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Rise And Results Of Protestantism

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The church that Christ established while on earth has become very common and insignificant, not only in the eyes of the world, but also in the eyes of the majority of professing Christians. No one can really believe in his heart that one church is just as good as another without believing a little deeper down in his heart that none of them are really any good.

which resulted in there being two kinds of churches in the world took place in the year 251 A.D. Most certainly this division came about as a result of one group's teaching and practicing things which were contrary to the teachings and practices of the church which Christ established. That being true, could anyone say that one of those churches was just as good as the other? One of these churches is known today as the Baptist Church (we here refer to kind, not to one big "Baptist Church"), the other as the Roman Catholic Church. And

certainly if one of them is right, the other one is wrong. If salvation comes to us by grace through faith, then it certainly does not come to us as a result of our being baptized by means of a mode-made baptism or by our doing penance or some work of charity.

The church that Christ put here has been here every day since He established it and it will be here every day until He comes back. It has never been a huge thing, but has always been found consisting of the few of Mt. (Continued on page 3, column 3)

Examiner Editorials

By Bob L. Ross

"Write The Hallimans A Letter" Week

You who have regularly read the letters from Brother Fred Halliman, missionary in New Guinea, must be impressed by the fact that Brother Halliman and his family are "all alone" in the midst of a different people. This is doubly true spiritually, for there is no church or preacher with which the Hallimans can have fellowship.

This makes things rather lonely for the Hallimans and we'd like to suggest to our readers that they write the Hallimans this week, encouraging them in their work. Their address is: Care Post Office, Bulolo, New Guinea, via air mail.

The Pope's Message To Kennedy

The Pope's recent message to Senator Kennedy, expressing his satisfaction that a Roman Catholic could be elected president of

the United States, is certainly ironical to the nth degree. There are several reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that the Roman Catholic Church is the official state church in several nations where no one but a Roman Catholic can be elected to the office of chief of state.

The constitution of Argentina states: "To be eligible to the office of president or vice-president of the nation, a person must belong to the Catholic Church."

In Paraguay the constitution says, "The president of the republic must profess the Roman Catholic religion."

And in Spain the constitution declares that "to exercise the office of Chief of State as king or regent, it shall be necessary to profess the Catholic religion."

In view of the fact that a Protestant or some one other than a Roman Catholic cannot be elected in these nations, it is utterly ridiculous for the Pope to talk about being glad that a (Continued on page 2, column 3)

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY TO VISIT THE POPE OF ROME

By CARL McINTIRE

The forthcoming visit between the Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope John XXIII is not an incident nor a courtesy call, but a carefully calculated move in the long range program to obtain the goal of the ecumenical movement — a one-world church. As president of the World Council of Churches, the Archbishop is pursuing the initiative assumed by the late Archbishop Temple in his communications with the Vatican seeking its fellowship and cooperation in the ecumenical movement. An introductory summary to a memorandum of the World Council of Churches, entitled "Relations between the Ecumenical Movement and the Vatican in the Twentieth Century," says:

"Despite common contrary assumptions, leaders of the ecumenical movement have repeatedly approached the Vatican with requests for co-operation. These approaches have been courteously received, often by the Pope in person, but always the suggestion of even informal co-operation has been officially rebuffed as 'subversive of the foundation of the Catholic faith' . . ."

Discussing the history of relations after 1900, the memorandum says " . . . the persons responsible for the two conferences which are commonly regarded as having launched organized expressions of the ecumenical movement (viz. the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work, at Stockholm in 1925, and the World Conference on Faith and Order, at Lausanne in 1927) made very definite attempts to bring the Roman Catholic Church into some kind of direct contact and participation."

This rapprochement with regard to the Roman Catholic Church

constitutes a fundamental departure from the Protestant Reformation. Liberal Protestantism, having rejected the infallible authority of the Holy Scriptures, finds a closer affinity with those bodies whose authority rests upon tradition, reason, or the church. The entire Protestant concepts of faith, conscience, and individual liberty no longer are sufficient bulwarks around which to gather the Christians of the world.

The 39 Articles of the Church of England and the Westminster Confession of Faith, produced on British soil, forbid any collaboration which anticipates a reunion with the Papacy. According to these creeds, Rome is an apostate church body from which our forefathers separated at the greatest cost. Moreover, since the Reformation, the Vatican has formally promulgated the doctrines of the infallibility of the Pope and the immaculate conception of the virgin Mary . . .

