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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

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The Gospel Of Jesus Christ

(1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

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It is supposed that all so-called Christian preachers claim to be preachers of the Gospel of our Lord. How can we tell Gospel preaching from that which is not? For this test we appeal to the Scriptures.

A brief outline of the Gospel is found in I Corinthians 15:1-4. Here Christ is set forth in His Person and Work. The emphasis in this passage is on His Work for sinners. A passage which emphasizes Christ's Person is Romans 1:1-4. Here the Holy Spirit through Paul says he (Paul) is "separated unto the gospel of God . . . concerning His Son, Jesus Christ."

The Gospel, then, concerns Jesus Christ, God's Son. This would eliminate the theory that

the Gospel concerns man, his religious practices, duties, rituals, works, etc. The Holy Spirit in Romans reveals Christ in His Humanity (made of the seed of David according to the flesh) and in His Deity (declared to be the Son of God with power). The words "made" suggests a beginning and "declared" eternity past. Christ had a beginning as a human being but was eternally God's Son.

The Gospel concerns the Person of Christ, revealing who He is and also it reveals Christ's work for sinners. It tells what Christ has done to redeem us from hell and eternal death. It tells of Him as our Sinbearer and Substitute.

Paul had preached the Gospel while in Corinth. Now he is writing them and repeating his message. The Gospel will bear repeating continually. It is the

one message that God uses to save those that believe. Let us not be fearful to preach and teach the Gospel continually and perpetually. In this we will be both Pauline and Biblical. "I declare unto you the Gospel which I preach" (1 Cor. 15:1) Notice the tense of the verbs. He was declaring again what he had already preached! When younger in the ministry I used to fear repeating old sermons. Now I fear lest I fail to repeat the "old, old message" of the Gospel!

The Corinthians had received the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1). To receive is to believe—John 1:12. To obey the Gospel is to believe the report—the revealed truth of the Gospel (Romans 10:16). Since they had believed the Gospel, it is evident that they had first been ordained to eternal life—Acts 13:48. They had been (Continued on page 4, col. 2)

Examiner Editorials

By Bob L. Ross

TITHING

Several months ago I had some correspondence with a brother concerning tithing. This brother had previously sent an article opposing tithing and then later wrote another letter. I thought the following reply would be of help to some folk who do not fully understand why tithing is to be practiced.

Dear Brother:

Knowing of your sincerity and love for the truth, I have respect for you and also pay careful attention to those things which you write. Usually, when someone opposes certain doctrines, I do not bear with them to any great degree, for they prove — sooner or later — their wrong motives, etc., and I see no further need to deal with them or their views. But I will say that I carefully read your communication of recent date and also looked into our files for the article on Tithing you mentioned. I found it and read it. While I do not agree with you, I have carefully read the article and will make a few comments on it and the other communication.

In Error On The Law

First, I believe that your view on tithing is based upon your understanding of the Law. I do not see eye-to-eye with you on the Law. Your view, it seems to me,

coincides to a great degree with what is called Plymouth Brethrenism and is found in writings of men like Scofield, Darby, Ironsides, and others. You mentioned Griffith-Thomas; if I am not mistaken, he taught Plymouth Brethren theology, too. Brethrenism sets Law and Grace against each other, the one excluding the other, as if they were in opposition. I can't see this, for the same God who gave Law also gave Grace. Law and Grace are distinct, yes; but not opposed. They are different instruments, we might say, used in obtaining the one end, playing different roles.

Under Grace

In your copy of a portion of my article on "Authority," you comment as follows: "No one under grace is commanded to tithe." I would like to ask you if a Jew before Christ was saved by grace or works? I don't believe you will answer "works." If I am right in my surmise, then tell me if that saved Jew was commanded to tithe?

Law and Grace In All Ages

Concerning the same statement, please tell me when Law ended and Grace began. I hold that both Law and Grace have been operative in all ages. I hold that unsaved people today, who have heard the Law, will be judged by that (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

The "Catholic Vote"

By WILLIAM E. BURKE
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During the 1956 Democratic Convention in Chicago, the staff of Democratic presidential nominee, Senator John Kennedy circulated a memo to Democratic delegates in an effort to persuade them to nominate Kennedy for vice-president instead of Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

This same memo evidently contributed considerably in the nomination of Kennedy at the recent convention.

The smart political leaders did not like to speak publicly about what Senator Kennedy spelled out so bluntly and frankly in his private memo. The only political leader who did so previous to the convention was Chairman Paul Butler who said, "that if Kennedy is not nominated the Democratic Party will lose the Catholic vote." (Atlanta Journal, 7/8/60).

Therefore, "any real account of the religious issue in the 1960 campaign must begin not in West Virginia or Wisconsin but with the Democratic National Convention of 1956. It is interesting that its use there attracted no adverse comment but was accepted as a fact of political life of which sensible politicians would take note—and they did.

"When the Democrats began to gather at Chicago for the all but certain re-nomination of Adlai Stevenson, they found themselves the object of a quiet but well-organized drive upon the vice presidency by Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts. Among the persuaders skillfully employed was a 3000 word memorandum prepared under the direction of Ted Sorenson who was, and still is, Kennedy's chief of staff.

"This document suggested that there was a 'Catholic vote' in the country and described in some detail its apparent size, location, and concentration within the Democratic Party. The argument was made that this vote was drifting to the Republicans, especially President Eisenhower, but could be lured back by a Catholic candidate.

"Specifically, it cited figures to show that Catholic candidates run strongly in Catholic districts. The relevant point today is

that the Sorenson memorandum was not a hidden persuader, clandestinely employed. It was not published, but it was openly and cleanly used to strengthen Kennedy's case.

"It was discussed then and is still freely discussed by politicians and the press. It is threaded all through the Kennedy strategy of achieving the nomination by the primary route. At any moment Kennedy aids and the candidate, too, can tell anyone the figures of supposed Catholic strength not only in a state but in a district or even a county." (Atlanta Journal, 4/26/60).

We should be aware "that Roman Catholics now constitute about 23.2 per cent of the U. S. population, but their electoral impact—if they were to vote in large part as a bloc—could be decisive in a presidential election.

A Congressional Quarterly survey, based on Official Catholic Directory figures and Census Bureau estimates of U. S. population, showed that Catholic (Continued on page 8, column 4)

A JUDGE'S DILEMMA

According to an item in The Oregonian, the city of Portland expects to do something about highway sign advertisements.

It has under consideration the passing of an ordinance forbidding the advertising of an article which is more than five miles from the billboard carrying the advertisement.

One of the city's judges — no need to mention his name — says he would dislike ruling on the legality of that ordinance.

"What?" he asks, would he do about those, "Where Will You Spend Eternity?" signs."

The judge's question may result in a change being made in the wording of the city ordinance.

We might suggest that the expression: "Where Will You Spend Eternity" is a paradox; because eternity can never be spent, it is all the more important that everyone should consider the question of where he will be in (Continued on page 2, column 5)

VOTE AMERICAN!

(From "Christian Heritage")

When Alfred E. Smith was nominated by the Democratic Convention in 1928, he shocked the country by selecting John J. Raskob of Philadelphia as his campaign manager. Who's Who in America had listed Mr. Raskob as a Republican and a member of the famous Republican Union League in the city of Philadelphia. Smith was a politician and Raskob a wealthy businessman. The only visible bond between them was that both were militant Roman Catholics and intensely hostile to national prohibition. Mr. Raskob's chief virtue was his financial generosity toward Roman Catholic institutions. His large gifts to the Knights of Columbus and parish building programs had endeared him to the Roman Catholic hierarchy. His appointment as Smith's campaign manager was hailed in diocesan periodicals with a zeal second only to that called forth by the nomination of Smith himself.

But John J. Raskob became one of the most discredited national chairmen that ever directed an election campaign. Only the Catholic bloc-voting in Massachusetts

and Rhode Island gave Smith any semblance of Political strength. The deficit of the National Democratic Committee was nearly a million dollars. Raskob reduced this to \$628,000 and contributed \$225,000 of his own funds to help wipe out this deficit, the remainder was unloaded upon the financial institutions over which he and Smith exercised great control. The official report of the campaign on file in Washington, shows the total contribution of Mr. Raskob as \$604,000.

While the Alfred E. Smith campaign committee was feverishly trying to recover from its financial depression, a prominent Boston Democrat was well on his way toward the amazing goal of providing each of his children with a million dollar trust fund at the age of 21. He was Joe Kennedy, father of the Democratic standard bearer in 1960. Time magazine (July 11, '60) tells the story.

