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THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

By A. W. PINK

First in a series of five articles)

The Gospel evidences itself to be Divine because it enunciates that which the mind of man could not possibly have originated. The grand truths which it proclaims are without any parallel or rival among all the schemes of human wisdom. Pre-eminently is this the case with the full-orbed Gospel of God. Alas, with scarcely an exception it is at best an attenuated Gospel which is being preached today, preaching that leaves out some of the most striking, unique and blessed features. Let the glorious tidings of redemption be told out in all their simplicity and yet profundity, their Scriptural perspicuity and prespective, and those who truly receive these glad tidings into their hearts unitedly acknowledge that it is neither

exaggeration nor extravagance to designate them the glorious Gospel. Nothing so honours and magnifies God; nothing so rejoices and satisfies believers.

Now here and there throughout the Scriptures, the Spirit has graciously furnished us with brief compendiums of evangelical truth, comprising within the scope of a single verse the essential elements of the whole plan and way of salvation. Luther was wont to call these compendiums "miniature Gospels": such an one we have in "For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21).

This verse sets forth in most decisive language the vicarious sufferings of Christ as the satisfaction offered by Him to Divine



The late Arthur Pink

justice for the sins of His people; the imputation of His perfect obedience unto believers as their title to eternal life; and the real Deity of Him whose righteousness becomes theirs for justification by virtue of their union with Him. (Continued on page 8, column 4)

Protestants Persecuted By Romanists In Colombia

On Sunday, Dec. 6th, some 40 Indians were celebrating a religious service in the home of Sr. Justo Yonda, at La Cruz de Vitonco, a short distance from the village of Vitonco (Municipality of Paez, Tierradentro, Cauca Department). Directing the service was lay evangelist Rogerio Yonda. **Attack home; leave woman unconscious.** Unbeknown to the worshippers, a band of armed men, led by Sr. Aurelio Basto, Chief of the local Indian cabildo (council), was en route to the service. They stopped first at the home of the Sra. Julia Ivito, a widow, where they seized several Protestants. The Chief beat Dominga Ecue with his whip and struck her with his fist, leaving her unconscious on the ground. Three others were arrested and taken along to the next attack. When the men arrived at the religious service, at noon, they broke open the door of Sr. Yonda's house. The Chief called out to his assistants that they could do whatever they wished with the people. Then men, about 25 in number, including the Secretary of the cabildo, poured into the house, shouting insults and threats. **Evangelist knocked unconscious.** When the Chief found Sr. Rogerio Yonda, the lay evangelist, he gave him a blow on the head with his club. Sr. Justo Yonda, the host, tried to stop the beating but was himself struck on the head. A second blow by the Chief left Rogerio bleeding and unconscious on the floor. Meanwhile, others were being attacked. Reyes Ivito, Gregorio Yonda, Elicer Iquinas, Jose Maria Vargas, and Lisandro Ivito were

beaten with clubs. Sr. Braulio Pomba was kicked and beaten. Sr. Luciano Lectamo was horse-whipped. A number of women including Mercedes Talaga, Licensia Ivito, and Mercedes Ivito were kicked and beaten.

Jailed in Vitonco. The captured Indians were marched to Vitonco, where they were displayed in the village plaza. Next they were placed in jail. Captain Reyes Pete, jailor, ordered the evangelist, Sr. Rogerio Yonda, to be put in the stocks.

After an hour and a half in the stocks, Sr. Yonda lost consciousness and was released by the jailors. When the cabildo Chief discovered this, he ordered him replaced at once. The jailors beat Sr. Yonda with their fists and stabbed him in the left foot before putting him back in the stocks.

Sr. Yonda beaten while unconscious. With his feet higher than his head, and bleeding from his wounds, Sr. Yonda lost consciousness again. After an hour and a (Continued on page 7, column 2)

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

By E. G. COOK
Birmingham, Alabama

Just how long do you and I have to live? If today should be our last one, what about tomorrow? To be sure, we will be gone from here; but where to? We don't just go; we go somewhere.

In Luke 16:19-24 we see two men who once lived on the earth, just as you and I do today. One of them died and his spirit was carried directly to heaven by the angels. The other one died and in hell he lifted up his eyes. And from this terrible place of suffering and torment in the flames, we can still hear this man beg, not for a whole bucket of water, not even for a glass of water, but for one tiny drop.

Then if we turn to Luke 13:28 we can listen to the crying and hear the gnashing of teeth in this dreadful place, and if we turn to Rev. 20:15 we can see who will be doing the crying, gnashing of (Continued on page 8, column 3)

HALLIMAN'S LETTER

SENT TO 1960 BIBLE CONFERENCE

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS SENT BY BROTHER HALLIMAN TO BE READ AT OUR 1960 BIBLE CONFERENCE.

Dearly beloved in the Lord:
Greetings to you all from the regions beyond.

In one way, it seems only yesterday that I stood where someone now stands in my stead reading this to you. Then, on the other hand, it seems like untold ages have passed since I have fellowshiped with you dear brethren and sisters. Of all the things that are dear to my heart that I have had to give up to come to this land, one of the things that I have missed most has been the fellowship with my preacher brethren. Believe me, when I say, that words fail me to describe the feeling that comes over a servant of the Lord on an island with approximately 3,500,000 people and not a preacher in the whole bunch you can fellowship with. In fact, the only other Christian on this entire island with whom I can fellowship "all the way" is my wife.

I will be looking forward to reading some of the sermons that are preached at this conference in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. You will have forgotten about those sermons by the time I read them, for it takes two and sometimes three months for surface mail to reach me here in New Guinea, but they will be food



Missionary Fred T. Halliman

for my soul when I do get them.

Perhaps you are wondering what my version of mission life is like after nearly six months away from the States, and what my attitude towards coming to New Guinea would be if it were to do over. First of all, I might say that I would be untruthful if I were to say that I have not ((Continued on page 2, column 3))

SHALL I SMOKE?

(A Pamphlet Distributed by the American Cancer Society)

This is not a problem to people who have decided not to smoke. But if you are considering smoking, this is an important question.

In making your decision, you will want to consider the latest facts which scientists have made available to us about the risks of smoking.

Men and women who formed the habit of smoking 20 years ago, or even 10 years ago, did not have this new information. Had it been available earlier, there would no doubt be fewer smokers today—and fewer deaths from lung cancer.

During the last 30 years, while the death rate, in general, decreased and the death rate from all cancer increased slowly, the lung cancer rate mounted rapidly. It is still mounting rapidly. Deaths from lung cancer in America: 2,500 in 1930; 11,000 in 1945; in 1960, an estimated 36,000.

The American Public Health Association estimates that, if

present trends continue, about one million youngsters now in school will die of lung cancer before they reach the age of 70.

Scientists have long suspected two factors in the rise of lung cancer: (1) cigarette smoking, (2) air pollution. Statistical studies indicate that ten times as many smokers as nonsmokers die of lung cancer. Studies show, too, that the more you smoke the greater the risk in the city or in the country. Cigarette smoking has been shown to be far more important than air pollution as a causal factor in lung cancer.

Laboratory studies show that the tar in cigarette smoke contains a number of agents which will produce cancer in animals. Other studies show that the cigarette smoke weakens the natural defenses of the lungs. Once normal lung cells are damaged cancer cells may develop, grow, crowd out, and finally destroy the normal cells.

THIS IS YOUR DECISION
Most scientists who have studied the evidence agree that cigarette smoking is a major cause of lung cancer.

