not unless carried to erroneous extremes like anything else. What are some of these extremes?  
1. The extreme of the Hardshells. They believe and teach that God has elected and pre-

destinated the salvation of a certain number of individuals, but refuse to believe and teach what the Bible has to say about the means which God has ordained to bring about the salvation of those individuals. A few verses in Romans 10 will disprove their theory. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? . . . so then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:13-15, 17).

The above teaches us that God has ordained missions, personal witnessing, and preaching as a means to the end of bringing His elect unto salvation. Who are the elect? Believe me when I say if I knew who they were I would probably quit preaching to those that will never believe; but it is not my business to know WHO the elect are. It is my business to KNOW WHAT TO PREACH to every creature, to preach and  
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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "WHY PREACH THE BIBLE"

Sermon Preached by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide."—Psalm 37:31.

I have a very definite conviction that the one thing that should be preached above everything else is the Word of God. The Word of God is of paramount and utmost importance. I am sure that many, many times preachers fail just because they do not present the Word of God.

I am reminded in this respect of Job after his friends had brought various and untold and unfounded accusations against him. Job had answered those accusations. Then God spoke out of the whirlwind and said:

"Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowl-

edge?"—Job 38:2.

I am sure that what Job did, in that he "darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge," most all of us preachers sometime along the way have done likewise. I am satisfied every time we get the least bit afieled from the Word of God that we darken counsel by words without knowledge. In other words, whenever we speak, and our words are without the knowledge of the Word of God, we are darkening counsel. Just the same as you would draw a shade in a room and shut out the daylight and darken that room, so, beloved, when a preacher preaches apart from the Word of God, he is darkening counsel with his words that

are without knowledge.

What was true of Job was likewise true all the way through the Old Testament. We read:

"And the prophets shall become WIND, and the WORD IS NOT IN THEM: thus shall it be done unto them."—Jer. 5:13.

You are probably familiar with the expression of calling an individual a "windbag." Well, beloved, God uses the same expression. Through Jeremiah God says that the prophets of Jeremiah's day were a bunch of windbags. And why? Because the Word of God was not in them. Now, beloved, that is a rather strong accusation to bring against the preachers that they are nothing  
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### "BIBLE CONFERENCE ISSUE"

The heading is what might be called an appropriate theme of this issue of TBE. We hope you are thrilled by the report of our recent conference, just as we are thrilled by the Conference itself.

We regret there was not room to carry one of the Conference sermons. Also you will notice that Zanchius' Predestination is left out. This will appear in the next issue, and will be the final article in this series.

"I Should Like To Know" likewise had to be omitted, but this favorite will be back next week.

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If you have ordered SPURGEON'S SERMONS ON SOVEREIGNTY and have not received your copy yet, it is because our first shipment from the bindery has been exhausted. This first shipment was rushed to us primarily for our Bible Conference, and was necessarily a small one. We expect the rest of the books very shortly. Some of the orders for this book have been filled, but if your order has not, then please be patient just a little longer.



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## "Why Preach The Bible" PROPHECY DECEITS." — Isa. 30:10.

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but a bunch of windbags. And why are they such? Because the Word of God was not in them. "The prophets PROPHECY FALSELY, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" — Jer. 5:31.

Notice that Jeremiah says that God's prophets are prophesying falsely, and that the people at large are enjoying their ministry. I'm satisfied, beloved, that what was true in the days of Jeremiah is just as true in this modern twentieth century. I am satisfied that there is many a man today who perhaps is a minister, who may stand in a very distinguished pulpit and may have a remarkable position of prominence and prestige, yet, beloved, that individual is prophesying falsely, and the reason he does so is because "my people love to have it so."

I have always said that a carnal people love a carnal priesthood. Beloved, you can mark it down, church members, if they don't know anything about the Bible, love to be lulled to sleep and into a sense of false security by a false preacher.

What was true in the days of Jeremiah, was also true in the days of Isaiah. Listen:

"Which say to the seers, SEE NOT; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us SMOOTH THINGS,

Notice that Isaiah says that the people were telling the prophets not to preach to them right things, but to give them smooth, easy, deceitful things, and I think there are lots of folk today just like the people in the days of Isaiah. It is their desire that they not hear the truth. The truth would wake them up. The truth would shake them loose from their lethargy. The truth would dynamite them so far as their position of false security is concerned. They don't want the truth. They want smooth, deceitful things that they might be lulled into a state whereby there is no burden for the lost, no burden for the Word of God, no burden for His church, and no burden for the things of the Lord. God help us in this day when many and many a preacher is mesmerizing and hypnotizing the people with smooth, easy, deceitful things instead of giving them the unvarnished doctrines of the Word of God.

"And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a DISTINCTION IN THE SOUNDS, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an UNCERTAIN SOUND, who shall prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air." — I Cor. 14:7-9.

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Wallace D. Freeman, Pastor

Now if I were to play a pipe, or a harp, or a trumpet, it probably would sound very much the same regardless of which instrument I played. If I were to play on any one of those instruments, since I am not a musician, I would not be able to give a distinction in the sounds, and nobody would know what was piped or harped or trumpeted. Paul asks that if the trumpet gives forth an uncertain sound, who would be able to go to battle. He goes on to say that we as preachers with our tongues are to use words that are simple and easy to be understood so that we will give forth a certain sound to the extent that when people hear us they won't have to go home and look into a dictionary to see what we are talking about. Rather they will understand the message and will get the truth from the study of God's Word.

I'd like for you to notice another verse in connection with my text. Listen:

"Preach the word." — II Tim. 4:2.

We are living in a day when there isn't too much of the Word of God preached. There are plenty of book reviews that are given on Sunday. Sometime ago when "Magnificent Obsession" first came on the market as one of the best sellers, one Baptist preacher to my knowledge reviewed it four Sunday evenings in succession. I'll grant you that was an unusual case but we are living in a day when there is mighty little of the Word of God lived from the pew because there is so little of it preached from the pulpit.

Sometime ago a fellow from Dayton, Ohio announced four sermons. I believe they were the "catchiest" subjects that I ever read in my life. I wrote him just to see what he had to say and he was kind enough to send me a resume of each of those sermons. I presume he thought I wanted to preach them. I read them beloved and when I had finished, I declare, there wasn't enough meat about the whole four sermons for me to get out a toothpick. They were absolutely without a bit of meat about them. I wrote him and I said: "This is all froth. There is no body to this." He replied and said, "I realize that, but if I preach a sermon that has any amount of Bible in it, the people won't come to hear it: but if I give them something which you call froth, they will at least come to the services."

In our own denomination, the majority of preachers would like to preach the Bible, but the majority of them never preach it. They never have time to preach it. I am satisfied that the majority of Baptist preachers spend the biggest part of their time on Sunday preaching a great denominational program, and they don't have time to get around to the Word of God.