"A tough and tightfisted operator, Joe Kennedy, made some bitter enemies as he acquired his millions (many of his embittered associates refuse to speak of their ventures with Joe Kennedy, or to him.) He was a foresighted speculator: anticipating the end of Prohibition, Joe made a quick trip to England in 1933, cornered the import franchise for British Scotch (Haig & Haig, Dewar's) and gin (Gordon's) for \$118,000. Then he wrangled a Government permit to import thousands of cases of his whiskey and gin for medicinal purposes, and when repeal came, the Kennedy warehouses were bulging and ready to flow. After 13 years of giddy profits, Joe sold his British franchise for \$8,500,000 and paid off the two top officials who had run his distribution company for him with a niggardly \$25,000 each.

"In the late 20's, Joe Kennedy went into show business, flourished as a board chairman, special advisor or reorganizer of five film, vaudeville and radio companies (Paramount, Pathe, First National, Keith-Albee-Orpheum and RCA). Since the war he has applied his Midas touch to Texas oil investments and real estate in Manhattan, Palm Beach and Chicago. Joe Kennedy's fantastic purchase of Chicago's Merchandise Mart, the world's largest and ugliest commercial building, from (Continued on page 8, column 3)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"NO DECEIT IN JESUS"

Thirty-third in a series of Messages on Isaiah 53 — By John R. Gilpin

"Neither was any deceit in his mouth." — Isa. 53:9.

I am satisfied you will agree with me that deceit is a characteristic of the depraved nature. I am sure that there is not a person but what will agree at once, that deceit and deceitfulness characterize the majority of the people of this world.

This is obvious in view of the warnings that are given within the Bible relative to deceit and deceitfulness. For example, we read:

"But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction, bloody and DECEITFUL men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee." — Psa. 55:23.

"Faithful are the wounds of a

friend; but the kisses of an enemy are DECEITFUL." — Prov. 27:6.

"The heart is DECEITFUL above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" — Jer. 17:9.

If you don't believe that is true, then I will ask you, why is it that you women spend more on face powder than you do on baking powder? If that isn't true, I will ask you why it is that the cosmetic bill in America is higher than the grocery bill? Believe me when I say that the heart is deceitful above all things. Why is it that a young woman doesn't look the same at 6:00 o'clock in the evening when she is going out on a date as she does at 6:00 o'clock in the morning when she first gets up. I am sure that

you will agree with me that the most unglamorous looking thing in the world is a woman at 6:00 o'clock in the morning when she first awakens.

We read:

"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that hear-eth the word; and the care of this world, and the DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful." — Mat. 13:22.

The Lord Jesus is here giving the parable of the sower, and as you will recall a part of the seed had fallen among thorns so that while it grew, it was choked, and became unfruitful, and did not bear fruit. Of course it represents the saved person whose life is not (Continued on page 6, column 2)

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Law and will certainly suffer its curse. I hold that since Adam was first placed under the "old covenant" men have been under Law. Also, since the first promise of Gen. 3:15, the "new covenant" (everlasting covenant of grace in Christ) has been revealed to the guilty elect.

If you can prove that tithing, as a ceremonial law, has been changed, I can agree with your view on this, but not on the Law as a whole. Ceremonial laws may vary, like the Sabbath for instance. But moral laws can only be superseded at the command of God. If tithing is a ceremonial law, and has been changed, you can show me that, can't you? The New Testament makes it plain about the sabbaths. What about the tithe? The verses you quote on giving do not mention the tithe as being excluded. Why should I, then, believe that the apostles or writers of the so-called "New Testament" do not have it in mind as the basis of their

statements?

Now, in your article on Tithing, you list five questions about tithing. Brother, as I recall, you believe in the Sunday School. I wonder if you would apply those five questions to the Sunday School? What would be the result?

The "New Testament"

In your article you refer to "New Testament preachers" and similar things, using the term "New Testament." I, too, have often used that term, but I am convinced that many misconceptions have resulted from this Roman Catholic-Protestant term, applied to a few books of our one WORD of God, undivided. What is your authority and my authority for chopping the Bible into two segments, calling one by the term "Old Testament" and the other "New Testament"? The old covenant is the covenant of works with Adam and reinforced by the moral Law; the new covenant is the everlasting covenant in Christ, in effect in all ages for all the elect of God. So why relegate terminology away from the truth it should identify?

When Did Law "Change"?

You state: "After Jesus became our High Priest, and the law changed, tithing is never mentioned again." I want to know if silence on the matter is your authority for throwing tithing out? Also, how did the Law change? In what sense?

Jesus And Pharisees

You say that when Jesus spoke about tithing, "He was not talking to His disciples, but to the scribes and Pharisees." But let me ask you, Did He approve or disapprove of tithing? How could He approve of tithing if it simply meant He approved of certain persons doing it, when the scribes and Pharisees were children of the devil with wrong motives in their hearts? To me, the only thing Jesus approved was tithing itself, not merely the act as performed by certain persons. He can approve no work of a child of the devil, as such.

Also, were saved people before Christ His "disciples"? Was David a disciple of Christ? Was Abraham? Was Moses? Was Isaiah? If so, and if Christ had these men to tithe, when did He do away with the practice which He gave to them to follow?

When the apostles deal with the ceremonial sacrifices, sabbaths, etc., which were types, they plainly tell us about their being fulfilled. But where do they place tithing in this category?

God Always Owns All

You say that in the "New Testament" all that we have belongs to the Lord. I agree with that and will go a step further and say that in the "Old Testament" everything belonged to the Lord!!! Where do you get it that men like David, Moses, Elijah, etc., ever gave grudgingly to the Lord? Where do you get it that you and I today have better motives than these men? Did they give from fear and just to pay "rent," as you say, or did they give to honor God?

Tithing Not A Hindrance

You state that preachers have hindered the Lord's work by teaching tithing. The only hindrance I have found in regard to tithing is that where tithing is not practiced, the Lord's work suffers. Has Hardshell opposition to tithing increased their financial abilities any? Brother, grace in the heart does not destroy tithing, but gives us the proper motive for giving a tithe and anything else we might give.

Assumption

You state: "If Jesus had practiced tithing He would have spoken to Peter on this wise in Matthew 17:27." How do you KNOW that He would? If you ask me, this is pure assumption of the rank sort. You could get away with about anything, using such an argument as this.

Let me ask you something else. What part of the Bible did Jesus teach? Did He teach it all? Where does He ever disapprove of the teaching on tithing? What part of the Bible did Paul and the first apostles teach?

Are We Debtors?

You lay quite a bit of emphasis on "laying up treasures" and say that one can't do this if he owes a debt. Let me say that if we do everything commanded us to do, we are still to count ourselves as "unprofitable servants," worthy of nothing. I believe we are in debt to God, not to live after the flesh, but to the glory of God. We are not our own, we are bought with a price. Do you not owe anything to the Lord, brother?

You further say that Jesus does not need our money, as if GOD ever did need it. Is this an argument against tithing? If so, then why don't you tell that to the God who instigated it!!!

A Proper Motive

I think your idea about preaching on "laying up treasures in heaven" is foreign to a proper motive. I am not to give just so I will have my money in Heaven waiting for me "when I arrive," as you put it. It is true that God will reward us, but seeking the reward is not the right motive. We should be seeking God's glory.

Gentiles

You say that no Gentile was ever commanded to tithe. Can you prove that no Gentile, since the world's beginning, has not tithed? Actually, the question is this: Has anyone under the covenant of grace ever tithed? Is this right for a saved person to do?

Sinner's Obedience Not Accepted, Though Required

I say this: God accepts no sinner's "obedience" until saved. Then, whatever is revealed to be just, holy, and good may be performed by a person and be acceptable to God. It would be mighty difficult to prove that God accepted the tithing of an unsaved Jew as a "good work."

Conclusion

In closing I wish to say that the books called the "Old Testament" are just as much the word of JESUS CHRIST as the recorded words in the so-called "New Testament." John says that many things performed by Jesus were not written, for the books could not be contained in the world if all had been written. So if Jesus approved of tithing, surely He did teach on it. He nowhere teaches that tithing was to cease or did cease. This is taught about other things, called ceremonies, sacrifices, etc.

These few thoughts are some of the things that came to my mind, as I read your article and other communication.

Yours by His grace,

BOB L. ROSS.