Already, the representatives of the ecumenical movement have made basic concessions to the Roman Catholic Church, and current developments, under the leadership of Pope John XXIII are serving simply to strengthen the Roman Catholic position throughout the world.

A contradiction of the most serious nature is inherent in this ecumenical development. On one hand, overtures have been made to and contacts established with the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow which is under communist discipline and directed by the (Continued on page 8, column 5)

THE BLESSING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

By C. H. Spurgeon

He makes no promise to bless compromises! If we make a treaty with error or sin, we do it at our own risk. If we do anything that we are not clear about, if we tamper with truth or holiness, if we are friends of the world, if we make provision for the flesh, if we preach halfheartedly and are in league with errorists, we have no promise that the Holy Spirit will go with us. The great promise runs in quite another strain: "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord God Almighty."

He makes no promise to cowardice. If you allow the fear of man to rule you, and wish to save self from suffering or ridicule, you will find small comfort in the promise of God. "He that saveth his life shall lose it." The promises of the Holy Spirit to us in our warfare are to those who quit themselves like men, and by faith are made brave in the hour of conflict. I wish that we were come to this place, that we utterly despised ridicule and calumny.

The Holy Ghost never sets His seal to falsehood. Never! If what you preach is not the truth, God will not own it. See ye well (Continued on page 8, column 4)

Five Phony Generals Exposed By The Bible

The title given above was suggested to me by Bro. George Boyer of Plant City. We have dealt with these singly from time to time, but perhaps it would be well to deal with them in a group. It is impossible for us to see truths relating to these matters too clearly.

"PHONY" GENERALS!

Five of them! They are all "phonies" indeed, and through them many are grossly deceived. Let us take these phonies up one by one and deal with them. The first phony general is . . .

GENERAL ATONEMENT

This general has it that Christ died for all in the same sense—that he did the same thing for all men. If he did, then much of his work is not effective. If he paid the sin debt for all, then must not all be saved? That is Universalism! If he did, then two persons suffer for the lost sinner's sin—Jesus and the sinner as he suffers in hell.

But the Scriptures limit the atonement to the elect of God, "chosen in Him before the foundation of the world." (Note Isa. 53:12). It says here He "shall justify MANY." Even John 3:16 applies to "whosoever believeth." The doctrine of limited atonement, involves that every person will finally be saved that Jesus died for — and that his work shall be 100 per cent successful. There is no way the doctrine of the general atonement can be reconciled with election.

GENERAL RESURRECTION

This is another phony. There

will be no general resurrection of saved and unsaved at the same time. The Scriptures teach TWO resurrections, at different times. (See Jno. 5:28-29; I Cor. 15:20-26; I Thess. 4:16; Rev. 20:4-6:12-13).

GENERAL JUDGMENT

This general has all of the dead, saved and lost, appearing in the same judgment. That is not so. The believer's sins are judged in Jesus at Calvary. The believer shall stand before Christ in a judgment of rewards. The unsaved shall stand before the judgment of the great White Throne. A number of Scriptures make this crystal clear.

GENERAL CHURCH

A super-de-luxe phony. This general promotes the idea that all believers constitute the "Universal Church." This general would put the clothes of the harlots of Rome on the Bride of Christ. The conglomerate mess that constitutes the various religious groups, does not in its totality constitute the Body and Bride of Christ. (Continued on page 8, column 5)



By ROY MASON

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

"AN OFFERING FOR SIN"

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

"When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin." — Isa. 53:10.

I would remind you at the very outset that sin has to be paid for. There are two ways whereby that sin may be paid for. First of all, you can pay for it yourself in Hell. That is what every man does who goes to Hell. He pays for his sin. Every man who has died unsaved since the day of Adam down to this time is suffering eternal torments that never shall end, and as such he is paying for his sins. The second way that sin can be paid for is by the Lord Jesus Christ in His death at

Calvary. Beloved, when the Son of God died on the Cross of Calvary, He hugged to His bosom every sin that you who are saved ever committed, and suffered for those sins. Every sin that was ever committed, or shall ever be committed, by one of the elect of God, was paid for in full by Jesus Christ at the Cross.

I say then, sin must be paid for. Either you pay for it yourself in Hell or Jesus Christ paid for it on the Cross of Calvary. Irrespective of which one pays the bill, it has to be paid for. I think that is the background for our text, in which we read that He shall "make his

soul an offering for sin." This is telling us how the Lord Jesus Christ might become an offering for our sin.