What is your best protection? Treatment offers little hope for most lung cancer victims. Only about one patient in twenty is cured today. More lives could be saved if the disease were detected early enough, but early detection in this form of cancer is extremely difficult.

Prevention is the best protection. Not taking up smoking is now the best way to prevent lung cancer. If you have already started smoking, the best prevention is to give up smoking. The majority of high school students are not regular smokers.

It is hard for most people to (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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"INDESCRIBABLE"

Twenty-eighth in a series of Messages on Isaiah 53 — By John R. Gilpin

"And who shall declare his generation." — Isa. 53:8.

This is speaking primarily of the age in which the Lord Jesus Christ lived. It is talking about the barbarity that was shown to the Son of God at that time. It is telling us how the Lord Jesus Christ was treated, and the wickedness the people of His generation were guilty of when they took Him from prison and judgment.

You will notice that this portion of the verse is directly connected with the preceding clause which says that He was taken from judgment. When I spoke on this preceding portion, I made mention of the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ went through the indignity of six supposed trials. Three of them were Jewish, and three of them were Roman. All

six of them were a farce and a burlesque so far as justice was concerned. The Jews themselves did not have the right to take life because the Roman government had complete charge of the land of Palestine in Jesus' day, and everything was under the supervision of the Roman government. Accordingly, the Jews didn't have the power to take life, although they desired to see the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. While they didn't have the power to take His life, they went through the trials, each of which was a mockery so far as justice was concerned. The same was true of the Roman trials. After it was definitely and conclusively proven that the Lord Jesus Christ was guiltless, even Pilate himself said, "I find no fault in Him." After Judas had betrayed Him, he

brought the money back and said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." Nothing was found whereby He was worthy of death, and by all the laws of the land, He should have been turned loose and set free — in spite of this, they took the Lord Jesus and put Him to death — the shameful ignominious death of crucifixion.

Now my text refers to that experience, how He was taken from prison and from judgment, and it adds this descriptive statement, "And who shall declare his generation," as if to say that it was such an experience that could not be described by either mouth or pen. Barbarity and incivility were shown the Son of God in that they took Him from prison and judgment and put Him to (Continued on page 3, column 4)

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By Bob L. Ross

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Several folk are writing and asking that we send out copies of "Reprints" to individuals whose names and addresses are furnished. We are sorry, but it will be impossible for us to do this. We do not have the time and postage to use for this purpose, especially since so many are requesting this service.

ARTICLE BY TULGA ON LORD'S SUPPER

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CONVENTION CHURCH REFUSES LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ:

I go to church in Peru, Indiana. It is an independent church and I am the church clerk. Not long ago we had a girl who desired to join our group; she was from Kentucky and I wrote for her letter and I will herewith quote the reply just as I received it:

The Independent Missionary Baptist Church of Peru, Indiana: To Millard Hampton, Church Clerk:

According to our constitution we cannot grant Velina Combs (now Mrs. William Mize) a letter. So if you take her in the church on "statement of faith" we would appreciate it if you would let me know so I can take her name off our church book in order to keep our records straight.

Thank you,
Mrs. Harvey Smith,
Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, R. 2
Church Clerk,
The Northside Baptist Church
Winchester, Kentucky.

As far as I can figure this out, this letter was not granted because we were an independent church and did belong to the Southern Baptist Convention. In a previous letter from the church clerk of the Northside Baptist Church, the following was stated:

Dear Mr. Hampton:
We received a request from your church for a letter of Miss Velina Combs. We didn't

understand what was the independent church. We grant letters to other churches if they are of like faith and order. Is this church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention? I have been authorized as church clerk by the church to write this letter and find out, so send me the information so I will know if I can send her letter."

Thanking you,
Mrs. Harvey Smith, R. R. 2
Mt. Sterling, Ky.

I answered the above letter and explained to her that we did not belong to any convention or ecclesiastical body; that we were an independent church. I wrote her that we were of like faith of any sound Baptist church in the country, and that we received members into our group regardless of their affiliation or non-affiliation with any group or convention, and that we would receive Miss Combs into our group on "statement of faith," if her letter were refused. Evidently, "order" part is what they held against us and that of course is that we are not a member of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Yours in Christ,
Millard Hampton

Halliman's Letter

(Continued from page one)

missed the comforts and conveniences of the U.S.A., for with all her faults she is still the grandest nation on earth. Likewise, I might add that I have missed being with my relatives and very close friends; this has hurt tremendously. And, after living in Chicago for 23 years and being able to go out any hour day or night and get anything I wanted, it has been no easy task to get adjusted to a place where the things you can buy are limited in a very definite way, and when you have to order things you wait for weeks and even months in some cases for delivery.

For example, we have been waiting for approximately 2½ months for an old fashioned "scrub-board" to use in washing our clothes. It finally came and what do you suppose? It was made of glass and when we opened it, it was broken into a thousand pieces. We have sent back home for one and it will be another 3 months wait. To add to this, we live in a place where there are very few roads of any kind and when you have to travel it is mostly by plane, and again you don't just call up the airport and make reservations for approximately anytime you want to travel. You may be 100 miles from home and wait days before another plane is going your way; this has happened several times to me.

Beloved, I could add to this the hot, stinking, steaming insect and reptile-infested jungles, along with the New Guinea native that has an odor about him that would "puke" an American buzzard; in fact, I could write a book on the discomforts and dislikes of New Guinea, but when I think of Him, who died that I might live, sought me when I was not seeking Him, called me out of darkness into His marvelous light, loved me when I was unlovable, and "who hath enabled me, for that He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." (I Tim. 1:12), all these discomforts and dislikes become secondary and soon completely disappear. It is like as when you stand on a bridge that spans a deep gorge and you drop a stone into the water far below; at first it makes a big splash and the water is disturbed, but after a while those circling eddies began to widen and widen until you can see nothing but the quiet, calm, and peaceable water.

Then, my brethren, my attitude towards coming here if it were all to do over is, I had rather be here and be in the Lord's will than be any place else on earth and be out of it.

Now a few words about my ministry since I left home. To begin with, let me say that I have no established work among the native folk as yet and perhaps (Continued on page 3, column 1)

"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.)

1. Have you seen the alleged oath of the Knights of Columbus about which the newspapers occasionally speak and do you know its source? Could you send me a copy that I may read it?

Yes, we have seen this alleged oath and will quote it in this column in order that the querist and others may read it. We do not know its source and do not know whether or not it is authentic. The modern-day Knights contend that it is spurious, but no one — to our knowledge — has proved its source. As for sending the querist a copy, we do not have copies to distribute, nor do we recommend distributing this alleged oath, unless the distributor knows he is distributing the truth.

We now herewith quote the alleged oath in order that those who have not seen it may have a knowledge of what the much-talked-about oath says:

"I, NOW, in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints, the sacred hosts of heaven, and you my Ghostly Father, the Superior General of the Society of Jesus founded by St. Ignatius Loyola in the pontification of St. Paul and continued to the present, do, by the rod of Jesus Christ declare and swear that His Holiness the Pope is Christ's Vice-Regent, and the true and only head of the Catholic Church throughout the earth and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given His Holiness by my Saviour Jesus Christ he hath power to depose heretical Kings, Princes, Commonwealths and Government that they may be destroyed.

"Therefore to the utmost of my power I will defend this doctrine and His Holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority, especially the Lutheran Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark and Norway, and the pretended authority of the Church of England and Scotland and the branches of the same now established in Ireland and on the Continent of America, and that they may be heretically opposed by the Church of Rome.