It took me something over five years to get the Southern Baptist Convention to drop my name from the Minutes. As long as my name appeared as one of the ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention I got the bulletins the papers and the periodicals that were sent out to all of them. The last piece that I received just before my name disappeared from their list was the calendar that was sent out for the preachers for one year's time. There was one Sunday that the preacher was to speak on Sunday Schools. Another Sunday he was to preach on the WMU. Another Sunday he was to preach on Ministerial Relief. Another Sunday he was to preach on hospitals, education, and so on down through the year, and for fifty-two Sundays of the year on this calendar there was

an outline given as to what the preacher was to preach for that particular Sunday.

Beloved, I come back to this text where the apostle Paul says, "Preach the word." I don't think there is any doubt as to what I am to preach. I don't think there is any question as to where I am to get my message. My message is to be a Bible message. I am to get my message from the Word of God.

Of recent date there was an elderly lady and some of her family who came to church with us who are members of a Southern Baptist Convention church. After the service was over she told me that she had gone to her own church that morning and that she went away sick at heart, for all her pastor had preached was the denominational program. She said that he didn't even take a text. He didn't use any Scripture. His applications were not even Scriptural. She said, "You know, this message that you preached tonight was sort of like an antitoxin. Just like a person becomes susceptible to some kind of a disease, and he has to take an antitoxin, so I had to come and hear the Word of God tonight as an antitoxin against what I heard this morning."

Beloved, that is a terrible thing to say—that a man's message is such that you have to leave him, and go some place to hear the Word of God as an antitoxin against the propaganda that has been preached from your own pulpit.

My text says, "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." Beloved, I am insisting that the Word of God is that which we as preachers need to emphasize above everything else in this world, for the more of the Word of God that a man gets in his heart, the less his steps shall slide. In other words, the best cure in this world for backsliding is to put a church on a solid diet of the Word of God.

I want to give you some reasons why we need to preach the Word of God.

I.

## IT CONVICTS OF SIN.

Nothing in this world will convict a man of sin but the Word of God. You can hear book reviews, but they will never convert a man of sin. You can hear religious essays, and light sermonettes, but they will never convict a man of sin. Beloved, the Word of God alone will convict one of sin.

We read:

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a DISCERNER of the thoughts and intents of the heart." — Heb. 4:12.

Here is a remarkable verse which tells us that Word of God is quick or living. I read to you from Shakespeare or Tennyson or Browning or Keats, and they are dead, and their writings are dead. Beloved, when I read to you from the Bible, God is alive and the Word of God is alive.

The Word of God is not only alive, but it is powerful. It is sharper than any two-edged sword. No man has a sword sharpened on both edges whereby he can cut right or left, going or coming, that is as sharp as the Word of God. No surgeon has ever had a knife sharp enough with which to perform an operation that is as sharp as the Word of God, for no surgeon can divide asunder the joints and the marrow. It isn't possible to make that division, but the Word of God is that sharp. The Word of God is sharp enough that it can separate soul and spirit. The Word of God is sharp enough that it can separate between the marrow and the joints, and it can separate between soul and spirit, and it is a discernor of the intents of the heart.

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During the Bible Conference, small cards were given to those attending on which was printed these words: "My Impressions Concerning the Labor Day Week-End Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky." Here are the cards that were returned to us. We only wish that every one had stated the impressions received as to the Conference.

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A time of fellowship with other saints of God, a spiritual feast

on the Word of God, a vacation where we were treated like kings by Calvary Baptist Church, and just think, an invitation to come back next year. What better could a child of God ask for, other than going to Heaven?

Emmitt Sebastian, Kentucky.

Praise the Lord for a continual feasting upon the bread of life as the preacher brethren rightly divided the Word of Truth. The "doctrine, reproof, correction, and

instruction in righteousness" was certainly edifying. Those speaking showed real Bible conviction without compromise.

The hospitality of the pastor and people of Calvary Baptist Church was much more than sufficient. This Labor Day week-end was very profitable to me. The unity of the brethren is encouraging, and the fellowship in the sessions and during the meals was a great joy to me—also the songs and hymns.

Roy Sutherland, Pennsylvania.

ship and always a blessing in the meeting of new friends—we conclude by saying that the Word that was preached made us realize that we must decrease but He must increase in our life; we are nothing apart from God. I Cor. 10:13.

Mrs. A. R. Fields, Illinois.

for help, but praise the Lord in this Conference He was given His rightful place as a great sovereign and purposeful God and His name was glorified and honored through the preaching of His Word.

A. R. Fields, Illinois.

I surely have enjoyed the Bible Conference and the good preaching very much. May God bless you in His work.

Mrs. T. B. Freeman,

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Wonderful preaching, wonderful fellowship, wonderful food. Worth driving one thousand miles to attend. Looking forward to next year. May the Lord bless each one to His glory.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick, Texas.

It would be impossible for me to name all my impressions or how I have enjoyed the Conference and the blessings I have received from feasting upon the Word of God that has been ex-

## SONG LEADER FOR CONFERENCE



ELDER W. T. PELPHEY  
Louisville, Ky.

pounded by His servants. Then I was impressed by the way we guests were all taken care of and the hospitality shown to each one here. I must say I enjoyed every minute of time I have spent here and pray that God's blessings will continue to be upon the church and all concerned.

Claude Doolin, Kentucky.

The Conference was surely a great success from the very beginning. It was truly one we will all remember for the missionary and Bible-believing spirit. I for one enjoyed the fellowship of the Word with the brethren. The entertainment was excellent.

Elder Carl R. Owen, Michigan.

Was unsurpassed as to the hospitality both in the church and home. There was unity in fellow-

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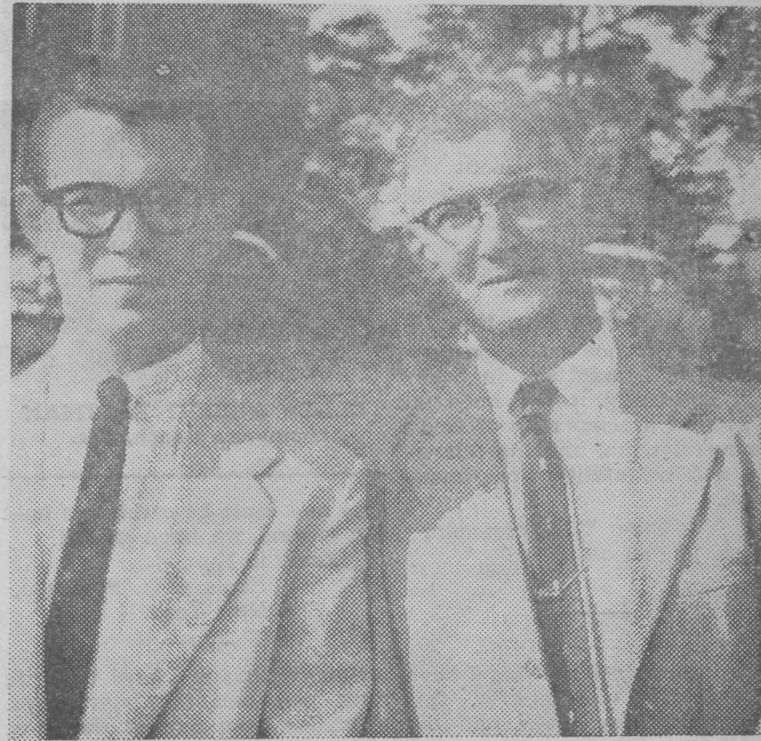
We made many more pictures of our Conference guests. Some of them were lost and others, being taken hurriedly, were not perfect enough to print from. The pictures of this issue though will give the reader a hint as to what was enjoyed by those present.