No one can understand this Scripture without an understanding of the five offerings that are spoken of in the book of Leviticus. Therefore, I want to take up each of these offerings and present to you a few thoughts, so that you can see how the soul of Christ was made an offering for sin.

THE BURNT OFFERING.

This was an offering that was (Continued on page 2, column 3)

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How Politicians Are Missing The Mark

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Many of us have recently listened to both nominees for the governorship of North Carolina and to Senator John F. Kennedy and Vice President Richard Nixon, Democratic and Republican nominees for the presidency of the United States. Each of these men disagrees somewhat with the other on minor matters. They all agree in one particular: namely, that the need of this country consists of a greater material and economic prosperity, a greater social and old-age security, a greater development of our natural resources, more and better schools, more and better armaments, more missiles, more planes, more submarines, more airplane carriers, more money and more luxury for the laboring man, more money for the farmer, more relief for the needy.

One cannot help being impressed with the fact that all of the appeals which are mentioned are based purely upon man's natural and material necessities. Sad to say, not one word have we read or heard about the great moral and spiritual needs of America. As a matter of fact, every appeal is godless in the sense that it leaves God out. He is ignored and forgotten in His own universe. It seems to be popular these days for public men to ignore religious matters all together. This could well point to a sad state of affairs. To enter into the service of one's country, it is taken for granted that one must be neutral and even de-natured spiritually. Need we again be reminded of the words of our Lord spoken to Satan in the wilderness temptation, "It is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

We must never forget that America's greatness, like Israel of old, rests not in her "chariots" and "horses" but in her faith in God and in the inward fiber of

the souls of men and women who constitute her citizenry. We can make no greater mistake than to take for granted that one's life consists in the abundance of the things which he possesses. Nothing in all history has been more plainly demonstrated than the fact that wealth, luxury, and dole lead to deterioration and ruin, both for the individual and for the nation. Unearned wealth in undisciplined hands is the shortest road to ignominy and ruin.

It is sad to recall that both political parties are not simply majoring on material necessities of Americans, but in so doing, they are by-passing the major need for men and women of honesty, integrity, and faith in God. This attitude prevails in this year, 1960, to a degree unseen before in American history. The signs are ominous. While we do not expect the state to teach religion or Christianity, it is a sad day for this nation when the moral and spiritual aspects are entirely omitted and the total emphasis given by our would-be leaders is upon the temporal and the material.

In this connection, we call your attention to the fact that our whole so-called "New Deal" is nothing more than a modified form of Socialism. We do not say that there are not elements of good found within this program, but it forms a part of the pattern in man's attempt to build his godless world and assert his independence of God and nature; in a real sense, we are aping Russia in our attempt to accomplish, through science and education, apart from God, that which God Himself has promised through His Son. Man's whole program, it seems, like the program of Cain when he went out from the presence of God, is to overcome the divine curse that God has placed upon this earth as a result of man's sins, and accomplish, with his own hands things denied, and by his own efforts mitigate the curse. This was the civilization

of Cain and this seems to be the aim of our present day civilization. Man would build his heaven here on earth.

If men could have their way, they would by united effort, give the individual and society a security that would make them independent of God, controlling everything by the government and making it unnecessary for man to call upon his God in prayer. Even now, our government poses to regulate everything from the womb to the tomb and from the cradle to the grave. If a man can do this by himself, through his united effort, why should he have to depend upon God? Mankind is fast moving in this direction through the deification of man and the glorification of human learning and accomplishment. We would dare remind ourselves that the last chapter has not yet been written. How aptly

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the second Psalm describes the raging nations and their vain struggle for ascendancy;

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

A description written three thousand years ago of the state of the nations is with a clarity that would out-rival the description of an eye-witness today. The raging heathen, the vain imagination of man, the kings who set themselves, the rulers who take counsel together, world travelers, counsellors, counsellors, conference upon conference. And what is the theme: "Against the Lord and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder and cast their cords from us." Is this not the program of this hour?

Now one final word: Remember the next verse of the second Psalm reads as follows:

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure."

We tremble when we hear the ravings of a Khrushchev or of a Castro. However, God has not abdicated. Serenely, He sits upon the throne of the universe. His providence rules over all.

