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## Church As Good As Another?

By ROY MASON Buffalo Avenue Baptist Church Tampa, Fliorida

Some people are needlessly or TBE. contentious, and that is bad a fine as well as an un-Christian attitude; but far more people are un- tion. There is a popular saying to years willing to contend even for the that "One church is just as good most precious truth of the as another; it doesn't matter Bible. Satan gives them a Scrip- which church you belong to." The ture that helps them along in trouble with that statement is their spinelessness. It is Matt. that it contains a couple of lies. 5:25 which says IN PART, Is one woman just as good as an-"AGREE WITH THINE ADVER- other? Can it be truly said, "It nat time SARY QUICKLY." People who doesn't matter which woman you are not willing to give in when marry"? A wife would probably their personal interests are at use the rolling pin on the man stake, readily toss the truth and who suggested that any other the right to the wind in order to woman would have done "just as be "broad" and "agreeable." The well." Is one CAR just as good Scripture mentioned above has as another? The man who is no reference to throwing away shopping around for a car doesn't the truth for the sake of being in fall for that. When people go high quality, they are not willing

ular things, if you please.

What are some of the things in which people compromise or throw away the truth for the sake of being thought "broad?"

One thing is the church ques-



PASTOR ROY MASON

Weak agreement with others. It shopping and when they ask for to accept some shoddy article on because I was unable to find it

## What Is Christmas?

By E. G. COOK Birmingham, Alabama

In the light of God's Word, how name be popular with the world? body loves Christmas. The vilest if necessary, in order to celebrate doubts as to whether the world loves Christmas or not, just go into one of our large department stores, or ten cent stores, during the last few frantic hours of Christmas shopping and see if the sinners don't elbow you just as quickly and tackle you just as hard as the saints do.

As I meditated upon that question, the thought came to me that if I would make a feast everyone would love, I must give everyone what he wanted. If I wanted the Orientals to come to my feast I would serve rice; if I wanted the Italians to be there I would serve spaghetti; for the Russians I would be sure to serve plenty of vodka. In other words, if I wanted everyone to come and enjoy my feast I must give everyone what he wants. Then the thought came to me that maybe that is just what has happened to Christmas. So I began to search the reference books to see if that were

I had to go to the secular books why it must be in December. relates to material things — sec- something that is known to be of (Continued on page 14, column 3) in my Bible. It was truly amazing (Continued on page 4, column 2)

what I found, and what you can find if you will only look for it, concerning the most loved of all seasons of the year. According to can anything with a Christian the most authentic sources available, and I will even throw in In John 7:7 Jesus said the world the Roman Catholic reference hates Him and in John 15:19 He works, because on this point they said the world hates His peo- all agree, there never was a ple. But in spite of all that every- Christmas before the middle of the fourth century, even in Rome. sinner in town will run over you, In Jerusalem it was first observed in the fifth century, and then we his Christmas. If you have any are told it caused rioting in the streets.

> I searched through at least a dozen of the world's leading reference works on the subject and they all agree that no one knew the date of Christ's birth, and some of them say we cannot be sure as to the actual year in which He was born. But, in order for the Roman Catholic Church to have a big feast day, it was necessary for some date to be set for His birthday. The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia says that in order for the shepherds to have been out that night with their flocks it would have been necessary for His birth to have occurred sometime between March and September. The Roman Catholic Church, however, could not celebrate Christmas at that time of the year as we shall see later. It must be in December whether there were any shepherds and sheep out that night or not. It became really interesting when I began searching for the reason

First, however, let us consider

## SCRIPTURAL COOPERATION IN THE SUPPORT OF MISSION WORK

By JAMES CRACE Piketon, Ohio

"I robbed other churches, takeans to ing wages of them, to do you Service." (2 Cor. 11:8).

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Sph. 3:21).

ng able why it I believe from past observations that it is needful to clearly set e many forth why we, who earnestly conny varny the tend for keeping all phases of service for our Lord Jesus Christ of the in and under the authority of a of the New Testament Baptist Church, of TBE are so insistant that all other of the work, regardless of sincerity or motive, is unscriptural, giving non of honor and glory to God.

It is a fact that there are many ally de enemies, even haters, of Christ's nich inchurch. First of all, a vast majortaught ity of professing Christians dee Lord spise us whom the Lord has saved ning to and added to His church, because of our unbending proclaiming of salvation by the Grace of God, through the atoning work of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Also, we are hated because we give no place, not even for a moment, to the "flesh-exalters" who would put salvation on a bargain would put salvation on a bargain pendant upon human obedience rather than on the substitutionary Work of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

absolutely affirm as did Jonah that "Salvation is of the Lord."

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are hated because we hold that no one else, other than a New ing, nor such a tremendous re-Testament Baptist Church has sponsibility for the present. While authority from God to fulfill the many organizations lay claim to commission by doing such things as preaching the Gospel, baptizing a few simple tests will reveal the those whom God has saved, par- absurdity of such claims. taking of and administering the Lord's Supper, and all other things He has authorized His church to do. We do the things it must have been: Christ commanded because we are

## The New Testament Church By FRED T. HALLIMAN 2938 N. Seeley

Chicago 18, Illinois The only Divine and the grandest organization on this earth is a New Testament Church. No other Also, we who make up Christ's organization has for its Head Church, a local Baptist Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, and none has such a glorious future awaitbeing the Church that Jesus built,

Identifying "Marks"

His personal ministry, and, there- nor responsibility of preaching the churches, including the Pentecost mendation from the Lord, but

its origin in Jerusalem, not in commission to do so. Rome, England, or America.

3. Organized by the right Person. Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build My church." The Lord To be a New Testament church, did not leave this to Constantine or Gregory of the Roman Catho-1. Organized at the right time. lics, neither did He leave it to His church. Even saved individ- WILL build MY church" (Matt. Brown, Wesley, Campbell, and a uals who are not members of a 16:18). Therefore, none can lay host of others that have started Baptist Church are given no au- claim to being the Lord's church, organizations. But the Lord's thority to share in the obligation, prior to Jesus' personal ministry church had its origin with the privileges and blessings Christ has upon the earth. If Jesus, "built Lord and all others are man-made (Continued on page 3, column 1) His church," it had to be during institutions, having no commission

fore, all that started at any time Gospel. Hence all that they do is after His personal ministry are by usurpation, and not only will too late to be New Testament they receive no rewards and comtheory of the birth of the church. they shall receive severe condem-2. Organized at the right place. nation (judgment) for usurping The New Testament church had authority and acting without any

4. Organized out of the right Therefore, all whose history does material. To build a frame house had an origin some place else, a brick house you must have cannot be the church of the Lord, brick. Even so, to build "a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5), one not reach back to Jerusalem, but you must have lumber. To build must use spiritual material, i.e., people that have been born of the Spirit and led of the Spirit to do His will. Roman Catholics, Campbellites, and all the balance saved and God has placed us in Jesus said: "Upon this rock I Luther, Henry the Eighth, Calvin, "dead" sinners), and attempt to build them into a house in order to make them spiritual, but the Lord takes the "lively stones" and builds "up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5), because they are spiritual.

These are only a few many tests that could be given to show that all that lay claim to being members of the church that Jesus built are not truly members of the Lord's church at all, but this will suffice for this point to all that are not prejudiced. Let us next note:

(Continued on page 16, column 1)

## Invisible Church"

There is no such thing known and never THE CHURCH in a

If the Devil can minimize the me; not only that God would have grandmother on his father's side a good Jew. He presented Jesus local church he has succeeded in that God, by His grace, should "Now wait a minute, Grandma. (Continued on page 3, column 4) (Continued on page 16, column 1)

## BURELLE STEEL STEE the Baptist basis and make redemption de-

Before I proceed further let me (Thanksgiving Sermon Preached by Pastor John R. Gilpin, Thursday Morning, November 26)

made that was made. In him was Relations." life; and the life was the light of

and the Word was with God, and This morning on the anniversary but a few days, but if you are the Word was God. The same was of my thirty-seventh year of going to get along, you had betin the beginning with God. All preaching the Gospel of Jesus ter be sure that you are on moththings were made by him; and Christ, I want to bring a message er's side of the house." without him was not anything to you on the subject of "Proper

men. And the light shineth in trouble keeping your relations that what is true in a material church known to the New Testadarkness; and the darkness com- straight or not, but relations have sense can likewise be transferred ment — a local, visible body. I prehended it not. There was a always been a problem for me. into the spiritual realm. I think know there is a church in an inman sent from God, whose name About the only way that I can de- that there are a series of very vi- stitutional sense, as one speaks of was John. The same came for a termine whether he is a first, sec- tal relationships that are mani- The Home, meaning that which witness, to bear witness of the ond, third or fourth cousin or an fested in this first chapter of the represents all of the local, visible Light, that all men through him uncle is by sitting down and look- Gospel of John that are often homes. The New Testament knew might believe. He was not that ing at it on paper. I am about like misunderstood. By God's grace I only THE CHURCH at Rome, Light, but was sent to bear wit- the little boy who saw his father's want to show you something of THE CHURCH at Ephesus, etc., ness of that Light." — John 1:1-8. mother for the first time and he these proper relationships. Thirty-seven years ago this didn't know what to make of this Every book in the Bible was universal sense. THE CHURCH of morning, I preached, by God's new grandmother. She was trying written for a specific purpose. For the New Testament is THE grace, my first sermon, and from to explain to him how that she example, the Gospel of Matthew CHURCH in its local sense wherthat time down to this, Thanks- was his grandmother, and in do- was written for the Jews. There- ever it was located. giving has always meant a lot to ing so she said that she was his fore Matthew presented Jesus as seen fit to have saved me, but of the house. The little boy said, as heir to Israel's throne, and over winning a great victory. The pas-

"In the beginning was the Word, have called me into His ministry. You haven't been around here

I am somehow like the little boy when it comes to the matter to the Bible. It is a trick of the I don't know whether you have of understanding relations. I think Devil to detract from the only

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## Let's Complete the Task

Now that Brother Halliman's visas have been granted, and all legal technicalities have been removed so that he may immediately enter New Guinea without any restrictions, all that remains is sufficient money to transport him and his family and his worldly possessions into that country.

Our readers know by the reports which have been published in our paper of recent date about how much is needed at present, and your editor would urge you to immediately make a special offering toward this missionary work.

We of Calvary Baptist Church thank God for the privilege we have had of sponsoring Brother Halliman, and we pray for him that God will speedily provide all the funds for his going to New Guinea.

Twenty years ago, when another man wanted to go as a missionary, I said if any man were willing to bury his life on a mission field, I was willing to sponsor him. I say the same thing about Brother Halliman and his family. It is a joy to us to encourage our friends to have a part in his going to New Guinea. Now let's complete the task.