"I do now renounce and disown any allegiance to any heretical King, Prince or State named Protestant, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates, or officers.

"I do further declare that the doctrines of the Church of England and Scotland, and the Calvinists, Huguenots, and others of the name of Protestants or Masons to be damnable and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

"I further declare that I will help any of His Holiness' agents in any country where I shall be, and do my utmost to exterminate the Heretical Protestant or Masonic doctrines, and to destroy all powers, legal or otherwise.

"I do further promise that notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any heretical religion for the propagation of the Mother Church's interests to keep all her agents' counsels from time to time as they instruct me, and not to divulge by word or writing, or circumstance whatever but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in trust to me by you, my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred order.

"I do further declare that I will have no opinion of my own but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope.

"That I will in voting always vote for a Knight of Columbus in preference to a Protestant and that I will leave my party to do so.

"That if two Catholics are on the same ticket I will satisfy myself as to which is the better

supporter of the Mother Church and vote accordingly.

"That I will not deal with or employ a Protestant if in my power to deal with or employ a Catholic.

"That I will place Catholic girls in Protestant families that weekly report may be made of the heretics.

"That I will provide myself with arms and ammunition that I may be in readiness when the word is passed, or I am commanded to defend the Church either as an individual or with the militia of the Pope.

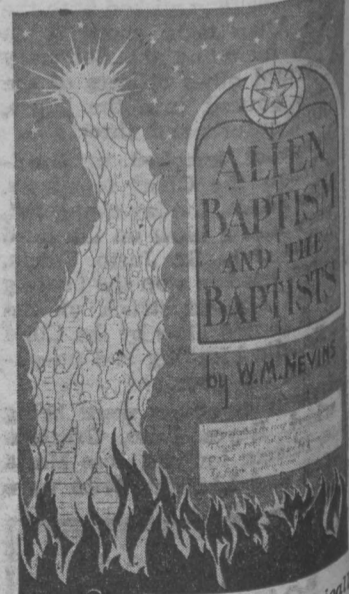
"All of which I do swear by the Trinity and the blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform this oath in testimony hereof I take this sacrament of the Eucharist and witness with same with my name written upon the point of this dagger dipped in my own blood and seal it in the face of this Holy Sacrament.

"That I will as the opportunity presents wage relentless war secretly or openly against all heretical Protestants, as I am directed to extirpate them from the face of the earth, and that I will spare neither sex, age, or condition and that I will burn, waste, boil, flay, and burn alive the infamous brutes, rip up the stomachs and wombs of the women and crush the heads of their infants against the wall in order to annihilate their execrable race, that when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the point, or the leaden bullet, regardless of honour, rank, dignity or authority of the persons, whatever may be their condition in life, whether public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the Pope or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus, in confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul and corporal powers, and this dagger which I now receive I will subscribe with my own blood my name written in testimony thereof.

"Should I prove false or weak in my determination may my name written in testimony thereof (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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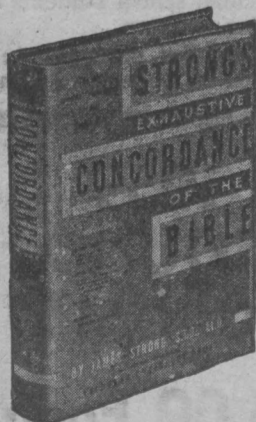
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"I Should Like To Know"

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 brethren and fellow-soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands, and my throat from ear to ear, and my belly be opened, and sulphur burned therein with all the punishments that can be inflicted upon me on earth and that my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever."

As quoted in the Congressional Record, Washington, D. C., Feb. 15, 1913.



Halliman's Letter

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 won't for some time to come. The government officials in Port Moresby told me when I first arrived here that even when I got fully settled among some native villages I could expect, no less than 18 months before I could do much among them; however, I am hoping it won't be that long. At any rate, you don't just go out among a people who, for the most part, are uncivilized and savage, and set up a church and start preaching. Again, it is not like going into some foreign country where they all speak one common language. Here in this country you can go only a short distance in some cases and be in what is the equivalent to, a completely foreign country, for the people will dress, speak, and act altogether different. Therefore, it takes much time and preparation with these people before you can do much preaching to them. Maybe this will help to explain why it has and will take so long in getting settled in a location.

While I have no native work established as yet, I have by no means been unoccupied since I left home. I have only missed three Sundays that I have not preached somewhere, but all in all I have averaged preaching several times a week for every week that I have been gone. I preached several times while in Hawaii, and after I reached Australia I was quite busy all the time. Besides my personal witnessing on the plane and streets, and preaching in churches, I have made two radio broadcasts over Australian stations and preached in open-air services on the streets of New Castle, in Australia several times. We arrived in New Guinea on Wednesday, and on Sunday I opened a mission in our home — for the English-speaking people — and have had at least three services every week since. Even when I had to be away from home on Sundays and Wednesdays our mission services went on just the same VIA tape recording, that I had made for such occasions. After about three weeks our services were moved from our house to a theater building that was provided rent-free and we are as of this date still having our services there.

Among other things that I have to do, I put in on the average of 8 hours a day studying Pidgin-English, which is the lingua franca for most of New Guinea. But

even when you learn Pidgin-English, you have to have an interpreter in most cases, for only a very few out of any given tribe understand anything but their own tribal language. The language is not easy for me, but by the grace of God I will preach in it. I can hold a fair conversation now, but nothing like enough to preach in.

MY PLANS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE

By the time this is read to you we will have already moved from Wau. August 22, we are moving from Wau to Bulolo. Bulolo is about 17 miles North of Wau. We have found a house there that is large enough to accommodate my family and we feel that it is of the Lord that we move. A mission will be opened there also, and we will continue the services here in Wau every other Sunday. The regular attendants at this mission have said they would make the 35 miles round trip to Bulolo for services on my off Sundays. Also, my near future plans will include another survey trip to the Highlands of New Guinea. This trip will probably take from 10 days to two weeks and after that has been completed I feel that my survey work will be over.