"An Offering For Sin"

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placed upon the altar and burned until it was entirely consumed. You can read the entire story in Leviticus 1 which shows how that offering was entirely consumed as a sacrifice before Almighty God. Without taking time to read it, let me mention a few things relative to the burnt offering.

I would remind you first of all that a life was offered upon the altar in the burnt offering. It may be that life was the life of a bullock, or the life of a lamb, or

"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. IS THE TITHE BINDING ON CHRISTIANS TODAY?

Yes. Giving is to be practiced by God's people in every age and the tithe (tenth) still remains the standard. Matt. 23:23.

Melchizedek was a tithe receiving priest. Cf. Gen. 14:20. Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchizedek. Cf. 7:21. Therefore, Jesus is a tithe-receiving priest today.

1. CAN A CHILD BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK BE SAVED?

Certainly. Mk. 3:28; 1 Tim. 1:15, 16. He couldn't enter into the Jewish tabernacle. Yet, this had nothing whatsoever to do with his salvation.

3. WHEN A BAPTIST PREACHER IS SICK, IS IT RIGHT FOR HIM TO HAVE A METHODIST MINISTER TO FILL THE PULPIT IN THE MORNING AND AN EPISCOPAL PREACHER IN THE EVENING?

No! Amos 3:3; Rom. 16:17; 2

the life of a goat, or the life of a pigeon, or a turtledove — all depending upon the wealth and financial circumstances of the offerer. The wealthier he was, naturally the more expensive offering he brought unto the Lord. Regardless of what the offering may have been, I'll remind you that a life was offered upon the altar. Now that is unlike some of the offerings, as we shall see when we come to notice in the second chapter the meat offering, for there was no life offered in regard to it. However when the burnt offering was presented unto the Lord, which was entirely consumed upon the brazen altar, I say a life was offered on that altar. May I point you to the Lord Jesus Christ who died upon the Cross of Calvary nineteen hundred years ago in fulfillment of this very Scripture, and may I remind you that a life, the life of God's Son, the life of the God-man, the life of God who was incarnate in human flesh was offered as a sacrifice for sin at Calvary.

Likewise, I would have you notice that this burnt offering was wholly burnt. Leviticus 1:9 tells us how it was burned completely and entirely until all of it was wholly consumed. In other words, God got everything. In some of the offerings part of it went to the priest. In one of the offerings, as we shall study presently, the offerer himself was even allowed to eat the offering. But not so in the burnt offering, for when the burnt offering was placed upon the altar, God got everything. It was all consumed before the Lord. All of which would tell us that the Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself wholly unto the Father.

I go back and stand before that burnt offering upon the brazen altar and I see the lamb, or the goat, or the pigeon, or the turtledove, or the bullock as it was offered. I see the fire as it burns until that offering is entirely consumed before God. My mind fades away from that picture and I see another. I see the Son of God Himself as He went, not to the brazen altar, but to that which was typified by the brazen altar, namely Calvary, and on the Cross of Calvary I see the Lord Jesus Christ as He wholly offered Himself unto the

Thess. 3:6, 14; 2 Tim. 3:5; 2 Jn. 1:9-11. I'd just as soon have a modernist who denies the deity and virgin birth of Jesus and the inspiration of the Bible to preach for me, as either of the two mentioned in the question. Both deny salvation by grace, the security of the saved, and justification by faith. Both teach open communion, infant baptism, and sprinkling. So far as I am concerned, they are "Whittlers of the Word," and no better than the modernists who deny the Bible.

A Baptist preacher who will expose his flock to such preaching doesn't love the Word of God, nor the souls of his people. He is a traitor to the Truth and an enemy to our Baptist position.

4. WHY DO YOU CONSTANTLY ATTACK OTHERS WHO DIFFER WITH YOU?

Wrong, brother; we don't attack. We expose. Matt. 10:27; Jude 1:3. If you don't want it mentioned, then don't do it.

5. HOW IS IT THAT SPIRIT-LED MEN SO WIDELY DIFFER IN THEIR INTERPRETATION OF THE BIBLE?

They can't, if led equally by the Holy Spirit. There are three spirits who try to lead — the man's spirit, evil spirits, and the Holy Spirit. John said: "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." God's Word declares: "If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them." Paul said: "If any thinketh himself to be a prophet or spiritual (i. e. Spirit-led) let him acknowledge that the things I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."