For the past few months small amounts of money have been coming in from here and there relative to his departure. Now let's complete the task at once. While I have not had an opportunity to talk with Brother Fred within the last few days—and without consulting him about this matter, I am urging all of our friends to make it a point to make a special missionary offering for him before January 1.

### BROTHER HALLIMAN'S ERROR

In the last issue of this paper, Brother Halliman made mention of the fact that when he passed through this area he imposed upon Brother Gilpin by stopping at his home. Actually he said:

"By the time I had reached Ashland, Ky., I was tired and decided to impose upon the good nature of my friend and yours, Brother John R. Gilpin."

Anyhow, Brother Fred made a mistake. In fact, he erred badly when he suggested that he was imposing upon us in stopping by to spend an evening. Mrs. Gilpin and I want it definitely understood that it is not an imposition to have Fred Halliman or any of the rest of our readers in our home any day or night. God has given us a large house, plenty of bedroom space, and if nothing else we always have some "beans and sorghum" for our guests when they come.

Therefore, we want to correct this error on the part of Brother Halliman, and at the same time we want to invite all of our friends scattered far and near, if and whenever they are in this area, to visit with us. You would offend us if you went to a hotel or motel when you could spend the night with us.

## BRO. BOB TO GO TO THE VIRGIN ISLES

As you may have noticed in the last issue of TBE on page one, there was an announcement stating that Brother Bob was planning to make a trip to the Virgin Islands in behalf of the mission work there.

The Lord willing, he will make this trip late in January and will be speaking for two of the soundest missionaries we know-Brother Joe Bell and Brother George Starling.

Our readers doubtlessly will recall that about a year ago, Brother Wayne Cox of Memphis and Brother Fred Halliman of Chicago made a similar trip to the Virgin Islands to preach, conduct Bible Conferences, and encourage the mission workers

When the invitation came this year, your editor did not feel it expedient that he make this trip, but rather after prayer and consultation with the brethren in the Virgin Islands, it was decided that Bob should make this journey.

I might say that it costs about \$250.00 for transportation and that is a tremendously big sum for our little church to spend, in view of the fact that we already have an exceedingly hard time

keeping this paper in the mails. Therefore, I am suggesting that if any of our readers would like to be of help to us, and to these brethren and churches in the Virgin Islands, and if you are thus led of God to have a part in the funds it will require for Bob's journey, we would be happy to hear from you. It may be that there is some one, or perhaps many who might together cooperate with us in providing the funds for this mission journey.

# Editor The Mission Boards

It has been the arrogant boast of mission boards that no indiv- What is the distinction between mary reason for the reference to idual can be sent out as a mis- God's "revealed will" and His the Son only is to emphasize His sionary under the authority of a local Baptist Church, but rather, that all missionaries going to foreign countries must be sent under the authority of a mission board. It has been said recently by these who are the enemies of Scriptural missions—that is, missions sponsored by a local church wherein God gets His glory through the church and not through an unscriptural mission board - that a local church's guarantee of support for a missionary by a foreign government is not sufficient assurance upon

It has been especially argued that one can not get into Brazil as a missionary except on this basis, and yet we can give the names and addresses of nearly a dozen individuals who have gone millstone of an unscriptural board tied about their necks.

One faithful missionary, who is now serving in the Hiwaiian Islands writes:

"I heard .... make such a statement at our it 'stuk in my craw.' He said, Without such an organization as .. (an unscriptural mission board), the churches would not be able to enter Brazil with missionaries.' I rejoice that the Lord has proven as the Son. this statement the ridiculous and dangerous lie that it is."

Over and over again your editor has said that the most useless organization on earth is a mission board, being un-scriptural ticular, and that everytime a mission board secretary says that a missionary can't get into a foreign country without a mission board guaranteeing his support, that the mission secretary has willingly and knowingly lied. In fact, such a statement is a lie made out of the whole cloth.

The very fact that Bro. Fred Halliman has recently been grant-New Guinea, sent out by Mac-Illinois, is proof enough in itself that his organization is a necess-

It might be well to remember that if such an individual lies in one particular, there is a good possibility that he is guilty of lying in many other particulars. Time will tell. Just wait and watch patiently. We have not a doubt that God will ultimately and completely vindicate your ed- of the requests that we have had itor in view of the position that for the article, and in view of the those who actually are the en- of them in 1960. emies of the Truth, and who hate church-sponsored missions.

# Editor-in-Chief Another Lie Told By "7 Should Like to Know"

"secret will"?

The revealed will is what God has shown to be man's responsibility to Almighty God and what is pleasing in the sight of God for man to do. His secret will is what God has actually purposed to do. It is called "secret" because it is not known to the creature.

An example of these two subjects is the death of Jesus Christ. The revealed will was: "Thou shalt not kill." The secret will (or hidden purpose) was: "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23; also 4:28).

### Does God have two wills?

in the name of the Lord Jesus position is one of servitude in (in Acts 8:16) instead of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as intructed in the Great Commission?

First, please note that the Scripchapel while I was attending ture record does not always ex-Lexington Baptist College, and plain everything in detail in every case, when something has already been clarified and understood to be the general practice. So it would be wrong to assume that Philip did not baptize in the name

Secondly, we believe the pri-

## Bro. Bob's Tract On The Heresy Of The and extra-scriptural in every par- Perfectionist Group

A short time ago we published a sermon by Brother Bob entitled Flesh." At that time we stated that it was our intention to print ing in the right direction. 100,000 of these for free distribution, if the Lord might make it possible. Several individuals have evidently been impressed with the idea, for we have heard from ed a visa to do mission work in quite a number who say they are interested in financing it, and deedonia Baptist Church of Chicago, sire to know what it might cost.

100,000 will cost \$2,000.00, and that any mission board secretary it could be possible that someis an arrogant liar when he says where God has one individual who might be interested sufficiently in the truth and at the same time financially able to pay for the entire 100,000. Again, it might be that there are several who might cooperate together in the printing of this tract.

I might say also that if we print only 10,000 tracts, the cost would be approximately \$250.00. In view he has taken relative to Scrip- great need for the truth contained tural missions, and will vindicate within it, I am sincerely praying him entirely in view of the lies that God will make it possible for that have been circulated by us to print and distribute 100,000

However God may lead you in Scriptural Missions, which means the matter, we will be happy to hear from you.

### deity, which was the great burden of apostolic preaching. The Jews, for instance, believed in the Father and the Spirit (intellec'tually, at least), but rejected Therefore, the Son is the Son. greatly exalted in various cases, while the Father and the Spirit

And remember, too, that to be baptized "in the name" of Christ means to be baptized on His authority. Therefore, this also emphasized His deity and authoritative mediatorship.

are not mentioned.

### What are the duties of deacons in the church?

Any duty that does not require The above should answer this pastoral attention should be takquestion also. No, God does not en care of by deacons, for they have two decretive wills, but as are to be "servants" in such matdozen individuals who have gone explained above, we can use the ters. (See Acts 6:1-4). And we to Brazil without the burdensome term "will" in these two ways. could name a score or more of things that are of this nature. We Why did Philip baptize only will just say, however, that their things of a temporal nature.

### How far does church authority extend?

Just as far as Matthew 28:18-20. This question will be covered in a sermon by Brother Bob, scheduled for the next issue of TBE.

What do you think of a Baptist Church in the American of the Father and Spirit, as well Council of Christian Churches and the endeavor of the ACCC to "match" the NCC?

Christ did not commission Baptists to affiliate with the ACCC, NCC, or any other man-made, man-governed organization. And to try to "match" the NCC is to try to match the Devil in his methods rather than following and matching the example of New Testament churches. All of these organizations are in the same boat — the Devil's boat, even The Heresy of Sinlessness in the though some saved men are "at the oars," thinking they are sail-

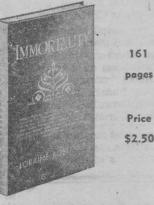
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Jess Whalen, Ohio.

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For example, Brother Halliman is soon to go as a missionary, and we have been making an attempt to secure particularly some heavy shoes for him and his wife to use whenever they have to walk into the interior. Likewise, our church has felt it expedient that we secure, for Brother Halliman, a gun for protection against wild animals (especially the wild boars that roam most plenteously throughout New Guinea) and the crocodiles

Then, too, we are looking forward to our Bible Conference September, 1960, and some of the advertising is in exchange for

various food products. Whenever we carry advertising in our paper, our readers lose nothing. In fact, they always get some extra reading material, that would not have been printed otherwise.

## God Is Good

Tho' trials come, tho' fears assail Through tests scarce understood, One trust shines clear; it cannot fail My God is right and good.

Tho' times be dark, the struggles grim And cares rise like a flood, This sweet assurance holds to Him My God is near, and good.

When health gives way, the body breaks, When seized by darkest mood, E'en yet God maketh no mistakes My God is wise and good.

Through nights of pain when doubts rise high Death's shade doth haunt and brood, My heart is fixed, for He is nigh My faithful God is good,

When fervent prayers unanswered go And Providence seems rude, To all our plans His will says, No! Yet God is changeless good.

As long as heaven and earth do stand So long His oath hath stood, And tho' I may not comprehend I know my God is good.

Since His own Son for man God gave And Christ died on the rood cannot doubt His power to save, I know He's love, He's good.

Come then what may of storm and stress, Of strife or pain or blood, In this fixed trust my heart shall rest My God is God, He's good.

-HARRY J. HAGER.

### Scriptural Cooperation

(Continued from page one) given and promised to His church.

Now we shall depart from general things and discuss in particular the subject of this message, which is not only hated by those who oppose practically all Baptistic doctrines, but also despised and sadly misunderstood by many of those in Baptist churches that must have their mission boards, societies, associations, fellowships, councils, conventions, etc.

The first scripture quoted (II Cor. 11:8) states that Paul robbed other churches to do service to the Corinthian church. The Greek word here is plural and it church. should be properly translated "as-semblies" and not churches. Therefore we who contend for keeping all of God's work, including mission work, under the authority of the Lord's church do not deny, but rather affirm, that other churches may and should be under the authority of another local Baptist Church. However, we also believe and teach that there is a scriptural way to per-

It is obvious that many otherwise sound men fail to grasp the teaching in God's Word that He

church. Our second verse of scripture states (Eph. 3:21) that glory is to be given to God in His church. To those who understand vice to God in those things which the true meaning of the Greek He appointed to be done in His God has not given authority to the "house of God." any organization, except His church, to carry out the commission of Matt. 28:19-20 and there to give Him glory.

scriptural co-support of a number can and should be carried out in of churches, it must be kept in the only way the Word of God mind that even though each teaches, and that all the glory church is a complete church all will be given to God in and the true churches of the Lord are individual manifestations of the Holy Spirit indwells the church body of Christ, which is the as a body and the work performchurch. (Eph. 1:22-23).