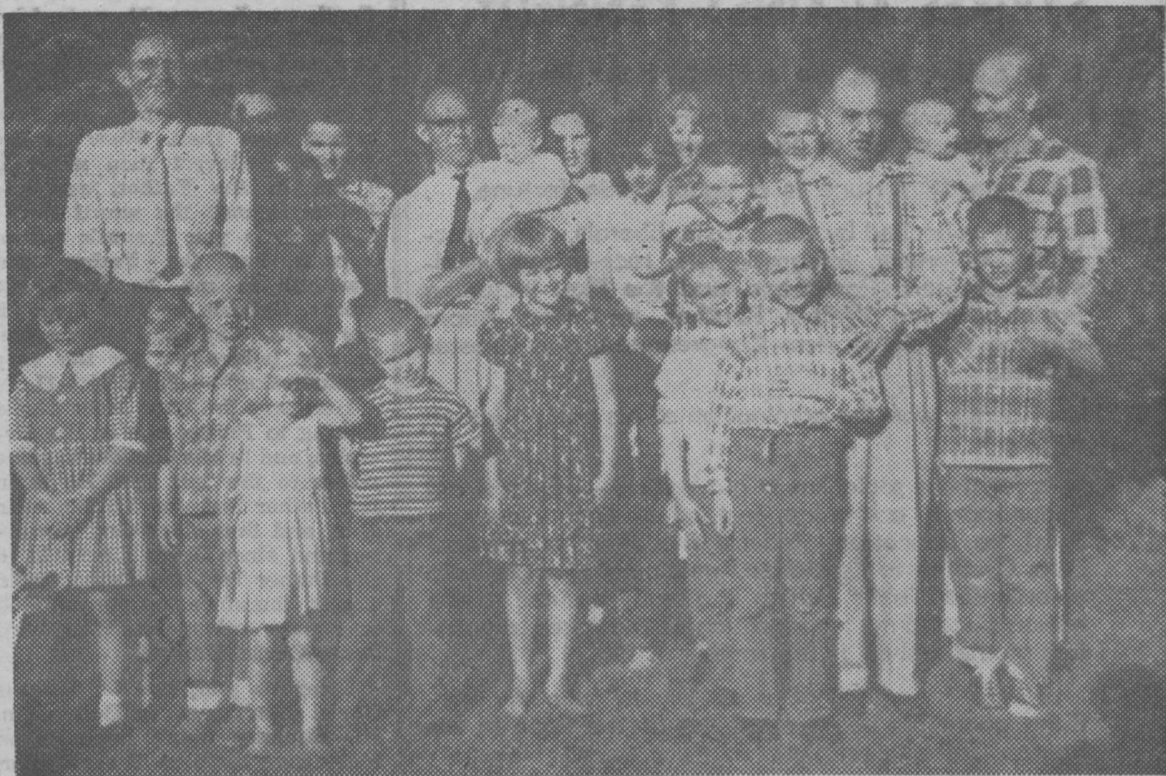
MY PLANS AFTER I HAVE BECOME SETTLED ON A LOCATION

When I have settled in my mind what location I am going to do mission work in, the first thing I will have to do is to make application to the government for a land lease. If the government approves of the spot of ground that I have decided upon (i.e., if they feel that the land will not be needed for the natives to use for gardens), they will grant a long term lease, usually 99 years on 5 acres. Then I will have to clear the ground and erect whatever buildings that will be needed. This will be no easy task as everything has to be done by hand; but it has to be done. You will remember that the interior of New Guinea is virgin country and scarcely accessible, so before you can live in this rugged country you have to build something to live in. This will not only take many long hard days to accomplish, but it will take quite a bit of money also. How much I do not know; that will depend upon the location, etc.; but I am making a rough guess at \$5,000.00 with me doing all the work myself. Regardless of what the cost will be, I know that God is no pauper.

Also in that vast and almost inaccessible interior, live hundreds of thousands of the most primitive people to be found anywhere in the world. Not only do they dress and look like stone-age people, but many of the tribes are still using stone axes and various other stone and bone implements. Some of them are very savage and have to be approached with much caution while others are harmless and peaceable.

Beloved, this is the type of folk your mission money is being used to reach, and while it takes more than ordinary per capita to reach them you are not supporting a missionary on an ordinary field. This is one of the last virgin, un-

A TIME OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP



On July 4, Brother and Sister Glenn L. Tweet and family and most of his small church from Seattle, Washington, spent the day with the Jim Blairs of Everson, Washington.

As many of our readers know, Bro. Blair was baptized into the fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, during our last Bible Conference and was ordained at the same time to the ministry. He and those of his family who are saved, are members of our church. There isn't much opportunity for one who believes the truth, as does Bro. Jim, to have fellowship on the West coast. You can imagine how his family and these folk from Seattle must have rejoiced together in the Lord.

Bro. Blair pays a fine compliment to Bro. Tweet, in that he says: "He is standing for more truth than anyone we know in this northwest area." This of course confirms our conviction as to Bro. Tweet, for as editor we too hold him in exceedingly high regard.

We have been hearing from Bro. Tweet for a long time and we thank God that his group and Bro. Blair's family can have this season of fellowship together. May the Lord give them many more of like nature.

NOTE: Since writing the above we have a letter from Bro. Tweet whereby he tells of his plans to be in our Bible Conference, flying in from Washington.

civilized mission fields in the world. A recent survey by the Australian government disclosed that it would be at least another 50 years before these people would begin to advance very much. The average adult here has the mind of a 16-year-old back in the States. But regardless of their primitive, and ignorant condition they have souls that will never be saved without the gospel. Some of them are doubtlessly God's elect, and in the eternity beyond some of them will be in the "Many that shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven."

Beloved, it should make your hearts leap for joy to know that some day in the world to come, you will meet some of these savage New Guinea folk, who will have been saved because you supplied the means for a missionary to travel half-way around the world in order to preach the gospel to them.

Brethren, I am afraid I have already overtaxed your patience, but before I close let me remind you that I appreciate all that you have, and, or will do for us that we might be here in New Guinea. We need your prayers and may I say that we have and still do, count it a privilege to pray for each of you daily. I trust that God will give you all a glorious Bible Conference. I pray that the Lord will grant me the privilege of attending at least one more Bible Conference at Ashland, Ky. Therefore, in closing I can do no better than quote:

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, we pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
 And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

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 But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

May God bless you all.
 The Hallimans, Fred, Georgia, Rhoda, John and Daniel.

"Indescribable"

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 death in a barbaric manner, — a manner that wasn't even common so far as custom was concerned in that day. It was custom that He should have been stoned if He had been found guilty of death, but in order that they might make His suffering all the greater, and in order that they might intensify the pain of the Son of God, they put Him to death by crucifixion.

I say then that this text of Scripture is speaking of the age in which the Lord Jesus Christ lived, of the men of that age, and of the barbarity that characterized them, and of the wickedness that they were guilty of, which, as I say, was so great that it could not be described either by mouth or by pen. His generation, the people who put Him to death, was such that man is unable to properly and adequately and carefully describe the barbaric treatment of the Lord Jesus Christ at their hands. I believe, that is the first meaning of this text of Scripture.

After you have thought about the death of Jesus Christ, and after all you have read of His death, and after all the sermons that you have heard on His death, surely tongue nor pen could never adequately and fully describe the suffering through which the Son of God passed and the barbaric treatment that He experienced at the hands of His generation. Therefore, my text says, "And who shall declare his generation." It was surely beyond human ability to describe properly and adequately the suffering through which He passed.

Now, beloved, I want to bypass His sufferings, and I want to tell you of many other events connected with the Lord Jesus Christ that were likewise inconceivable. As it is inconceivable to understand how His generation could have treated Him as they did, so there are many events connected with the life of the Lord Jesus Christ that are inconceivable so far as our minds are concerned.

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- Kennedy is backed by the leftists, liberals, pinks, socialists, unionists, integrationists, race-mixers, anti-states righters, Romanists, and the like, including Soviet-schooled Walter Reuther, notorious Adam Clayton Powell, Harlem Congressman, and Chester Bowles.
- He evidently won the nomination of his party through a "fix."
- He is for more socialism in our nation — federal aid (your money and mine, instead of each community's) to education; federal meddling in medical care (leading to "socialized medicine"); more help to unionized labor (which is already a curse to the nation's economy); integration of the races, regardless of the wishes of the races.
- He unjustly brands all of us as "bigots" who say anything about his being a subject of the Pope in his Roman Catholic religion.
- He claims he will not obey the Pope on political matters, yet he obeyed Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia who asked him not to take part in an inter-faith service honoring the four famous chaplains who sacrificially died in World War II.
- He has accused others of injecting the "religious issue" into the election, yet the press has revealed that back in 1956 Kennedy himself first brought it up by trying to get the vice-presidential nomination, contending that there was a "Catholic vote," and that he could get it.
- Is he buying votes? The newspapers reported that in the West Virginia primary several people claimed to have witnessed or participated in pay-offs.
- Khrushchey definitely favors Kennedy to Nixon.
- Who wants a man for president who places an imaginary Mary ahead of Christ; places the priest between him and Christ; confesses to the priest instead of God; bows to and worships pictures, images and relics; looks to Rome to the so-called "Vicar of Christ" for spiritual leadership rather than to God; accepts the traditions and edicts of Rome as his final authority, rather than the Bible, the Word of God?
- Who wants a man for president who is a member of an infamous religious organization that in ages past has murdered (and in the most torturous ways) all who would not bow the knee to Romanism, and at this very day opposes religious liberty wherever it is in power?—BLR.