Folk who do not interpret the Word alike are not Spirit-led. When women refuse to obey Paul's prohibitions in 1 Cor. 14, he says plainly they are not Spirit-led. If they were, they would acknowledge his commands to be God's commands. Folk who don't obey the Bible are not Spirit-led. They are led by the evil spirits just as Peter was in Matt. 16:22, 23. The Holy Spirit never leads contrary to the Book. The safest way to be sure of the leading of the Holy Spirit is to wait on God until God's Word, God's Providences, and God's Spirit all agree. Then you are safe in all matters of doubt. On the other hand, we heard of a woman the other day who was praying to know how she ought to be baptized. She was wasting her breath. God pays no attention to a hypocritical prayer like that. The Bible is plain: Obey it.

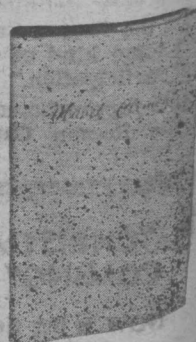
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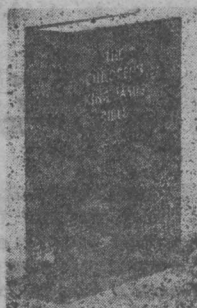
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ONE OF KENNEDY'S CAMPAIGN TRICKS IN PUTTING HIS SOCIALISM OVER

(From the column of David Lawrence, News Columnist.)

Long after this campaign is over there will be discussion of many of the stunts and the maneuvers that were not necessarily designed to fool the people but which nevertheless did so. Instances in varying degrees of misrepresentation and demagoguery can be found on both sides, but there is one incident that stands out as an example of how far the saying that "politics is politics" has caused us to veer from our moorings.

It happened on television in one of those five-minute "spots" between shows about two weeks ago. Senator Kennedy appeared with an elderly man and his wife who live in Newport, Kentucky. The discussion was about medical care for the aged — a proper issue, of course. It seems that the man had broken his hip last February in an accident and that the total medical bill was \$619.60. Senator Kennedy deplored this in the television broadcast and gave the impression to millions of people in the audience that the retired man had to pay it all. Before the show began to be taped for broadcasting, the elderly man told Mr. Kennedy that he had had the protection of Blue Cross and Blue Shield, but the Massachusetts senator is reported to have remarked, "We will not say anything about that now."

Whether this comment was made is of secondary importance but a sworn affidavit by Dr. Howard Schriver, former president of the Academy of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, says the elderly man told it to him in those very words. Also, the affidavit says protection by Blue Cross and Blue Shield

has been provided, that the major part of the medical bill was thus covered, and that the man who broke his hip had to pay the relative small balance of \$146. He would have paid only \$63 if he had not chosen a semi-private room at the hospital but he was able to afford it.

Now what is important is that this story was widely published last week but not a word of comment about it in reply has come as yet from Senator Kennedy, who at this writing is confidently expected by many people to become the President of the United States. Was he himself misled by publicity men or showmen in his campaign who thought that anything goes in politics? Why was the same show repeated on television by the Kennedy campaign managers despite the criticism?

Many people will shrug their shoulders and brush off that incident as not important and will rationalize that that's the way to get votes and that "all's fair in politics."

But is it? There has been much talk about the so-called "religious issue" in the current campaign. talk about the so-called "religious issue which unfortunately has not been sufficiently discussed or emphasized. It's the importance of religious beliefs and religious practice. Maybe the preachers should have taken more of a part in our campaign. Maybe they failed to make their parishioners realize that honesty is far more important than winning elections. For there can be no better quotation to fit the whole sorry business of politics than that which we find in the scripture: "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Protestantism

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7:13-14. The other fellow's church has become extremely large and might very well consist of the many of Mt. 7:22-23. And since the true church has been here every day since it was established, that means it was already here on the day Martin Luther nailed up his ninety-five theses which started the so-called reformation.

Before we enter into the discussion on the rise of Protestantism, let us hasten to say that the salvation of the individual members of the different churches is not under consideration here at all. All that we can be positive about on that subject is that those who have believed are not condemned, but those who have not believed are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (Jno. 3:18). And what they must believe about Him is that He died for our sins according to Scripture, that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scripture (I Cor. 15:3-4). No one is lost because he belongs to a Protestant Church, neither is anyone saved because he belongs to a Baptist Church.