Therefore, regardless of which church is sponsoring a given work God will be getting glory in His any claim to the accomplishments.

that when I speak of a church I am not referring to all the various "Synagogues of Satan" (Rev. 2:9) which have a man as their founder. Our Lord Jesus Christ established His church during His earthly life before He was crucico-supporters of work being done fied and He promised church do, of God the Son therefore I believe He still has churches on the form this support. To attempt to line of churches back to the one

To continue the discussion of has ordained that He will get proper support of a work sponglory in, by, and through His sored by a New Testament church

moment. I would once again use FOR US? any given mission board - denominational or independent—for to a mission board, why could not an example because I know of none under the authority of a church. I suppose it is needful at this point to describe what we devil's mission board? After all, mean by being under the authority of a church. To be under the God and a church has no right to authority of a church is to be use God's money unscriptually. authorized by and subject to the To send it to a board is to send it decisions of the church. Just as away from the authority of each individual member of a local Baptist church is subject to the disciplinary action of that church so must every organization be if it is to be scriptural, and it must be scriptural if it is to have God's approval. Christ is the Head of the church and the Holy Spirit indwells it; therefore, it is recognizing the Headship of Christ and the leadership of the Spirit in the body to be subject to Christ's Now suppose a church is sup-

porting work through a mission board and that board is not under the authority of any church. The board is actually the organization doing the work, for it controls and directs the work. No church does

If the board is not under the authority of a church then the organization is unscriptural and any work it does - regardless of where the workers or the money comes from - is unscriptural and displeasing to God. Since God has clearly stated that His glory is to be given to Him in, by and through His church, surely you can see the wrong in defying God and trying to glorify Him anywhere other than in His church. The church is God's house (I Tim. 3:15, Heb. 3:6), and it is His authorized house of witness. It would have been wrong for the Jews to have gone outside the Tabernacle or Temple to do ser-

Now let us look at the proper way of co-support and I am sure Now in regard to proper or it will be plain that mission work through His church. Since the ed by the church is directed and accomplished by the power of the Holy Spirit, the church cannot lay

Suppose a church has a mem-At this point let me remind you God has called to the mission Suppose also that the church is unable to support such a work without aid from other churches. What is the scriptural thing to do? I don't ask what is the easiest thing to do or what is the popular or "wise" thing to but rather "What is perpetuity. I believe the promises scriptural thing to do?" A thing may seem good to us but be an abomination to God (Luke 16:15).

It is not only right but also desupport mission work through Christ established during His sireable that churches assist other boards, conventions and other unscriptural organizations is of man's origination and not of God.

Christ established during his churches when the need arises. Churches when the need arises.

There is not one thing wrong, in the light of the Word of God, or in the light of anything also for in the light of anything else for that matter, in one church or a thousand churches helping another church send a missionary to a mission field, because, as before mentioned, as long as the work is under the authority of a New Testament Baptist Church the work is being done in the scriptural way. Remember what God's command is. All of God's work is to be kept in His church. Put the work in the hands of a mission board or convention and the work is no longer in Christ's church and therefore being done contrary to the Word of God and must be classified as sin. Keep all work under the authority of a Baptist church and support only work being performed under a Baptist church, if you would walk in obedience to God and His Word.

Now what is so complicated or repulsive about doing mission work God's way? Despisest thou the church of God? Surely you cannot offer any acceptable excuse for not supporting only scrip-

and the proper method of co-sup- tural work that is under the auth- present the Lord Jesus Christ as port by other churches, let us ex- ority of a Baptist church. ISN'T a servant — God's perfect man on amine the negative side for a GOD'S WAY GOOD ENOUGH earth.

If a church has money to send that money be sent to a church to help support some scriptural work, rather than sending it to a the tithes and offerings belong to Christ, the Head of the church.

Some of you will no doubt continue to say, "It makes no difference" and that "this is an unimportant matter," but I urge you to how John was writing. From the remember that God changes not. Either you serve Him His way or you are guilty of sinning against Almighty God. There is no such thing as an unimportant doctrine in the Word of God (Luke 16:10). God's Word Is Important!

In the light of this clear truth of God's Word, you can no longer plead ignorance of the truth. We believe if any of you who now know the truth, either as individuals or as churches, send one more dime to a mission board or a convention or any other organization not under a Baptist church, you will be guilty of disobeying the Word of God and also assert your lack of love for the truth concerning scriptural mission support.

I pray that each of you reading this article will be given grace to see the evil sin of supporting mission boards and start supporting only scriptural work.

'Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. AMen."

May God bless all of you. The will of our Lord be done.

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### "Proper Relations"

(Continued from page 1) word ekklesia, it is apparent that "house." So it is with the church, and over again Matthew quoted from Old Testament prophets just in order to prove to his readers, primarily, that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself was the King of the Jews.

> When you come to the Gospel of Mark, you find that Mark is writing from a different standpoint altogether. Mark is writing from the standpoint of proving that Jesus Christ was a servant to humanity. Unlike Matthew, who elevated Him to the position as a

When you come to the Gospel of Luke, you find a variation of Mark's presentation, for it seems that he sets Jesus forth as the perfect man, in order to show us how imperfect that we are. Whenever I read the Gospel of Luke. which I think deals more with the humanity of the Lord Jesus than any of the balance of the Gospels, I see in it how perfect my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ was, and I learn thereby how imperfect that I am.

When you come to the Gospel of John, there isn't a doubt as to very first verse it is obvious that John's Gospel was written to prove that Jesus Christ was the eternal Son of God. Matthew might present Him as a King of the Jews. Mark might present Him as a perfect servant. Luke may present Him as a perfect mar in contradistinction to us in our imperfections, but John presents Him as the eternal Son of God We read:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." -John 1:1.

You will notice that when Johr speaks of Jesus, he refers to Hin as the "Word of God." Now I'c like to take these verses and show you the proper relations that exiswithin this passage of Scripture.

I THE RELATION OF CHRIST TO TIME.

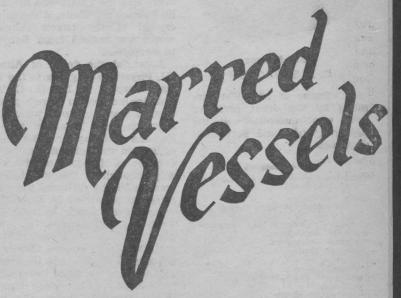
The first verse says, "In the beginning was the Word." In other words, the very first verse take us back to the beginning, and shows us that Jesus Christ had no beginning. It takes us back to the beginning and shows us that the Son of God was standing there a the beginning.

If you will turn through the New Testament you will find tha there are several beginnings tha are mentioned within the Bible For example Matthew speak about the beginning of the world

Listen: "For then shall be great tribula tion, such as was not since the BEGINNING OF THE WORLI to this time, no, nor ever shall be." — Mt. 24:21.

In Mark's Gospel, he talk about the beginning of the Gospel for he says:

"The BEGINNING OF THI king of the Jews, Mark would (Continued on page 13, column 1



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## Letter From Halliman

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am about to start on what will perhaps be the last tour of churches before I leave for the mission field. The Lord willing, I will leave sometime tomorrow for Decatur, Ill., where I will begin a series of services that will last through Tuesday, December 8. I will be with Brother Charles Stobaugh while there.

December 18, I am to be in Detroit with Brother McCrum. That is on Friday night and there are supposed to be five churches represented there that night. We are leaving December 22 for Tennessee to spend about two and a half weeks with the folks there, saying goodybe, etc. While there I have two churches to preach for, and I shall also go see Brother Wayne Cox. On the return to Chicago I will stop in McLeansboro, Ill., and visit with the Calvary Baptist Church.

The Lord certainly has blessed beyond our expectations in this work. We like only about \$1200.00 for our transportation and the shipment of our furniture. I believe the most of that will be here by the first of the year.

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### What Is Christmas?

(Continued from page 1) some of the things which were put into Christmas to make it so universally loved. In Babylon, world in the world's own feast. that great heathen Chaldean city, If you ask why they are at this pagan religion reached its peak feast, some would unthinkingly so far as ancient history was concerned. Here in Babylon the queen and her son had their beginnings in the persons of Semeramis and her son, Tammuz. When Belshazzar was slain (Danial 5:30) and the Chaldeans defeated by Darius, the Mede, it seems the mas that would completely ruin capital of the pagan religious world was moved from Babylon care no more for Christmas than to Pergamos.

III, Phyrgia was given to the Roman Empire in 133 B. C. The Babylonian pagan worship was then removed to Rome where Semeramis and Tammuz became "Let's put Christ back into of heaven, to provoke God to Fortuna and Jupiter. This queen Christmas," I always think of the wrath. In Jeremiah 10:3-5 I learnof heaven and her son became the story of the boy from a back- ed that the customs of the people very heart of pagan, or idol wor- woods family who went away to in his day were vain because they ship throughout the world. They college. Upon his return home he went out in the woods with an ax, were called by different names in wanted to improve the family's cut down a tree, took hammer different countries. In Egypt they grammar, so when his younger and nails to fasten it upright, and were Isis and Osiris, in India they brother said "pass the lasses," he then decorated it with silver and were Isi and Iswara. In other said don't say "lasses," say "mo- gold. God said it was a vain cusparts of Asia they were Cybele and Desius, in Greece they were Ceres and Plutus, but they were when I ain't had no lasses?" all the same queen of heaven and her son. All of these were dumped into Christmas when He has nevinto Christmas under the new name of Mary and Jesus. This let God tell us why we Baptists new name did not affect the pag- are so deeply in love with Christan people of the world too much, mas. If we were to read Jer. 5:30for no matter what you call a dish of tender fried chicken it is still a very tasty dish.

I learned that the more religion the Roman Catholic Church put into Christmas the more popular it became. The world is a great lover of religion so long as the Christ of Calvary and His shed blood are left out of it.