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JFK-LBJ IN TROUBLE IN TEXAS

From the articles lately appearing in Texas newspapers, it would appear that Kennedy and Johnson will not fare so well in traditionally Democratic Texas, the home state of Johnson. According to reports, Johnson's mail-bag is receiving letters that

"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. Since Mr. Nixon is satisfied with Mr. Kennedy's statement of religion, why are not you?

For the simple reason that Mr. Nixon is not an all-sufficient guide for us. As a matter of fact, our support of Nixon is simply what we believe to be the lesser of two evils. We don't believe either Nixon or Kennedy will be of benefit to this nation, but we are postponing the worst till last.

Actually, your question is a bit off line, however. It is not merely Mr. Kennedy's religion, it is his subjection to the Roman hierarchy which not only has religion but also political ambitions and doctrines. Of course, this necessary subjection comes under the head of "religion," but too many people have the idea that all that is involved is faith and ritual. This is not the case at all.

2. Do you agree with Governor Bert Combs of Kentucky that religion is a dead issue in this campaign in Kentucky?

If it ever becomes a dead issue one reason for this will be the fact that Kennedy and his crowd cease exploiting it in every way possible. That speech he recently made in Houston before the min-

isterial association is being telecast on TV in the north and this is being financed by the Democratic National Committee. It looks like people would wake up as to just who it is that is interested in using religion in this campaign. It has been the Kennedy gang all along, even as far back as 1956 at the Democratic Convention in Chicago where Kennedy tried to get the vice-presidential nomination by circulating memorandum to the effect that a Roman Catholic on the ticket would swing the Catholic vote to the Democrats.

3. In view of the way the Catholics have killed Baptists in the past, if you voted for Mr. Kennedy, could you look a Baptist martyr in the eye when you meet him in eternity?

Whenever we aid the Roman Catholic church in any way we are betraying the faith of our fathers and likewise trampling under foot their blood.

A Judge's Dilemma

(Continued from page one) eternity!

A believer in the Lord Jesus can definitely answer that extremely important question by saying: "By the grace of God I shall ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

The eternal God (Deuteronomy 33:27) who inhabits eternity (Isaiah 57:15), sent His eternal Son into the world (1 John 4:14); and He, through the eternal Spirit (Hebrews 9:14) offered Himself without spot to God on our behalf.

He "was delivered for our offenses" and was "raised again for our justification." "That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:15); and have it as a free gift (Romans 6:23).

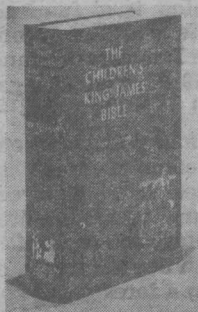
When the Lord Jesus said, "I will come again," He added, "and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3).

What a glorious destiny! "With" Christ, and "like" Him (1 John 3:2) in "eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:10) for all eternity.

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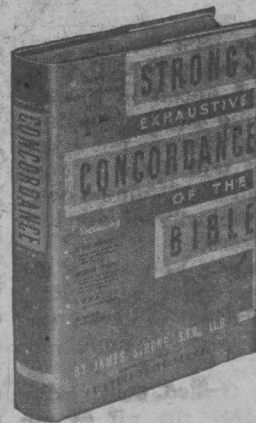
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"And as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." — (Acts 14:48).

It has long been a point of debate as to God's liberty in His dealing with men. Somewhere men have conceived the idea that God cannot do as He pleases with men. Men in their totally depraved state even become terribly offended when it is said that God has predestinated some men to eternal life. Instead of rejoicing at this marvelous truth they are highly displeased. This reaction only proves the rebellious nature of natural man and his distrust of God and God's ability to rule righteously.

In this message I intend to prove that God elects whom He pleases to salvation, without regard to any man's opinion or approval. We do not expect to persuade all to agree, but the proof will nevertheless be set forth.

GOD HAS ELECTED

I commence by stating that God has surely elected some men to eternal life. He has predestinated them to salvation and all that are thus predestinated shall surely be saved through the appointed means of salvation. They shall not be saved by the works of the law or by anything they themselves might do; they have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ, God the Son, and all for whom Christ died — the elect — shall be given the gift of faith whereby they believe to the saving of their souls. By the irresistible grace of God every one of the elect of God shall believe in Christ. God shall see to it that His elect hear the gospel of Christ and the Holy Spirit shall work in the elect to bring about the "new birth" through the preaching of the gospel.

In proving that God has predestinated some to eternal life we shall therefore prove that the Arminian theory, that man's destiny is in his own hands, is utterly false.

When God predestinated us (His elect) to everlasting life He also predestinated us to certain things. We read, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (II Thess. 2:13).

Observe that the chooser is God. Also the beloved of the Lord were chosen to salvation and the choice was made from the beginning. Only a person who is determined to deny God's absolute liberty will try to discredit this verse.

Again we read, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us



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with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." (Eph. 1:3-5).

Now if there is any question as to what is meant by the phrase "from the beginning" let it be observed that this scripture states that we were "chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world." Therefore, these verses clearly refute the Arminian heresy that says God makes choice when a person believes or submits himself to God.

Also observe that we were predestinated unto the adoption of children and the predestinating was done "according to the good pleasure of God's will." Those of you who say we are elect because of God's foreseeing that we would believe ought to consider the Scripture carefully before you teach that heresy anymore.

To those of you who are enabled by God's grace to understand, we have no doubt proved that the elect (for none others shall be saved) have been predestinated to eternal life and that they were predestinated before the foundation of the world. God predestinated us according to his good pleasure and not because of any foreseen good in us. "For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth: It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." (Rom. 9:11-13).

These facts prove that God has unlimited liberty in fixing the destiny of His elect. If not, how then could He have righteously predestinated them to everlasting life before they were born; yea, even before the foundation of the world? I trust that none of you will be so blasphemous as to accuse God of being unrighteous. Also, who among you will display spiritual ignorance of justice by saying that God is unfair in predestinating some to eternal life? If the elect were predestinated to eternal life, on what basis do you who oppose this truth make the claim that man's destiny is in his own hands? Without reservation I say the following: Those that Christ died for cannot go to hell. They stand redeemed in Jesus Christ, their substitute. They have nothing to go to hell for. Their sin debt has been completely paid by Christ himself. Christ is not a failure. He shall surely see the travail of His soul.

We have thus far proved that the Lord has acted with absolute liberty in His dealings concerning His elect. He has set the eternal destiny of His elect even before the foundation of the world. God has purposed in eternity past to adopt us as children. Answer me this: What choice had I in de-

"...WHEN GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT WILL BE REVEALED... HE WILL RENDER TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS:"



termining my life? When did I "cast the deciding vote?" Can a worm such as I reverse or make of none effect the eternal purpose of Almighty God? Hear the words of God: "I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isa. 46:11).

CHRIST'S DEATH FOR THE ELECT

Now let us examine another thought and further prove God's unlimited liberty in regard to His elect. In Isa. 53:5 we read, "And with his stripes we are healed."

Also, Peter's words concerning Christ: "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (I Pet. 2:24).

We see that it is by the infliction of punishment on Christ that we are healed.

Now I ask this: What voice did you have in the matter of who was or was not healed by the death of Christ? When did you counsel God concerning whether or not you were to be healed by the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ? Yea, let me increase the difficulty by reminding you that Christ stood as a lamb slain from before the foundation of the world. How, then, say some of you that God has left the matter of eternal life or eternal death in the hands of each person? I stand in doubt of you who contend for the false theory that a man's destiny is in his own hands. I fear that you would point yourself and others to a false notion of God's requirement for the payment of the sin-debt. I warn you that salvation is in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ, not in our "decision," "religion," or "works of righteousness."

"For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was fore ordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." (I Pet. 1:18-20).

How are the elect redeemed? I answer, by the precious blood of Christ. Now the Arminian theory denies this. Arminians (those who oppose truth) say that the blood of Christ absolutely saves no one. They say that Christ's work hangs upon man's choice, that a man completes the matter by "accepting Christ," or "by being baptized," or doing some other work of the flesh. The Holy Spirit does not so teach Christ!

We were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ; not almost redeemed, not partially redeemed, I declare absolute and complete redemption in Christ Jesus. We become children of God by faith in Jesus Christ but we were redeemed by the blood (death) of Christ. If this is true (and it is)

then doesn't it prove that God is unlimited in His liberty in His dealing with His elect? Did God ask any of us (His elect) if we would consent to being healed by the stripes of Christ? Do any of the elect know they have been redeemed until the Holy Spirit causes them to repent and believe the gospel? You have heard it said by some that they know they are saved because they "were there when it happened." But I ask you this: Were you actually there when your sins were paid for? Friends, listen to me; there is no forgiveness apart from redemption except in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Time does not permit us to speak more on this thought but surely we have proved that God is unlimited in liberty concerning His elect. If Christ were foreordained before the foundation of the world to die in the place of His elect, and if God chose those, to be redeemed by the death of His dear Son, before the foundation of the world, then surely He has absolute liberty to save whom He pleases.

