

There are men who are theologically exact enough to preside over a theological perdition, but who are not Christians themselves.

MISSIONARY PREMILLENNIAL BIBLICAL BAPTISTIC

# The Baptist Examiner

PAID CIRCULATION IN ALL STATES AND MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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

Mailing Address: Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky

VOL. 29, NO. 9 RUSSELL, KENTUCKY, APRIL 2, 1960 WHOLE NUMBER 1132

## Should Christians Tithe?

By GEORGE STARLING  
Baptist Missionary  
Cruz Bay, St. John  
U. S. Virgin Islands



The subject of this message is one that is unpopular with many. It is of such a nature that it seems unwise to mention it very frequently from the pulpit, though I for one speak on it whenever I deem it necessary. Every Christian wants, or at least needs, to know the truth concerning the question of his money in relation to his Lord. Therefore we feel that an honest searching of the Scripture will help many get an honest answer to the question, "Should a Christian Tithe?"

Let us first note that—

All The Possessions Of A  
Christian Belong To God

The earth is His. "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" (Ps. 24:1). Yes, by virtue of creation and preservation the earth is the Lord's.

In Genesis 1:1 we read, "In the

beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

In Colossians 1:16 we are told, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions or principalities, or

(Continued on page 2, column 1)

## The Prodigal's Confession

By C. H. SPURGEON

"I have sinned" (Luke 15:18).

In Luke 15:18, we find the prodigal says, "Father I have sinned." Oh, here is a blessed confession! Here is that which proves a man to be a regenerate character — "Father, I have sinned."

Let me picture the scene. There is the prodigal; he has run away from a good home and a kind father, and he has spent all his money with harlots, and now he has none left. He goes to his old companions, and asks them for relief. They laugh him to scorn.

"Oh," says he, "you have drunk my wine many a day; I have always stood paymaster to you in all our revelries; will you not help me?"

"Get you gone," they say; and he is turned out of doors.

He goes to all his friends with whom he had associated, but no man gives him anything. At last a certain citizen of the country said, "You want something to do, do you? Well, go and feed my swine."

The poor prodigal, the son of a rich landowner, who had a great fortune of his own, has to go out to feed swine; and he a Jew, too!—the worst employment (to his mind) to which he could be put. See him there, in squalid rags, feeding swine; and what are his wages? Why, so little that he "would fain have filled his belly with the husks the swine ate, but no man gave to him."

Look, there the son is, with the fellow commoners of the sty, in all his mire and filthiness. Suddenly a thought, put there by the good Spirit, strikes his mind. "How is it," says he, "that in my father's house there is bread enough, and to spare, and I perish with hunger? I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.'"

Off he goes. He begs his way, from town to town. Sometimes he gets a lift on a coach perhaps, but at other times he goes trudging his way up barren hills and down desolate vales all alone. And now at last he comes to the hill outside the village, and sees his father's house down below.

There it is; the old poplar tree against it, and there are the stacks round which he and his brother used to run and play; and at the sight of the old homestead all the feelings and associations of his former life rush upon him, and tears run down his cheeks, and he is almost ready to run away again.

He says, "I wonder whether father's dead. I daresay mother broke her heart when I went away; I always was her favorite. And if there are either of them alive, they will never see

(Continued on page 8, column 1)

## AN ANSWER TO AN ATTACK UPON THE DOCTRINE OF PREDESTINATION

By PASTOR RICHARD SMITH  
Grace Baptist Church  
1329 East Sunshine Street  
Springfield 4, Missouri

[This article is taken from the church's paper, Grace Baptist Witness].

In February, 1958, an article appeared in the "Central Contender," monthly publication of the Central Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, entitled, "The Fatalism of Hyper Calvinism." This is just one of many articles written by those who have sought to make God subservient to the free-will of the creature. Such attacks on scripture should be exposed by God's people for what they are—heresy.

Mr. Charles H. Stevens, who wrote the article, made several errors right from the start. First of all, he calls the scripture teaching of absolute predestination, "Hyper-Calvinism." This is manifestly a misnomer. The Bible everywhere teaches absolute predestination; Moses believed it, the Psalmists and Prophets declared it, John the Baptist preached it, Christ taught it, and Paul wrote about it. Calvin himself believed in the absolute sovereignty of God's will over everything; so, by Mr. Stevens' definition, Calvin was a hyper-calvinist. CALVIN WAS MORE CALVINISTIC THAN HIMSELF!

But that's not all. Mr. Stevens calls this Bible doctrine "fatalism." This would be the typical make of predestination, although Mr. Stevens claims to hold to truths like "Divine sovereignty, fore-ordination, election, etc." We



PASTOR RICHARD SMITH

submit to you that the intelligent, holy, and absolute control of a sovereign God over the universe is not fate — not a blind, unreasoning principle, but that it has His holy purposes as an end, and

(Continued on page 8, column 3)

## Advantages Of The Presidency To The Roman Church

When one understands the many advantages the Roman Catholic Church would enjoy by having a President who is subservient to Rome, it becomes very clear why the Roman Church is determined to have one of its loyal and obedient subjects occupy the White House. Below is listed a few of such advantages:

1. It would "prop up" the sagging prestige of the Roman Catholic Church, especially in foreign countries. The great world-wide propaganda machine of the Roman Church would go into high gear in presenting the United States to the world as a Roman Catholic nation.

2. It would further official favoritism towards the Roman Catholic Church: tax funds for its schools and hospitals; tax exemption on its vineyards and other business enterprises; an ambassador to the Pope, and other forms of church-state union.

3. A Roman Catholic President

(Continued on page 8, column 4)

## Wine And The Lord's Supper

(Note: Sometime ago, a pastor in the West had the Encyclopedia Britannica research department to write a brief article on the subject of wine in the Lord's Supper. Here is just a brief portion of the article, which we believe will be of interest to our readers.)

"The term 'unfermented wine' is, in like manner, a perversion of language, and hence a stumbling-block to myriads. Like the popular use of the word temperance, it is a novelty, and carries an absurdity in its face — embodying, as it does, a *contradictio in adjecto*. The ancient writers, as we have shown . . . discriminated very carefully between 'must' and 'wine.' In fact, there is no possibility of misunderstanding Pliny's thought, if his words are honestly dealt with. The *semper mustum* — always 'must' — of which he writes, was so called for the simple reason that it was NEVER ANYTHING ELSE BUT 'MUST.' The fermentation whereby 'must' becomes wine was prevented, and therefore it never became wine. And in perfect accord with him are the other writers who treat upon the subject. Varro, for example, speaks . . . of 'must' being put into the *dolium* (the largest vessel in which the fermentation took place), that it might become wine — '*mustum conditur in dolium, ut*

*habemus vinum . . . ut sit vinum factum.*'

"We do not deny that unfermented grape juice may, in a loose and popular sense, be called 'new wine,' as sweet wort may be called 'new ale or beer,' and freshly pressed apple juice be called 'new, or sweet cider.' Such use of words is common in all languages. The mind simply goes forward to the perfected article without stopping at any intermediate stage. For example, the housewife speaks of churning her butter, and baking her bread, when in reality she does neither the one nor the other. She churns her cream that it may become butter, and bakes her dough that it may become bread. So, in like manner, the vintner may speak of pressing out his wine, when in reality he only has the 'must' pressed out that it may become wine. And it would be no more silly to maintain that cream is actually butter before it is churned, and dough bread before it is baked, than it is to insist that 'must' is actually wine before it is fermented. It is this proleptic usage which has furnished teetotal authors and orators with the greater part of their citations in proof that one thing is something else, i.e., that 'must' is wine. If word meanings here also were rigidly observed, there would be a clearing up of conception and understanding with regard to things identical, and things different; while many, doubtless,

(Continued on page 8, column 2)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "A ROOT OUT OF DRY GROUND"

Seventh in a Series of Messages from Isaiah 53 — By John R. Gilpin

"For he shall grow up before him . . . as a root out of a dry ground."—Isa. 53:2.

At the very outset, may I say that the Bible is true in every particular. So far as I am personally concerned, I do not put a question mark about any verse, or any portion of God's Book. I believe it all, and I accept it all, as true without reservation or equivocation. I say though that there is no text in all the Bible that is more true than the passage that I have read to you just now, for when referring to Jesus, the prophet Isaiah said, "he shall grow up before him . . . as a root out of a dry ground."

If you will go back in the Old Testament and study a little of the ancestry of the Lord Jesus from the human point of view, you will find that He came of the ancestry of David. In the book of II Samuel we find that God made a covenant with David, and in that covenant God made some unusual promises to the household of David. Listen:

"And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. He shall build a house for my name, and I will ESTAB-

LISH THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR EVER. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."—II Sam. 7:9, 13, 16.

Beloved, you can't read these three verses without realizing that in this covenant which God made with David, He gave remarkable promises unto the house of David, to the extent that He even declared that the House of David would continue forever, and that his throne should be established on a perpetual basis.

From this, we realize that the Lord Jesus came of the human

(Continued on page 3, column 2)

## YOUR SUPPORT

OF OUR PRINTED MINISTRY

Is Needed  
AND  
Much  
Appreciated

YOU CAN HELP BY . . .

- (1) Contributing Regularly.
- (2) Sending "Subs" To Others.
- (3) Getting Others To Send Subscriptions Also.

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS  
WORK IN PRAYER!

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER  
1960 Spring  
Rally Day  
MAY 17  
FULL ANNOUNCEMENT  
NEXT WEEK



## PASTOR IN HAWAII COMMENDS MINISTRY OF MISSIONARY HALLIMAN

Dear Bro. Ross.

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

We have just enjoyed the honor of fellowshiping courageous Fred Halliman and his wonderful family for a few days as they stopped here en route to Sydney, Australia. Three of the churches here on Oahu were privileged to hear him speak, and all our hearts went out to him and his family for the great work the Lord has called them to.

Especially are we convicted of the great responsibility that independent Missionary Baptist churches have toward those great servants of the Lord who unflinchingly go forth "taking nothing of the Gentiles" so that the King of Sodom can not say "I have made Abram rich."

I pray that this church will seize upon the opportunity the Lord is giving us to have a part in Bro. Fred's work, and in the work of many more like him who have gone, are going, and shall yet go into the Lord's harvest fields.

In Christian love,

R. L. BERKEY,  
Bethel Missionary  
Baptist Church,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

## Should Christians Tithe?

(Continued from page one)  
power: all things were created by him and for him."

If God did not keep the earth it would cease to exist. He has placed certain rules into creation and by these rules life on earth must be governed. Inasmuch as God has made the earth and every living thing within the earth, and preserves the earth and every

living thing within it, then God is owner of it all and has deeded it to no one. We human beings are but tenants upon this earth, therefore even the fruits we produce are His. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."