"Indescribable"

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Do you believe that He has always existed? The majority of professing Christians in the world have a head knowledge at least that Jesus Christ has always existed — that He had a pre-incarnate existence. There isn't any doubt that this is the teaching of the Word of God. If you will turn to God's Book, you will be abundantly convinced that the Lord Jesus Christ had a pre-incarnate existence. Listen:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." — John 1:1-3.

Now if that were the only verse in all the Bible, I would know that Jesus Christ existed before He was born of Mary in the city of Bethlehem. I often say that if I had but one hat I would not need but one peg to hang it on. Beloved, I am just driving home one truth now — namely, that Jesus Christ had a pre-incarnate existence, and I don't need but one text to hang that one truth on. If this were the only text that I could find, it would be sufficient for me to know that the Son of God existed before He was incarnate in the city of Bethlehem. However, it isn't the only one.

Listen again:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had WITH THEE BEFORE THE WORLD WAS." — John 17:5.

You will notice that He Himself refers to the fact that He was with the Father before the world began, thus showing to us abundantly the pre-incarnate existence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If I were to ask when Jesus' existence began, most of the people would say that it began with His earthly existence. Not so, beloved. Long before this world was, Jesus Christ, the Son, was with God the Father, and now He reminds the Father of the glory that He had with Him before the world was.

Notice again:

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake." — John 14:8-11.

Here was the Lord Jesus Christ talking to Philip, one of His disciples, and in His conversation He refers to the fact that He is in the Father and the Father is in Him, and thus since God is eternal and since Jesus Christ is in the Father and the Father is in Christ, therefore the eternal God was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ didn't begin at Bethlehem. His ministry didn't begin when Mary gave birth to Him. Rather, He had a pre-incarnate existence, and when I have said that, when I have made mention of the fact, that is about all that I can tell you about His pre-incarnate existence. I say that it was a fact but I can't declare to you much concerning it.

I ask, who is able to declare the pre-incarnate existence of Jesus Christ? I know it is taught within the Book. I know it is revealed in the Word of God. I know, beloved friends, it is right here in the pages of God's Book from beginning to end. The Bible reveals to us that Jesus Christ was in existence from all eternity with God the Father, and yet when I have told you that, I have told you about all I know about it. I say to you, nobody is able to declare His pre-incarnate existence. It is too deep and too vast for our human comprehension. Just as our text refers to the barbaric treatment through which the Son of God passed when He came to His crucifixion and nobody can describe that, in like measure nobody can describe perfectly or adequately or comprehensively the existence of Jesus Christ before He was born in Bethlehem.

I have often tried to do so. I have often imagined that I was standing yonder in Glory on the day when the Lord Jesus Christ announced to the angels that He was going to earth, and I can hear Him as He said to the angels, "I do not disdain the womb of a virgin. I am going to earth to be born of a virgin." I can close my eyes in my imagination and see Him as He takes off His golden crown and unlooses His golden sandals and as He lays aside these things, the angels pause and look at Him in wonderment as they think of Him, the Son of God, going down to this earth to become a man. I would like to imagine Him in that manner, but that is only imagination. That is only my way of imagining what might have taken place. I tell you, beloved, nobody can declare, nobody can describe, nobody can adequately tell you either with pen or with tongue about His pre-incarnate existence. We know it is a fact, but we can't describe it.

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Madly I ran the sinful race,
And found I had no Hiding Place.

And thus the eternal counsel ran:
Almighty love, arrest that man!
I felt the arrows of distress
And found I had no Hiding Place.

Indignant justice stood in view;
To Sinai's fiery mount I flew;
But justice cried with frowning face,
This mountain is no Hiding Place.

Ere long a heavenly voice I heard,
And mercy's angel soon appeared;
He led me in a placid pace
To the Lord Jesus as a Hiding Place.

On Him almighty vengeance fell!
Which must have sunk a world to hell.
He bore it for a sinful race,
And thus became their Hiding Place.

Should sevenfold storms of thunder roll,
And shake this globe from pole to pole,
No thunderbolt shall daunt my face,
For the Lord Jesus is my Hiding Place.

A few more rolling suns at most
Shall land me on fair Canaan's coast,
Where I shall sing the song of grace
And see my glorious Hiding Place.

WHO IS ABLE TO DECLARE HIS INCARNATION — BORN OF A VIRGIN?

I know that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin. I know that He was God, and that He was incarnated as man. As God, He came down, and was still just as much God as He had always been. At the same time, He became man, just as much man as you and I who are here. I know that is taught in the Bible, but who can declare it? Who can understand it? Who can describe it sufficiently that our puny minds will be able to grasp it. I say, it is taught in the Word of God that He was born of a virgin.

I am thankful for the fact that I believe in the virgin birth. I heard one man say that he wasn't ashamed of the fact that he believed it. Well, I want to put it positively. I'm thankful for the fact that I believe in it. I am glad that the Lord has made a revelation of it to me and that I believe what the Book says.

We read:

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." — Isa. 7:14.

Then when we come to the book of Matthew we have the fulfillment of that prophecy.

Listen:

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." — Mt. 1:20-23.

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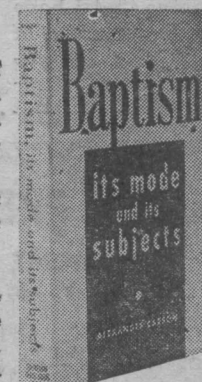
mild, meek-mannered Joseph found that his bride-to-be, Mary, was to have a baby, and knowing what the law said in Leviticus 20, but not willing to make her a public example thereby, he decided that he would put her away in a private manner. Instead of having her stoned to death as the law would have allowed and permitted, he decided that he would put her away privately.

In Luke you will find a further revelation given to us concerning His birth, for we read:

"And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art" (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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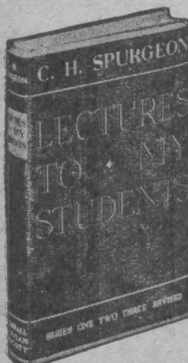
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highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? — Luke 1:28-34.

Beloved, I believe in the virgin birth. I have to believe it. A medical doctor reported it in this instance. Dr. Luke reported what took place. Dr. Luke gives to us an account of it, under inspiration. The very fact that Mary wasn't ashamed of her condition is sufficient to prove that Jesus Christ was virgin born. Through the years of my ministry I can not say how many girls that I have talked with, who were to give birth to a child outside of wedlock. I just wouldn't have any idea. As I think about the number that I have married who have been pregnant at the time of their marriage, I couldn't begin to say how many that I have talked with, but one thing characterized them all. Each would hang her head, and was ashamed of her condition. But not so with Mary. The very fact that she wasn't ashamed is to me proof positive that the Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin and was incarnated of a virgin without a human father.