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SCOTT RICHARDSON  
Fairmont, W. Va.

### "Impressions"

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The Conference has to me been wonderful, I must say in every way. Especially it has been an all around proclamation of God's wonderful truth, and the fellowship and hospitality were unexcelled.

Elder T. B. Freeman,  
Florida.

My impressions are that I have enjoyed the messages of this Conference very much and the hospitality and the spirit of the meetings and of the people, but I did receive a shock when I saw

the number of bobbed heads and bottled complexions in the ranks of the preachers families, and I do believe that it deserved some rebuking, correcting and exhorting in the ministry. If anything hinders our fellowship this might, as we don't allow it in our fellow-

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ELDER ALBERT EASTMAN  
Pompano Beach, Fla.

ship and must be careful to hold the ground we have gained. Yours in Him,  
Howard W. Powlison,  
New York.

Some things are hard to write with pen that the heart feels. This has been one of the most wonderful joys of my life and shall be in my memories and heart for the rest of my life.

Praise God for the labor of love that was shown to us. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon your work and the ones who strived so hard to make this memorable meeting so wonderful. I John 1:7.

Sister Anna Riemann,  
Florida.

Good singing, good sermons, fine fellowship, excellent entertainment. Great blessing. Gerald B. Price,  
Tennessee.

This has been my first Bible Conference. I have been blessed, strengthened, and encouraged in the Lord through the preaching of the Word and wonderful fellowship with God's people. I

## LAYMAN OF LOCAL CHURCH RELAXES



JIMMY SWINDELL  
Ashland, Ky.

thank God for this wonderful privilege of being able to attend this Conference and the Lord willing plan to do so next September.

In Christ and His Truth.

Mrs. Gerald B. Price,  
Tennessee.

I have been greatly blessed by the preaching in the Conference. I feel that it was well arranged. Enjoyed the fine singing; also I have gotten a spiritual uplift. I also enjoyed the fine food. I was greatly impressed by the warm fellowship. I feel almost that I am at home now. Sure do hate to leave but as the old saying, "All good things must come to an end." May the Lord greatly bless you and yours.

Your brother in the Lord,  
Roy Worley, Virginia.

This being my first Bible Conference to attend I have been impressed with so many preachers that preach the same truths my husband preaches. I have been impressed with the kindness shown me by the women folk of this conference.

Mrs. Fred Halliman,  
Illinois.

## "COWBOY BILL" WAS TICKLED JUST THEN



ELDER WILLIAM CRIDER  
Tulsa, Okla.

Needless to say I have been impressed by the Conference in general. I have especially been impressed with the influence TBE has had upon preachers and laymen throughout our nation. Many of them have said during this Conference they have come to know the truth through this paper.

I have been impressed with the messages preached in this Conference.

I have been impressed with the warm fellowship among the brethren.

I have been impressed with the

hospitality of the entire membership of Calvary Baptist Church. Elder Fred T. Halliman,  
Illinois.

The Conference was beneficial to me in that the truths I hold dear were vividly preached and without omitting any part. God truly used each in his ability to fit into and develop a well-rounded program that proves again that God can and does use all men. The guests attending were well taken care of. Alvin H. Harrell,  
Kentucky.

I believe the Conference was very wonderful. The Lord willing, if you have one next year and I get to attend I would like to hear Bro. Bob Ross and Bro. Gilpin also preach at least once in the Conference.

To help defray expenses in future conferences, why not have envelopes printed with the form on the other side of this card on the face of the envelope. Why should Calvary Baptist Church foot all the bill?

Your brother and friend in the Lord,  
Tom Robinson,  
Ohio.

I was impressed with the missionary effect of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER—which is a work of the Calvary Baptist Church. Due to a paper that stands for all the truth and puts heretics in the place where God puts them, courage has been given to many brethren to "Go, stand and speak" to the people all the words of this life. I was also impressed with the members of Calvary Baptist Church in their gracious hospitality. May the Lord bless them all in their labour of love. Eddie Garrett,  
Ohio.

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## SNAPPED WHILE DEVOURING A HOTDOG



ELDER WAYNE COX  
Memphis, Tenn.

## THESE THREE NOBLE MEN OF GOD WERE ORDAINED

FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

HE CAME THE FARTHEST

HIS PRESENCE BLESSED US



JIM BLAIR  
Ferndale, Wash.



WAYNE CROW  
Anchorage, Alaska



JAMES THORNE  
Detroit, Mich.



# HOW BLESSED IT WAS TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH THESE DEAR BRETHREN WHOM WE LOVE!



ELDER WILLARD PYLE  
Portsmouth, Ohio



ELDER EDDIE GARRETT  
Hamilton, Ohio



ELDER RAYMOND WILLIS  
Garrison, Ky.



ELDER GERALD PRICE  
Bristol, Tenn.



ELDER RICHARD SMITH  
Springfield, Mo.

## "Impressions"

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I am impressed with the city of Ashland, the crowd of the first conference, the song leader, the musicians, the special songs, the people from so many states, the message, the planning of the host house, the wonderful food, the workers and their untiring effort, the pastor, the assistant pastor, the great amount of this Bible Conference must cost the church. I am impressed to give \$100.00 to help the expense.  
William Crider,  
Oklahoma.

I was impressed by the Word I have never heard it presented so, the willingness of the brethren to discuss any point that wasn't clear to me even if it took hours, the wonderful fellowship, the enthusiasm of everyone and the eagerness of everyone to be friendly with everyone. The good food and its preparation, the host, Brother Gilpin, his good wife and the many who assisted, the good people who opened their homes to the good Christian friends who made, their willingness of assistance to all.  
Malcolm H. Murray,  
Pennsylvania.

Marvelous! Wonderful! The greatest ever experienced in thirty-five years as a Christian. One man and his family out head and shoulders above all others, and that was John Gilpin and his fine wife. Thanks Bro. John and all other nice preachers we met during our visit in Ashland. and Mrs. Edgar Pennywitt Ohio  
I enjoyed the rich fellowship of God's people. I enjoyed the

good food out at the Gilpins' house and the warm welcome by Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin, but most of all I enjoyed the doctrinal messages of God's Word. My prayer to God is to bless TBE in all its undertakings and for the needs to be supplied according to God's will.

Yours in Christ,  
Daniel A. Phillips,  
Tennessee.