Now with all the ingredients in Christmas, it is time to look for the reason why Christmas must be in December. Even back in ancient Babylon the birth of Tammuz was celebrated in our December. The heathen sun worshippers throughout the northern hemisphere all celebrated the rebirth of the sun at the time of its turning back toward the North, that is about December 25. Tam- 31 in our everyday language, it muz, Osiris, Iswara, Deoius, Plu- says the preachers preach false tus and Jupiter were all repre- things and the priests run things sentatives of the sun in their re- their own way, and my people spective countries. These heathen love to have it so. The Baptist people had been brought into the people run after the false gods Roman Catholic Church, mainly and false religion connected with through the efforts of Constantine Christmas simply because they the great. They were still just as love it. Why do so many preach heathen as they were before they false things concerning Christmas were incorporated into the Ro- when they can find nothing in man Church, and they were going the Bible, nor in authentic secular to continue celebrating their great history, to justify what they teach feast at this same time. It did not and preach? matter too much what their god was called. It was still a representative of their sacred god, the

North at only one time of the year. Even old Satan, with the of the year. If the drunkard rehelp of all his able, efficient co- fused to drink on Christmas and workers, could not change the the harlot became virtuous for time. Therefore, Christmas had the day, we might be able to say to be December 25, whether the this Christmas spirit is the Spirit shepherds were out that night of Christ. But it is an undenniwith their flocks or not.

Roman Catholic Church likes to boast of his God-like power and authority, this was one time when he was completely helpless. He had absolutely no choice in the matter. His problem was clear. If he wanted to make good Roman Catholics out of his host of heathen he must give their queen of Christ that causes thousands of heaven and their god a Chris- of people to line up in the saloons tian name. So Mary and Jesus of the land at Christmas - time had to be the name and December 25 the date.

Had Bishop Julian I been really and truly interested in setting the real date of Christ's birth, the month of December would not have been considered at all, because anyone who is at all familiar with the climatic conditions which prevail in Palestine during the month of December would know there were no shepherds and sheep out in the field at that time of the year.

With Christmas literally loaded down with the world's religion it is easy to see why the world loves Christmas, but we see people observing this feast who should not be lured into the feast of the pagan gods. The Baptists themselves seem to be trying to outspend, out-shine and out-do the say it is because Mary and Jesus are in it. But the statement won't stand when we turn the light of and He is not a liar. So it is easy to see that if He were in Christit for the world. The world would they do for the church if Christ Later, at the death of Attalus were really in it. If He could be put in it, I can just see Him plaiting that whip again.

lasses." His brother retorted, tom, and vanity is one thing He "How can I ask for mo' lasses

So how can we put Christ back er been in it? Maybe we should

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it was time to give it that good old "Christmas spirit." You know, But the time of the feast could that spirit that makes you feel able fact that untold thousands As much as the head of the of people drink at Christmas without any compunction of con-science who would not drink at all any other time of the year. All manner of evil and God-provoking things are done at this season of the year because this is Christ-

Do you believe it is the Spirit who never go near them at any other time? I know there are peothe real Christmas spirit, but I effort on our part to try to justify our participation in this ungodly thing called Christmas.

Certainly it is not the Spirit of Christ that gives us all that freedom at Christmas time, but rather it is the Spirit of Saturnalia. In ancient pagan Rome a week of feasting and merrymaking was observed in the latter part of December. During this feast everyone, even the slaves, were permitted to do just as they pleased. Things like gambling, etc., which were prohibted at other times, were winked at during Saturnalia. This feast was brought over from ancient pagan Rome by gods. modern pagan Rome and dumptangy flavor and make people look forward to it with great an-

As you recall, I stated in the God's Word upon it. Jesus, him- beginning that I was unable to self, said the world hates Him, find Christmas in my Bible, but after learning a little about this lovely season from other sources, I was able to find quite a lot about it in my Bible. In Jeremiah 7:18 I found that even in his day, some 600 years before Christ was born of the virgin Mary, the children gathered wood, the men kindled the fire, and the When I see posters which read, women made cakes to the queen hates. I must confess that I have done the same thing many times except that I used much cheaper decorations. Christmas, like the groves in Israel, is so beautiful. What could be more beautiful than a Christmas tree with all its decorations and gifts? Surely nothing unless it were the original Christmas trees decorated with silver and gold.

> But when I think of the beauty of Chrstmas, I am reminded of the tabernacle. In Exodus 26 we find that all that the world saw was the skins of animals; but on the inside, it was overlaid with gold and had all manner of beautiful curtains and hangings. The beauty of the tabernacle was hidden from the world, but not so with Christmas. The beauty of Chrstmas is on the outside in plain view of everyone, but on the inside are dead men's bones. All manner of drinking, debauchery, idolatry and unclean living is covered over with the beautiful cloak Baptist Examiner Book Shop of Christmas.

## The Modern "God Of Numbers"

"When the structural empts the place of the spiritual, materialization of the faith results. The spiritual content of the Gospel becomes a possession which can be assessed by statistical analysis and quantitative measurements. Missionary thrust With everybody, including the is gauged by the number who Baptists, partaking of Christmas, attend church school; Christian piety is gauged by the number who attended the preaching service and prayer-meeting; Chrisnot be changed, because the sun that it is perfectly all right for tian stewardship is gauged by the starts on his return toward the you to do things you could not size of the budget; Christian efafford to do at any other time ficiency is gauged by whether one technique is used, in preference to another. And the criterion for the selection of one technique over another is whether it produces a more statistical result. The spiritual content of the Gospel thus becomes a commodity which can be distributed and promoted. The gospel can be 'spread' just as though it were salad dressing or peanut butter." James E. Tull, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on Denominational-"Responsible ism" (Baptist Program).

> But in Revelation 17 and 18 we have a ghastly picture of the Roman Catholic Church, including ple who will say that it is not her Christmas and fabulous Christmas trade, which will cause wonder if that is not just a weak all that weeping and wailing when it is finally cut off (Daniel 9:27), and in 18:4 Christ says "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

> > It is not an easy thing to come out of her. No one wants to be a kill-joy or an old Scrooge. Many will say that Christmas has become about as much a part of our way of life as the idolatry in Israel and Judah, and if I remember correctly it took the destruction of their country and enslavement of the Jewish people to tear them away from their idol

If anyone has any evidence ed into Christmas to give it that to justify our participation in Christmas, please let it be known. I have searched in vain. I have heard that one about it's being handed down to us by our forefathers, but it seems to me that would come under the heading of commandments of men, and Jesus did not sound too complimentary in Matthew 15:9 when He said, "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrine the commandments of men.'

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curse of the Law. The Word of there shall no flesh be justified God declares that all have sinned. in his sight." Romans 3:20. We read in Romans 3:23, "All neth not."

Man is a sinner; he has broken the law." God's holy law. The law of God he suffers the penalty for trans- law, being made a curse for us." gressing it.

"Cursed is every one that contin- we read: "But when the fulness ueth not in all things which are of the time was come, God sent written in the book of the law forth His Son, made of a woman, to do them."

in the book of James, chapter two, that we might receive the adopverse ten: "Whosoever shall keep tion of sons." the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

this world to die for sinners and curse of the law is retribution in from the satisfaction of His jus- (Continued on page 6, column 1) to save their souls from everlast- Hell for every single sin one ever ing damnation. It is only by grace commits. The Bible says, "the that Christ has shown mercy to wages of sin is death." That is, inhabitants of the world. And it the wages of sin is to be eternally is only by grace that an elect separated from God in Hell. Death number enjoy the benefits of His never means anything but a separation; and when a sinner dies, There are many great and glori- his soul separates from his body purchased for His people on the separated from God to suffer for-

This is "the curse of the law"that you might, through grace, be the penalty for breaking, as the filled with greater praise for our book of James states, even "one point" of the law. And all men are guilty of breaking God's holy law. There is no need whatsoever One of the greatest of all the of a person's going to the law benefits purchased by Christ for and attempting to abide by its His people, and the one benefit precepts and thereby attain to from which all other benefits proceed, is redemption from the states: "By the deeds of the law states: "By the deeds of the law there were all the law the law the law there were all the law the

I say then, in the light of these have sinned and come short of passages, all the world stands be-the glory of God." And again we fore God's law guilty, and "the read this fact in Ecclesiastes 7:20, curse" is upon its head. But when "There is not a just man upon Jesus Christ, God's Son, died on earth, that doeth good, and sin- Calvary's cross, He redeemed His chosen people, from "the curse of

Listen to the Word of God in has declared that man either Galatians 3:13: "Christ hath reobeys its every precept, or else deemed us from the curse of the

In Galatians 3:10 we read: chapter four, verses four and five, Again in the book of Galatians, made under the law, to redeem And the same thing is declared them that were under the law,

Beloved, every time you read the words "redeem" and "redemption" in the Bible in connection with the Lord Jesus, they always refer to His purchasing His people

By BOB L. ROSS less omnipotent, no less eternal, These verses of Scripture sim- from under the curse of the law tice. And in Jesus Christ, His "For ye know the grace of our had He never created this world, ply tell us that we either DO, or by suffering the law's penalty in wrath and mercy have been re-

And, beloved, He would have DIE; we either keep the law ab- their stead by tasting death. Mark vealed. When Christ died, He took been no less the same Person that solutely perfect, or else suffer the it down, God has never and will upon Himself all the sins of the He is, if He had not come into consequences of its curse. The never save a single soul apart elect of God, and He paid the

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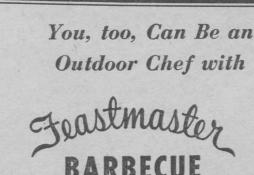
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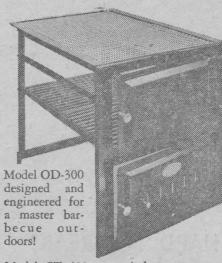
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God does not do a half-way job in saving sinners; nor does He set out to save sinners and fail to do so. You can be certain, upon the authority of God's Word, that all who were included in the redemption from the curse of the law shall be, in this life, brought to But not only are God's people repentance from sin and faith in judicially set free from the curse Christ as Lord and Saviour. The of the Law by Christ's substitu- redemption of God's people from tionary death on the cross; these the curse of the law and the apsame people receive the new birth plication of it by the Spirit are by the Spirit in which is wrought simply two phases of God's one

the gospel of Christ for salvation. Law simply paved the way for the work of the Spirit.

No individual can lay hold of and enjoy Christ's redemption without repentance from sin and faith in Him as Lord and Saviour. And without the agency of the Spirit, no man will come to repentance from sin and faith in physical life. We received this life Christ. Repentance and faith are holy acts, and only a person sub- and blood that houses our spirits. jected by the Holy Spirit will thus But the physical life can never be settle in the minds of men that se we r repent and believe.

We read in James 1:17, "Every good and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." And the very next verse says, "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." Now, what do these passages teach us? Simply this: that the gift of repentance and the gift of faith are not of man, but they are of God. God, with the Word, begets His chosen people according to His own will.

And these gifts are benefits received by God's people which were purchased by Jesus Christ in His death. Listen to what the Word of God says of Christ in Acts 5:31—"Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."