Take the case of a man planting a crop of potatoes. The land in which they are grown is God's. The sunshine, rain and air they need to grow from is the Lord's. Even the man who plants them belongs to the Lord, therefore who has larger interest in the potatoes? God or the farmer? Why, God, of course.

Someone may say, "Yes, that's true of the farmer but not of the mill worker, the housewife, the miner and the business man."

My friend, it is true of all. "The silver and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:8).

"For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Ps. 50:10).

Yes, everything belongs unto the Lord, even you, my dear reader. "Hath not one God created us" (Mal. 2:10). He gives and holds the brittle thread of life. Our life is in His hands. "For in him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). And above all the Christian is twice His.

He made us and then He died to save us. If you are one of the elect, then you are not your own.

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own! For ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body, and in the spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Yes, there is no one or nothing without God. If anyone objects to being thus owned, just suppose God permits you to be your own and cuts you loose from the earth, leaving you to live and prosper as you can. What could you do? What would you do? The very reason why many fare so poorly today is because they are trying to get along without God. We would all do better if we would look to God and be honest with God con-

cerning His rights as our Maker, Defender and Redeemer. Our time, talent, tongue and tithe are the Lord's and should be used for His glory.

## The Tithe Demanded In The Old Testament

The portion which God demanded as His was one-tenth of a person's net income. This law of God was in effect long before Moses received the law on Sinai. In Genesis chapter fourteen we read where Abraham met the priest of the "most high God and he gave him the tithes of all." Now where did Abraham get this knowledge to tithe, unless God gave it to him?

Many years later we read of the conversion of Jacob. He was fleeing from an angry Esau. Night came and he was sleeping in the woods. God and angels appeared. He was converted and then and there He made a vow. "And Jacob vowed a vow saying . . . and all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Why the tenth? Because God had demanded it of the human race as His. It was to be set apart for His work.

The tithe is a part of the eternal moral law of God. It began with man and will end with man. It is not changed in any age. It is just as wrong to murder today as it was in the days of Cain. "Thou shalt not kill" is a moral law. And to steal from God is to break a moral law. The tithe is the Lord's and to fail to give it, is wrong in any age. Indeed hundreds of years later Moses, the great law writer, incorporated it into the written law to the Jews.

"And all the tithe of the land whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord . . . and concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30-32).

Yes, the tithe or the tenth of the income was God's special part and was to be set aside for the support of the priests, and the work of God. That is, if a man made twenty dollars he was due to give God two dollars. If he made two hundred dollars he was to give God twenty dollars. One-tenth of his earnings belonged to God. And one-tenth of your earnings belong to God. Are you robbing God?

## Tithe Taught In The New Testament

Jesus taught tithing. When Jesus entered upon His ministry there were moral laws in effect which were being kept in such a way that they needed not the stress of other truths. For example, that of murder. Jesus did not need to spend hours re-teaching murder. And so with tithing. The Jews were strict tithers, so why spend hours teaching something they were doing already? Instead, notice what He did say concerning it:

"Woe you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matt. 23:23).

Yes, these ought you to have done as well as the other matters I teach you.

But go further in your New Testament and in Hebrews chapter seven, verses one to eight, Paul sets forth tithing as clear as you could want it:

"For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are

## Reader Says: "Your 'Sub' Campaign Was Far Too Short."

One of readers has suggested that we extend our recent Subscription Campaign, charging that it was too short a period of time to gather a large number of new "subs."

O. K. — Any one who agrees with this reader and desires to have longer, has until April 30th to take advantage of the offer extended during March.

of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better and here men that die receive tithes; but there he receiveth them of whom it is witnessed that he liveth."

Abraham as "Father of the Faithful" paid tithes to Melchisedec, the type of Christ. This was before the written law of Moses and is a good example for Christians today.

Paul further sets forth the New Testament pattern for support of the ministers and missionaries in 1 Corinthians 9:7-14:

"Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care of oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

Here is God's ordained way of supporting His work on earth, the gifts of God's people to God's men and work in both tithes and offerings. The New Testament did

not set at nought this age old law set before the written law was given.

Again in 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Paul says—

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

The word "tithe" does not occur but it is certainly implied. Paul says the collection is to be given according to order, not on impulse or the spur of the moment. Notice they were to "lay by store." This certainly is in accordance with Malachi 3:10, which says "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house."

Where is this storehouse? The church (1 Tim. 3:15). It is not up to us to just give our tithes and offering where we will. God has a system to all His commands. We are to give our tithes into the church and let the church place them where they will do the most good. Many times the church suffers because some "free-lance" comes along and robs the money from the Father's house. "Storehouse giving" is Bible giving.

## For What Is The Tithe To Be Used?

Just as God has given a system to tithing, so He has given a system to the use of the tithe.

(1) It is to be used to support the Gospel. This is the main purpose. Sure, the Gospel is free, but it costs money to pipe it to you. Some feel that just so you do go with the tithe that is enough, but not so. Some things and causes that may be good within themselves are not to be supported by the tithe.

(2) It is to be used to support the church, "that there may be meat in my house." It takes money to keep a church going. When is that money coming from? The tithe. If every member of every church would support his church by giving of the tithe, then churches would not go in and out of money. There would be money for the welfare of the church and money left over.

(3) It is to be used to support the ministry. "They which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel." The pastor, the missionary and other Christian workers in labor should be supported by the tithe through the church. Here are three definite things are to do with the tithe.

## Objections To Tithing

But let us look for a few minutes at some objections that are given to tithing and see if they stand up.

"I am under grace and not under law." Do not be guilty of pleading that you are under grace as an excuse to rob God. Salvation by grace does not give us liberty of disobedience but obedience. You have as much right to say that grace releases you from the law of murder or adultery as it does from the tithe.

"My income is too small for tithe." Listen, God will not let the nine-tenths go farther than the ten-tenths, if you are honest with Him. Besides, a small income does not excuse you from tithing. The tithe is one-tenth of what you have, whether it is one-tenth of a dollar or one-tenth of a million dollars. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

## Was there a cataclysm? How old are the rocks? What about "prehistoric" animals?

GET THE ANSWERS TO THESE AND OTHER QUESTIONS IN

## THE FLOOD

by Alfred M. Rehwinkel

"Written primarily for Christian students who face the sneers and challenge of modern science in college and university." — Sunday School Times.

"Today textbooks prescribed for courses in physical geography and geology in American high schools and colleges no longer teach the Biblical creation of the universe . . . The shock received by the inexperienced young student is therefore overwhelming when he enters the classroom of such teachers. The young Christian becomes disturbed, confused, and bewildered. To help these students is the chief reason for this study," states the author in the Foreword.

This is "must" reading especially for all high school and college students and for anyone who wishes to clear away many of the perplexing problems concerning the flood of Noah's time. A copy belongs in every high school, college, and church library. Ideally suited for Sunday school teacher and Bible Class discussions.

Alfred Rehwinkel offers satisfactory solutions to such puzzling questions as:

- What did the world look like before the Flood? After the Flood?
- How could Noah get two and seven of every living thing into the Ark?
- Can we prove conclusively that there actually was a universal flood covering the entire earth?
- What was the population of the earth before the Flood?
- Is there actually enough water on our planet to cover the entire earth?
- How was it possible to feed and provide drink for all the different animals in the ark for over a year?

372 pages, generously illustrated  
with 48 pictures of fascinating fossil  
formations.

PAPER - BACK EDITION — ONLY \$1.95  
[Add 10c for postage-handling]

CONTAINS THE WORDING AND  
ALL THE FASCINATING PICTURES  
OF THE ORIGINAL \$4.75 CLOTH EDITION

Order from:  
THE BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP  
Ashland, Kentucky



## The Treasury Of David

A Commentary on the Psalms

By C. H. SPURGEON



6 Volumes — \$29.75

Spurgeon regarded this work as his greatest written effort. There is nothing better on the Psalms. Not only contains C. H. S.'s remarks but also scores of quotations.

Add 50c for postage-handling.  
Payment must accompany order.

Order from:  
Baptist Examiner Book Shop  
Ashland, Kentucky



# The Baptist Examiner

The Baptist Paper for the Baptist People.

BOB L. ROSS Editor-in-Chief  
JOHN R. GILPIN Editor

Published weekly, with paid circulation in every state and many foreign countries.

Editorial Department, located in ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, where all subscriptions and communications should be sent. Address: P. O. Box 910.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES	
One year	\$2.00
Two years	3.50
Five years	7.00
Club rate for churches; 15 or more subscriptions, each	1.00
Donor subscriptions, each	1.50

(This rate also applies to secured subscriptions, the agent keeping 50c commission on each subscription obtained).

THESE RATES APPLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Entered as second class matter MAY 31, 1941, in the post office at Russell, Kentucky, under act of March 3, 1879.

All subscriptions are stopped at expiration date, unless renewed or special arrangements are made for their continuation.

## FLORIDA PREACHER AVAILABLE



**BROTHER JOHN KING**

I just received a letter from a good friend of mine who now lives in Orlando, Florida — Brother John King. Brother King has been preaching for a few years now, but has had to be somewhat involved in secular work in order to support his family. He writes:

"I have been burdened for the past several weeks now, feeling that the Lord would have me preach for His glory full time."

I first met Brother King in Evansville in 1955, when he was attending the Bible College there. Since then, it has been my privilege to be in Brother and Sister King's home on two different occasions in Orlando.

Churches interested in contacting Brother King may write to him at 124 Japonica Drive, Orlando, Florida. Although it has not been my privilege to hear Brother King in person, I have talked with him for long periods of time about the truth and I am sure he is sound in the faith.

## "I Should Like to Know"

(THE BAPTIST EXAMINER welcomes questions, to be answered in this column. Please state questions on separate sheet of paper, rather than including them in correspondence which relates to book orders, subscriptions, or some other matter.)

## Should Christians Tithe?

(Continued from page two)

one-tenth of a hundred dollars. It is one-tenth of your income, be it large or small. Someone has said, "Make thy giving according to thy salary, lest God make thy salary according to thy giving."

"I have debts which I must pay. God wants us to pay our debts. I can't tithe and pay them."

You are plainly robbing God to pay others. Your first debt is to God. True, you should pay your honest debts, but your first debt is to God, then to your fellow man. Tithe and be honest with God and you'll pay your other debts. The result of not tithing is to be cursed of God.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me" (Malachi 3:8-9).

The effect of not tithing is disastrous to the individual and to the work of God and it leads to open dishonesty.

We could go on and on, answering the many objections of the non-tither, but it is enough to say that all objections are nothing but excuses to keep from doing what you know God commands you to do. Someone has well said: "An excuse is nothing more than the skin of a reason stuffed with a lie."