The Apostle Paul tells us of the experience of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into this world, for we read:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." — Phil. 2:5-8.

This tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ, who was God, came down into this world and took upon Himself the form of a servant. In other words, He was God and at the same time was a servant. He was just as much God as He had always been, and at the same time He was just as much man as you and I are.

Now, beloved, that is His incarnation. Who can declare it? I can tell you that I believe it. I can tell you that it is revealed in the Word of God. I can tell you that God's Book teaches the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ — that He was born of a virgin. I can tell you, and you believe it the same as I, because it is recorded here within God's Book, and yet who can declare it? There isn't one of us who can understand in any wise at all the incarnation and virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. I tell you, beloved, there isn't a person in all this world who believes in the incarnation who really and intelligently understands it.

I go back and I say, why did that crowd treat Jesus like they did? Why did that crowd with all the inhumanity that they could possibly pour out, treat the Lord Jesus Christ as they did? I can't understand it. My mind doesn't comprehend it. Tongue nor pen could never describe adequately the suffering through which the Son of God passed. At the same time, it is just as impossible for me to describe His incarnation — the fact that He was born of a virgin.

III
WHO CAN UNDERSTAND HIS LIFE AFTER DEATH — THE FACT THAT HE WAS RESURRECTED TO DIE NO MORE?

Just as I believe that Jesus existed in a pre-incarnate state, and just as I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was incarnated and was born of a virgin, in like measure I believe that Jesus Christ had a life after death and that He was resurrected to die no more. I believe it, but I can't fully comprehend it.

The day that the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to His disciples, Thomas said:

"My Lord and my God." — John 20:28.

The Sunday before, when Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples, Thomas was absent. He had gone fishing. He didn't go to church that day. He was absent when Jesus first revealed Himself. When Thomas came back and the disciples told him that Jesus had been there, he didn't believe it. He said that he wouldn't believe it unless he could see the nail prints in His hands and the spear thrust in His side. Seven days passed and Jesus came again and made a revelation of Himself. When Thomas saw that He was alive, He said, "My Lord and My God." Thomas didn't believe it at first. Seven days later He saw Him and believed it. I say to you, Thomas then knew that He was alive after death. He knew that Jesus Christ had been resurrected to die no more.

I would remind you that I believe the same thing, but I don't understand it. It is beyond my comprehension. I can't describe it to myself, and I can't describe it so that you will grasp it fully. It is one of those things that you accept by faith.

Only three individuals have seen the Lord Jesus Christ face to face since His resurrection and ascension back to the Father. First of all, there was Stephen the first Christian martyr. We read:

"But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God." — Acts 7:55, 56.

Then on the day that the Apostle Paul was saved, he saw Him. Listen:

"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." — Acts 9:4, 5.

A little later on the Apostle Paul described this experience a little more in detail, for he said:

"And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me." — Acts 22:8, 9.

Now that was the second one who saw Jesus Christ alive in a resurrected form — the second one who saw Him, who knew that He was alive after death, that He was resurrected to die no more.

The third one was John on the isle of Patmos. Listen:

"And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle." — Rev. 1:12, 13.

Now, beloved, here are three individuals of whom I have read who saw Jesus Christ alive from the dead. Stephen saw him, Paul saw Him, and John saw him. I never did see Him, You never did see Him. No one else, so far as divine revelation is concerned, has ever seen Jesus alive from the dead. I believe it because the Apostle Thomas said, "My Lord and my God." These three saw Him after He had ascended unto the Father, still alive in His resurrected, ascended form. I believe it because the Book teaches it, but who can declare His life after death — the fact that He is resurrected to die no more?

Suppose an angel were to come down and were to take my place and were to tell you that Jesus Christ was resurrected and were to give you an accurate, careful, analytical description of the Lord Jesus Christ as He is today, could you understand it? No, no, beloved, your mind just couldn't comprehend it a bit more than mine.

Paul said:

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." — II Cor. 12:2-4.

Paul was caught up into the third heaven. He saw the Lord. He had a great experience and he saw things that were not lawful to tell. He didn't mean that there was any law against telling it, but he meant that if he were to tell it, we just couldn't comprehend it. We just couldn't understand it. I say to you, not one of us could declare or understand

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His life after death.

I go back and I see those men as they drove the nails into His hands and the spear into His side. I see them as they pulled the hair from His cheeks. I see them as they buffeted Him. I see them as they mistreated and maltreated Him, and I ask, who can understand it? I can't understand it. I can't understand how mankind could be so mean and so devilish and so depraved and so barbaric and so inhuman that they would treat the Son of God in that manner.

Beloved, that is not the only thing about the Son of God that I can't understand. I can't understand His pre-incarnate existence. I can't understand His incarnation — that He was born of a virgin. I can't understand His life after death — the fact that He is resurrected now to die no more. It is beyond my comprehension.

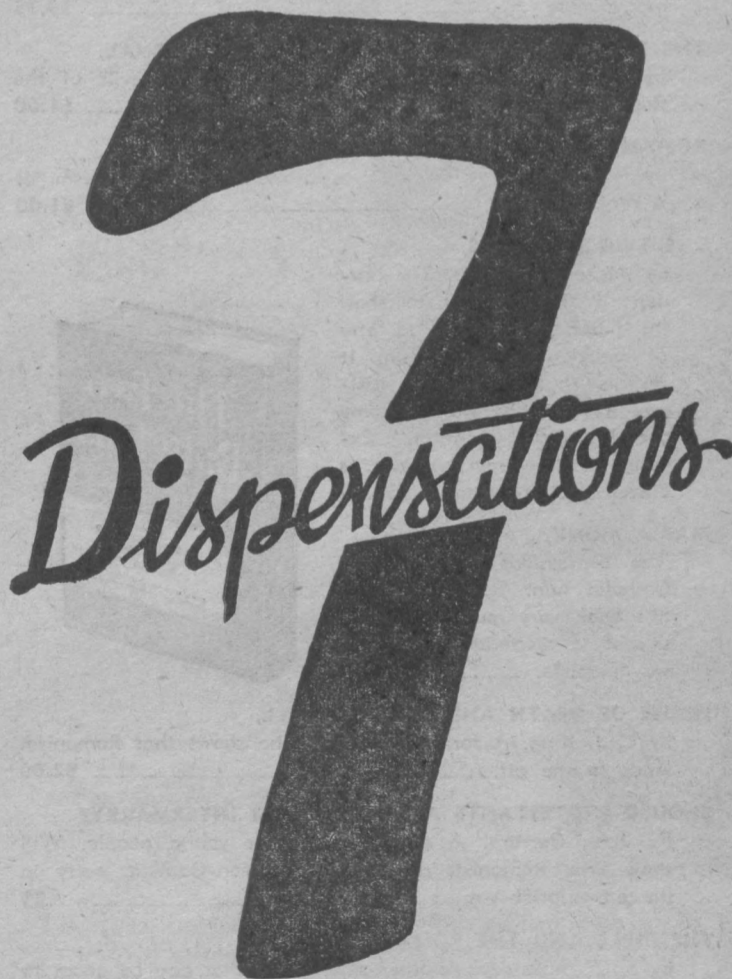
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WHO CAN DECLARE THE VAST NUMBER OF HIS SPIRITUAL OFFSPRING?

I ask you, who can understand the great number that is saved? You say, "Brother Gilpin, is there going to a great number saved? I thought there were just going to be a few."