EFFECTUALLY CALLED

In the last place we will deal with the actual coming to Christ. Here, also, we shall prove that God is unlimited in liberty concerning His elect.

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37.)

You who exalt man's "free-will" ought to look closely at this verse. Christ says that all that the Father giveth to Him "shall" come to Him. There isn't any doubt about it. This does not leave the decision in the hands of man. Now if all that the Father gives to Christ shall come to Him, then there is no room for "watering down" the truth with such words as "might come" or "could if they would," etc.

If Christ says all of the elect of God shall come, is this true? How far can we trust the words of Christ? Personally, I would (Continued on page 4, column 1)

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God's Unlimited Liberty

(Continued from page three)

rather doubt that I exist than doubt that all the elect shall come to Christ. Christ assures us that all of His people shall come to Him.

How, then, can I say that God does not have unlimited liberty concerning His elect? We read, "It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." (John 6:45).

Once again there is no doubt in the Lord's statement. Everyone that God teaches and causes to hear comes to Christ.

Hear the Psalmist: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." (Ps. 110:3).

If God does not have unlimited liberty and power over the elect how can He make these positive statements? Surely, it is obvious that God saves whomsoever He pleases without consulting anyone.

Do you believe Daniel 4:35 which says, "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, what doest thou?"

Beloved, I assert and affirm that God has ordained some men to salvation; absolutely redeemed them that are thus ordained by punishing Christ in their stead; and causes those thus ordained and redeemed (the elect) to come to Christ. "For it is God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13).

Do you know this sovereign God? Is this the God you worship? If not you are surely de-

ceived into worshipping a false god. Even the sincerest worship of a false god is of no avail.

I close with this thought. "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." (Rev. 19:6).

The Gospel

(Continued from page one)

"Chosen . . . to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, whereunto he called . . . by our Gospel." (II Thess. 2:13-14). Sinners then are called by the Gospel which is made effectual by the Holy Spirit. So saints may not boast of their believing the Gospel but should praise God for opening their blinded eyes and hearts—II Cor. 4:6. God uses the Gospel messages to bring dead sinners to life—"called . . . by our Gospel." (II Thess. 2:14). See also John 11:43.

As the Corinthian saints were chosen and ordained to eternal life they heard the gospel message through the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and they believed and were saved—saved by the gospel. "By which ye are also saved" (I Cor. 15:2). They were saved by the Person and Work of Jesus Christ.

Their standing was in the Gospel—"wherein ye stand"—Cor. 15:1. The believer's standing is in the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. Standing speaks of relationship and acceptance. We have favor with God in the merit of God's Son in Whom the Father is well pleased: in both Christ's Person and Work. Being God's eternal Son, Christ was qualified to be our Sinbearer—

our sins were put on Him (I Pet. 2:24). Our sin nature was also judged in Christ's death (II Cor. 5:21; Rom. 5:12-21). Christ's righteousness is put to our account and we stand in Him complete (Col. 2:10).

How Did Jesus Christ Die?

1. Let us note the negative side.

(a) Christ did not die as ordinary men die: Not by merely dying on a cross on a given day. Two other men died in like death in this respect. Yet they could not die for others. There not only had to be death for sin but this death had to be experienced by the Eternal Son of God. It had to be substitutionary, and acceptable to the Father.

(b) Christ did not die because he was compelled to die by men's force. He could have called down help from heaven had he desired and needed it. Matt. 26:53.

(c) Christ did not die as our example. He is our example in patiently enduring suffering—I Pet. 2:20-21. Jesus as our example could never save as we never measure up to His example in any way. And God requires perfection, which man of himself does not produce.

(d) Christ did not die to show us how to die. He is not the way shower but the "Way."

Now let us notice the positive side as to how Christ died and rose again.

(a) Christ died and arose according to the Scriptures.

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and . . . He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." (I Cor. 15:3-4). The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ were in direct fulfillment of the Old Testament predictions. The Psalmist had predicted the very words Jesus would utter on the cross, "My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me?" (Psalm 22:1). Matt. 27:46 records that Jesus actually said these words as he bore the wrath of God for us.

Isaiah speaks of Christ's death—"He was taken from prison and from judgment. Who shall declare his generation—for he was cut off out of the land of the living—for the transgression of my people was he stricken." (Isa. 53:8). Luke 23:46 speaks of fulfillment of the prophecy: "and when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, 'Father into thy hands I commend my spirit,' and having said this he gave up the ghost."

The resurrection of Christ was also according to the Old Testament Scriptures. "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." (Psalm 16:10). In Luke 24:6 we have the testimony of the angel—"He is not here but is risen." And again Acts 2:24 speaks of the resurrection of Jesus. "Whom God hath raised up having loosed the pains of death because it was not possible that He should be holden of it."

These and other Old Testament predictions and their exact and precise fulfillment as recorded in the New Testament prove that Jesus is the Messiah and our Saviour. Had He deviated in the least in fulfilling the prophecies regard the Messiah and His passion and resurrection He could not have been the anointed of God.

But praise God He did fulfill them. That is good news. It is our gospel message!

(b) Christ died to pay the penalty demanded for God's broken Law.

The penalty for transgression of God's law is death. "The wages of sin is death." (Rom. 6:23) and all apart from Christ are under the penalty of death. This is not good news or the Gospel. When we measure ourselves by God's eternal law or the Mosaic law or the law of sin and death, we conclude with Rom. 3:10, "There is none righteous, no not one." Hence—there is no Gospel, no good news in any message which recommends that man by his own efforts or work measure up to God's law by

Interesting Information On The Political Front

IT LOOKS LIKE THE "RELIGIOUS ISSUE" IS BEING POLITICALLY USED

Gould Lincoln, a political columnist in the *Washington Evening Star*, wondered recently if some people might not be playing the religious issue for political advantage. Hitting at some points which many concerned Protestants have felt, Mr. Lincoln wrote:

"Are the Democratic spokesmen . . . attempting to tell the public that any Protestant who votes against Senator John F. Kennedy . . . is a bigot? Are they conducting a pressure campaign on Protestants generally, no matter whether they consider Senator Kennedy not as well fitted for the presidency as his Republican opponent . . . to vote for the Massachusetts senator next November? It is beginning to look very much as if all this concerted Democratic propaganda . . . is deliberate. As if they hoped to line up the very large number of the Catholic voters in this country solidly for Senator Kennedy and to win him the votes of Protestants who are reluctant to be termed bigots. It would be a new wrinkle in presidential campaigns if it succeeded."

Mr. Lincoln continued:

"A candidate for President of the United States should not be elected or defeated because of his

church and his religious beliefs. The Democratic spokesmen . . . are not stressing the fact that any Catholic who votes for Senator Kennedy merely because of his qualifications for the office is a bigot. They are merely railing at Protestants who may for reasons of their own prefer Mr. Nixon to Senator Kennedy.

"There is no slightest doubt that this Democratic propaganda is increasing the bitterness over the religious issue. Nor is there any doubt that the issue is now firmly driven into the campaign."

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That the senator from Massachusetts is counting on the so-called "Catholic vote" is evident from some campaign material which his supporters circulated in 1956 when he was running for the vice presidency. The Kennedy strategy now is to deny that there is a "Catholic vote" but in 1956 a memorandum written by his supporters was circulated showing that the proportion of the Catholic adult population in New York, for example, was 32 per cent of the whole, 29 per cent in Pennsylvania, 30 per cent in Illinois, 39 per cent in New Jersey, 50 per cent in Massachusetts, 49 per cent in Connecticut, 60 per cent in Rhode Island, 22 per cent in California, 24 per cent in Wisconsin, 21 per cent in Maryland, and 22 per cent in Montana.

If you'll subtract each of these figures from 100 per cent, you'll readily see that if any Roman Catholic makes it to the White House in the next generation, Protestants will put him there!

A MODERNIST WRITES TO KENNEDY

Politics, they say, make strange bedfellows. Here is a case in point.