God will bless any person of the church that is honest with

## "A Root Out Of Dry Ground"

(Continued from page one)

ancestry of David. It was definitely prophesied in this book of II Samuel that He would ultimately come of the house of David. I am sure when we come to think about the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can agree that He surely sprang from a royal and an illustrious family. However, when He came, that royal and illustrious family was shrunken and reduced to the extent that it was scarcely noticeable.

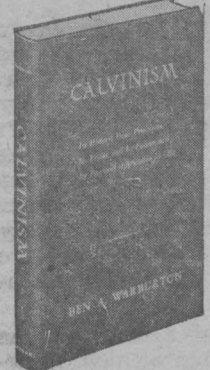
Surely when our text says that He shall grow up before Him as a root out of dry ground, we can see this fulfilled in the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Though He came of the house and the lineage of David, and though He sprang from Israel's greatest family, that family was reduced and shrunken until it was scarcely noticeable at the time when the Lord Jesus Christ was born into this world. The country of David — the country in which He was born, the land of Palestine, was so reduced that it was in the hands of the Romans. The Roman government had complete charge of the land of Palestine at the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. The family of David was so reduced that when Joseph and his wife Mary came into the city of Bethlehem to be enrolled for taxation (because they were of the house and the lineage of David), they were so inconspicuous that even the inn-keeper waved them aside, and brushed them off, and wouldn't even give them any more than an ox's place in order that they might spend the night.

Furthermore, to notice how reduced and shrunken was the house of David at this time we will see that even his foster-father Joseph was nothing more than an ordinary laborer or carpenter, and His mother was but a poor Jewish virgin — a poor country girl, in the land of Palestine.

I say, then, in the light of these

## Calvinism

By BEN A. WARBURTON



248	Pages
Price	\$3.00

Add 15c for postage-handling. Payment must accompany order.

Order from:  
Baptist Examiner Book Shop  
Ashland, Kentucky

A comprehensive presentation of the history, principles, fruits, future and application of Calvinism.

1. Is it true that the Baptists "hindering" work in preventing of Virginia originated with a preacher named Robert Norden and that he had no authority?

According to John T. Christian's *History of Baptists*, Norden had plenty of authority for his work. Christian says that in 1714 some Baptists in England "sent Robert Norden, of Warbleton, who already was an ordained minister," to Virginia (Vol. II, page 193). Christian quotes the Minutes of these Baptist churches, which clearly show that Norden was acting under the authority of churches. So this man, like Paul and other missionaries, had proper authority back of him.
2. Some leaders in the GARBC fellowship believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, so everyone has a right to administer them. Is this the normal Baptist position?

These two ordinances are certainly "Gospel ordinances," pictorially setting forth the truth of the work of Christ. However, Gospel ordinances, as the Gospel itself, were committed to Gospel churches — not to "Gospel individuals" — to administer. Therefore, only the person or persons appointed by the church may administer the ordinances.
3. What do you think of Van Gilder's booklet, "The Church Which Is His Body"?

It is like unto the final cry of a drowning man — full of a sort of effort, but feeble and fading.
4. Did anything happen between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2?

If so, there is no mention of it in Genesis or the Bible. A book which will wreck the theory you probably have in mind is *The Flood* by Alfred Rehwinkel (\$1.95 from us).
5. How could people be saved in days prior to Christ, if the Holy Spirit were not in the world?

The Holy Spirit was in the world and worked in salvation just as He works today. The peculiar or special "coming of the Spirit" was to dwell in the church. Don't be "thrown for a loop" by the notions of those who make everything begin at Pentecost, as if God were dead in previous ages.
6. Also, how could anybody be saved after the Rapture, if the Spirit is not here?

If the Spirit is not here, nobody will be saved. But He WILL BE HERE. His being "taken out of the way" simply refers to His
7. What does it mean to "be not righteous overmuch"?

It simply means that a person is not to be so "righteous" that he is possessed of a "holier than thou" attitude. We have seen people who were "too good" (or supposedly "consecrated" and "separated") to have anything to do with a lost man, or even with a believer who smoked or had some other fault. Such "overly righteous" people "manifest" their "righteousness" by always picking faults in others and bragging about their own "consecration to the Lord." They harp on the "don'ts" and leave a lot of other things undone.

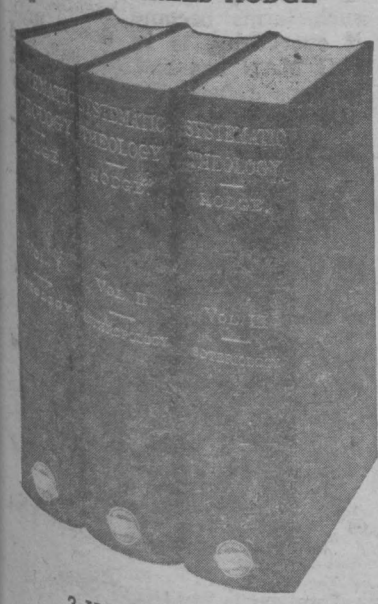
Then there is another kind of person who is "righteous overmuch." This is the person who is always "doing," when God has not required the thing performed. A lot of "big churches," for instance, are open every night of the week, with something being "done." Christians ought to be careful not to get "too many irons in the fire" in such programs. Christians ought to be "doers of the Word," yes, but not "righteous overmuch" — beyond (or below) what God has revealed.
8. Is it right to just walk up to a man and say, "You are a lost sinner and on the way to Hell"?

That statement may be true, but such a blunt approach as that does not seem to be of much benefit. A person may have stinking feet, but it wouldn't be wise and ethical to just say, "Buddy, your feet stink." Christian people have the most powerful truth in the world, but using it wrongly can defeat our purpose. "Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."
9. Also, explain I Peter 3:19, 20.

You will note that it was the Spirit (v. 8) "by which" Christ preached to the spirits "in prison." Then in verse 20, we are told that this was in the days of Noah. In other words, Christ's Spirit was in Noah, and Noah preached under His leadership to those who were in "prison"—the prison of condemnation, God having condemned them to death (Genesis 6:3). This took place in the days just prior to the flood.—BLR.

## Systematic Theology

By CHARLES HODGE



3 VOLUMES — \$15.00

This is one of the most outstanding works on theology ever written. The author was a scholar and teacher in Princeton many years ago before modernism took over. The three volumes cover:

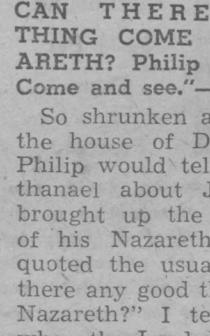
- Theology (Vol. I) — 648 pages
- Anthropology (Vol. II) — 732 pages
- Soteriology (Vol. III) — 880 pages

(81-page index)

Order from:  
Baptist Examiner Book Shop  
Ashland, Kentucky

## Definitions of Doctrines

By C. D. COLE



179	Pages
Price	\$1.50

The primary purpose of this book is to present the doctrine of God. Such subjects as the Being of God, His decrees, attributes, grace, love, will, providence, etc., are discussed. This book is needed by many who do not recognize God as the Sovereign, immutable Person that He is. We recommend it most highly.

Add 10c for postage-handling. Payment must accompany order.

Order from:  
BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP  
Ashland, Kentucky

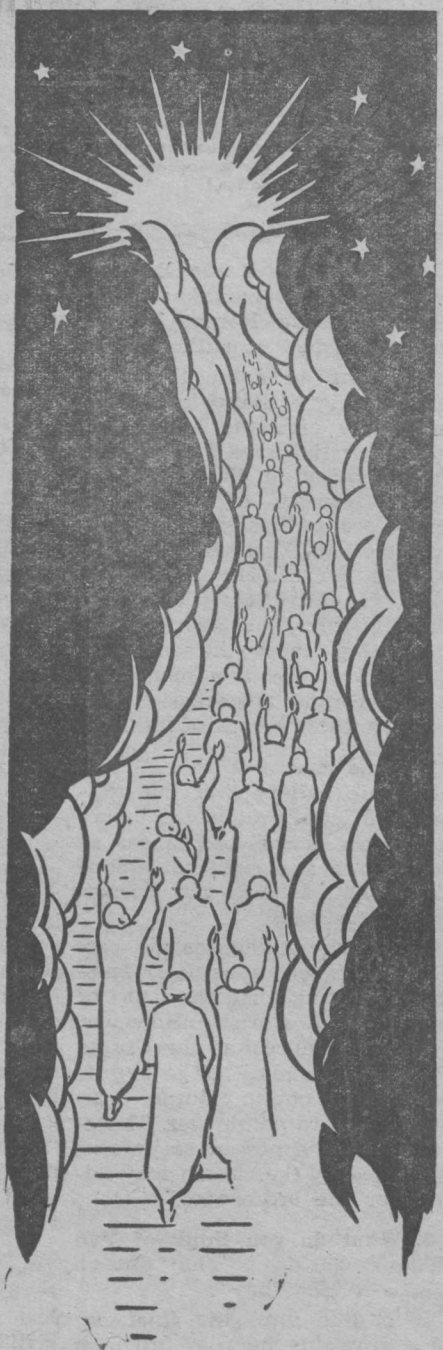
## A ROOT SIGNIFIES LIFE.

For example, if you go out to plant trees, you don't put the leaves and the twigs down into the ground, with the roots in the air, and expect it to grow. Instead, regardless of how ignorant a man may be of forestry and dendrology, he will always put the roots down into the ground, (Continued on page 4, column 1)



## THE MARTYR TRAIL

A noble army, men and boys,  
The matron and the maid,  
Around the Saviour's throne rejoice,  
In robes of light arrayed;  
They climbed the steep ascent of Heaven  
Through peril, toil and pain.  
O God, to us may grace be given  
To follow in their train.



### "A Root Out Of Dry Ground"

(Continued from page three) where the roots might take hold of the earth and draw up the water out of the soil, for the root signifies life so far as the tree is concerned.

If you will go out and cut a twig off a tree and stick it down into the ground, it might by chance, under most favorable circumstances, sprout and grow, but generally speaking, ninety-nine times out of one hundred, that twig would die. Why? Because it has no root. In other words, a root signifies life, and when this text says concerning Jesus that He shall grow up before Him as a root out of dry ground, it tells us that the only spiritual life to be found in this world is the life that we have in the Lord Jesus Christ.

He is a root out of a dry ground. Even though the house of David was shrunken and reduced almost to insignificance and nothingness, to the extent that it could be compared to exceedingly dry ground, at the same time let us remember that the Lord Jesus Christ was a root — the life — that grew out of that dry ground.

I tell you, beloved friends, there is no spiritual life to be found apart from the root — the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"In HIM WAS LIFE; and the life was the light of men."—John 1:4.