My wife and I have surely been blessed since we have been here in Ashland at the Conference. The spirit of the whole meeting has been wonderful, the speakers have been very good. We have also enjoyed the fellowship with the Lord's people that really believe ALL the Word. The food and everything has really been good. We thank you.

W. C. Harris, Ohio

dom. 2. The Keys of the Kingdom. 3. The Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom of God Differentiated. 4. The Bride of Christ.  
William T. Pelphrey,  
Kentucky.

Inspired by God. God bless you one and all. We enjoyed the fellowship of good Christians. I have never been in the company of nicer people. The food was delicious.

Mrs. Malcolm Murray,  
Pennsylvania.

Entertained royally. Fared sumptuously. Preached to as it is written—Isa. 8:20.  
J. Frank McCrum,  
Michigan.

I have looked forward to this meeting. I rejoice that God permitted me to come. I have been happy to meet old friends and make the acquaintance of preacher brethren that I have only heard about. There has been good preaching, fine fellowship and wonderful food. All in all a great Conference. I thank God for Bro. Bob and Bro. John and THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and our God who has made all of this possible.

DeWayne W. Austin,  
Ohio.

Dear Bro. Gilpin and Members of Calvary Baptist Church: The fellowship at the Conference was great as well as the preaching. If there were any discord at all at this Conference I know not of it. It has truly been a time of fellowship around the Word of God. It has been a great blessing to me as I know it has been to all of God's people attending. May the Lord richly bless you, Bro. Gilpin, Bro. Ross and members of the Calvary Baptist Church.  
Your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Raymond Willis, Ky.

I have been greatly impressed by the unity, cooperation and sweet fellowship which has thus far been manifested. I have appreciated the messages which I have been privileged to hear. I have been greatly impressed by the arrangements and organization of the Calvary Baptist Church which made this Conference a successful one.

Elder Wayne Cox,  
Tennessee.

## "Why Preach The Bible"

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a critic. We are living in a day of higher criticism, when the man who gets a little education thinks himself as a higher critic, and will begin to criticize the Word of God. Beloved, what we need is not to criticize the Word of God. Rather, we need to have the Word of God preached that the Word of God shall criticize us, for it is a discernor, or a critic, of the intents of the heart. I tell you, beloved, there isn't anything in this world that will bring conviction of sin like the preaching of the Word of God.

Mr. Spurgeon said that a man one day came to hear him preach. He didn't actually come to hear him preach, but he came to cause trouble while Spurgeon was preaching. He had determined in advance that he wasn't going to hear a single thing that Spurgeon said, but he was going to let Mr. Spurgeon get started and then he was going to throw something at him. In order to keep from hearing anything that Mr. Spurgeon said, he put his hands over his ears. But you know, beloved, God is a sovereign God, and he is sovereign over the gnats just as he

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## HAVE ALREADY PROMISED TO BE WITH US FOR OUR CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR



ELDER FRANK BECK  
Boston, Mass.



ELDER ROY MASON  
Tampa, Fla.

A REVIVAL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT SENSE. Soul-refreshing fellowship around the Word; comforting to know that others stand for the Truth; we sometimes feel that we are alone in the Lord's work—but God has reserved 7000 men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

R. Smith, Missouri.

"Wonderful" describes it in one word. One suggestion I would make: that a little time be given for critique, discussions and questions about the messages. Let each speaker conduct a round-table discussion of his theme.

Suggested subjects for subsequent conferences: 1. The Relation of the Churches to the King-

# THESE WERE PRESENT FOR THE CONFERENCE TO BE BLESSED AND TO BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS



ELDER J. T. WILLIS  
Garrison, Ky.



MAX HAWKINS  
Springfield, Mo.



ELDER JIM EVERMAN  
South Shore, Ky.



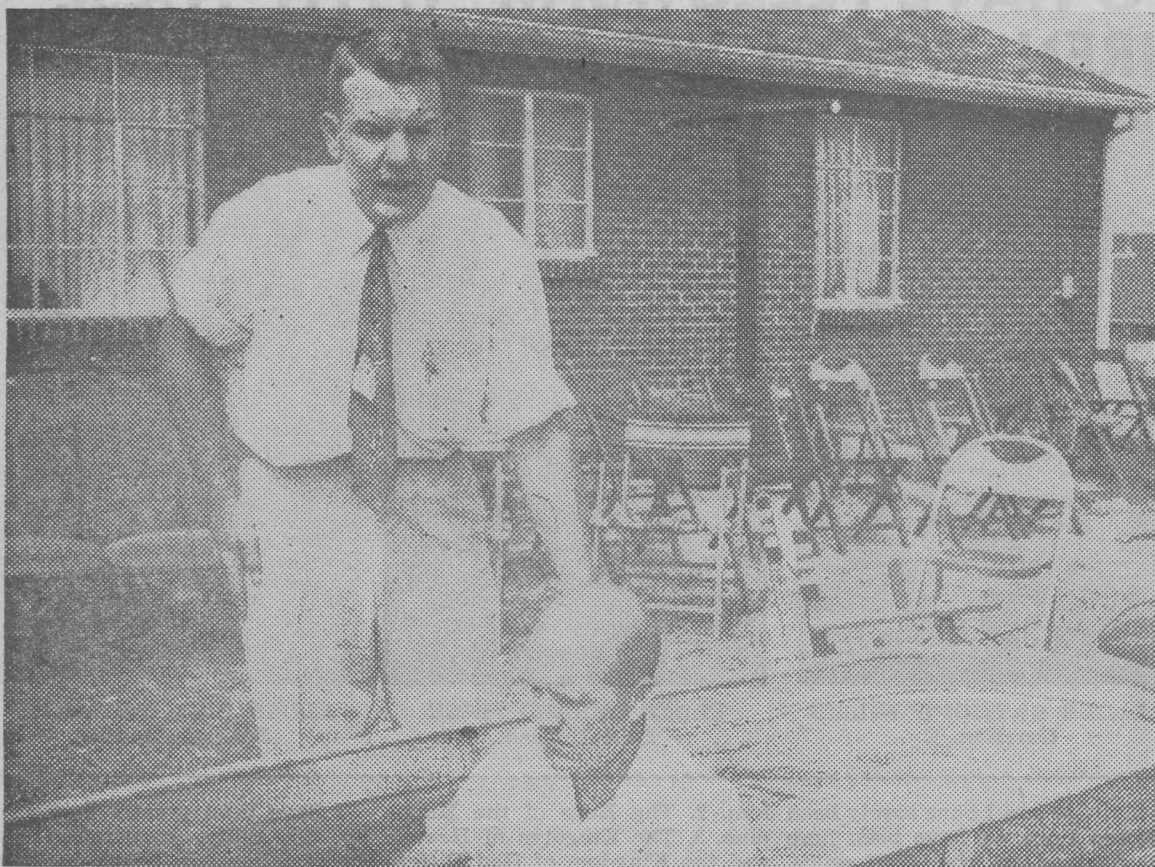
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ELDER JAMES HOBBS  
Portsmouth, Ohio



# BAPTISMAL SERVICES HELD DURING CONFERENCE



BROTHER BOB ADMINISTERS THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM TO BROTHER JIM BLAIR

## OLD FRIENDS FROM CHARLESTON AND CLENDENIN, W. VA.



(Reading, left to right, front): MRS. GUY MOUNTSE, GUY MOUNTSE AND MRS. JOE GREENE. (Back row): MRS. JACK MATHENY AND JACK MATHENY.