And why can He give repentance and forgiveness of sins? Because of the glorious fact that the Lord Jesus purchased these benefits for God's elect remnant on the cross of Calvary.

Yes, beloved, the spiritual gifts which are absolutely necessary in order to embrace the gospel of

### III. Eternal Life

ETERNAL LIFE.

When we were born into this world, we received the benefit of the record, that God hath given us "in I from our parents. It is their flesh in his Son." I John 5:11. compared to the eternal life that eternal life is the gift of God od hath was purchased by Jesus Christ on But for fear that some may yet this life the cross for His people the cross for His people.

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esy that eternal life must be worked for. But the Word of God teaches otherwise.

Also, there is another glorious We read in Romans 6:23—"The (Contin benefit which Christ Jesus pur-wages of sin is death; but the seed out chased for His people, and that is, GIFT of God is eternal life." (3) The HETERNAL LIFE.

through Jesus Christ our Lord."

And again we read, "And this is Christ f the record, that God hath gives to us eternal life, and this life is not in b

These passages should forever aver\_it Notice just a few things about the Lord Jesus Himself said in small the is eternal life which Christ pur-regard to eternal life which christ purenteenth chapter of John is re-wist, who (1) The eternal life which Christ corded the prayer of the Lord just Thank G before He entered Gethsemane Christ J where He was taken captive. In the serr the first and second verses, our en so mu Lord prayed to the Father thus led up: the ly: "Father, the hour is come in him glorify thy Son, that thy Son also we eternate may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should GIVE Eternal Life to as many as thou hast given fourth in the should GIVE Eternal Life. that he should GIVE Eternal Given A fourth to as many as thou hast given ased by

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Christ purchased is betowed on the of san His people in this life and is abed the h present possession. Eternal life ishteousne not the reward awaiting the faith se teachi ful servant of God, but it is the the nar gift of God given in this life.

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### IV. Sanctification of the Believer

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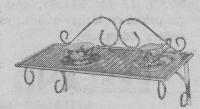
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to God's good pleasure (Phil. 2:13). The Spirit remains in the believer as long as there is life but the sed out of death into life."
had this is Christ for His people is given the gi believer's sinful nature.

This is the reason that when sinners are saved, they stop their drinking, their cursing, their stealing, their lying, their pleasure-seeking, and whatever other sins they may have at one time sought after. The Spirit has come in and has driven these things out. This is why the believer loves to serve God. The Spirit is within nsemane. Christ Jesus. "As Moses lifted the believer and gives him a conptive. In the serpent in the wilderness, straining love to walk in the paths of righteousness. A believer does not serve because of fear of some state of the serve because of fear of the serve because of fear of the serve because of love for some state of the serve because of fear of the serve because of love for love for the serve because of love for l (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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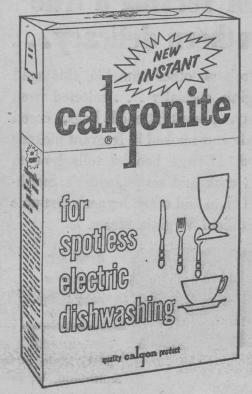
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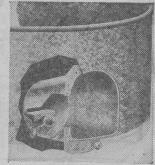
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to serve God because you are two mediums. The word "sancti- wise the Spirit also helpeth our God for understanding. And this for the love that is in your heart people for the service and worship by the Holy Spirit, then you are of God: in bondage to fear. You need to

The work of the Spirit in sanctification is carried on through

Him for any other reason than diums, the Spirit sets apart God's but the Spirit itself maketh inter-

(1) The first medium is the Bibe born again, and then you will ble. The Spirit creates an earnest serve God because of love for desire in the hearts of God's peo-Him. The Lord Jesus said, "If a ple to read and study their Masman love me, he will keep my ter's Word. By this medium, they words." John 14:23. learn of their God and His will for them. The Spirit gives unto them the gifts of understanding the Word and obedience to the

seen, nor ear heard, neither have driven by the Spirit to pray to (Continued on page 9, column 2) entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

And in II Timothy 2:15 we read: "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.' When we fail to read God's Word, the Bible, we are not making progress in being sanctified, or set apart to God's revealed will. We must study God's Word to enjoy the blessings of sanctification.

(2) The second medium the Spirit uses in our sanctification is prayer. Not only does the Spirit create a desire within God's people for His Word that He might talk to them through it, but He creates a heavenly longing in them to talk to God, Thus we have prayer.

The Spirit is the Author of our prayers; that is, our true prayers. We read in Romans 8:26—"Like-

afraid of His sending you to Hell, fy" simply means "set apart." So infirmities: for we know not what is God's method of personal sance if you are attempting to serve through the following two me- we should pray for as we ought: tification. cession for us with groanings of you lack wisdom, let him ask which cannot be uttered."

> The Christian who does not pray isn't progressing very much in sanctification. His life will most 119th Psalm, which consists of 176 likely be cluttered up with worldly habits and pleasures, and his interests will be upon the mate- One cannot read God's Word withrial things of life instead of the out being pointed to Heaven for things of God.

We read in James 1:5, "If any of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." And the verses, is a cry to God for wisdom throughout the whole chapter. the understanding thereof.

In Proverbs 2:3-6 we read: Word.

A lack of prayer also reveals a "Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for "But as it is written, Eye hath not who studies his Bible will be understanding; if thou seekest her seen, nor ear heard neither have driven by the Spirit to prove the Continuous C

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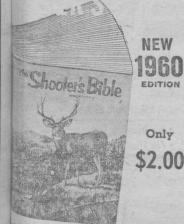
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(Continued from page 8) as silver, and reachest for her as goes back to Calvary. We read, for hid treasures; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowlege and understanding."

Now, all that is included in the sanctfication of the believer by the Spirit was purchased by Christ on the cross. Listen to I Corinthians 1:30: "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

### V. Reign on Earth

But Christ has done even more for His people in His sacrifice on cluded this glorious benefit. Christ the cross Not only has He resealed to His disciples, "In my Fathdeemed them from the curse of er's house are many mansions: if the law, purchased for them the new birth of the Spirit, eternal you: I go to prepare a place for life, and sanctification by the the Spirit; He has also purchased for them the privilege of reigning receive you unto myself; that on earth during the one thousand where I am, there ye may be on earth during the one thousand years, or millennium of peace.

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In II Timothy 2:12, we read: "If him.

And in Revelation 5:10, the Word of God not only declares that we are priests and kings unto God, but it goes on to say, "And we shall reign on the earth."

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## VI. Heaven

And lastly, but in no wise least, the Benefit of Eternal bliss in Heaven has been purchased by the the Lord Jesus for His people.

Yes, Heaven is being prepared now for the people of God. In the But Christ has done even more redemption of Jesus Christ is init were not so, I would have told you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and also." John 14:2, 3.

> No, beloved, God doesn't do a half-way job. He doesn't begin a work and quit it. And He is now accomplishing His eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus before the world began.

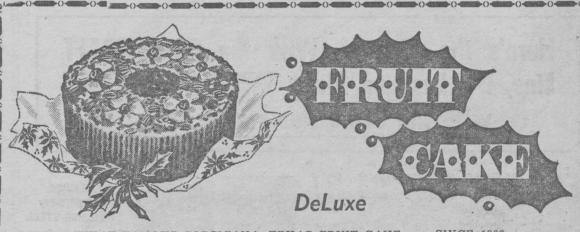
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grain is poured to be engaged received blessings from reading between the two millstones. The some of the articles you print in lower millstone stands fast; only the upper stone moves. The stones God's Word in your sermons are made of a flinty hard rock. Round and round the women have been receiving TBE almost grind as the wheat is crushed between the granite stones and lot about God's Word that I had comes out as a thin trickle of never known before." flour at the edges.

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May God grant you grace to do

Bread

(Continued from page 10) personality and working with one Who is so difficult. That trying circumstance that presses you beyond all bearing? Yes, bear it. It Will grind you a little smaller, but it will help in the end. That ill health that lessens your fortitude, your power to endure until every nerve in your body cries Out for relief? Yes, bear that, too, no matter how weakening it is, With a cheerful smile and a word of praise on your lips. That poverty that saps your self-reliance made with an actual horseshoe and and curtails your rightful im- western rowel spur with heel shain. Pulses? Yes, it too, when suffered Ideal for horse lovers, outdoor enfor Him, will help to reduce you thusiasts, owners of ranch style homes, to that fine white flour that will make you as refreshing bread to those in need. That sifting, that shaking to and fro until your head reels and you feel yourself weight or desk ornament. fainting in despair? Yet see that smooth, pure flour that results! The finer it is, the better cake it will make. Bread corn is bruised. What a lesson for us!

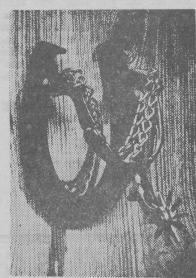
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find Him saying as He 'ed His high priestly prayer: and now, O Father, glorify glory which I had with thee ORE THE WORLD WAS." ohn 17:5.

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II

THE RELATION OF CHRIST TO GOD.

My text doesn't merely say that Christ was in God, but rather it says that He was with God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was WITH GOD, and the Word WAS GOD." That is the relation of Christ to the Godhead. He was with God, and was God.

It is rather interesting to me to study this first chapter of John's rreek words that are translated "was." For example, we read:

"All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that WAS MADE." John 1:3.

The word that is translated "was" (egeneto) here, is the Greek word which means that it came into being.

Then again we read:

"There WAS a man sent from God, whose name was John."

The word "was" that is transtian," thus continuing the same lated here is that same Greek that was practiced hundreds word (egeneto) which means that he came into being. But come hong other things, the author auback to the first verse which says, cally reveals that the supposedly "And the Word was with God, celebrations of Christmas and the Word was God," and you Oster were originally celebrations will find that it is an entirely difbeing. John the Baptist and the errors! You want the truth about the creation came into existence, but of Romanism and about the Lord Jesus Christ has always

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at the beginning of time. Actually, When the Lord Jesus Christ was time is only His own creation. here within this world, He didn't We would not even had time, had come into this world as man. He not Christ created it. One day He didn't come into this world like the creation came into existence. "And sware by him that liveth Rather Jesus Christ was God . . that there should be time Himself, as He walked here within this world.

Years ago a little boy looked up into my face in a Daily Vacation Bible School and said, "Brother Gilpin, what is God like?" I didn't have time to think, but on the are the BEGINNINGS would say that it began with spur of the moment I said, "Buddy, God is just like Jesus Christ." irts the hen in the Gospel of John, movement, when he "restored the As I have contemplated that experience down through the years, if I were to think on it for a nd steps er into wine at the marriage cost. I think the poet expresses million years I couldn't have given him a better answer than gave him that day on the spur "Go back now for a while with of the moment. God is just like Jesus Christ.