"For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the SON TO HAVE LIFE in himself."—John 5:26.

"I am that bread of LIFE."—John 6:48.

Now from these three verses we can see that the Lord Jesus Christ is life, and I insist that there would never be any spiritual life in all this world apart from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Men might join the church, men might reform, men might turn over a new leaf, men might keep the Ten Commandments, men might give to missions, men might observe the Golden Rule, and men might live to the best of their ability, but, beloved, they

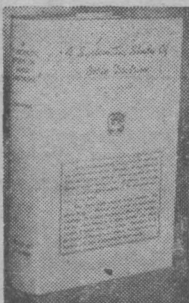
will go to Hell without Jesus Christ, because life is to be found only in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved, there are a lot of people that haven't learned that lesson yet. There are a lot of evangelists that haven't learned it.

Sometime ago, I held a revival meeting in a town in eastern Kentucky. The pastor said, "You know, the man who came before you for a meeting did some things that I consider most unethical as a preacher." He said, "We didn't have anybody make a profession of faith, and on the last night of the meeting I caught this preacher motioning to a little boy on the front seat as if to say, 'Come on up.' He thus got that little boy to come forward and make a profession of faith."

### A SYSTEMATIC STUDY OF BIBLE DOCTRINE

By T. P. SIMMONS



Over 500

Pages

Clothbound

\$4.00 Per

Copy

Postpaid

A fresh, stimulating, lucid, concise, and simple presentation of the doctrines of the Word of God; designed not only for preachers, but also for Sunday School teachers and all others who thirst for a correct understanding of the doctrinal content of the Bible.

This book represents a cross between the usual book on doctrine and a text on systematic theology. It is more theological than the former. On the other hand, it is more simple and more strictly Biblical than the latter. Therefore it is the belief of the publishers that both preachers and laymen will find it adapted to their needs.

Payment must accompany order.

Order from:  
BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP  
Ashland, Kentucky

Now, beloved, a preacher that would do that does not understand that life is in the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, there can be no life come to any man by a mere decision, by a mere signing of a pledge card, or by a mere profession. There can be no life ever come into any individual spiritually apart from the Lord Jesus Christ as a Saviour. Listen:

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON."—I John 5:11.

Now this doesn't say that life is in the waters of the baptistry. It doesn't say that life is in the membership of the church. It does not say that life comes as a result of making a public profession, but it says that this life is in His Son.

There are, as you well know, many false preachers in this world. Those false preachers give us false ways whereby we can be saved. Here is one who says that the only way that a man can be saved is by being baptized. Beloved, there are more and more of those heretics all the time teaching that man gets life in the water. One of them told me some months ago that you meet the blood of Jesus Christ in the water, and thus receive life. I would have you know that the Word of God doesn't say one thing about receiving life in the water, but it says that "this life is in his Son."

I tell you, the Lord Jesus Christ was referred to as a Root out of dry ground. It is true that the house of David was shrunken and reduced. It is true that the tribe from whence the Lord Jesus Christ came was surely in a reduced condition. But, beloved, He was still a root, and a root signifies life, and there can be no life apart from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We read:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the LIFE: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall HE LIVE."—John 11:25.

"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath BROUGHT LIFE and immortality to light THROUGH THE GOSPEL."—II Tim. 1:10.

Notice, there is no life apart from Jesus Christ. There is no life apart from the Gospel of the Son of God. There is no spiritual life for any man outside of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, beloved, that makes this a mighty precious text to me when I realize that He is a Root out of a dry ground. I realize that it simply means this, that the Lord Jesus Christ sprang from a family that certainly was insignificant. Nevertheless, He was a Root. Nevertheless, He was life. Nevertheless, He had spiritual life. Nevertheless, it is true that not one of us would be alive spiritually apart from the fact that He was a Root — a live Root.

## II

### THIS EXPLAINS UNSAVED CHURCH MEMBERS.

I am satisfied that in every church there are those who are unsaved. Their lives prove it. In every respect they show that they haven't been saved. There isn't any evidence from their living that they have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. I am rather of the opinion that in every church, without exception, there are many unsaved church members.

Sometime ago, a man told me that in his solemn opinion, growing out of nearly a lifetime of revival experience as an evangelist, nearly 80 per cent of Baptist church members alone were unsaved folk. He said they had been swept into the church on an emotional wave during a revival meeting, or else they had been

## "MY SPIRIT SHALL NOT ALWAYS STRIVE WITH MEN" -- WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

By ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

It is widely, carelessly, and erroneously taught far and wide that a person can "sin away his day of grace." This, as commonly taught, is a falsehood, and is contrary to the teachings of the Bible.

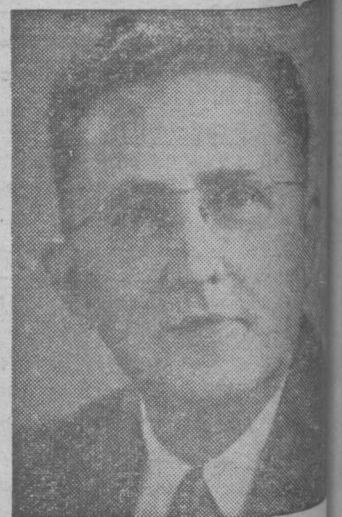
Just what is this doctrine of "sinning away one's day of grace?" It is the teaching that a sinner can, by continued rejection of Christ and by continued resistance of the Holy Spirit, get to the place where he cannot be saved, no matter how much he would want to be saved. The Holy Spirit is "withdrawn" from him, and he is henceforth doomed such that he is entirely hopeless.

Preachers have often sought to frighten people with this teaching. So sound a preacher as T. T. Martin had a sermon, "When the Lights Go Out on the Road to Hell," in which he preached this. He used an illustration of a young woman who sinned away her day of grace and later when she wanted to be saved, she "could never have that feeling." We pointed out to Bro. Martin the inconsistency of this sermon with his other preaching, but to no avail.

"Sinning away one's day of grace" (or "crossing the deadline") is a twin to "falling from grace," and was rocked in the same cradle. It is no more defensible — and indeed has not as much to back it up — as "falling from grace."

The Scripture cited to prove "sinning away one's day of grace" is found in Gen. 6:3, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." The truth is, this Scripture has no bearing on the question whatsoever. Those words were spoken with reference to ONE THING — the FLOOD. The Lord said that He was going to cease to put up with man's wickedness and was going to send the flood. "Yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years." That is, God had determined that in 120 years He would send the flood — and He did. To apply the Scripture to "sinning away one's day of grace" is to take it entirely out of its setting and to apply it to something for which it was not intended.

What is the truth? The truth is, anyone who desires to be saved CAN be saved. "Him that cometh unto me, I will in nowise cast out" said Jesus. "Come unto me . . . and I WILL give you rest." To teach that a person may want to be saved, yet cannot possibly be saved, is a horrible doctrine without Scripture warrant. The truth is a person will not WANT to be saved apart from the influence of the Holy Spirit. So it is foolish to teach the Spirit



BROTHER ROY MASON

will give a person the "want" but then won't save him!

### What This False Doctrine Does

1. It denies the irresistible power of the Holy Spirit. Men may resist the Holy Spirit in the sense of resisting the work of God which was inspired by the Holy Spirit, but men do successfully resist the internal operation of the Holy Spirit to the extent of defeating the purpose of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit goes after a man, he gets his man. "Who hath resisted his will?" (Rom. 9:19).

2. It denies the Bible doctrine of election. The Bible clearly teaches that God the Father gave unto ones to Christ in a covenant of redemption back before the world ever existed. This is stated in John 17:3: "That which should give eternal life to many as thou hast given him."

Verse 12: "Those whom thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost . . ."

Verse 24: "That they also who thou hast given me, be with me where I am."

John 6:44: "No man can come to me except the Father . . . draw him . . . and I will raise him up at the last day."

Verse 65: "No man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father."

How are men drawn? The answer is by the Holy Spirit. We believe that persons elected in eternity, then drawn by the Holy Spirit in time, are so powerful that they successfully resist the Almighty Spirit and thus upset the eternal purpose and plan of God? That makes man to be a pretty creature — makes him stronger indeed than God. Election, destination, foreordination — such terms become meaningless if everything is in doubt. BIG MAN has had his say, perhaps defeats the Holy Spirit. (Continued on next page, col. 2)

## MARRIED VESSELS

By PASTOR WAYNE COX

A book of twenty Christ-exalting, Scriptural messages that will be a blessing to every reader, whether pastor or layman. Here are the titles

of these sermons:

Marr'd Vessels.  
The Condition of the Lost.  
A Devilish, Depraved and Defiant Man.  
The Dead Made To Live.  
The New Birth.  
Why Men Go Away From Christ.  
The Man Who Played the Fool.  
The Cry of the Unsaved.  
The Covenant of Redemption.  
The Greatest Love Story Ever Told.  
"My God! My God! Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me?"  
The Blood.  
Paradoxes In The Life Of Christ.  
The Unpardonable Sin.  
Four Negative Imperatives.  
The Strangest Prayer Ever Prayed.  
Ambassadors For Christ.  
Walking in the Truth.  
The Church.  
The City Of God.

We cannot praise these messages too highly, for they are excellent presentations of the truths of our own Word.

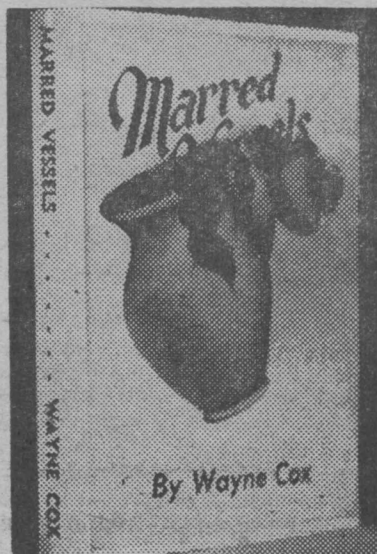
\$3.00

Postpaid

Payment Must Accompany Order

Order from:

BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP  
Ashland, Kentucky





# Why I Want To Attend Your 1960 Bible Conference

(LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5)

By Missionary WALLACE REID ROBINSON  
69 Young Road, Lambton, N.S.W.  
Australia



I know it doesn't make sense for one who is 9,000 miles away to write and say why he would like to attend the Labor Day weekend Bible Conference sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, but I am going to do it any way.

First, it would be a little foretaste of Heaven to fellowship with a group of God's people who are all-out to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and not some unscriptural, man-made organization.