## FRIENDS OF LONG STANDING FROM PENNSYLVANIA



MR. AND MRS. ROY SUTHERLAND AND FAMILY

## "Why Preach The Bible"

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is sovereign over the whirlwinds. He put a group of gnats around that man's face, and he had to pull his hands down occasionally to slap a gnat. Presently, when he had one ear open and one hand pulled down, he heard Spurgeon read that Scripture which says, "He that hath ears to hear let him hear," and it went like a knife to that man's heart. The result was that he pulled his hands down and heard not only the rest of that sentence, but he heard the rest of the sermon, and God saved him as a result of the conviction that came through the Word of God.

I tell you, beloved, there isn't anything that will convict a man like the Word of God.

Years ago, a man came to church. Although there were a number of seats that were vacant in the back of the building where he might have sat, and although he was a stranger to me, and there was no reason for him to come up to the front, for some reason he came up next to the front seat, just a very short distance from where I was standing. I thought it a little strange, but I didn't pay too much attention to it. After the service was over the man said he wished to speak to me and I took him into the study, and we sat down and talked for some little period of time. He pulled a couple of bricks out of his overcoat pocket. He had come to the services that night with the expectancy of hitting me in the head with one of those bricks after I had gotten to preaching. Instead of him breaking my head with a brick bat, God Almighty broke that man's heart with the Word of God, and the result was that ultimately, that man was saved. I say to you, the Word of God needs to be preached because it convicts of sin.

### II

#### IT CONVERTS THE SOUL.

We read:

"The law of the Lord is perfect, CONVERTING THE SOUL: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." — Psa 19:7.

Now what converts a man? The law of the Lord. To be sure, the Lord Jesus Christ is actually the one who converts us. He is the one who actually saves us, and we are positively redeemed because of His death at Calvary for our sins, yet the Word of God is the instrument the Lord uses to bring us to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incor-



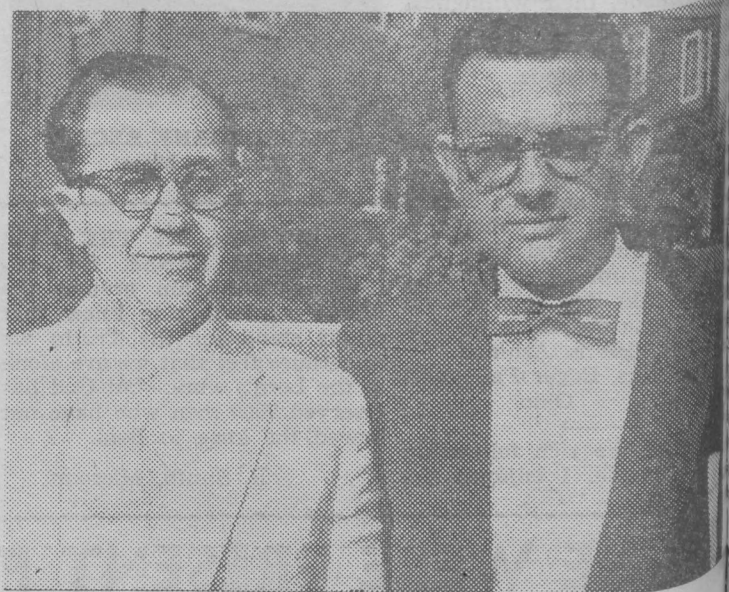
BROTHER CLAUDE DOOLIN AND PASTOR, EMMITT SEBASTIAN, OF DANVILLE, KY.

## AGED FLORIDIANS COULDN'T ATTEND BUT SENT AN OFFERING



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM McTAGGART

## TWO LAYMEN FROM TENNESSEE



ROY WORLEY AND DANIEL PHILLIPS

ruptible, BY THE WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever." — I Pet. 1:23.

Now the Word of God doesn't save us, but the Word of God brings us to Jesus Christ and He does the saving, so it can really be said that we are born again by the Word of God.

I'll grant you, beloved, I would not make a Hardshell preacher at all. The fact of the matter is, there are lots of kinds of preachers that I wouldn't make. I wouldn't fit in at all. I certainly wouldn't be a Hardshell. They say that you are not saved by hearing the Word of God, but that God saves you by giving you some kind of a miraculous experience, whereby you see a vision, or you have a dream, and you are saved thereby. I tell you, beloved, the Bible says that we are born again by the Word of

God. I say then that the Bible ought to be preached not only because it convicts of sin, but because it converts the soul. Take the experience of the Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John as a good example. The Lord Jesus Christ here gives that marvelous sermon on Himself as the bread of life and in it He preached and showed His congregation that none can be saved apart from the drawing of the Holy Spirit. He showed that a man couldn't be saved by his works, but by the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. He showed that all the elect of God are going to come to Jesus Christ — that none of them will fail to get to Heaven — that not one of God's elect will fail to be saved. He showed that

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### Why Preach The Bible?

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elect are to be saved by faith, that when they are saved they are kept forever. Beloved, He had five thousand men, counting women and children, when He began, and when He got through His sermon, He could see them as they went in every direction. When He looked about, He had a dozen Baptist preachers left for His congregation. He said to them, "Will ye go away?" Simon Peter, answering for the entire group,

Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE." — John 6:68.  
Beloved, I tell you, men are not apart from the words of the Bible. Eternal life comes as the word of God. The word convicts of sin and it cleanses the soul.

### III CLEANSSES THE CONSCIENCE.

We read:  
How ye are CLEAN through the word which I have spoken unto you." — John 15:3.  
What cleans us up? The Word of God. What is it that takes a man and cleans him up? The Word of God.

Now there are lots of cleansers that are advertised to the tell me that one nation-known company is spending one and one-half million dollars advertising to put Mr. Clean on the market. Well, you can't use Joy, you can use Dreft, you can use all these cleansers in the world, but Mr. Clean, the newest one, the last, but there is nothing that will cleanse like the Word of God. Beloved, it will cleanse your conscience.

That individual who turns to the Word of God and begins to read it, suddenly finds himself to face with the truth, and must either do one of two things. He must either close the book and throw it aside, or else he is going to plunge in, and he plunges, it will cleanse throughout. This Book is a precious book for a man to have if he doesn't want his life ruined. It cleanses a man's conscience.