I tell you, beloved, wherever you see Jesus, you see God. When Jesus Christ walked within this than to preach the old fashioned world, that was God. When you read in the New Testament about the deeds of Jesus, you are reading of the deeds of God. I say to Back, beyond anguish and gloom; you, the God of the Old Testament is the Jesus Christ of the New Testament. It is no wonder to whip me. But if I were a prothat Paul refers to Him in Colossians 1:15 as "the image of the invisible God." You can see an image. Therefore, Jesus Christ is the image of one who is invisible.

III

THE RELATION OF CHRIST

We read: "ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM." — John 1:3.

I don't believe in evolution that this world came into existence through a fortuitous chain of circumstances whereby that the atoms and molucules that make up this world danced about in space until all of a sudden they came into existence in their present shape and form.

When I was in college one professor tried to make an evolutionist out of me. He sat up with me late at night many times trying to convince me of the theory of evolution. Beloved, as time passed by, I came to know just a little more about the Book, and I am thoroughly convinced now, even as I was then, that all things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was

Now I grant you that it sounds So when I consider the relation learned and extraordinarily inbefore creation. Then in His of Christ to time, I say that He telligent to tell people about the ion to time He can be said to antedates time. He was before theory of evolution, and it tickles time. The Lord Jesus Christ was the fancy of folk a little bit more

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It means for us all good, all grace, all glory, His kingdom coming and on earth begun; Why should we fear to say: "His will-His righteous, His tender, loving, joyous will-be done?"

-ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

Gospel of Jesus Christ. However, just have to stick with the Book. If I were to stand here and tell you that your mother was a fallen woman and your father was a horse thief, you would want a group of students in college, and were to say that your father was a polecat and your mother was a rattlesnake, and along the way there were chimpanzee and some tigers that came out in both, you would say, "What a smart fellow he is. Let's give him a raise in salary."

Beloved, I say to you, so far as TO MAN. the relation of Christ to this universe is concerned, this universe came into existence through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Creator of this universe.

We read: "For BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY

HIM, and for him." - Col. 1:16. 'God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS." — Heb. 1:1, 2.

Listen, beloved, Jesus Christ made this world and made Venus and Saturn and all the balance of the satellites that are out in space. He made all of the 360 million known suns and moons and stars that have been counted. I tell you, every one of them came into existence because of Jesus Christ. That is His relation to the uni-

some would talk about an evolutionary theory - that we envolof shrewd guesses even at best.

make horses now."

"Oh, do you? How's that?" smith makes them."

She said, "Did you see him make a whole horse? "No, he said," "but I saw him

finish one up. He was taking a shoe on when I came by." You know, beloved, there are a

lot of people like that boy. They talk in terms of evolution, and in terms of an evolutionary process of creation, just because, figuratively, they have seen a shoe tacked on.

The poet said:

"Don't be discouraged, poor little fly, You'll be a chipmunk by and by. And years after I can see You'll be a full grown chimpan-

Next I see with prophets ken You'll take your place in the ranks of men.

Then in the great sweet by and We'll be angels you and I.

Why should I swat you, poor

That's what Darwin says, not I."

Beloved, I come back to my text and I can see the relation of Christ to this universe. It is all His. The universe is a tremendous universe, and Jesus Christ made it all. How big must Jesus be! How fessor, and would stand up before mighty must the Son of God Himself be. He is big enough that He can speak a universe into existence. Surely when we think of it. we are brought face to face with the fact of the immensity and the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ.

IV

THE RELATION OF CHRIST

Christ bears a tremendous relationship between God on the one hand and man on the other. This text speaks of Him as the Word.

What is a word? A word is a medium of manifestation.

I have a certain word fixed in my mind right now, but you don't know what it is. But as soon as I speak that word, then you know what I had within my mind. Suppose that word is cow. You may not have known that I was thinking of a cow, but as soon as I speak the word, then you see a cow in your mind too. In other words, a word is a medium of manifestation.

When I read of Jesus Christ as the Word of God, I recognize the fact that the Son of God is the medium for the manifestation of God right here within this world.

Then again: A word is a means of communication. I speak, you hear, and we thus communicate with one another. A word, I say, is a means of communication.

Now think of Jesus Christ as the Word of God. How does God communicate with man? Beloved, the means of communication is I come back to the fact that the Word of God, the Lord Jesus

A word is also a method of revved from lower animals. I think elation. What a man says reveals it is nothing more than a system pretty much what he is. What he says on the outside is pretty much A little boy came rushing home a revelation of what he is on the from school one day and said to inside, and what he talks about his mother, "I know how they is pretty much what he thinks about.

We read: "Mr. Shultz the black- (Continued on page 15, column 1)

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### "Proper Relations"

(Continued from page 13) "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKETH." - Mt. 12:34.

In other words, the mouth speaks of what the individual has within his heart.

If a word is a method of revelation, then Jesus Christ is God's revelation of Himself.

Here is man on the one hand and God on the other. What is the relation of Christ to God in Hea-Word of God which is the manifestation of God, which is the communication of God, and which is the revelation of God. Listen:

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds." — Heb.

I turn to the book of Revelation and I find that it speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ as Alpha and Omega. Listen:

"I AM ALPHA AND OMEGA, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."—Rev. 1:8.

Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last letter of the Greek alphabet, so when Jesus said, I am Alpha and Omega, He literally said, "I am God Almighty's alphabet. I am speaking for God."

Beloved, I ask what is the relation of Jesus Christ to God in whom I had known previously. Heaven and man on earth. He is He said, "You know, Brother Gil-God's alphabet. He is the one pin, he heard the Word of God. that God has spoken through. He We had a good preacher. He heard is the way that God has manifest- the Book, but he just couldn't see ed Himself, has communicated it. Now," he says, "there's an-Himself and has revealed Him- other man there preaching. He self unto this world. It is no won- isn't nearly as good a preacher der that we find Jesus saying:

you, and yet hast thou not known of grace, and the truth of God's me, Philip? he that hath seen me sovereignty, and stands for them. hath seen the Father." -John 14: Before, they were just dense to

THE RELATION OF MEN TO CHRIST.

We read:

"And the light shineth in darkness; and THE DARKNESS COM-PREHENDED IT NOT." - John

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and have a spark of divinity within them, and that all you need to do is to get a man in the right relationship to God, and fan that spark and it will burst forth into a flame. I tell you, beloved, men, but men don't comprehend

As I have said many times, I can sit down and talk to a man about material things and he will understand everything that I have to say. I can talk to him about how he can amass a fortune and he will understand that, but when talk to him about spiritual things, he will get a faraway look in his eye. He just doesn't understand it. I insist that every human being is a depraved human being, so much so that the light of God won't see it.

Of recent date I preached in a church in West Virginia. After the services were over I was asking one of the brethren about a man but he is preaching the truth, and "Have I been so long time with this man now sees the doctrines

Why is it that man sees the truth today, yet he formerly rejected it? He was depraved and in his depravity, he could not grasp the truth, the light was shining, but the darkness could not take hold of it.

Beloved, listen, no man will ever apprehend the light until the This tells us the relation of man Lord Jesus Christ reveals Him-

VI

THE RELATION OF BAP-TISTS TO CHRIST.

God, whose NAME WAS JOHN. to eternal life believed." I thank The same came for a WITNESS, God for this truth, that "all that to bear wiiness of the Light, that the Father giveth me shall come all men through him might be- to me," (John 6:37) and my busilieve. He was not that Light, but ness as a Baptist preacher is to

from God whose name was John. shall know about Jesus Christ. Matthew's Gospel gives us the full story concerning him, for it

says:
"In those days came John the" Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea." - Mt. 3:1.

When the world was in darkness, and when the light of God the pretext that it is "just as would flash all about men, and good . . . it doesn't matter which yet men would not receive that article you buy." Only in the light, God sent a Baptist preacher, matter of church and religion John the Baptist, to bear witness of the light, and to tell men that the light was shining. Beloved, a matter." man must be blind, if somebody has to tell him that the light is misleading to some. The book shining, and I insist that that is does not seek to do what the title exactly the spiritual status of might be interpreted to mean, every man outside of Jesus Christ. but rather it was written IN or He is spiritually blind. Back von-FOR the cause of God and Truth. der two thousand years ago God It is the knock-out blow to Arm- sent John the Baptist in answer inianism, answering numerous to this world's depravity, in anscarnal objections and dealing wer to this world's darkness, in with scores of Scriptures that are answer to the fact that this would often set forth by Arminians as could not comprehend the light f they taught Arminianism. of God, to bear witness of Jesus DON'T BE WITHOUT THIS and to tell the world that Jesus Christ was the Son of God.

We read:

comprehended it not. Beloved, name of the Father, and of the CHAPTER IV (Continued) what kind of darkness is there Son, and of the Holy Ghost: that will not flee from the pres- Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-Suppose you turn off the light manded you: and, lo, I am with within this room, and we are in you alway, even unto the end of total darkness. Then with a flip the world." — Mt. 28:18-20.

Beloved, that is the great com-There is no darkness known to the world didn't accept Him and didn't receive Him. They crucified presence of light except the moral Him. John the Baptist called atand spiritual darkness of human-tention to Him. John the Baptist ity. Beloved, even though the pointed to Him and said, "Behold light of God, Jesus Christ, flashes the Lamb of God that takes away all about human beings, men re- the sin of the world." The world main in darkness. "The darkness needed a Baptist to tell them that ness just couldn't lay hold of the Jesus left this world, He left it in the hands of His church to carry Don't tell me that men are good, that message and to continue telling the world the fact that the light was shining. That is our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our business is to tell the world that the light is shining. Our business is to present Jesus the light of God shines all about as a Saviour, to baptize those that are saved, and to teach them the 'all things" that are recorded in the Word of God. Jesus said:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, brought to a close by a united and unto the uttermost part of the earth." — Acts 1:8.

I thank God for our relationship to Jesus and to this world. As the first Baptist stood between Christ and the world to tell the world will flash all about him, and he that the light was shining, you and I have that same task. We are to tell the world that God is in the skies, that Jesus died for the sins of the elect of God, and that the only man that will ever be saved is the man whom God calls unto

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED." Acts 14:48.