Second, it would be a thrill to sit and listen to preachers demonstrating forth God-honoring, God-glorifying messages in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Third, I would like to get acquainted personally with the preacher brethren who are not afraid to boldly preach the whole counsel of God without fear, favor, or compromise. There is a unique fellowship that like-minded preacher brethren can have together. I miss that so much down here. The only preacher brethren that I can have fellowship with are down on the Island of Tasmania, some 800 to 900 miles away. In order to have preacher fellowship here, one must be a denominational man or an interdenominational one, and an Arminian, so that puts me out on all three counts.

Fourth, I would like to make the acquaintance with the editors and with as many friends of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER as possible. I do not hesitate to say that TBE is the greatest paper in print, and that it has been a tremendous blessing to all of us. We look forward with keen anticipation to each issue.

## Who Really "Sins Away His Day Of Grace?"

The only person who really sins away his day of grace" is the person who lives through this life and rejects Christ, never trusting Him, until death strikes him down. Then, truly, any period of grace is over, and henceforth there remains only judgment for him.

## A BOOK WHICH SHOWS THE HEATHENISM OF EASTER, Etc. THE TWO BABYLONS Or Papal Worship

By  
Alexander  
Hislop  
330 Pages  
\$3.50  
Add 15c  
For Postage-  
Handling

This book compares Roman Catholicism with the religion of old Babylon, and shows that Romanism has brought over the paganistic practices of old Babylon, labeling them as "Christian," thus continuing the same idolatry that was practiced hundreds of years ago. Among other things, the author authentically reveals that the supposedly Christian celebrations of Christmas and Easter were originally celebrations in honor of the gods of Babylon, and that these have been adopted by Rome and passed off on the world in the name of Christ.

If you want the truth about the practices of Romanism and about demon holidays, you want this book.

Order from:  
Baptist Examiner Book Shop  
Ashland, Kentucky

## "A Root Out Of Dry Ground"

(Continued from page four)  
taken into the church when they were young and inexperienced and had no knowledge of the Word of God, or in some manner they had gotten into the membership of the church, and in his opinion that all the churches of the Southland were filled and running over with unsaved church members. And he went so far as to say that he truly believed that 80 per cent of the members of the Southern Baptist churches were lost and on the road to Hell.

Now I don't know that that is true as to the percentage, but I do know that there are a lot of unsaved church members, and I know this, that you can certainly see evidence of it in view of the things that church members do.

I couldn't help being amused the other day when I saw in the paper how in the State of Texas, a certain Baptist church mailed out letters to the membership of the church and the Sunday School, and they attached a green trading stamp to the letter. They promised that if the individual would come to Sunday School the next Sunday that he would get two more trading stamps. The article closed by saying that the attendance was up substantially the next Sunday.

Well, when I read of experiences like that, my mind naturally goes to the churches that specialize in kitchens, in barbecues, in hot dogs, and in all kinds of things that particularly cater to the flesh. As I think of this, my mind goes to those so-called Baptist churches that spend far more for their kitchen paraphernalia in one year than they give to missions in ten years. As I think of this, I think of how many so-called Baptist churches have baseball teams and basketball teams and all kind of teams for competitive sports, thinking in some manner that they are holding their congregations, and I ask,

beloved, holding them for what? I know of one church a few years ago that had a budget of \$600,000 for ball games and for the entertainment of their young people. Can you imagine a so-called Baptist church spending multiplied thousands of dollars catering to the flesh of the people?

Yes, I can imagine it, and I will tell you why and how I can imagine it. Unsaved church members demand it. Let me tell you, beloved friends, unsaved church members can be gotten to church on the basis of giving them green trading stamps. Unsaved church members can be gotten to church if you will feed their bellies. Unsaved church members can be gotten to church if you will give them entertainment. Unsaved church members can be gotten to church if you will give them all kinds of amusements to cater to their flesh. I tell you, my brother, my sister, I can easily understand the drift on the part of churches in that respect. When I come to this text which refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as a root out of a dry ground, this explains to me unsaved church members. Do you know what is wrong? They have never come in contact with the Root — the Lord Jesus Christ. They have never come in contact with the life-giving root of the Son of God.

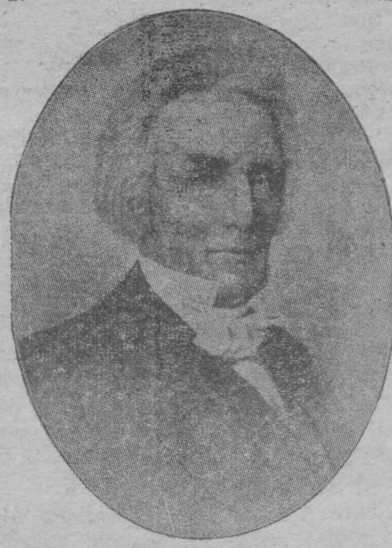
"And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy received it: Yet HATH HE NOT ROOT IN HIMSELF, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." — Mt. 13:6, 20, 21.

Here the Lord Jesus Christ is giving to us the parables of the kingdom of Heaven, and the first of these parables is that of the sower. As you may recall, the sower went out to sow, and he sowed in four different types of ground. One of the places that the seed fell was in stony ground. It sprang up immediately, but it had no root and it withered. The Lord Jesus Christ, in giving His explanation concerning this, said

## READ THE STORY OF THE ORIGIN OF CAMPBELLISM — IN —

## Memoirs of ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

By  
ROBERT RICHARDSON  
(Campbell's Son-in-law)



ALEXANDER CAMPBELL

\$8.75

(Two Volumes In One)

ADD 20c For POSTAGE-HANDLING  
Payment Must Accompany Order

Order From  
Our Book Shop

## Chapter XI—

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

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

### THE CLOSING YEARS

How often, in glancing backward over a career with which we have been familiar, we are overwhelmed with astonishment that we did not recognize as we passed along what has since seemed so obvious. In the onward and lofty sweep of J. R. Graves' majestic career it did not enter the minds of his family and friends that he could be approaching a disastrous crisis. He appeared to be in perfect health. His vigor was that of a man who had just come to his zenith. He had paid all the debts that were personal in the failures of the business, although the failure was not due to his management. He had been grossly imposed upon. But his name was clear.

In the editorial field he had won his contention. *The Western Recorder*, *The Journal And Messenger*, *The Examiner*, *The Religious Herald*, *The Biblical Recorder*, *The Baptist Courier*, and *The Christian Index* had one after another admitted the correctness of his contentions and had practically ceased their opposition. The Methodists and the Campbellites had almost abandoned their attacks.

His influence in the Mississippi Valley was greater than that of any contemporary. His views and teachings were accepted as the Baptist interpretation of the New Testament Christianity. There was one point of his teachings which only a limited number of his Baptist brethren ever accepted. That was his doctrine of non-intercommunion between Baptist churches. He did not allow that fact to worry his mind nor mar his fellowship with his brethren. He said that he had set forth his views and henceforth would leave it to his brethren to accept or reject them.

But his activity was incessant. He edited *The Baptist*, wrote books and tracts and went everywhere preaching the gospel. No house could accommodate the crowds where the announcement had preceded his coming. People used any conveyance at their command to reach the place, even going fifty or sixty miles to hear him. Many went afoot for ten to twenty miles.

He had dedicated the church house near Nashville, where Bro. Dement and Bro. Carver were members. The day was intensely hot. A heavy rain followed. Graves, riding in an open vehicle, was drenched.

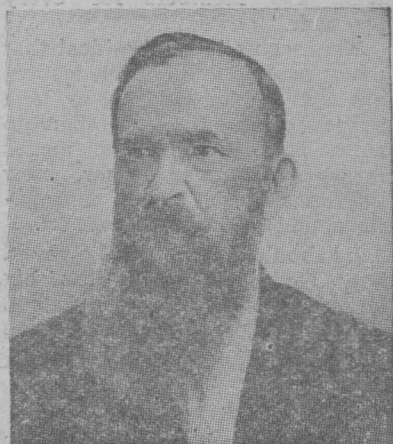
The next Sunday, while preaching in his own church, the First Baptist Church of Memphis, he was stricken with paralysis, and would have fallen to the floor but for the timely aid of some of the deacons, Craig, Pegram and Hatchett.

Supposing that he was sending his last message to the people, just before consciousness failed, he said to the deacons, "Tell them to sing 'My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness'."

Then we knew, when too late, that we had allowed him to overdo the strength and endurance of that perfect physical machine, his body, and to drive that matchless brain at such a high pressure too long exhaustingly.

that they received the seed, and immediately with joy they accepted, yet they didn't have any root in themselves. They endured for a little while and when persecution arose over the Word, they fell away.

Beloved, they are like unsaved church members. They go to church. They hear some type of message. Maybe they accept it joyously. Maybe they accept it immediately. Maybe they rejoice at the prospect of accepting it, and with a superficial, on the surface acceptance of it, the truth (Continued on page 6, column 1)



JAMES ROBINSON GRAVES  
(Born 1820, Died 1893)

The giant was wounded. The leader was prostrate. Stark disappointment dazed the masses. "He is done," they said.

But no, within a few months the signs of partial recovery were apparent. While unable to use his left side, he recovered his speech, and, as he said, "he was but half a man," he lived to speak again. And for several years he spoke while sitting in his chair. He spoke with great power and much tenderness. Chastened and mellowed by his afflictions he spoke comforting and cheering words to his people.

(Next week, this series on the life of J. R. Graves will be concluded.)

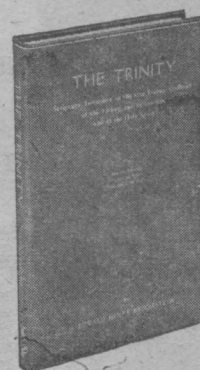
## TWO GREAT BOOKS

By E. H. Bickersteth

NOW - BOTH BOOKS  
ONLY \$5.00 (Postpaid)

Payment must accompany order.

## The Trinity



182  
Pages

Regular  
Price:  
\$2.50

For a long while, we have searched for a book on the Trinity. Though we have the catalogs of the major book publishers of America, we have been unable to find such a volume. But finally, Kregel's has republished one of the great works on this subject. This is the book by Bickersteth.

This book is packed with Scripture and sound argument. If you study this great subject thoroughly, then you need this book.

★ ★ ★

## The Holy Spirit

182  
Pages

Regular  
Price:  
\$2.95



Another volume by the author of THE TRINITY. This book is a full, clear presentation of the truth concerning the Blessed Spirit of God. Scripture is greatly relied upon in the author's presentation.

Order from:  
Baptist Examiner Book Shop  
Ashland, Kentucky



## WHAT ABOUT LARGE CHURCHES?

Someone has figured "that the early church consisted of over 3,000 members, 7 deacons and 12 preachers. At that rate there were 250 members for every preacher."