There comes a young girl into the service. Her hair is all frizzed and marcelled. She has shoes on her feet some four to six inches high and she is hopping along like a katydid on a hot griddle. When she walks, she is a modern young miss. Somebody has told her to come to church, and she thinks she will endure it at least. She comes to the church and something about the Word of God convicts her. The Word of God takes hold of her. She isn't saved, but she goes out, and she is never going to be the same sinner she was previous. She comes back and hears the Word of God and eventually she is saved. The Word of God convicts of sin, it converts the soul, it will cleanse her conscience.

Beloved, pretty soon I see that

girl and she is beginning to get some hair hanging down on her shoulders, and I say to her, "You look so old-timey." She says "You gave me a Bible and said that I was to read it, and the Bible says that a woman is to have long hair." I see her dresses and they begin to look more modest, and I say, "You just don't look like a modern girl." She says, "It is your fault. You gave me a Bible, and said that it was to be the standard of my life, and as I read it, it said that women are to be adorned in modest apparel." I see her when she comes by the offering box. It used to be you would hear something go "plunk," but now when she passes by the offering box you can't hear a sound. But if you look inside there is some folding money that was put inside. I say to her, "How does it happen that you are putting all that money into the offering?" and she says, "The Bible says to bring all the tithes into the storehouse and I am trying to do just that." Beloved, what has happened? Just one thing. The Word of God is cleansing her conscience.

We read again:  
"Now ye are CLEAN THROUGH THE WORD which I have spoken unto you." — John 15:3.

I tell you, beloved, that which cleanses the conscience is the Word of God, and nothing else will do it.

### IV IT CONSECRATES THE LIFE.

After a man is saved, what will consecrate him unto the Lord? Nothing like the Book.

We read:  
"SANCTIFY them through thy truth: THY WORD is truth." — John 17:17.

The word "sanctify" means "to set apart." Jesus in His prayer prayed to God the Father to set the disciples apart, and in doing so He said, "Thy Word is truth."

I tell you, beloved, there is just one thing that will sanctify, or set apart, or consecrate any of us to the Lord, and that is the truth, and the truth is the Word of God. I can tell you all kinds of stories about a hound dog dying on his master's grave out of love and because of the generosity and the benevolence and the goodness of his master to him, and you cry, and when you leave the service, you say, "Oh, what a good sermon that was. It just made me feel good all over." Surely, beloved, a good cry does anybody good. But when you get away from that "cry," and away from those tears that you have shed, what is the result? Is your life consecrated more to the Lord? I insist, beloved, no hound dog story ever in this world consecrated a man one particle to the Lord Jesus Christ, but you can't read the Word of God and see how that Jesus Christ died for your sins without having a desire to consecrate your life into His service.

I tell you, beloved, this Bible needs to be preached, for it consecrates the life.

### V IT CORRECTS THE WRONG.

## Bro. Halliman Gives Complete Report Of All Offerings Thus Far Received

It has been a little over three months since the announcement in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER of my going to the mission field and the first offering was received shortly thereafter. I would like to give a complete report as to offerings received during this time and progress that has been made.

During this time I have had speaking engagements in eight different churches, including one revival meeting and one Bible Conference. The churches are as follows and will be listed in the order that I spoke in each of them

West Side Baptist Church, Emporia, Kansas (ten-day meeting).

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
Bethel Baptist Church, Phillipsburg, Kansas.  
Temple Baptist Church, Hutchinson, Kansas.  
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.  
Vallies Mines Baptist Church, De Soto, Missouri.

Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky.

Some of these churches have already started supporting the work monthly, some have said they were going to start soon, and another one is considering the matter.

During the recent Bible Conference at Ashland I received much encouragement by way of support for the work. Besides several good offerings received while at the conference, representatives of eight other churches and mission groups, and several individuals said they were either going to support or were considering supporting the work. I have twelve engagements now, but since most of them will already be filled before this can appear in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I shall wait until afterwards to make a report on them. For three of them the dates have not been set as yet. As soon as the dates are secured then I'll send them for publication.

Next week (September 14) we will start taking our shots, and by the time this appears in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER we should be about finished with them. The children have already had several of their shots. God is blessing in a marvelous way and unless some unforeseen thing occurs we will be ready to leave about the first of the year.

Now for a complete report of all offerings received:

Members of Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. ....	\$ 60.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. ....	100.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Phillipsburg, Kan. ....	94.44
Beacon Baptist Church, Ansted, W. Va. ....	25.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. ....	42.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. ....	202.70
Calvary Baptist Church, McLeansboro, Ill. ....	10.65
Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. ....	60.00
Bethel Baptist Church, Phillipsburg, Kan. ....	103.00
Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo. ....	47.00
Tabernacle Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. ....	55.00
Woodlawn Terrace Baptist Church, ...	

Is there any wrong in your life? "Oh, yes." Why is it there? I'll tell you. Because you haven't stayed close enough to the Book. The closer we stay to the Book the more the wrong of our lives will be corrected.

We read:  
"ALL SCRIPTURE is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for CORRECTION, for instruction in righteousness." — II Tim. 3:16.

Notice, this tells us that the Scripture is inspired.

I don't put a question mark by any portion of it. I accept it all just as it is written, and this which is the Word of God is profitable. How is it profitable? Among other things, it is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, and for correction. My text says that the man who has the Word of God within his heart, none of his steps shall slide. Of course he won't slide because the Word of God will correct the wrong of his life.

I have had the satisfaction of seeing a great number of preachers and laymen take a demit from some type of fraternal organization. I have had the satisfaction of knowing of a lot of preachers who didn't even take time to get a demit. They just dropped out, and never went back. Why? Because when they read their Bible, they saw that the things that the lodge taught, and the principles of the lodge, were contrary and divergent to what the Word of God taught, and they never cared to go back to the lodge again. It corrected the wrong within their lives.

Do you know that the Word of God will correct the wrong in

anybody's life? Would you believe me if I told you that once upon a time I believed in women preachers? I confess to the fact that I had just a little misgiving about such, but I believed in such anyway. It just didn't look right to me to see a skirt swirling around in the pulpit, but I didn't have any Bible convictions against it. It just somehow didn't look right, but that was as far as I would go. I would preach in their defense. I thought it was perfectly permissible, and I preached that women ought to be ordained to the ministry just the same as men. In the providence of God, an old green country boy from back up in the mountains, and I, were thrown together as room mates in college. I believed in women being ordained into the ministry. He believed in those days, the Word of God, and accordingly he didn't believe in women preachers, and he and I would argue. I remember one night that we almost came to literal blows. We became furiously mad. I never got as mad at any man in my life as I did at him that night, but I learned something. I learned that there were some Scriptures that still said the same thing even after I got over my madness. I hadn't changed them one particle. Do you know what the result was? It corrected the wrong of my life.

I think I ought to go further and say this: That same preacher went on to the seminary, and I didn't, and when he got to the seminary he forgot about the Bible and what he had been taught, and now he believes in women preachers, and I don't. I tell you, beloved, the Word of

God will correct the wrong in a man's life.