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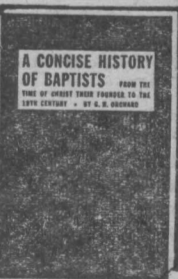


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When I was a boy I used to go to church and I can remember how the preacher would say things that caused chills to run up and down my spine. I can remember as a four year old boy sitting on a seat when my legs weren't long enough to hang over the edge of the bench. I can still remember going home from the service and talking to my brother who was six years older than I, and asking him about things which the preacher had said. What my brother would tell me would cause even greater chills to run up and down my spine. I couldn't understand it. I thought there was going to be only a very few saved. When the preacher would preach, it seemed to me that with one expression he would take a great big slice off of humanity and would consign it into Hell. With the next expression that he would make he would take another slice off and consign it into Hell. By the time that he had finished a thirty minute sermon, about the only persons that I thought were going to be saved were the preacher, the two deacons that sat in the Amen corner, and my mother. I didn't think anybody in the whole

building was going to be saved but a very few.

You know, beloved, I grew up with the thought in mind, there was just going to be a few saved. The first thing that I read in the Bible, as I began to study the Word of God, sounded to me like there were going to be just a handful saved. Listen:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and MANY there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it." — Mt. 7: 13, 14.

I grew up with that thought in mind that there was only going to be a very small handful saved, but you know I learned long ago that this text in Matthew was talking about the crowd that was going to have to find the way to Heaven, and I learned that a great preponderant bulk of folk die before they reach the age of accountability, and they do not have to find the way. The most gloriously comforting doctrine that can ever come to any individual is to know that a babe that dies in Christ goes to be with the Lord. When you think about four-fifths of the human family dying before they reach the age

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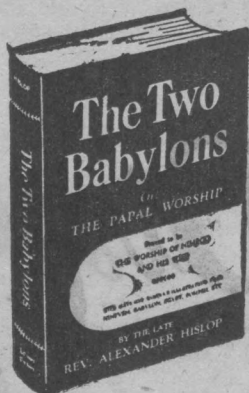
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of accountability, then at least four-fifths of the human family are safe in the arms of Jesus. Don't tell me that just a small crowd will be in Heaven! No, no, beloved. At least four-fifths of the human family are going to be there, and surely a portion of the remaining one-fifth that have to find the way will be there. I tell you, beloved, there is going to be a great multitude that will be saved. Listen:

"And I say unto you, That MANY shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." — Mt. 8:11.

I can see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob sitting down in Heaven. I can see many coming. I can see them coming from the east and from the west and the north and the south. I can see many coming from the western hemisphere and from the eastern hemisphere. I can see many coming from the northern continents and from the southern continents. I can see many coming from the isles of the sea. I see them sitting down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven. There is going to be a tremendous throng.

In the book of Revelation, after John talks about the crowd that is saved during the Tribulation Period — of the 144,000 Jews that are saved during that period, he says:

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands." — Rev. 7:9.

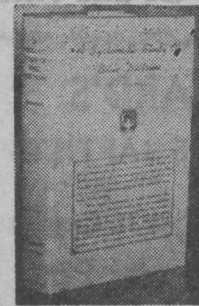
Beloved, there is going to be a big crowd. How big? So big that no man can number it. I can count to millions and billions and trillions. We can count on up to octillions. We can count higher, as

far as counting is concerned, but I tell you, when we have counted as far as we can, there will still be a number that no man can count. I tell you, there is going to be a vast number of the spiritual offspring of the Lord Jesus Christ, and Christ is going to be satisfied with those that are there.

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derstand the vast number of His Spiritual offspring. I don't know how many will be saved, but the number is beyond our comprehension. It is beyond us to understand or conceive of the vast number of His spiritual offspring.

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LOVE OF GOD IN DOING ALL
THIS IN OUR BEHALF?**

I can't understand the sufferings through which He passed. I can't understand His pre-incarnate existence. I can't understand His life after death — that He was resurrected to die no more. I can't understand the vast number of His Spiritual offspring. But, beloved, more than all else, I am amazed and I am completely dumfounded in the presence of the love of God in doing all this in our behalf. Can you tell me one good reason why God should save you? Can you give me one good reason why God before the foundation of the world should have chosen you unto salvation and that one day He would give Christ to die for your sins that you might be saved? I tell you, beloved, I can't understand the love of God in doing all this for us.

I know that it is taught in the Book that He loves us. Listen:

"For God SO LOVED the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." — John 3:16.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that LOVED US, and washed us from our sins in his own blood." — Rev. 1:5.

"May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the LOVE of Christ, WHICH PASSETH KNOWLEDGE, that ye might be filled with all the ful-

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"Indescribable"

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of God." — Eph. 3:18, 19.
Notice, He prayed that those
Christian Christians might know
how long the love of God was,
how broad the love of God was,
how deep the love of God was,
and how high the love of God
was. At the same time he prayed
that they might be able to com-
prehend it. He says, "It is beyond
knowledge, but I pray that
you might understand it."
Here was a man out on the
west coast that was put to death
in a gas chamber of recent date
and the whole world thought that
was terrible that man was put
to death after twelve years ex-
perience in prison, and the fact

that he had escaped the gas
chamber so many times. The
whole world thought that it was
a terrible experience, and yet no-
body said a word in behalf of
that girl 29 years old who as a
result of the brutality that man
inflicted upon her is a mental in-
valid today. The whole world said
that it was terrible to put him to
death. I want to tell you, the
day that Jesus Christ went to the
cross He was subjected to brutal-
ity the like of which nobody was
subjected to before or since. Who
can describe it? Who can compre-
hend it? It is beyond our descrip-
tion. When I stand in the pres-
ence of God to realize that God
did this because He loved us, it
is beyond my comprehension.

As the song has said:

"The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell:
The guilty pair, bowed down with
care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and king-
doms fall;
When men who here refuse to
pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains
call;
God's love, so sure, shall still
endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's
race—
The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parch-
ment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the
whole,
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

Oh, love of God, how rich and
pure!

How measureless and strong!
It shall forever-more endure —
The saints, and angels' song."

I come to my text which says,
"And who shall declare his gen-
eration." I can't describe the gen-
eration that put Him to death. In
like measure, I can't describe nor
declare His pre-incarnate exist-
ence. I can't describe nor de-
clare His incarnation — that He
was born of a virgin. I can't de-
scribe nor declare His resurrec-
tion from the dead and the fact
that He has a resurrected life to-
day. I can't describe nor declare
the vast number of His spiritual
progeny, and neither can I de-
scribe nor declare the love of
God, that caused Jesus Christ to
give Himself in our behalf.

I can't describe it and I can't
declare it, but I believe it, and I
thank God because it is true. I
urge you by faith to believe it, to
hug it to your bosom, to thank
God because of all that I have
said to you, and to go out of this
place rejoicing because of what
He has done for you.

May God bless you!

Protestants Persecuted

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half he was released, thrown to
the floor and beaten with a whip,
five times.

Men in stocks; women whipped.
Each of the male prisoners was
put in the stocks and given, in
turn, 5 lashes with a knotted
whip. The women were forced to
kneel and cross their arms. In this
position they were each given 5
lashes.

The cabildo Chief, Sr. Aurelio
Basto, then read an order pro-
hibiting Protestant religious serv-
ices. He released all but the evan-
gelist, whom he again placed in
the stocks, this time for a half
hour. About 6:00 p.m. the Chief
gave him five lashes more and
released him, telling him to leave
Tierradentro.