This seems to be the ideal that many pastors and church leaders are striving for today, they long for ever increasing membership rolls. Large membership means larger buildings, larger, new buildings bring larger congregations, and so the cycle goes on.

It should be noted, however, how God dealt with the big church in Jerusalem. In Acts 8 we read, "And at that time there

was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles."

The 12 preachers were left, evidently, without a congregation. The results, too, are worth reading: "Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word." "So were the churches . . . increased in number daily."

Maybe this is what is needed to happen to some of our every increasing, large churches!

—Home Fellowship News

### "A Root Out Of Dry Ground"

(Continued from page 5)

becomes in a sense a part of them, but a very, very minor part. After a while when there comes tribulation or persecution on account of the Word of God, they fall away. Why? They have no root.

I tell you, beloved, unsaved church members don't stand the test when the testing time comes on the basis of the Word of God. They will endure for a little while. They will endure as long as the hot dogs and the hamburgers and the watermelon holds out. They will endure as long as the baseballs don't get lost and the basketballs don't get punctured. They will endure just as long as there is something to cater to their flesh, but, beloved, when there comes a persecution on account of the Word of God, they fall away. Why? They have not any root — no connection with the Root of life, the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### III

THIS EXPLAINS CHRISTIAN

#### LIVING.

While my text tells us that some people fall away because they are unsaved and have no connection with the root, it also tells us that some people endure because they have a vital connection with the root of life, the Son of God. Listen:

"For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and IF THE ROOT BE HOLY, SO ARE THE BRANCHES."—Rom. 11:16.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Root. You and I are the branches if we are saved. If the root is holy, so are the branches. I tell you, beloved, while this verse brings to us a warning and explains to us how it is, and why it is, that unsaved church members fall away since they have no vital connection with the Root, it also shows us how it is, and why it is, that saved people live for the Lord and serve the Lord. It is because they have a vital connection with the Root of life, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Listen again:

"ROOTED AND BUILT UP IN HIM, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abound-

ing therein with thanksgiving."—Col. 2:7.

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE."—Eph. 3:17.

I tell you, beloved, the man who is rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ is grounded in love. Do you know why it is that people love the Lord? Do you know why it is that people love one another in the church? Do you know why it is that people love the Word of God? Do you know why it is that saved people love to go to church, and love to fellowship with God's people? I'll tell you, beloved, it is because they are rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ. No man will ever serve the Lord who does not have a vital connection with the Root, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Even though He is spoken of as a root coming out of a dry ground, He is a life-giving Root, and the man who is attached to the Lord Jesus Christ, is going to live for the Son of God. I am not saying that any man is going to live perfectly. You and I have a fleshy nature that is a problem to us, and will be a problem to us as long as we live within this world. Beloved, if you are rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ, you have the nature of God on the inside of you. You are attached to the Son of God and as a result thereof, there is going to be life that will manifest the fact that you are attached to the life-giving Root, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

I often think of the historical incident that I have read in days gone by. I remember it is said that Napoleon had a favorite messenger whom he always sent from one section of the army to the other to bear his messages. One day when that lad was delivering a message in behalf of Napoleon he was shot down. When they picked him up on the field of battle afterward and took him to a tent, the surgeon bent over him and began to probe into him, to locate the bullet, that had gone into his heart. As the surgeon probed just over his heart for the bullet, he heard the lad mutter: "Probe a little deeper; you will find the Emperor there."

Oh, is it any wonder that Napoleon was able to make and remake the maps of Europe? Is it any wonder that the political fortunes of the countries of Europe were terminated at the will of Napoleon? I tell you, beloved, if an earthly general has men that will fight for him because the emperor is embedded within his heart, surely you and I ought to strive to have deep affection for the Son of God, and we ought to strive from day to day to make our lives count for Him. It ought to be true of us that if the world would probe just a little deeper into the heart of each saved person, they would find the Emperor, the Lord Jesus Christ, dwelling there.

#### IV

THIS INDICATES A FEARFUL TIME AT THE JUDGMENT.

If Christ is the root, and you and I as saved people are the branches, and there are unsaved church members which have no connection with the root, then it certainly indicates to us that there is going to be a terrible time at the judgment bar of God for these. Listen:

"But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be ROOTED UP."—Mt. 15:13.

Ordinarily, we quote that text of Scripture as referring to false churches and false preachers, but it also refers to unsaved church members, hypocritical professors, and those who know not the Lord Jesus Christ when they come to the judgment bar of God as being completely exterminated and rooted up. Notice, this text says that "every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." What a day it is going to be! What a fearful time it is going to be for the unsaved of this world when God's rooting-up process comes to pass!

## THE REFINER'S FIRE

He sat by a furnace of seven-fold heat,  
As He watched by the precious ore,  
And closer He bent with a searching gaze  
As He whetted it more and more.

He knew He had ore that could stand the test  
And He wanted the finest gold,  
To mold as a crown for the King to wear,  
Set with gems of price untold.

So He laid our gold in the burning fire,  
Tho' we fain would say to Him, "Nay";  
And watched the dross that we had not seen,  
As it melted and passed away.

And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,  
But our eyes were dim with tears,  
We saw the fire — not the Master's hand,  
And questioned with anxious fears.

Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow  
As it mirrored a Form above,  
That bent o'er the fire, tho' unseen by us,  
With a look of ineffable love.

Can we think it pleases His loving heart  
To cause us a moment's pain?  
Ah, no! But He sees through the present cross  
The bliss of eternal gain.

So He waited there with a watchful eye,  
With a love that is strong and sure,  
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat  
Than was needed to make it pure.

—Author Unknown

In Matthew 13 we read the Parable of the Tares — how the tares are sown among the wheat. We read that the Lord Jesus Christ says since the tares look so much like the wheat, to let them grow together until the time of the harvest, lest in attempting to root up the tares that some of the wheat might be destroyed. God loves His wheat so much that He will not allow one stalk of it to be harmed. He would rather that the tares grow along with the wheat, and then at the time of the harvest, the angels will go out and they will root up the tares and bind them into bundles and cast them into the fire, and burn them.

Let me tell you something, beloved, God is going to do an introspection of everything that seems to be growing in His domain. When the axe is laid to the root of the tree, all not rooted to Him shall be destroyed, and shall at that time be cast into the fire.

I tell you, this text wonderfully indicates to us that this is a terrible time of punishment coming in behalf of the unsaved when at the judgment bar (Continued on page 7, col. 1)

Write for a free copy of

## The Baptist Examiner Book Shop CATALOG OF BOOKS AND BIBLES

"The Best In Christian Literature"

- This catalog lists and briefly describes the works of such men as Spurgeon, Pink, Gill, Calvin, Graves, Bunyan, Owen, Luther, Warfield, and others.
- Gives information about the best commentaries available in our day, not only on the whole Bible but on individual books of the Bible.
- Lists helpful reference works, such as lexicons, concordances, Bible dictionaries and encyclopedias, Greek word studies.
- The greatest works on theology are listed, such as works of Hodge, Shedd, Gill, Warfield, etc. Individual volumes on important doctrines—the best to be read—are also listed.
- You will herein find a great host of books on Bible history and doctrine by leading Baptist authors such as Graves, Carson, Pendleton, etc.
- Also, books by Puritans and other writers of ages past; writers such as Manton, Edwards, Charles Haldane, and Brown.
- Books on heresy, covering practically all modern cults and heretical groups, are listed. Books on socialism, Romanism, Pentecostalism, etc.
- Here you will also find books for young people, story books and the Sugar Creek Gang series.
- Information on Bibles and specimens of the type cover a number of pages in the catalog.
- A list of dictionaries by Webster.
- A list of small books and booklets.
- An index to all the books by authors' names.

WRITE US FOR YOUR FREE CATALOG  
Then if we can serve you, we will count it a privilege.

Selling books is not a business with us — it's a ministry.  
P. O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky

**Oxford now offers**  
**5 de luxe Bibles,**  
**unsurpassed in value,**  
**at irresistibly low prices**  
**LUXURIOUS BINDINGS**  
**FINEST QUALITY**

#### First...

**02227x** Marrakesh Persian Morocco, flexible binding, half circuit, leather lined to edge. With Concordance, Bible Study Helps, and other invaluable aids. 5 x 7 1/4, only 1 1/16" thick. Only \$10.75

#### Then...

**\*04334x** Morocco grain Calf, half circuit, imitation leather lined. 5 x 7 1/4, only 3/8" thick. Only \$9.75

**\*04337x** Levant grain Goatskin, half circuit, leather lined. 5 x 7 1/4 x 7/8" thick. Only \$11.75

**And now Oxford presents 2 more—**  
**designed to the same high standards**

**For the first time . . . a Red Letter Concordance Bible at the amazingly low price of \$10.95**

**\*04434x** The words of Christ are printed in red — otherwise it is identical with 04334x.

**And a luxurious NEW binding . . . large, clear type**

**\*04884x** Grained calf, half circuit, imitation leather lined. 5 3/4 x 8 5/8, only 1" thick. \$14.95

**\*With Concordance, Dictionary of Proper Names, Subject Index, Self-pronouncing type, 100,000 chain references.**  
**AUTHORIZED KING JAMES VERSION**

Order from:  
**BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP**  
Ashland, Kentucky



# LET'S GET ACQUAINTED



Come To The  
BIBLE CONFERENCE

OF THE

CALVARY BAPTIST  
CHURCH

EVERYTHING FREE

MEALS, ROOMS - EVERYTHING

Labor Day Weekend

September 3, 4, & 5

"A Root Out Of Dry  
Ground"

(Continued from page 6)

V  
HIS OFFERS ENCOURAGE-  
MENT TO THE BACKSLIDDEN.

I perhaps speak to someone who is backslidden, cold and indifferent to the cause of Christ? I remind you that if you are a child of God, if you have been born again, you are alive, since you are in the Root, Christ Jesus. You are definitely grafted unto the Root of life, the Lord Jesus Christ. Even though you may be cold and indifferent, and though you may be backslidden, though you may be far removed from God, I thank God there is some encouragement

never forget several years when I talked with a woman who said that she was going to the Lord, but she hadn't been to church. She was cold, and indifferent. She wasn't interested about spiritual things. I was talking with her, how calloused was by the things of the world. One day God came into her life in the form of trouble. Another day trouble came, and another day trouble came. Four years in one year trouble came to that family. This is just as God has promised in His Word.

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God.—I Pet. 4:17.

I saw God through that trouble. I saw that woman's life, and her life again begin to glow. I saw the Lord, and I saw her again in the place that her life was for the Lord Jesus Christ. She was backslidden to be sure. She was cold. She was indifferent. But, beloved, listen, the Lord was still there. She was still Christ Jesus.