How many of you have had some experience in life wherein the Word of God has corrected the wrong in your life — you were wrong on some truth and the Word of God corrected you? That is why I try to be patient with people. That is why the older I get, I am more patient with folk. That is why it is that sometimes I might even support someone that might even be questionable to others who didn't understand fully the circumstances. I say this, I'll go a long way to encourage a fellow if I think there is a prospect of the Word of God correcting the wrong of his life.

Did you always believe the doctrine of election. No, you didn't. You might just as well face the fact. You didn't believe it. Why didn't you? Because you were an Arminian at heart, for every man before he is saved is nothing more than a rank Arminian. God had to convert you to it. God had to correct the wrong. If God hadn't done it through His Word, you would still be an Arminian. Beloved, the Word of God needs to be preached because it corrects the wrong.

### VI IT CONFIRMS THE RIGHT.

We read:  
"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye CONTINUE IN MY WORD, then ye are my disciples indeed." — John 8:31.

Beloved, the Word of God will confirm the right.

Here is a man miles and miles removed from most people. There (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Memphis, Tenn. ....	350.00
Vallies Mines Baptist Church, De Soto, Mo. ....	31.10
Naborton Baptist Church, Mansfield, La. ....	146.94
West Side Baptist Church, Emporia, Kan. ....	10.00
Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo. ....	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. ....	100.00
Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. ....	60.00
First Baptist Church (D.V.S.S.) Petersburg, Ind. ....	12.00
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Sherry Lynn Hensley, Kentucky ....	2.00
Warren Hensley, Jr., Kentucky ....	10.00
Mrs. Sarah Hensley, Kentucky ....	10.00
A. R. Fields, Illinois ....	5.00
Friends from Texarkana, Texas ....	100.00
Anonymous ....	5.00
Anonymous ....	10.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED .....\$1924.33

[\*The last ten dollars that is marked "anonymous" was given to me by someone at the Bible Conference at Ashland, and I misplaced some papers that had the name of the one that gave it].

All of these offerings have been deposited with the MAIN STATE BANK of Chicago, Ill., by the Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and none of them have been used for anything; therefore, there is no expense report to make.

The transportation cost from Chicago to Port Moresby, New Guinea, via Sydney, Australia—which is the best route advised by all travel agencies—is: \$2261.20. This is Jet Service from Chicago to Sydney, and it is tourist rate, not first class.

As information is available as to the progress being made we will give it to you.

FRED T. HALLIMAN.

## THE ORIGIN AND PERPETUITY OF THE BAPTISTS

By Bob L. Ross

- When did the church begin?
  - Was there a church before Pentecost?
- What is meant by "church perpetuity"?
  - Has Christ's church always existed?
- Who started the various churches?
  - Who started the Baptists?
- Did John Smyth found the first Baptist church?
  - Did Roger Williams found the first Baptist church in America?
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# "Why Preach The Bible"

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isn't a church within fifty miles of him and he has no opportunity to hear the Word of God. He reads the Bible. He thinks and he studies. He gets a copy of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and he peruses it. After a while he says, "You know it is strange but what Brother Gilpin preaches in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is just what I have been believing all the time." He gets his Bible out and begins to dig into the Book more than ever. What is the result? As he studies the Word of God, it confirms him. It just establishes him, and the result is that the farther he goes in the Word, the more confirmed he is concerning the truth that he has gotten a glimpse of.

## VII.

### IT COMFORTS THE HEART.

We read:

"This is my COMFORT in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me."—Psalm 119:50.

What is it that makes a man sing as he goes along his way? What is it that makes a man rejoice and be happy, as he travels along the pilgrimage of this life? I tell you, beloved, it is the Word of God.

I visited a woman sometime ago who was in a hospital. They had taken her in three days before an operation. She was a free bleeder and they had to give her some medicine to coagulate the blood, and she was there three days before they operated on her. When I went to see her she was getting along well. She said, "Brother Gilpin, the three greatest days of my life was when I lay here with nothing to do and I read my Bible." She said, "I read the entire New Testament and it was the greatest experience of my life to read it, because it comforted my heart. When I went into the operating room, there wasn't a bit of worry or doubt in my mind, but I was completely comforted through the Word of God."

I tell you, beloved, there isn't anything in this world that will comfort a man like the old Book. Have you any troubles? Have you any problems? Nothing in this world will help you like the Word of God.

Two great men of the world were talking with a preacher one day as to what they did when they were depressed. One of them said, "I pour some Bourbon." The second one was Hyden, the music composer, and he said, "I take to music." The third said, "I am a child of God, and I read my Bible, and God comforts me." I tell you, beloved, the world has its way of finding comfort, but the child of God has the best comfort of all in the Word of God.

## CONCLUSION

Why should we preach the Word? Why is it that when people come to church on Sunday we need to give them the Word of God, instead of giving them a program of some kind? I'll tell you, beloved, the Word of God convicts of sin, it convicts the soul, it cleanses the conscience, it consecrates the life, it corrects the wrong, it confirms the right, and it comforts the heart. Therefore, we need to fall back upon the Bible.

My text says, "The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide." Beloved, you and I need to make this old Book a part of us every day. If we do, we will find this to be true, that the closer we stay to the Book, the less our steps shall slide.

As the Psalmist said:

"Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."—Psalm 119:11.

God help us to hide His Word in our heart. God help us to hide it there that we shall not sin against Him, that the Word of God shall be found to be a part of us, and none of our steps shall slide. Yes, beloved, the Word of God is important, and we need to preach it more and more as the days go by.

May God bless you!

# BROTHER BOB'S PLANS CHANGED

While out West, Bro. Bob will be speaking at the West Side Baptist Church of Emporia, Kansas, on Sunday, Oct. 4, instead of on Oct. 2. Accordingly, he will not be preaching in Tulsa, Okla., while on this tour.

## "I'm A Poor Sinner . . ."

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"Ah! but I am afraid I have sinned too much. When I try I cannot do anything. When I try to mend my ways; when I try to believe in Christ, I cannot."

We are glad, very glad of it, brother, that you are "A poor sinner, and nothing at all."

"A poor sinner and nothing at all." If you had a single particle of goodness; if you had a little bit not big enough to cover the top of our little finger, we should not be glad. But if thou art

"A poor sinner, and nothing at all,

Jesus Christ is thy all in all."

Come! Wilt thou have Him? Thou art "nothing at all." Wilt thou have Christ? Here He stands. There are only three steps. One is to step out of self, the second is to step upon Jesus, the third is to step into Heaven. You have taken one step. I am sure you will take the others. God never makes you feel you are "A poor sinner, and nothing at all;" but, sooner or later, He gives "Jesus Christ as your all in all."

O, poor sinner, do not be doubtful of my Master's power. Do but touch the hem of His garment, and thou shalt be made whole. Like the poor woman in the crowd, do but get at it and touch it, and He will surely say unto thee, "Thou art saved." Go to Him with this cry,

"I'm a poor sinner, and nothing at all;

And Jesus Christ is my all in all."