Mr. Charles Clayton Morrison, who was founder and for 40 years editor of *The Christian Century*, had an "Open Letter to Senator Kennedy" in the September 12 issue of a rival magazine, *Christianity Today*. The *Century* has been the voice of liberal Protestantism in America for over half-a-century while *Christianity Today* represents the more conservative theological element in the country.

Although unconfirmed, it is reported that Mr. Morrison first submitted his "Open Letter" to the *Century*, of which he is still a contributing editor, where it was refused. The other magazine agreed to publish it and offered Senator Kennedy space to reply if he wished to do so.

In his letter, Mr. Morrison called on the senator to repudiate the Catholic "boycott" of public schools and to spell out fully his definition of the separation of church and state. He recalled a 1948 statement by the American Roman Catholic hierarchy which termed the conception of separation of church and state a "shibboleth of doctrinaire secularism" and asked Kennedy to "reconcile your belief in the separation of church and state with this authoritative position of your church."

He said the religious issue emerges only when the Catholic church is involved because all other churches "are content to live and work in the open domain of religious liberty which the state is forbidden to enter and the churches may not lawfully transgress."

"But your church," added Morrison, "has not such inhibition on this score because it is itself a state, and its ultimate power is political, not religious."

The open letter also touches on such points as diplomatic relations with the Vatican, attendance by Roman Catholics at Protestant churches, government land grants to churches, and "the monarchical structure and character of the Roman Catholic Church itself."

—United Evangelical Action.

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—Christ

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—the Jews

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ROME'S POWER SEEN IN MANY NATIONS

In an editorial in the Denver Post (8-26-'60) Wayne Johnson writes on the subject, "Castro Fires on the (Roman Catholic) Church." We quote: "History may never repeat itself exactly, but the frantically running historical record does occasionally seem to replay the tunes."

"The Roman Catholic Church harboring wolves in sheep's clothing... Do not turn temples into political meeting grounds."

The words are those of Juan Peron, spoken on June 13, 1955, little more than three months before the Argentine dictator was overthrown.

"The government's policy is dangerous because along with the most noble objectives such as patriotic unity... it shows 'in-missible intentions from the viewpoint of the Church's teaching.'"

This statement is an excerpt from a pastoral letter issued by the Primate of Columbia, Crisostomo Cardinal Luque, on June 1956, less than a year before the Columbian dictatorship of Gen. Gustavo Rojas Pinilla was crushed.

In the last six years, the Roman Catholic Church has played a major role in toppling three South American strongmen—Peron in Argentina, Rojas in Colombia and Gen. Marcos Perez Jimenez in Venezuela.

In his article, Mr. Johnson goes to show in more detail how the struggle came to a head on June 15, 1955, when the Argentine prelates to Rome. The next day Pope Pius XII communicated Peron and all others in his government who "trampled on the rights of the Church."

Johnson tells of the political struggle in Colombia, centered around Dictator Gustavo Pinilla and Cardinal Luque. It ended with a complete victory for the Roman Catholic Church.

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Christ has already borne the hell penalty for them. How glorious and how true is this Gospel!

By Christ suffering for us, death loses its terror. If Jesus does not come in our generation we will have to die physically; but this should not trouble us since physical death for God's child is only a door into the presence of Christ (Phil. 1:23; II Cor. 5:8).

Someone has said that Christ has taken the sting out of death for God's children. We know that "the sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law" (I Cor. 15:56). But Christ died for sin and is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Rom. 5:15-21; Rom. 10:4).

I read about a mother and friends gathering around the crib of an infant. The lady friends became very excited when they saw a hornet flying near the body of the child. They inquired as to why the mother was not more concerned about the child's safety. She assured her friends that the hornet could not harm the child since it had just left its sting in her own body. Though we may experience physical death the sting of spiritual death went into Christ. He felt the full fury of God's wrath on sin when He bore in His own body our sins on the tree.

Spiritual death, eternal death, the second death has no terror for those for whom Christ died.

Good News, Glad Tidings is this Gospel of God concerning His Son made of the seed of David and declared to be the Son with power. Rom. 1:1-4.

Good News, the gospel! "How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:3-4).

Though there are many facets to the movement to completely integrate the Negro in the South, the basic cause we know is of world wide Communist origin and design.

In 1910 four white persons and one Negro founded the NAACP in New York City. They were Wm. M. Walling, a Russian-trained revolutionary; Mary Ovington White, and Oswald Garrison Villard, a socialist and descendant of a Civil War Abolitionist; Dr. Henry Moskowitz; and W. E. B. DuBois, its present Negro "Honorary Chairman" with not less than 72 citations of Communist-front and subversive activities entered against his name.

The president, executive secretary, special counsel and chairman of the board of directors of the NAACP; eleven of its twenty-eight vice presidents, its treasurer, twenty-eight of its forty-seven directors—and many other associates are cited in the files of the Un-American Activities Committee or designated by the Attorney General as affiliated with or participating in Communist, Communist-front, fellow-traveling, or subversive organizations.

We realize that the drive for complete integration of the races in the South is but a small segment in the over-all plan to first socialize and then communize America.

Positive proof of this can be found in the Communist Party's National platform adopted on May 25, 1928, which included every demand for Negroes which is now found in TARGET FOR 1963, a pamphlet published by the NAACP in 1956, giving its program and objectives.

The Communists have decided that every adult Negro in the South shall be franchised so that the Negroes will hold a large number of the seats in the State Legislatures and will occupy the Southern seats in Congress.

The report of the National Committee of the Communist Party of October 5, 1955, concluded with this advice: "Pass civil rights legislation! End segregation! Full equality for the Negro people—now!"

The February number of the Red magazine, "Party Voice," said "Victory would mean desegregation, majority rule and Negro representation. Victory would mean the replacement of the Dixiecrat delegation to State and National Legislature by spokesman for the Negro people, labor and poor farmers."

A. Phillip Randolph, a Negro and a vice president of the AFL-CI, and director of the NAACP,

ATTEMPT MADE TO BAR ANTI-CATHOLIC LITERATURE FROM MAILS

That the forces behind the Democratic nominee would deny the people the right of hearing both sides if they had their way was proven in a story which appeared recently in the New York Times. It concerned efforts to get Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield to bar anti-Catholic literature from the mails or to "take the second class mailing privileges away from the organization or individuals circulating the scurrilous material."

Summerfield adopted a "hands-off" policy saying that the Post Office Department had no legal authority to halt such mail. Although the request to Summerfield had been initiated by the Fair Campaign Practices Committee, the Times said that the Summerfield ruling "came as a big blow to campaign managers of Senator John Kennedy. . . . They had hoped to secure help from the Post Office Department to choke off the flow of the anti-Catholic material directed at Senator Kennedy, a Catholic."

While any patriotic American would condemn "scurrilous" material, we wonder who would have decided what was legitimate discussion and what was scurrilous? And we soberly wonder if Kennedy makes it to the White House, will the pressures increase all down the line on those who still believe in the American right of free discussion? —NAE "Action."

God's Wonderful Providences

In the wonderful providence of God, every link of the chain fits into its own place with most delicate precision. Nothing comes a moment too soon. Nothing lags. God's providence is like God's nature.

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The sun never rises late. No star sets too early. So, in providence, everything comes in its set time. God's clock is never a second slow. Can this be chance? Can nature's perfect adjustments be chance?

Can the wonderful beauty and beneficence of Providence be chance? A mere endless succession of happy blessed coincidences? Oh no! There is a God Whose hand moves the machinery of the universe, and that God is our Heavenly Father.

There is a heart beating at the center of all things. He who has ears to hear, cannot but hear it. Thus in Joseph's life, every smallest event was wrought into the final result with perfect adaptation.

The inhuman wickedness of his brothers in selling him, the foul lie of Potiphar's wife which sent him to a dungeon, the ingratitude of the butler which left him friendless and forgotten for two years in prison—all these wrongs by others were, by the divine touch, transmuted into blessings—as Joseph kept sweet, free from cynicism, and took the discipline and training.

—Selected

THE NAACP

outlined the methods to be used in organizing the white and the Negroes in unsegregated unions in the South in his publication, "The Messenger."

He wrote, "The time is ripe for a great mass movement among the Negroes, revolution must come; we mean a complete change in the organization of society, the capitalist system must go and it's going must be hastened by the workers themselves; a bullet is sometimes more convincing than a hundred prayers, sermons, protests and petitions; we are especially thankful for the Russian Revolution—the greatest achievement of the Twentieth Century."