I say to you, I don't care how far you are from the Lord and how far from the Lord a

child of God may get, here is some encouragement for the backslider. He will never get so far but what the Root, the life, will still be there.

VI  
THIS GIVES ASSURANCE  
FOR THE TRUSTING SOUL.

It was a dry ground that Jesus came from, but He is the Root. What an assurance that gives to the trusting soul! The man who is trusting the Lord Jesus Christ has an assurance that nobody else knows anything at all about.

If I get killed in an automobile wreck before I get home, or if after I get home I die tonight, or if tomorrow I am suddenly rushed to the hospital for an operation and I pass away in the course of the operation, it wouldn't make any difference so far as I am

## THE INTERLINEAR GREEK-ENGLISH NEW TESTAMENT

By George Ricker Berry



A very helpful volume for the English student. Also contains a Lexicon. In this book, the reader has the Greek text and the English translation right before his eyes.

\$5.95

Add 25c for postage. Payment must accompany order.  
Order From Our Book Shop

## Appreciated Letters



Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I received your letter and the check from Bob and Ruth by way of Calvary Baptist Church and I also received today another check of \$20.00 from you all. Our deepest thanks for this interest and support. The work here is moving along well. The young man from St. Kitts arrived to study for the ministry. He joined with the Cruz Bay Baptist Church and we hope to train him as we did Bro. Hamza.

Also a young lady was converted last Sunday and came for baptism but I hear her father is trying to stop her. They really hate us Baptists when we stand where Jesus put us. Pray for her. I know if she has been planted by God she shall not be rooted up.

We certainly enjoy our weekly copy of The Examiner and still read it from cover to cover. I am going to do my best to be with you in the coming Bible Conference. Pray that we might make it—I'm going to write Bro. Bob now—Give my regards to the Church and Mrs. Gilpin.

Romans 8:28.

GEORGE STARLING

Dear Brother Gilpin:

Thinking of The Conference reminds me of Romans 11:5: "Even so then at the present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." It is good to know there is a place to hear God's Word preached and have fellowship with those who love him in truth and purity.

We could do nothing but pray for you and Bob and Ruth at the news, through the Examiner, of Stephen Mark's death. Although all of us believe in God's Sovereignty, we are still human and are susceptible to grief and heart-break.

God bless you and yours and if the Lord doesn't return before Labor Day 1960, we'll try to see

personally concerned. I am rooted to the Lord Jesus Christ. What an assurance it is to the man who knows that he has been made a part of the Root. Jesus is the Root; you and I are the branches. Beloved, the man who is engrafted into the Lord Jesus Christ, that man has an assurance that nothing in this world can take from him.

### CONCLUSION

Let me ask you a simple question, are you rooted in Him? Are you? I am not asking if you are a church member, and I am not asking if you have been baptized, but I am asking you something far more serious than that. I am asking you, are you rooted in the Lord Jesus Christ?

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."—II Pet. 1:4.

Thank God, the man who believes the precious promises about Jesus Christ, that man is made a partaker of divine nature. You are rooted in Him. You become a part of Him and He becomes a part of you. I ask you, is that your experience? If it is, thank God. If it is, rejoice. If it is, go out of this place singing the praises of our Lord because of the fact that you are rooted and grounded in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you!

At A Southern Baptist,  
Cooperative Program-Supported  
College—

## "Liturgical Jazz" Sets Your Feet To Tapping

(From Winston-Salem Journal)

It wouldn't have taken much to have had dancing on the Wake Forest College campus last night. And in a worship service at that.

Ed Summerlin's "Liturgical Jazz" has that effect on listeners.

More than 400 persons crowded into the Magnolia Room of Reynolds Hall to hear Summerlin lead a nine-man combo in a presentation of his jazz setting of John Wesley's "Order for Morning Prayer." The Wesley Foundation sponsored the event.

Summerlin's setting follows traditional form. The service opens with a prelude, but not the customary sort. Summerlin's is a swinging arrangement that sets feet to tapping and shoulders to jumping.

After the initial sock of the prelude, the music turns to a soft but still jazzy accompaniment for the call to worship.

### Technique Used Again

Two stanzas of the hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," are sung straight to a piano accompaniment.

Between the second and third stanzas the combo enters to improvise on the hymn tune.

Summerlin uses the same technique in his closing hymn, "God of Grace and God of Glory."

Throughout the confessional portion of the service, the scrip-

ture readings and the responsive readings of a Psalm and the "Te Deum," the orchestra beats and blasts out an accompaniment of jazz rhythms.

The combo was silent during the Lord's Prayer.

Charles Boyles, a Methodist minister from Dallas who is touring with Summerlin's Liturgical Jazz Group, gave a short sermon on the nature of creativity.

Following the hour-long service he and Summerlin answered questions.

Summerlin, an Eastern School of Music graduate who is teaching at North Texas State College while he works on his doctorate in composition, said he wrote the jazz liturgy to "illustrate the fact that the jazz musician has something to contribute to the church."

A gift to the church of silver or gold candlesticks would be understood immediately, he said, but "This is what I can do. It is the normal, natural thing for me to do," he said.

### Contemporary Life

The church is part of contemporary life and should be able to accommodate contemporary art, Summerlin believes.

In introducing the group, foundation director Bob Younts had said the liturgical jazz was to be viewed not only as an esthetic experience but also as a religious experience.

The work is not intended to replace anything the church already has, Summerlin said.

"It's biggest success is that it has made a lot of people start thinking about what the church should do and what the people must do," he said.

The group is on a two-month tour, offering a two-part program of the "Liturgical Jazz" and an all-jazz concert.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of missions is the spirit of Christ. He came to the earth as a missionary; His mission was to seek and to save that which was lost.

The divine command to "Go" never means to stay.

The first Adam was disobedient unto death, whereas the second Adam was obedient unto death.

Let not your faith in God grow dim, the humblest prayer is heard by Him.

And in His wisdom and His care He shapes the answers to our prayers.

It is pathetic when people become more careful to observe the rules of sanitation, than the way of salvation.

We must learn we are stewards of doctrine as well as dollars.

### FLABBY ORTHODOXY

The orthodoxy of our times is sentimental and flabby. It is flabby because we want to use the truth for our own ends, instead of submitting to the truth. It is flabby because we are claiming to love Christ, while refusing to obey Christ. It is flabby because we have emphasized the love of God at the expense of His holiness. It is flabby because we have substituted a sugary religious sentimentalism for a strong robust piety. There is a strange heresy among us; a professed love for Jesus without love for His truth; a professed devotion to Jesus without obedience to His commands. Men, with a heart rejection of the sovereignty of God have made a God in their own image; a sovereign God who gets along as an equal with sovereign man. Men today have adopted a doctrine of the sovereignty of God which somehow leaves the sovereignty of man intact. Our orthodoxy is flabby!—Tulga.

### CHURCH FURNITURE

For Information, write

WOLFE BROS. & CO.  
Piney Flats, Tennessee

Manufacturers Since 1888

### CRUDEN'S UNABRIDGED CONCORDANCE

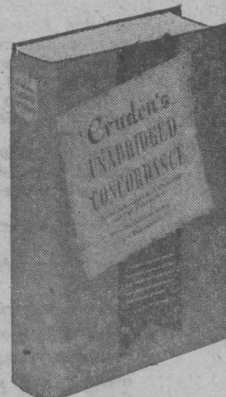
By Alexander Cruden  
\$5.95

With the Original Notes and Comments;  
Many Other Helpful Features

This is the large unabridged edition of the concordance exactly as it came from the author's desk.

Spurgeon said: "Be sure you buy a genuine unabridged Cruden and none of the modern substitutes; good as they may be at the price."

Order from:  
BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP  
Ashland, Kentucky





## The Prodigal's Confession

(Continued from page one)  
me again; they will shut the door in my face. What am I to do? I cannot go back, I am afraid to go forward."

And while he was thus deliberating, his father had been walking on the housetop, looking out for his son; and though he could not see his father, his father could see him. Well, the father comes downstairs with all his might, runs up to him, and whilst he is thinking of running away, his father's arms are round his neck, and he falls to kissing him, like a loving father indeed, and then the sons begins — "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son," and he was going to say, "Make me as one of thy hired servants." But his father puts his hand on his mouth.

"No more of that," says he; "I forgive you all; you shall not say anything about being a hired servant — I will have none of that. Come along," says he, "come in, poor prodigal. Ho," says he to the servants, "bring hither the best robe, and put it on him, and put shoes on his poor bleeding feet. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry."

Oh, what a precious reception for one of the chief of sinners! Good Matthew Henry says—"His father saw him, there were eyes of mercy; he ran to meet him, there were legs of mercy; he put his arms around his neck, there were arms of mercy; he kissed him, there were kisses of mercy; he said to him—there were words of mercy, — 'Bring hither the best robe,' there were deeds of mercy, wonders of mercy — all mercy. Oh, what a God of mercy He is!"

Now, prodigal, you do the same. Has God put it into your heart? There are many who have been running away a long time now. Does God say "return"? Oh, I bid you return, then, for as surely as ever thou dost return He will take thee in. There never was a poor sinner yet who came to Christ, whom Christ turned away. If He turns you away, you will be the first. Oh, if you could but try Him!

"Ah, sir, I am so black, so filthy, so vile." Well, come along with you — you cannot be blacker than the prodigal. Come to your Father's house, and as surely as He is God He will keep His Word, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out."

Oh, if I might hear that some had come to Christ this morning, I would indeed bless God! I must tell here, for the honor of God and Christ, one remarkable circumstance, and then I have done.

You will remember that one morning I mentioned the case of an infidel who had been a scorner and scoffer, but who, through

reading one of my printed sermons, had been brought to God's house and then to God's feet. Well, last Christmas day, the same infidel gathered together all his books, and went into the marketplace at Norwich, and there made a public recantation of all his errors, and a profession of Christ, and then taking up all his books which he had written, and had in his house, on evil subjects, burned them in the sight of the people.

I have blessed God for such a wonder of grace as that, and pray that there may be many more such, who, though they be born prodigal, will yet return home, saying, "I have sinned."—From the sermon, "Confession of Sin—A Sermon With Seven Texts," Volume III, New Park Street Pulpit, 1858.



## Wine

(Continued from page 1)  
would refrain from using, as one element of the Sacrament, a substance supposed to be what in reality it is NOT." (Jewlett, E. H., *The Two-Wine Theory*. New York: E. Steiger and Company, 1888, pages 5-6.)