I know, beloved, that every body in this world is not going to be saved. Thirty-seven years ago when I preached my first sermon, I thought I would turn the world upside down for God. I guess I started out in the ministry with the same thought in mind that every young preacher does —that a multitude is going to be saved under my ministry. I think I have been as active in the ministry as most men, maybe a little more Protestants.) The various sects than some and perhaps less than and cults that have arisen in reothers. And I think of the sermons cent times cannot be identified that I have preached, the papers with the church Jesus started, for that we have sent out, and the they began centuries after Jesus tracts that have been sent forth. started His church. The promise I think of all the ministry that I have carried on by way of radio, church can only find fulfillment and yet how few there are that in the Baptists for they are the have been saved. How many are only people who have been in "There was a man sent from there? "As man as were ordained was sent to bear witness of that witness to man for God, just like the first Baptist preacher, John Notice, there was a man sent the Baptist, did — that the world

May God bless you!



## Is One Church . . . ?

(Continued from page 1) are people willing to be so softbrained as to feel that "it doesn't

Jesus started the Baptists. He started the first Baptist church that ever existed, and such churches have existed from that time until now, in unbroken succession. This is abundantly proven by history. Jesus said (Matt. 16:18), concerning the church He started, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." So then, the true church must have been started by Jesus during His lifetime, and it must have had con- read it. tinuous existence through the "And Jesus came and spake un- centuries, if He told the truth. Payment must accompany order. to them, saying, All power is The church He started was a given unto me in heaven and in visible institution, and it was adearth. Ge ye therefore, and teach ded to on the day of Pentecost all nations, baptizing them in the when three thousand were saved.

## LIFE, TIMES and TEACHINGS of J. R. GRAVES

By His Son-In-Law, O. L. HAILEY

His Views of Communion Changed

It will be noticed that in the very important article heading the editorial column of his paperreinserted in the reissue of the paper after the war, and given in full in succeeding pages, Graves lays down the principle that the Lord's Supper was to be observed "only by a church as such." But in his earlier ministry this was neither his record nor his prac-It should be kept in mind that

Graves was largely influenced by Howell in his early years. Howell gave various intimations in his editorials in The Baptist, and seemingly in his great work on (Born 1820, Died low Plections Communion, that churches, in of the church with which is their associational gatherings, meet) the Lord's Supper to Doctry seemingly in his great work on might properly observe the Supper. This course was practiced very generally through the West eighty years ago. A general con- after which J. W. Bower cool Churc vention in Louisville in 1837 was ed the communion service. Sing Cor observance of the Lord's Supper. This usage was pretty common in erator (J. R. Graves) appon). Tennessee. At a meeting of the Concord Association held at Murion service and he himself uple Fai freesboro in 1867 it was unani- in the administration.

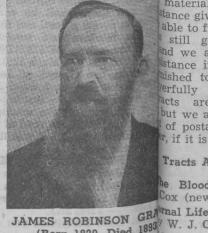
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But there are churches of Pr It was not started on Pentecost, for in that case it could not have deny the deity of Christ been "added to" and it would teach salvation by works Comm have been started by the Holy church with a false way vation "just as good?" Of ther Bapt Spirit instead of Jesus. The Roman Catholic Church cannot be not. Some churches, bearing at If? (( the one that Jesus started, for Baptist name, are untrue Gregory the Great was the first Bible and to the historic fa Cox). real pope (590-604 A.D.). Con-Baptists. Some are world ander trary to the notions of some, the have a program of amusias to Ba Roman Catholic Church did not and entertainment. Are Rebrew's churches "just as good" ning Bloc come into existence for several centuries after Jesus was here. church that holds to the hovah's The various PROTESTANT and seeks to carry out the Jehov CHURCHES cannot be identified mission of Christ? Of cours with the church that Jesus start-In many other things this thern Ba as good" stuff is used to de (2c each The Bible says (Jude 3) Priest V ed, for they did not come into existence until the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. (Remember that Baptists are not

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felt in Missouri and S. P. Wil- and circulated all over the South is Asso w to Become a Christian the West, wrote a circular, which rejected or thorough expurgated. was very generally quoted by the Baptist papers. It was entitled, Baptists, at least, ever acknowl-"How far Inter-communion is edge the Methodist society as an "1. All scholars, critics, and Right." It took the position that evangelical church, nor recognize lexicographers, of any note, unnone but members of a church its preachers as evangelical goshad a right to the Lord's table, as pel ministers any more than we mary it was a church ordinance. But through courtesy members of other churches of the same faith bearing Church—Her Nature and vited to participate. Graves was not a man to halt nor according to the same faith vited to participate.

unsheathed his sword he threw the scabbard away. Only victory or death closed his battles. good" wing Blood.

Graves was evidently convincto the hovah's Bible Versus Soed and almost the very words of

statement in The Baptist on Communion. He replaced this when the de de (2c each) by Ross he republished his paper in de 3) to Priest Who Forsook the Memphis in 1865: "The members of one church (though of the same faith and order) can come to the communion of another only by an act of courtesy and not by right." He modified as all know, later in life, and advocated strict church communion. to which change of view and its

> more fully hereafter. But leaving this we turn to the Mission of Baptists environment and circumstances which led to what is known as his landmark view, or

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### His Non-Recognition of Pedo-Baptist Preachers

there. The only Methodist paper chief aim seemed to be to break otherwise. God help me. down the Baptist paper, and damage and exterminate that people lasting truth, that salvation was holding that there was no salva- the justification of the ungodly-Howell, as we have seen, retorted man's watchword through life — that Methodism taught baptismal "Jesus only." So, when struck of tion by faith alone. Graves fol- grandest sermons in the First

this regeneration which our I Stand!" church in so many places as- heYes, landmarkism was sound-

cribes to baptism is more than church, though commonly connected therewith; being engrafted into the body of Christ's church (the invisible church), we \* The Security of the Saved are made the children of God by adoption and grace. This is grounded on the plain words of our Lord: 'Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God' (John 3:5). By water as a means, A Sermon From a Text the water of baptism, we are regenerated or born again."

"Have I not sustained, above the such a thing as a great big UNI- ways means CONGREGATION, possibility of cavil or doubt, the VERSAL WIFE who includes all never anything else. A congregaevangelical in doctrine since it ing the rest of the verse to mean were not LOCAL. So let us read holds and teaches the Romish a GREAT BIG UNIVERSAL it as it means: "The husband is These tracts are ready to go on dogma of baptismal regenerath which is to God's Soverth which is swered (Pink).

financial help to pay for their declare that the Methodist soprinting.

ciety is not an evangelical
church? Do I misrepresent and the press. All we need is a little tion)? Am I uncharitable when I slander when I declare that the Methodist Book Concern in Nashville is flooding the South with forms, or even in regard to the an unevangelical and pernicious (Continued from page 14) theology — a theology teaching which took the position that "the baptism no purer than that of theology — a theology teaching Lord's Supper should not (in its Rome or of Bethany?" "If the administration) extend beyond church is not willing to be rediscipline" - that is, beyond the sponsible for this doctrine, let membership of a church. Consid- these standard books published erable agitation followed. It was by the Book Concern in this city liams, one of the ablest men in by tens of thousands be at once

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nessee Baptist. "Who will say," he exclaims, "that we ought to It should be remembered that fellowship its preachers as evanas editor of The Tennessee Bap- gelical gospel preachers until tist, he was surrounded by the they have lifted up their voices central power of Southern Meth- against these fundamental er-Bishop Soule had his rors?" And again: "I cannot, headquarters in Nashville. The therefore, conscientiously fellowing legislative powers and clerical Universal church idea is essentigreat Book Concern with its book ship the one or the other as an or editor, Mr. Summers, its secre- evangelical church, or their (i. e., in the hands of the clergy, copied by many who think they taries and agents, was located preachers as gospel ministers, by word or act. I must be true to my in the South, at that time, with Saviour. I must be true to my the talented and cirucent editor, convictions. I cannot stultify my-Mr. McFerrin, was a power whose self. Here I stand. I can do none

He took his stand on the everthrough the South. Methodism by grace through faith only was in the saddle and rode forth that baptism and church memwith domineering and triumph- bership were external acts of ant. These preachers charged obedience - works of righteoustion outside of a Baptist church. the soul's salvation. This was the regeneration, while Baptists held down in the pulpit after preachto the Bible doctrine of justifica- ing on this theme, one of his lowed this up with overwhelm- Church at Memphis, reeling, ing proof and power. Amongst sinking, supported by those who Name other proofs was this from Wes- had rushed to his help in the ley, Doctrinal Tracts, No. 248: pulpit - paralyzed and death-"By baptism we who were by struck — as they led him away nature the children of wrath are he voiced his real faith, saying, made the children of God. And "Sing, 'On Christ the Solid Rock

## barely being admitted into the Do You Have A "Universal, Invisible" Wife And Family?

Does the Bible teach that a "the husband is the head of the man's wife is UNIVERSAL AND WIFE, even as Christ is the head INVISIBLE? Well, let's see. Eph. of THE CHURCH." The word 5:23 says: "The husband is the EVEN means in the SAME WAY, head of the wife." It says it just so let us put the meaning of the as certain as certain can be. Does words instead of the words used, it really mean that such a wife is which is a good rule for interpre-UNIVERSAL AND INVISIBLE? tation, and see how it reads: "The You say it does not. But wait and husband is the head of the UNIsee what you have done if you VERSAL INVISIBLE WIFE in To this were added quotations decide that such plain language the same way as Christ is the head of a similar bearing from Walton does not mean what it says. It of the UNIVERSAL INVISIBLE Clark on the ritual of baptism in says very plainly, "The husband CHURCH." There you are! Rethe "Discipline." Then he asks: is the head of the wife." Is there member the word CHURCH alfirst clause of my proposition the little wives? You say NO. tion is necessarily LOCAL. It (that the Methodist church is not Then what do you mean by quot- would not be a congregation if it CHURCH, when it says that the head of the (LOCAL) wife, "CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE even as Christ is the head of the CHURCH?" Mark you it says (local) congregation. A CONGRE-

> ed forth but it did not originate in ecclesiasticism, in church ordinances. It was based upon the fundamental errors of Methodism and Campbellism, also. While it was carried to an extreme, it was based on truth.

> That all readers might know the doctrines for which he stood and their implications, as well as their corollaries, he kept a standing column in The Tennessee Baptist. We here copy from the issue of October 6, 1857.

> > Six Important Facts

animously declare that the pri-(i.e. first) and leading do Alexander Campbell's preach- signification of 'Baptizo' is to ers. Are we giving unreasonable dip or to immerse, while some of or uncharitable advice? Let not the very best scholars of any age Baptists be inconsistent, who affirm that it has no other mean-ever else are."

Life very best scholars of any age ing - Carson, Anthony, Stuart,

"2. Standard historians unani-Baptist preachers. He reiterated mously agree that primitive and apostolic baptism was administered by the immersion of the institution. believers in water, in the name of the Trinity.