Bibles confiscated. During the
attack the authorities confiscated
Bibles and hymnbooks belonging
to the Indians. From Sr. Rogelio
Yonda they took his military re-
gistration papers. These items
are still being held by the cabildo.
Vitonco has no resident priest,

but during the torture in the jail
Father Gonzalo Reyes, C.M., was
making one of his periodic visits
to the village. Also present were
missionary nuns of the order of
Saint Catherine.

**Civil authorities move to cor-
rect abuses.** The Vitonco attack
was promptly reported to the
Governor of Cauca Department,
Dr. Victor Mosquera Chaux. Said
the Governor, as he gave orders
for an investigation: "We will put
an end to violence against Pro-
testants in Tierradentro." Dr. Le-
onel Martinez, a criminal judge,
has been assigned to the case.

Roman Catholic Nuns Interrupt Service in Tierradentro

On Sunday, October 11th, some
70 Indians of Vitonco (Tierraden-
tro, Cauca Department) were
gathered in the home of Sr. Justo
Yonda for their regular service
of Bible study and worship, un-
der the direction of lay preacher
Sr. Martin Pacheco. It was 9:00
a.m., the hour to commence.

At that moment, two nuns of
the order of Saint Catherine* ar-
rived at the house and entered
the large room which serves as a
chapel. "What are you doing
here with so many people?" they
asked. When several persons re-
plied that they were there for a
religious service the nuns said:

"Oh, no! You are doing the
work of the Devil! You should
go to Mass in the village where
the priest is. You must not leave
the priest. Before, you were good
Catholics. Now you are helping
the rebels. (chusmas)."

Over the table which is used
for a pulpit the nuns spread a
white cloth. On it they placed
four candles and an image of the
Virgin Mary. They asked the In-
dians to kneel and make the sign
of the cross, but they refused. The
nuns turned to Sr. Julio Copaque,
one of the lay leaders of the con-
gregation, and scolded him be-
cause the Indians had not obeyed.
They said the Rosary, removed
their candles and image, and pre-
pared to leave.

Before leaving, the nuns ad-
vised the Indians to leave their
Christian faith, saying:

"Leave this evil thing. If you
don't, soldiers will come sudden-
ly and punish you. You have no
one to defend you. The cabildo

SOME TAKE THE HIGH ROAD



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will punish you and put in stocks. The cabildo has orders to do this, and the Mayor has no orders to defend you."

EXPLANATORY NOTE

**Theocratic rule in mission ter-
ritory.** Tierradentro is one of
the 19 territories described in
1953 in the so-called Treaty on
Missions, between Pope Pius XII
and Colombian President Roberto
Urdaneta. The Treaty has never
been submitted to Congress as the
Constitution requires. It gives
Father Enrique Vallejo, C.M., the
Prefect Apostolic, and his lazarist

Fathers, almost feudal authority
over the Indians. His power is
superior to that of the civil of-
ficials appointed to the territory,
and in case of a dispute between
Father Vallejo and the civil of-
ficials, the Government is obliged
by terms of the Treaty, to remove
the latter.

Under the military dictatorship
of Gustavo Rojas Pinilla (over-
thrown in 1957) heavy armed
forces were quartered in the pre-
fecture Apostolic. Police and sol-
diers harassed and persecuted
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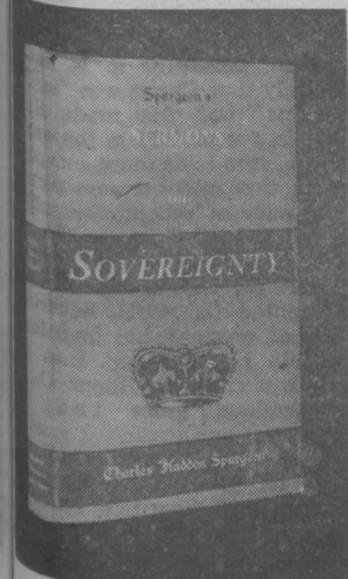
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Where Do We Go?

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teeth and begging for water. The important thing for us to consider now is: who is in danger of going to this terrible place? The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezek. 18:4), because the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23), and all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God (Rom. 3:23). That condemnation includes YOU and it includes ME, but there is a way of escape. He that believeth is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (Jno. 3:18).

For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. (Eph. 2:8-9)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (Acts 16:31).

So it is either believe in Christ or be damned to an eternal hell where there is weeping and wailing, gnashing of teeth and begging for water.

Protestants Persecuted

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Protestants. Many were unjustly jailed, some enduring prison terms for more than a year without trial. In 1950, a Protestant Indian, 23-year-old Ventura Chavez, was seized by Tierradentro police, shot and killed.

—The Convert

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The three things here mentioned of God the Father are His high sovereignty, His inflexible justice, and His amazing grace.

His sovereignty is affirmed in the words "He hath made Him to be sin for us," and therein His supremacy appears at three points.

First, in the Person He selected for this extraordinary transaction, namely, the Son. None but the Father possessed the right and authority to assign the Son for this awful undertaking: He alone could appoint Him to that work. As the God-man Christ was the Servant of the Father, and in ordaining Him to the task of making expiation for sin, He demonstrated His high and absolute sovereignty over all persons and creatures. No man, no angel, no cherub or seraph, but the Son Himself, was singled out.

The sovereignty of God the Father appears, second, in the unique legal arrangement or constitution here alluded to: that He who was without sin should be dealt with as a sinner, and that those who were sinners should be allowed to go free of suffering their just deserts. None but He who is absolute sovereign above all can dispense the Law according to His own imperial good pleasure.

Third, the sovereignty of the Father appears in the ones selected to be the beneficiaries of this unparalleled arrangement, Christ was not made sin for all of Adam's race, for all mankind are not made the righteousness of God in Him. It was the sovereignty of God which elected the persons who were to be everlastingly indebted to Christ's atoning work. Thus the whole foundation of this amazing transaction lay in the absolute sovereignty of God the Father over all persons and things, and before that sovereignty we should humbly and thankfully bow.

Next we behold the inflexible justice of the Father.

Scripture nowhere affirms that God was under any compulsion or moral necessity of saving His people as He did: it was solely by His mere sovereign good pleasure that He devised the method and means revealed in the Gospel. But having ordained that His Son should be "made under the law," then it was imperative that the demands of the law should be fully met. It was to this end that God sent forth His Son to be a propitiation for sin, to "declare His righteousness" (Rom. 3:25).

Thus, in a special manner His justice has been magnified by the death of Christ. True, God cannot act contrary to His own perfections, but the exercise of His justice, mercy, or any of His attributes, is regulated solely by His will. We must adhere strictly to the exact terms of Holy Writ: it is not "that can by no means clear the guilty," but "that will by no means clear" them (Ex. 34:7).

The amazing grace of the Father manifested itself in the aim or design of this transaction, namely, that His people might be freed from sin and constituted

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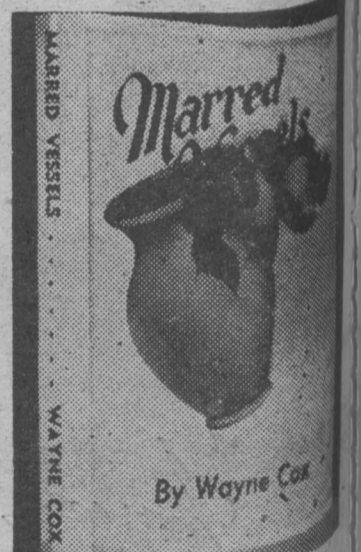
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