"For many centuries after its founding the Christian church used fermented wine in the communion service. In comparatively recent times, after the rise of Protestantism, questions began to be asked about the propriety of using fermented wine in the communion. Today there are differences of opinion among the various branches of the Christian church. The Roman Catholic Church continues the use of wine. The point of view of some Protestant churches which still use wine is expressed by the statement of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church at its meeting in 1925:

"As, then, it seems clearly proven, that fermented wine was used by our Lord in the institution of the holy communion; that the use of fermented wine, and fermented wine only, has the authority of our Lord's example, of the example of the early Church and of subsequent practice; that it has the authority of antiquity, universality and consent — which vindicates for the use of wine in the Eucharist an authority superior to that of formulated and specific legislation."

"The Lutheran Church uses wine quite generally in celebrating the communion, although a few of the churches forbid its use. In some Lutheran churches both wine and unfermented grape juice are available to communicants. The Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America has published a pamphlet entitled, 'The Bible Speaks on the Liquor Problem.' (Spalding, W. B., *Alcohol and Human Affairs*, New York: World Book Company, 1949, page 154.)

## An Answer

(Continued from page 1)  
His own effectual workings as the means. Fate is blind — it has no purpose to its workings; Predestination has a range of sight that spans eternity, and it has as its end the glory of God.

This infra-Calvinist goes on to point out 5 evils of "hyper-Calvinism," which [he says] are: 1. A fatalistic view of God; 2. A perverted ministry; 3. The twisting and torturing of Scripture; 4. The destruction of the doctrine of assurance; 5. Infant damnation.

We have already discussed fatalism, but will point out here that absolute predestination is a truth of God's own Word, and is not fatalism. "By 'a perverted ministry,'" this writer seems to mean a ministry that is devoid of "an evangelistic and missionary passion." But if there were not a sovereign election, who could be saved? Who would come to Christ? (Remember Romans 3:11.) Election is the greatest stimulus to evangelism in existence, because it is God's plan.

The next charge is that "hyper-Calvinists" twist and torture Scripture; but study will show that absolute predestination is the only system that is scriptural. And as to twisting scripture, ask any such infra-Calvinist to give you an exegesis of Acts 13:48, Romans 8:28, Job 14:5, Ephesians 1:11, Isaiah 45:7, and a host of others, and you will get a good dose of twisted scripture!

"Hyper-Calvinism" is also supposed to "destroy the doctrine of assurance." If this were true, why would a "hyper-Calvinist" like the Apostle Paul say, "give diligence to make your calling and election sure"? The child of God who has been given the knowledge of God's sovereignty, has an assurance that nothing can destroy. Paul felt this way — see Romans 8:28-39.

Finally, we are accused of teaching the damnation of "innocent" infants. But are infants innocent? See Romans 3:11-19. Actually, God's sovereign election is the only thing that holds any hope for anyone in the world, infant, or adult.

Finally, Mr. Stevens says, "Our plea is for a proper balance between divine sovereignty and human responsibility that is both scriptural and productive." His intimation is, that although "hyper-Calvinism" may be scriptural, it is not productive, and soul winning is the most important thing anyway. But we say that what God teaches is the most important thing. We ask Mr. Stevens: Why wouldn't a system that is scriptural only do? Must it also be productive? Is God's Word such that we must add to it doctrines and practices in order to make the system scriptural and productive?

## PLEASE OBSERVE

When sending money for subscriptions or as a contribution, please make checks and money orders payable to CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH.

When sending money for books, make checks and money orders payable to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER BOOK SHOP.

DO NOT include book payments and subscriptions in the same checks and money orders; rather, make separate ones. There are two separate bank accounts for the Church and the Book Shop, as the latter is privately owned by Brother Bob.

It will save us much time and effort if you will fulfill these requests.

## Advantages

(Continued from page 1)  
would be expected to use his influence towards allotting more "foreign aid" to Spain and other Pope-dominated nations.

4. Inauguration of a Roman Catholic President would be made the occasion for a gigantic public relations spectacle and circus-like display of Roman pageantry to "advertise the Roman Catholic Church." All public or national celebrations would likewise be planned with a view of keeping the Roman Catholic Church in the spotlight.

5. A Roman Catholic President would look with disfavor on non-Romanist minister taking part in official functions. Since his church does not recognize any religion other than Catholic, he would be under great pressure from his religious superiors to replace them with Roman Catholic priests.

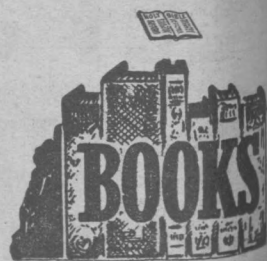
6. A loyal and devout Roman Catholic as President would be expected to consult his "confessor" on all matters in which the laws of his country conflict with the laws of his church. By use of the "confession box" his confessor would very likely have advance knowledge of many important state secrets. In event of war this knowledge might include when and where the atomic bomb would be used.

7. For the first time in history, Americans would witness the debasing spectacle of seeing their President falling on his knees before the representative of a foreign power, as Roman Catholic protocol requires him to do when a Roman Catholic Cardinal or Bishop comes into his presence.

8. Cardinal Spellman, who has already designated to himself the title of "Vicar of the Armed Forces," might well become so in fact. I am aware that many people will throw up their hands and scream, "That couldn't happen here." There are thousands of Protestants in once free nations, now dominated by the Roman Catholic Church, who

said the same thing — "That not happen here," but it did

JACK ODOM  
Box 833,  
Fort Bragg, Calif.



**The Existence and Attributes of God** by Stephen Charnock

A volume that is unsurpassed in the treatment of this theme. It has been ranked first in this field. A more book in our day we could not find. . . . 802 pages. \$8.95.

**A Body Of Divinity** by Gill.

A large volume of theology, one of the great spiritual laborers of the past, and this work is unsurpassed over 1,000 pages. \$8.00.

**The Wonders of Prophecy** by John Urquhart.

This book may be considered as a classic. It calls attention to the fulfillment in history of Bible prophecies. No infidel could challenge after pondering the facts of fulfillment pointed out in this volume. . . . 225 pages. \$2.50.

**The Inspiration of the Bible** by Louis Gaussen.

A reprint of a work that has been widely recommended highly by Spurgeon, H. Boyce Taylor, Sr., and others. . . . 365 pages. \$3.00.

**Mabel Clement by J. M. [unclear]**  
In the form of a novel, this book is a refutation of the perversion of the Bible. The story of a young woman was saved and delivered from heresies. . . . 217 pages. \$2.00.

**The Baptist Faith and Practice** by Wendell [unclear]

This is truly a great book. It is that Baptist doctrine is based on the Word of God and that Roman Catholicism is founded on tradition and man's traditions. A most helpful chart of information as to the history and development of all major denominations, is an essential characteristic of the book. . . . 240 pages. \$2.00.

**All About the Bible** by [unclear] Collett.

Dealing with the Bible's original language, translation, symbols, alleged errors and contradictions, etc. A wonderful little book. . . . 350 pages. \$2.50.

**The New Bible—Pro and Con** by W. C. Taylor.

The most enlightening and helpful of literature concerning the Revised Version that is in print. It not only exposes the errors of the new version but will help you understand your Bible. . . . 351 pages. \$3.50.

**The Holy War** by John Bunyan.

Not as widely known as *The Pilgrim's Progress*, yet similar to it and as interesting. . . . 378 pages. \$4.00.

**An Exposition of the Epistle to the Romans** by Robert Haldane.

This is the best on Romans and available in one handsomely bound volume. Haldane is especially rich in the use of the Greek text, and Gospel, Christ's Righteousness, and Reprobation. His exposition of the 9th chapter is unsurpassed. God's sovereignty, instead of being taken down. . . . \$5.95.

**The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible** by B. B. Warfield.

This is one of the great books of inspiration of the Scriptures. Warfield's clear, thorough theology, in a volume is typical of his work. . . . 375 pages. \$3.75.

**Foxe's Christian Martyrs of the World** by John Foxe.

This famous book has lived for hundreds of years to tell us of the persecution and sufferings of the church in years past. Contains many illustrations. . . . 590 pages. \$3.95.

**Seven Dispensations** by J. R. Graves.

Probably Graves' greatest work, the work of Christ consummated in seven dispensations. . . . 569 pages. \$3.00.

**Manners and Customs in Bible Times** by Fred H. Wight.

You will be able to understand the Bible better if you are familiar with the manners and customs of Oriental nations. Many texts will mean much more if you have this knowledge. . . . \$4.00.

**Highlights of Archaeology in Bible Times** by Fred H. Wight.

This book brings you up to date on the recent archaeological discoveries. It has been said that the spade has been the inspiration of the Bible. This book contains some of the things the spade has discovered. . . . 243 pages. \$3.95.

**Did Man Just Happen?** by W. A. [unclear]

A series of eight sermons proving that man was created and did not evolve. A very strong book showing the evolution. . . . 121 pages. \$2.00.

**Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners** by John Bunyan.

An autobiographical volume, an account of Bunyan's own spiritual journey. For years a well-known and loved writing. . . . 148 pages. \$2.00.

Please add postage costs. Payment must accompany order.

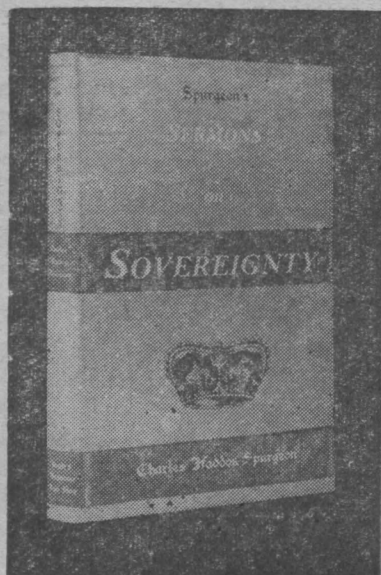
Order from

Baptist Examiner Book  
Ashland, Kentucky

SPURGEON'S

## SERMONS ON SOVEREIGNTY

By C. H. SPURGEON



PRICE — \$3.50 — Postpaid  
Payment must accompany order.

A volume of 18 select sermons by the great preacher who was unexcelled in the preaching of these Scriptural doctrines.

### Sermon Subjects

Misrepresentations of True Calvinism  
Cleared Away  
Divine Sovereignty  
The Infallibility of God's Purpose  
Election  
Election: Its Defenses and Evidences  
Particular Redemption  
Plenteous Redemption  
Prevenient Grace  
Human Inability  
Effectual Calling  
Distinguishing Grace  
Free Grace  
Resurrection With Christ  
Salvation Altogether by Grace  
The Doctrines of Grace Do Not Lead To Sin  
The Perseverance of the Saints  
Providence  
Providence — As Seen in the Book of Esther

Also contains a biographical sketch of Spurgeon's life, along with a full page picture.

This book is bound in a beautiful cloth binding, with a hand-



some jacket. If you want a book which contains some of the greatest sermons ever preached on the Sovereignty of God, you will want this one by Spurgeon.