"3. Nearly all standard Pedo-Baptist commentators admit that the Bible does not furnish one plain command for, or example of, infant baptism, and there is the utmost disagreement and contradiction among them on what grounds and for what purpose it is to be administered.

"4. All standard historians unanimously affirm that the government of the Apostolic churches was purely democratic (i. e., vested in the people or membership), and all the churches independent republics (the Baptist church is the parent of republicanism).

"5. No society, organized upon principles differing from those of the Apostolic churches, having different subjects, ordinances, orders in the ministry, can justly be called a gospel church, or a the church of Christ.

or a few, as a session), are anti- are opposed to Catholicism. scriptural and anti-republican tylican freeman ought to support; holics in anyting. (Continued on page 16, column 3)

GATION is just as LOCAL as the wife is. You cannot conceive of a UNIVERSAL LOCAL WIFE, then why try to make out a UNIVERSAL LOCAL CONGRE-GATION?

The Family is the Foundation of Civilization

The family is the foundation of civilization. Does that mean that there is a UNIVERSAL INVIS-IBLE FAMILY? You say NO. Then when it says, 1st Tim. 3:15, "The church is the pillar and the ground of the truth," why do you get the idea that THE CHURCH means a UNIVERSAL invisible church?" As well try to think church?" As well try to think of "THE FAMILY" as a great "1. All scholars, critics, and UNIVERSAL INVISIBLE FAM-ILY

When we say the jury is a safe guard to the citizen's welfare, do we mean a great UNIVERSAL JURY? Certainly not. Such language is easily understood when we consider that when we say THE WIFE or the Family, or THE JURY or THE CHURCH we use the language in the INSTITU-TIONAL SENSE, viz., the church as an institution, the jury as an

The Eagle Is King Of Birds. Do we mean some great big eargle, a GREAT BIG UNIVERSAL IN-VISIBLE EAGLE which includes all the little eagles? Certainly not, but the eagle as a species. When we say the lion is the king of beasts, do we mean a great big UNIVERSAL LION which includes all the little lions? Certainly not, but we mean the lion as a species. So when we speak of THE CHURCH we mean the CHURCH AS AN INSTITUTION. Why do we easily understand such language when we speak of the FAMILY, and the WIFE, and the JURY, and the EAGLE, and the LION, and then go wild WHEN WE SPEAK OF THE CHURCH in the same way?

THE UNIVERSAL INVISIBLE WIFE IS JUST AS SCRIPTURAL AS THE UNIVERSAL INVIS-IBLE CHURCH.

A church is always local and church of Christ, or a branch of the Bible never uses the Word in "6. All religious societies hav- CONGREGATION. The general aristocratical governments ally a ROMAN CATHOLIC IDEA

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### "Invisible Church"?

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There is no such thing as "a radio pastor." A pastor is the serchurch only.

The theory of an invisible church is the newest thing out so far as religion is concerned. It is modern in the sense that higher criticism is modern. They go along together, both denying the plain teaching of God's Word .- Select-

### Lean Street New Testament Church

(Continued from page one) What a New Testament Church Is Not

1. It is not a MAN-MADE orthing to read in the newspapers, magazines, or from some other source, the bold charge that "the churches have failed." And some have failed, as measured by the standards or tests that some individuals or groups of individuals have set up, but Jesus said: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He promised intended.

The modern trend is that a instead of the hereafter. In the

church is to be chiefly engaged average religious institution today on the mission field. The common wich to a sermon. thought is that if the heathen can the missionary has succeeded. According to the standards the world has set up to judge the failure or success of the church, the church has certainly failed in America. Instead of people putting on clothes here, each year backs and bare bellies than the year before; hence America is fast becoming the most heathenish nation on the face of the vant of a local church, and a local globe. If my only objective in going to New Guinea as a missionary would be to get the natives there to "put on some clothes, and quit stealing other men's wives," then I should stay in Chicago and preach to the thousands of lost church members that are doing the same thing

here. 2. It is not a civic organization or ethical club. Many look upon church membership as they do membership in a club or fraternal organization, therefore church work to them becomes a sort of novelty. Many unite with a church only because it is considered to be nice and respectable to do so, and ganization. It is no uncommon more especially is this considered the thing to do if several of the 'socially prominent" folk belong to the church.

3. It is not a "charity organization." There are those who hold the social and humanitarian ideal for the church. They put the Lord's church on the same par with the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., etc. To such folk the church's main concern is that His church would not fail, not to take the Gospel to the utand regardless of the standards termost parts of the earth and that the world might set up to thus prepare souls for the eternity judge it by, the Lord's church is beyond, but transforming the accomplishing exactly what He world into a better place to live, putting the emphasis on the NOW

in works of civilization, especially one can get anything from a sand- ciety, or church, the authority to

Recreational features are promionly be brought to dress properly, nent. Swimming pools, gyms, observe rules of sanitation, and reading rooms, and the like are a adopt manners of civilized nations major part of the churches today. pel," the churches are filled with -to change them is treason. lost church members. If Christ were to enter some of the church conceited nor compromised. buildings today He would start throwing out things just as He did long ago when He entered the produces more bare legs, bare temple and overturned the money-changers' tables and drove out those that were making God's conversion and a hope of salvahouse a house of merchandise.

### What a New Testament Church Is

1. It is a divine institution. It is the only institution of its kind that is Divine. All others are man-made, and therefore doomed for destruction.

2. It is the body of which Christ is the Head. (Col. 1:18). The Pope is admittedly the head of the Roman Catholic Church, Luther of the Lutheran church, and so every one can be named and identified as the founder and head of the existing organizations. The sacred. New Testament church only can claim Christ for her Head.

3. It is a local, independent, democratic body of baptized believers. A New Testament church elects her officers; calls instead of sending her pastors. The church calls them, the Lord sends them.

4. It is the custodian of the Gos-Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; I tarian projects their chief con- their followers in error. cern if they please, without being Lord, because they have no orthe commission. Christ gave the denomination. commission to Baptists and they carrying the Gospel to the utter- church. most parts of the earth.

worldly institution, never again stituent parts composing them. return to that organization, but seek out one of the Lord's vention has the right to demand to save you.



### J. R. Graves

(Continued from page 15) are illegal and ought not to be of Popery." received by us; nor should such societies be, in any way, recognized as scriptural churches or Christians are not churches, nor their preachers as official ministers of the gospel."

### Six Important Principles

"1. The Bible, and the Bible alone, unalloyed with human devices or traditions, is, and ever has been, the religion of Baptists.

"2. Positive laws (as Baptism and the subject of Baptism, etc.) are not left to be inferred, but in all cases require positive and plain commands or examples.

"3. To divide the positive requirements of Christ into essentials and non-essentials, is to decide how far Christ is to be obeyed, and in what points we may safely disobey Him. But to refuse one of the least of His positive requirements or to teach others so, it involves one in the guilt of violating all.

"4. Every positive law, ordinance or practice, in the church, not expressly commanded or exand these are all human inventions, as infant baptism, sprinkling, pouring, etc,. now practiced for religious rights, for which no scriptural warrant can be found, and are therefore sinful.

"5. Christ gave no men, sotraffic with the ordinance or organization of His church or kingdom so as to make, or change Heavy For S. B. C. His law, and substitute one thing for another. To surrender what He has established is treachery Program-Pushers As a result of this "Social Gos- He has established is treachery

"6. Principles can neither be **Baptist Corollaries** 

body of immersed believers, who have been immersed by one who you find Baptist pastors who all has himself been immersed, after unhappy about this situation

There are authorized no ministers, but immersed preachtional program than in doing ers, acting under the authority of a regular church — and who have been ordained by a presbytery of immersed believers.

"3. There is no peculiar sanctity to a house of worship, no special sacredness to a pulpit, nor is one spot or locality, one rostrum, bench, desk or pulpit, more consecrated than another; except as the associations connected with its occupancy, or the purpose to are any privileged companies, which it is devoted, render it

"4. Since nothing is more evident than the fact that we we teach more effectively by example than by precept — therefore, so long as we appropriate our pulpit for official preaching of the administered by an unbaptize gospel by those whom we consider duly baptized and ordained to the ministerial office, it is pel truths, ordinances, and Great equally evident that it is improper for us to invite those teachers Tim. 3:15). For Baptists to err in to occupy them, when we know regards to their mission is inex- they are neither baptized nor orcusable. Other denominations, dained, and especially since they sects, and organizations may en- claim it to be, and construe the gage in mission work, the ordi- act on our part into a recognition nances, etc., and make humani- of their claims, and thus confirm

"Nothing can be more inconliable to strict censor from the sistent than to admit those preachers into our pulpit who ders or commission from Christ. hold and teach doctrines, on ac-He is not responsible for their ex- count of which we would exclude istence, and therefore they are both from our pulpits and our not responsible for carrying out churches, any minister of our own

"This, we claim, is one of the and they alone are responsible for old landmarks of the Baptist

"5. That a body of immersed A New Testament church offers believers is the highest ecclesiasgood news to lost sinners. It offers tical authority in the world, and the best fellowship and highest the only tribunal for the trial of privileges upon this earth. It of- cases of discipline; that the acts city in the world, with a st fers the grandest opportunity for of the church are of superior ably qualified, faithful, energet worthwhile service that can be binding force over those of an and devoted minister. found anywhere, helping to association, convention, council, carry out the great commission of or presbytery — and no associaour Lord Jesus Christ. If you are to presbytery — and no associate every church, and missional every church, and missional saved and in some man-made constitute of the cross, for every destitute of the cross of saved and in some man-made, moral obligation upon the con-

"6. That no association or conchurches and serve Him who died support for any project or scheme promising advocacy of these p which they have originated, but may only recommend, advise, and urge the performance of duty in subservience to the great Christian voluntary principle.

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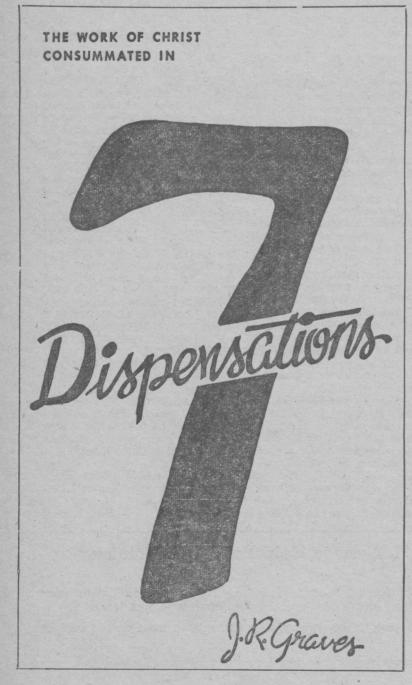
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