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Romanist Aims Outlined

With the Democratic Party's nomination for president of the United States going to a Roman Catholic, there is considerable discussion going on among church leaders as well as leaders in the publishing field in general about the advisability of a Roman Catholic in the White House. Many churches have already taken a stand against this, especially the churches in the South. That the Romish Church is still interested in world domination is evident from the following quote by a Catholic named J. J. Connor who is chairman of the Catholic Committee for Historical Truth:

"We now have more than 100 Catholics in Congress, 18 or 20 Catholic governors and thousands of Catholics in our state legislatures. If these Catholics would forget the by now mean-

ingless designation of 'Republican' and 'Democrat' and work together, keeping in mind the social and economic doctrines set out through the generations by the Church since at least the days of St. Thomas Aquinas, and if we elect a Catholic as president to take his place at the head of the Army of God, we cannot only march triumphant against the scourge of Communism but we can bring a true and lasting peace to the entire world and make the United States a Catholic country in a real sense, and the greatest nation of all time. We are at a crossroad now. We can take the road to destruction and damnation, or we can take the road to God and glory. And we must do it at the ballot box."

—The Standard Bearer

COUNTERFEIT

C. R. Hanna

"This five pound note must be destroyed," said the bank teller. "What's wrong?" exclaimed the astonished depositor. "It has been in use a long time, and it has done a lot of good. It has paid a sick child's doctor's bill; it has bought food and clothes for the needy; and it is now helping to pay the preacher's salary."

"And yet it must be destroyed," repeated the teller, "for it is counterfeit. All its good deeds cannot make it worth saving now that the truth is known about it."

Jesus spoke of counterfeit Christians when he said, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I confess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22, 23). —Gospel Herald.



What Is Faith?

Faith is the eye by which we look at Jesus. A dim-sighted eye is still an eye; a weeping eye is still an eye.

Faith is the hand by which we lay hold of Jesus. A trembling hand is still a hand. And he is a believer whose heart within him trembles when he touches the hem of the Saviour's garment, that he may be healed.

Faith is the tongue by which we taste how good the Lord is. A feverish tongue is nevertheless a tongue. We may believe when we are without the smallest portion of comfort, for our faith is founded, not upon feelings, but upon the promise of God.

Faith is the foot by which we go to Jesus. A lame foot is still a foot. He who comes slowly, nevertheless comes.

—George Muller.

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Yours by His grace,

G. F. HALL, Indiana.

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"No Deceit In Jesus"

(Continued from page one)
of any value so far as the kingdom of our Lord is concerned. One thing that succeeds in choking the fruitfulness of the Word is, the deceitfulness of riches.

Notice again:

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, DECEIT, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." — Mr. 7:21-23.

This would tell us that deceit comes out of the heart, and comes

from within, and defiles the individual.

We read again:

"Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used DECEIT; the poison of asps is under their lips." — Rom. 3:13.

Paul was here giving the characteristics, and the description of the unsaved.

Then when the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he said:

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God DECEITFULLY; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." — II Cor. 4:2.

Here you will notice that the Apostle Paul is talking about the true ministry. He says that the man who is a true minister of the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't handle the Word of God deceitfully. I am satisfied that there are men in the pulpit even in this very hour who handle the Word of God in a deceitful manner. Paul says that the true preachers who have a ministry from God, who have been called of God, do not handle the Word of God deceitfully.

Notice again:

"For such are false apostles, DECEITFUL workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." — II Cor. 11:13.

You will notice that he is talking about the Devil's preachers. Beloved, I am of the opinion that the Devil has a lot more preachers than the Lord Jesus Christ has. I am rather of the opinion that there are a lot more men who stand in the pulpit today who are representatives of the Devil than there are who are representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ. It says that the ministers of Satan are transformed as the ministers of righteousness. The Devil has his preachers and they are deceitfully passing off as ministers of righteousness. Paul refers to them as deceitful workers.

We read again:

"For such are false apostles, DECEITFUL WORKERS, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." — II Cor. 11:13-15.

Then in the book of Colossians Paul refers to deceit, for he says:

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and VAIN DECEIT, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." — Col. 2:8.

Here is a warning to the child of God lest he be spoiled through philosophy and vain deceit. In other words, philosophy and the things that are contrary to the Word of God we are to beware of lest it be the means of causing us Christian people to be upset in our Christian living.

Now, beloved, you can't read these several verses about deceit and deceitfulness without realizing that it is a common characteristic of the human family. I might give you many, many instances which will show this to be true. I will cite you a few memorable instances which will prove this to you.

Take for example Eve who was deceived by the Devil in the Garden of Eden. Or look, if you will, at Abraham and his wife Sarah when they went down into the land of Egypt how she acted as his sister in a deceptive manner. They paraded as brother and sister into Egypt, he said, to save his life.

A little later Isaac and Rebekah his wife did the same thing. As I have often said, it is much easier for children to imitate the vices than it is to imitate the virtues of their parents, and so we find Isaac, the son of Abraham, and his wife Rebekah imitating his father and mother, Abraham and Sarah, in that he presents his wife as his sister, deceiving the people thereby.

Then I am sure you recall the instances whereby Jacob deceived

his old father when he put goat skins on the small of his neck, and the backs of his hands, to make it appear that he was a hairy man like his brother Esau, thus deceiving his old father Isaac, and thereby secured the blessing that should have gone to Esau.

I am satisfied you recall the instance in the Bible when the Cananite chieftain by the name of Sisera was defeated in battle and he came to the home of Heber the Kenite. The Word of God tells us that Heber's wife was named Jael. Jael went out to meet him when she saw him fleeing for his life and said, "Hail, Master, turn in and I will give to you a shelter." Believing that she really meant what she said, Sisera turned in to her home and lay down and she covered him over with a cloth so that he might be hidden. After a while he asked for a drink of water, and she gave him not only water to drink, but milk as well. Then she very carefully and cautiously covered him over again and said to him, "Now if anyone comes along I will tell them there is no man here. In a deceitful manner as he lay there, she caused him to go to sleep, and no sooner had he gone to sleep than she took a tent stake and with a hammer drove that iron tent stake through his head and fastened him to the ground to his death and his physical destruction.

You read instances like this, and you are brought face to face with the fact that deceit is a common characteristic of the human family. My text tells us that so far as one individual was concerned, there was no deceit in his mouth, for it says, "Neither was any deceit in his mouth." Of course that is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody else could be spoken of in terms similar to this. No one else could ever be described in this manner except the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

We read:

"Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." — I Pet. 2:22.

So, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ in contrast to man was without deceit. No other was like Him. Only one could fulfil this text of Scripture and that was the Lord Jesus Himself. All others of us, of Adam's fallen progeny within this world are deceitful, and given over to deceit, but of the Lord it is said, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

I

NO DECEIVER OF THE PEOPLE.

You recognize the fact that human leaders deceive people in thinking that they are far greater than they really are. For example, a few years ago, there was an individual who came on the horizon in Europe by the name of Hitler. I am satisfied that Hitler

deceived the people. I am satisfied that the German people at that time were definitely deceived as Hitler was concerned. In the days when Hitler's armies were goose-stepping across the countries over into the Netherlands and into Belgium, sweeping everything before them, I am satisfied that Hitler built up a confidence and abundance of optimism on the part of those soldiers to the extent that they actually thought that Hitler was above an ordinary man. I am sure that they ascribed to him a position of near-divinity. In fact, when Hitler made his first speech whereby he referred to making his government last for a thousand years, it was aided all over the country by the Associated Press that Hitler was beyond man, that he was more than an ordinary human being. I am sure that the majority of people concluded that Hitler was something more than what he actually was.

We have the same thing religiously right here in America. Over on the Hudson River is an individual who has a tremendous following religiously by the name of Father Divine. Father Divine read a passage one day in the Bible that caused him, by gross misinterpreting it, to think he himself was God. At least he has inculcated that into his followers to the extent that Father Divine is recognized by all followers as God. They think of him as God, they consider him as God, and the treat him with a reverence and a devotion that would be given only unto the Lord.

Now, beloved, I say that human leaders have a habit of deceiving the people into actually believing that they are greater than they are. That is what the Apostles said would take place in the days, for we read:

"But evil men and seducers wax worse and worse, DECEIVING, and being deceived." — II Tim 3:13.

As the days come and go, we can expect human leaders to deceive people into thinking they are greater than they actually are.

Even the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ said that He was a deceiver. One of the charges they brought against the Lord Jesus was that He was a deceiver. We read:

"And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a man; others said, Nay, he deceiveth the people." — John 7:12.