## "Unworthily"

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Then the Corinthians—some of them—were partaking as if it were a regular meal, and were drinking enough of the wine to get tipsy. Their manner of partaking was irreverent, and they had no discernment as to the real meaning of the Supper. Because of this they were under chastisement, for some were "sickly and some slept." We recall a young man who came out of a church following the Lord's Supper, and he flippantly said, "Those people in there gave me some bread to eat, and didn't furnish me with any tooth pick to pick the crumbs out of my teeth." There was a sample of "eating unworthily." His manner was sacrilegious to the point of blasphemy. Paul's exhortation is for one to "examine himself" and to find out if he understands the significance of the ordinance, and if he is conducting himself in a manner that is reverent and respectful.

"UNWORTHILY" is an adverb of manner. People confuse "unworthily" with "unworthy." All Christians are unworthy. It was because human beings are sinful and unworthy that Christ died "for our sins." We partake of the Lord's Supper in commemoration of the fact that a sinless, worthy Person died for sinful and unworthy persons. So, we are not told to examine ourselves as to whether or not we are sinless and morally perfect. That is not the point raised here at all. However, it is true that we are told "not to eat" with those who are guilty of gross, outbreking sin (I Cor. 5:11). The very worst of sins are mentioned here. Now if we are "not to eat" (and many think the Lord's Supper is referred to here) with vicious, outbreking sinners, then certainly it is not right to eat ourselves if we are of that stripe.

Incidentally, this passage teaches "close communion." Moreover it teaches that the Lord's Supper is restricted to the local

church, since the power of discipline is restricted to the local church. In other words, where inter-church "communion" is resorted to the most ungodly characters may partake and one can't do a thing about it. I Cor. 5:9-13 teaches that a church should put out of its membership those who live vicious lives of sin. When this is done, such members are not eligible to "eat" with those who remain. So a church can safeguard itself, and thus can avoid eating the Lord's Supper with ungodly people. To be sure, some may secretly sin and may be guilty of gross wrong, but others are not responsible for that which is not known. We become responsible when we KNOW.

No self-examination is needed for those guilty of drunkenness, sexual immorality, and idolatry, etc., to understand that they are not fit to eat the Lord's Supper—they know that already. Self-examination is needed concerning our manner of partaking and our discernment of what the ordinance really means. Therefore, we are told, "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."



## What I Believe . .

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leave the results with God. I am sure He has a purpose in our preaching to all, though all aren't elect.

2. The extreme of the Arminians. All Arminians that I know claim to believe in some kind of election. Since it is so outstanding in God's Word, how could they completely deny that the Bible teaches it? However, they might just as well completely deny it as to take the stand that election is not personal, but "general." While God has chosen (elected) certain nations, to bring about His purpose, He has chosen (elected) certain individuals to be the recipients of His grace in the salvation of their souls.

More absurd than the above is that God elected that salvation should be through Christ, but left the whole matter to man's choice. What about man's choice? Does he have a choice, or "free will"? Sure he does, but it is bound by the limits of his own depraved nature. His will is just as free as water is to run up hill, but its not the nature of water to run up hill. His will is just as free as the Ethiopian is to change his skin or the leopard his spots (Jeremiah 13:23). Jesus said: "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me, and ye WILL NOT come to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:39-40). See also Matthew 23:37.

We can readily see that the Free-will's idea about election is no election at all, for man left to himself does not will to come to God. "No man can come unto me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

## Some Things the Bible Teaches Concerning Election

1. Personal and unconditional election. "According as He hath chosen us . . ." (Ephesians 1:4). "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you . . ." (John 15:16).

2. WHEN God did the electing. "Before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). "Because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation . . ." (II Thessalonians 2:13).

3. WHY God did the electing. It was not because of what many people think, i.e., that God foresaw that some would be good or that some would believe in Christ and upon that basis He elected those to be saved. If God had

elected only those to salvation whom He foresaw would be good, then no one would have ever been saved, "For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not" (Ecclesiastes 7:20). "Both Jews and Gentiles, they are ALL under sin . . . there is none righteous . . . none that understands, none that seeks after God. ALL gone out of the way . . . unprofitable . . . none that does good, no, not one" (Romans 3:9-12).

Beloved, I do not wonder why God elected some and not others. What amazes me is that God elected ANY to be saved. Why did He elect some? Because it was, "according to the good pleasure of His will" (Ephesians 1:5). Again we read that it was "according to the purpose of Him who worketh ALL THINGS after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:11). From these two verses we learn that God fore-ordained some and planned their destiny in love to be adopted and revealed as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will because it pleased Him to do so. And since He has planned and purposed that we should be His heritage (chosen and appointed beforehand), He works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His own will.

4. The MEANS through which God elected people to be saved. It is "by Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 1:5). "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7). No one is saved apart from God's way of redemption. God's Son MUST be revealed "for how shall they BELIEVE in Him of whom they have not heard" (Romans 10:14). "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Therefore we must preach Jesus for it "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Corinthians 1:21).

5. WHEN we are saved, I have often heard the remark: "If I believed in election as you do I would quit preaching." And some people do just that, for they are anti-missionary and have no message except for the saved sheep. They say people are saved from eternity. In the purpose of God that is true. I'm older than the world itself in God's purpose. But it was "AFTER that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your

salvation: in whom also after ye believed ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13). While no one will ever be saved until after he hears the word of truth and believes in Christ as his Savior, ALL of God's elect will hear and believe. Jesus said: "ALL that the Father giveth me, SHALL come to me: and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

6. The MESSAGE we are to preach. Since we do not know WHO the elect are we are to preach as if all are elected. Our message should be: "through Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). Our message should be what Jesus preached to Nicodemus (John 3:16). It should be what Peter preached to the rulers and elders of Israel (Acts 4:8-12). It should be what Paul preached to the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:30-31).

7. The RESULTS we will see. "And when the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord" (Acts 13:48). The preacher and his tricks and high pressure methods, and MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED (Acts 13:46). Preachers are, in the eyes of the world, measured by the yardstick of RESULTS, emotionalism, and excitement that can produce. If they can work enough of the latter they will produce the former, and therefore are regarded as successful preachers. I never resort to either of the above mentioned, but I never preach except that I get results for, "Thanks be unto God, which ALWAYS causeth us to triumph in Christ" (II Corinthians 2:14).

## How Election Helps Instead of Hindering

It enables us to know that we are faithful in witnessing. THERE WILL BE SOME RESULTS. If one believes in God's sovereign electing grace he will not resort to stunts and tricks and manipulations of congregations to get converts, but will use the Gospel coupled with Scriptural invitations, leaving the results with God. It is no wonder that churches are burdened with thousands of unsaved people when the "converts" are made by human methods, which the Holy Spirit has no part except to be named by word of mouth. Praise God for the doctrine of election.

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And they answered, "We can not tell."

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