Now there was a division concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. Some said that He was a man and some said that He deceived the people. After the Lord had gone to His Father, (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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WORSHIP.

All the worship in the Old Testament pointed to the Son of God. If you will read through the Old Testament, you will find that every time they worshipped, they worshipped looking forward to the coming of the Son of God. Take for example on that day in the early chapters of Genesis when God killed an animal in behalf of Adam and Eve. When that animal died, that was a picture of the Son of God who was to die, and was to give Himself as a sin-bearer in our behalf. I say to you, even that very first reference to worship points forward to the Son of God as a Substitute.

Then you can look again on that day when Cain and Abel brought their offerings. Cain's offering was a sheaf of grain or some garden vegetables which God rejected, and Abel's offering was a lamb, a sacrifice taken from the flock. Beloved, when Abel brought his offering unto the Lord, that offering with the blood dripping from it pointed to the time when Somebody was going to come to die for the sins of the people.

If you come down the avenues of time, you will find that every instance of worship in the Old Testament looked forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to be the sin-bearer of the world.

For example, come to the study of the tabernacle and what do you find when the individual came with his offering to the priest at the tabernacle? Was there anything pertaining to that tabernacle worship that did not refer to the Lord Jesus Christ? Even the curtains roundabout that formed the fence about the tabernacle, tell us about Jesus. The candlestick on the inside was a picture of Jesus as the light of the world. The altar of incense was a picture, as the incense ascended upward, of Christ who prays for us, and whose prayers continually ascend for us. Then the table of shewbread is a picture of Christ as the Bread of Life. I tell you, beloved, there is not a thing about the tabernacle that does not speak to us about the Son of God.

You can come to the book of Leviticus and study the first seven chapters of the offerings and you will see that everyone looked forward to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and could only find their fulfillment in Him.

Even the prophecies tell us about the Lord Jesus. We read: **"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."**—Isa. 53:6.

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."—Zech. 12:10.

I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ showed no deceit in His life in that He did not attempt to seduce them from true worship. All true worship in the Old Testament was worship upon an altar, that looked forward to the coming of the Son of God, and not one time did Jesus Christ attempt to seduce them away from that type of worship.

When He came in the New Testament, on the day that He entered into the temple, He took up the Word of God and read to them from the book of Isaiah and then said to them:

"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."—Luke 4:21.

I say to you, in the Old Testament all worship was centered around a blood offering that looked forward to the coming of Jesus Christ, and when He came, He did not seduce the people. He did not deceitfully lead the people away from the Old Testament type of worship. Rather, He came and fulfilled completely and particularly everything that had been written and prophesied concerning Him in the Old Testament.

We don't have a thing in the New Testament about worship that we don't have in the Old Testament. As Cain and Abel

came to bring their sacrifices and Abel brought a bloody lamb, you will find that one day Jesus came and died upon the Cross of Calvary as a fulfillment of Abel's lamb.

When Adam sinned in the third chapter of Genesis, God killed a lamb as a sacrifice whereby that Adam and Eve were clothed from their sins. In like manner, Jesus Christ as God's perfect lamb came to Calvary and died for the sins of the world. I tell you, beloved, it found its fulfillment in Him.

I am saying that He didn't attempt to seduce them away from true worship. Rather the worship that Jesus gave to the world was identical worship that had been handed down through all the generations from the day of Adam until the time that the Lord Jesus Christ came.

But that is not true with people today. We are living in a day when people are attempting to seduce people away from true worship. For example, there are individuals in this world who believe that men have to have their sins washed away in the waters of the baptism. They talk much about man meeting the blood of Christ in the baptism, and that his sins are washed away thereby. Beloved, that is seducing men away from the true worship of the Lord. Everytime I see a Campbellite preacher, and everytime I see an individual who tells me that he believes that baptism is essential for salvation—everytime I meet him I see an individual who is unlike the Lord Jesus Christ. There was no deceit in the life of the Son of God. He was free from deceit. He did not attempt to seduce people away from true worship, but every Campbellite preacher in the world is attempting to seduce men and women that they come in contact with, from the true worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Back in the Old Testament all worship was unto the blood, looking forward to the coming of Him who was to be a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus came and fulfilled that. He never seduced people away from the worship of the Old Testament. Beloved, this waited for later days. It waited for the Campbellites to seduce men by way of water. It waited for the Holiness people to seduce men by way of the mourner's bench—putting a bench up before the people to say that the only way you can be saved is by coming to the mourner's bench and praying through.

I was rather amused by a letter which Brother Bob received this past week. It was from a woman who had written to him in regard to one of his broadcasts. She told him that he had better find an altar someplace, and get down to that altar and pray through, or else he was going to Hell, because he had opposed of her sacred altar. There was no hope for him unless he found an altar and prayed through thereby. Let me say to you, in the Old Testament worship was unto the blood. Worship was looking forward to the one who was going to die in our behalf, who was going to shed His blood in our behalf. One day Jesus came. He did not seduce the people away from worship through the blood of the Old Testament, but there are individuals today who do so.

There are plenty of people who are attempting to seduce people away from the worship of God. Not only do the Campbellites do so when they put up their baptism and say that you have to have your sins washed away in the waters. Not only do the Holy Rollers when they say that you can have the mourner's bench and you must pray through thereby, but you certainly have seduction and deceit of the worst kind all around a Catholic organization. When I think how far they have gone and how removed they are from the truths and the precepts of God's Word, I tell you, it is pitifully amazing how anyone could be led astray by Catholicism. When you go back to the book of Genesis, from there on worship centers on the blood of Jesus Christ, but, beloved, today that is not true in Catholicism. Everything that is in Catholicism

centers not on Jesus, but on Mary, the mother of the Son of God. Everything in Catholicism today has to do with the perversion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As I have said, about the only thing I know that we as Baptists agree with the Catholics, is on the matter of the virgin birth of the Son of God, and even then they have so perverted this so that there is little we have in common with them concerning the virgin birth. I tell you, beloved, when I think how that the Campbellites, the Holy Rollers, and the Catholics have perverted the Word of God and have seduced people away from true worship, I say it is certainly not like the Lord Jesus Christ. There was no deceit on His part. He never deceived them and seduced them away from worship of the Old Testament. Everything in His life headed up at Calvary just like all the types and all the shadows and all the prophecies and all the offerings and all the teachings of the Old Testament had looked forward to the coming of One who was going to die and perfectly, completely, and fully atone for the sins of His own elect.

III HE PRESENTED NO FALSE DOCTRINES.

Men are given over to deceit in religious worship, and that is why they present false doctrines. The Lord Jesus Christ didn't do so. When I think of the various doctrines that have been presented to the world, I am amazed at the deceit there is in religion.

Take for example the various doctrines of salvation by works. Why should any man believe that one is saved by his own works? Why should any preacher delude the people and deceive the people into thinking that a man is saved by his own works when the Word of God says that it is not by works of righteousness which we have done. The Word of God says:

"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.

Listen, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ had no deceit within His life. There was no guile within the Lord Jesus Christ. The man who stands before a congregation and tells them that they are saved partially by the works that they perform, that individual is deceiving through a false doctrine. He is deceiving the people thereby.

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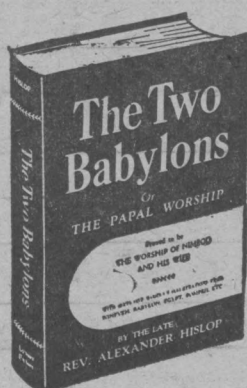
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"No Deceit In Jesus"

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Or take for example that deceptive heresy that has gained so much momentum today, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. All the lodges in the country are built on the precept of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Nearly everytime you hear a graduation speaker at some commencement, he will talk about the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

Sometime ago I was going by a church building in another city and on their bulletin board was this statement: "We believe unquestionably in the universal fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." I want to tell you beloved, God is not the father of us all. The Lord Jesus Christ has to become your Saviour before God becomes your father. Up to that time the Devil is your father. Listen:

"YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL, and the lusts of your father ye will do."—John 8:44.

"For ye are all the CHILDREN OF GOD BY FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS."—Gal. 3:26.

There are thousands of people today who believe the heresy of the fatherhood of God. I say, beloved, it is a deceitful perversion of God's Book. The Lord Jesus Christ never deceived people by presenting false doctrines such as are presented by heretical preach-

ers today.

Or take the heresy of falling from grace. You know as well as I that the majority of the religious world believes that you can be saved today and lost tomorrow, yet Jesus Himself said:

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."—John 10:28-30.

In spite of what Jesus Christ said, preachers will talk about being saved today and lost tomorrow—falling from grace. I tell you beloved, it is a false doctrine. It is a perversion of God's Word. The Lord Jesus Christ never presented any false doctrine when He was here within this world.

The world today thinks strongly in terms of a universal church and that all the saved are members of the church. I dare say that if you were to approach the people of this town and ask them to define the church, that 99 out of every 100 of them would tell you that the saved people of all the world make up the church. Beloved, that is as big a lie as was ever told by the Devil. The word "church" means a local organization. The Lord Jesus Christ said:

"Tell it unto the church."—Mat. 18:17.

It had to be a local or visible organization in order to carry out this command of Jesus, in that He said "tell it unto the church." Everytime the Lord Jesus used the word "church," and he used it over 20 times in His ministry, He spoke in terms of only a local organization. I want to tell you, the biggest organization there is any place so far as a church is concerned is a local organization, because every Baptist Church is independent and complete in itself. Beloved, the Son of God never talked about a universal organization, such as a universal church. Rather, it is His supposed-to-be followers that have presented this doctrine.

I think about the false doctrine of sprinkling for baptism. I think about Arminianism and Feminism, and I think about the various isms and cisms and the falsehoods that are preached in this world today. When I think of them, I say this to you, they come from deceitful thoughts. They come from men who have had deceit within their mouths. They come on the part of individuals who have been deceitful in what they have presented to the world.

My text says, "Neither was any deceit in his mouth." I tell you, the Lord Jesus Christ never presented a single false doctrine. There was no deceit within the mouth of the Son of God.

As I bring this message to a close, I am reminded of that incident in literature of that perfidious, lying old jailer who would say as he would approach a prisoner: "Three steps and liberty." When that prisoner would take those three steps, instead of getting out of the dungeon into liberty, he would fall through spears and spikes and cut himself to pieces and then fall into the ocean to his utter destruction. I think of that perfidious, lying old jailer as he would say, "Three steps and liberty." I think of the deceit within his mouth when he would lie to his prisoners and cause them to fall into the ocean and to their destruction.

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ wasn't like that. The Son of God doesn't even say, "Three steps to liberty." The Son of God just points to Himself on the Cross and offers liberty unto the sons of men. John the Baptist pointed to Him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. I say to you, there wasn't any deceit on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God help you and me that there won't be any deceit on our part, that there won't be any deceit or guile in our mouths, that when we preach the Word we will preach the truth just as it is recorded within the Word of God.

May God bless you!

**Vote American!**

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Marshall Field & Co. in 1945, still glazes the eyes of real estate speculators. Joe got the Mart for \$12.5 million, putting up just \$800,000 in cash. He promptly mortgaged it for \$18 million. Today the Mart (which is expertly managed by Eunice Kennedy's husband, Seargent Shriver) is worth \$75,000,000, brings in annual rentals that exceed its original purchase price."

The Roman Catholic Democratic candidate, Kennedy, however, has, in addition to the vast financial resources of his family (his father's wealth is estimated at \$200 million) a tremendous advantage in his religious affiliations. When Smith and Raskob launched their political campaign there were only about six or seven Roman Catholic senators in Washington. In 1960 American Roman Catholics can point to 10 governors, 12 U. S. senators, 90 representatives and a host of Roman Catholic laymen in key governmental positions. In fifteen states they outnumber Protestants and in three others are nearly equal in their numerical strength. These states have a total of 249 of the 537 electoral votes in the 1960 Presidential contest. If a Catholic voting bloc

emerges in this year, it would not take a large percentage of Protestants in some areas to put a Roman Catholic in the White House. Certainly the chances of this occurring sometime in the 60's is self evident.

But there is a third element in our survey of the political picture we must keep in mind. The Boston Herald of Dec. 14, 1930 reported an address of the Jesuit Priest, "Rev." Francis Talbot in which he declared:

"For 100 years Protestantism has been the strongest element in the United States, and now this non-Catholic culture is vanishing and disappearing. Instead of God-fearing people, we have those on the horizon who have no belief in God, a neo-pagan culture.

"There is an opportunity for us to effect a turn in the right direction. Why don't we Catholics arouse a tidal wave that will bring Catholic culture fairly and squarely into these United States? Why don't we drive in between the two, (Protestantism and Neo-Paganism) and make these United States Catholic, Catholic in legislation, Catholic in civilization, and morals, and prepare that reign of Christ with justice and charity?"

"We have come to the point where we Catholics are the greatest in number of all the religious bodies in the country; we are growing in wealth and power. Now is the acceptable time for us to attempt to accomplish much. Now is the time for our various organizations to strike and strike hard, in order to put the Catholic idea before our people."

Thirty years later this Jesuit inspired strategy "to strike and strike hard" is evident at every level of life in the United States. An aroused Protestantism lifts its voice against these Roman Catholic encroachments as being in flagrant violation of our cherished principle for the separation of church and state. There can be no greater hypocrisy than that which out of one side of the mouth argues no religious test dare be applied to any candidate for public office while from the other side of the same mouth loudly vows to make America Catholic.

For this reason we affirm Roman Catholic voters never faced a greater challenge to prove their Americanism than in this election year. The Democratic nominee for Vice President spoke eloquently at Los Angeles saying: "In West Virginia we Protestants proved we can cross over religious lines to vote for a Roman Catholic; I now trust Roman Catholics will prove they too can cross these same lines to cast their vote for a Protestant candidate."

Such a crossing of "the line" would not only destroy block voting, but demonstrate to all American people that Roman Catholic voters heartily repudiate the designs of un-American clericalism whether operating within their own Church or any other.

For let us reaffirm what has always been the basic affirmation of American democracy, namely: Any program to make America Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Jewish, or Roman Catholic, would be unspeakably intolerable. Fundamental to our Constitution is just that separation of Church and State which makes it impossible for any organized religion to claim for itself a monopoly of power in the conduct of our national government.

—Stuart P. Garver

**"The Catholic Vote"**

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lies now constitute 30.6 per cent of the population in 11 states with a total of 237 electoral votes. In 10 other states with 52 electoral votes, they represent 28.8 per cent of the population.

In order to be elected President, a candidate must receive 269 electoral votes. A candidate could be assured of election if he picked up most of the states with heavy Catholic populations. As a backlog, a Democratic candidate could probably count on the 47 Southern electoral votes which usually vote the Demo-

cratic ticket.

The concentration of any minority group in states with large blocs of electoral votes is believed to increase the group's voting power beyond what it would enjoy if its members were distributed equally throughout the country. In large states like New York, California, Pennsylvania, the switch of a few thousand votes in the past could often have changed the states entire vote in the electoral college.

Of the 40,871,302 Catholics now living in the U. S., 30.6 per cent are concentrated in the 11 states shown in the following chart.

State	Electoral Votes	Per Cent Catholics
New York	45	35.1
California	32	32.4
Pennsylvania	32	30.6
Illinois	27	28.3
Ohio	25	28.1
Michigan	20	24.1
New Jersey	16	38.1
Massachusetts	16	51.7
Wisconsin	12	31.3
Connecticut	8	47.1
Rhode Island	4	58.3
Totals	237	30.6

The Catholic population is heaviest—34.4 per cent—in the East, and lightest—nine per cent—in the South. The West and Mid-West are about equal at 18 and 22 per cent respectively.

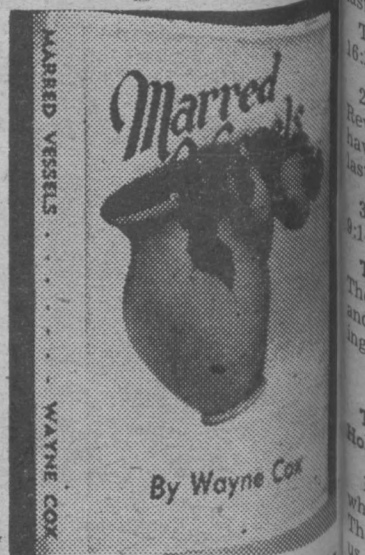
New York State has the largest Catholic population of any state — 5,789,448. Rhode Island though it has only 510,346, has the largest Catholic percentage—58.3 per cent—of any state.

According to the Official Catholic Directory, 38,718 Catholics reside in North Carolina, a percentage of 0.8. This compares with a national average of 23.2 per cent, and is the lowest of any state. Next lowest in Catholics is South Carolina, 1.3 per cent, and Georgia, 1.5 per cent.

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