Rise of Lutheran Church

Without any thought then as to who is saved and who is lost in the different churches, let us consider the reasons for the rise of the earlier Protestant churches. The first one of course, was the Lutheran church which was founded, not by Christ, but by Martin Luther. Luther was a Roman Catholic Monk of the Augustinian order, a teacher in the Wittenberg University and had a church under his charge. He, as pastor, or priest, of the church was more responsible for what his people believed than anyone else.

Vedder, in his "Life of Martin Luther," tells us on page 19 that Luther might have lived and died without any clash with the Roman Catholic Church had it not been for the coming into Germany of a Dominican Monk by the name of Tetzel and his scandalous sale of indulgences there. Pope Leo X was promising the fullest indulgences for all sins to everyone who would contribute to the extent of his ability. That meant to the poor Roman Catholics of Germany that if they would give all they possibly could give they would not have to stop over in purgatory when they died, but would go straight on to Heaven. In other words, the Pope, who was badly in need of money, was selling them a direct ticket to Heaven for the price of all they had, plus all they could get.

This made paupers of the Roman Catholics in Germany. They no longer had anything left to give to Luther. We hear him saying this wolf is shearing my sheep. But, let us keep in mind that it was Martin Luther who had taught his people the hellish doctrines of purgatory and indulgences which made it possible for Tetzel to step in and shear his sheep.

The Roman Catholic Church saw it was impossible to stop Luther and his new church.

Now that a new church had come into the world, let us think, for a moment, on the subject of who needed a new church. We said before, and now we repeat, that the church which Christ put here was in the world at that time. That being true, our Lord certainly had no need for a new one. The Anabaptists, as they were called then, and the Roman Catholics both contended that they were the one and only true church. That being true, there was absolutely no place in their theology for an invisible church. Had anyone been able to think up such an idea as the invisible church before the days of Martin Luther he would not have been able to find a place to use it. But now someone was sorely in need of a new church, and the invisible church idea was an essential element in the process of ob-

The Meaning of Thanksgiving

They knelt and prayed beneath the open sky
When first they landed on that rocky shore.
Their hearts were full, and each gave thanks to God
In his own way . . . for that was why they came:
To meet God in the way that they thought right.
Not just on Sundays, nor in church alone,
But always everywhere, they thought of Him.
They felt that all the world was His abode,
That they were guests within their Father's house;
So, reverently, as behooves a guest
Remember they His ways, and walked in them.

God prospered them and made this nation great;
And that is why it is that every year
We set aside one day for thanking Him
For all the things that He has done for us.
We count our blessings and if we are wise
We show our gratitude by sharing them
With those who are less fortunate than we,
Remembering that all things come from God,
That to His mercy and His grace we owe
Our lives, our substance, every breath we draw.
All that we have and are and hope to be.

Joseph Baldwin Haston

taining one.

Let us think, for a moment, on how Satan works. We might consider his activities in the field of whisky-drinking as an example. He takes a nice looking, popular young man who takes his social drinks, and uses him as an example for others. But when this man becomes an outright drunkard, he becomes a horrible example and is no longer of value to Satan. So he must find another nice looking, popular young man that he can use.

In the days of Martin Luther, the Roman Catholic Church, steeped in her corruption and greed, as she was, and with her Nuneries, many of them, being open houses of ill-repute, had become a horrible example, and Satan could no longer use her to advantage under the existing conditions. He needed one with a semblance of respectability.

Many of our Baptist people quote Luther seemingly in the same vane as they do Paul, but it is hard to find complete satisfaction that he was ever born again. History seems to be clear that he persecuted the Anabaptists even to the death, and Christ said people would do that because they knew not the Father nor the Son. Jno. 16:2-3. And too, he advocated, as Lutherans still do, baptismal regeneration.

Rise of Church of England (Episcopalian)

The next Protestant Church to be brought into this "religion-loving world" was the "great" Church of England, known in America as the Episcopalian Church. The founder and builder of this church was Henry VIII, King of England. He married Catherine of Aragon in 1509, and was crowned king that same year. After some seventeen years with Catherine he grew tired of her and fell in love,—that is, if he were capable of love—with a beautiful sixteen year old brunette by the name of Anne Boleyn. She, however, refused his approaches except in marriage. He, in turn, approached the Pope on the subject of a divorce from

Catherine. But Catherine happened to be the aunt of the King of Spain at that time, and Spain happened to be the Pope's greatest financial supporter in those days. So for some reason or other the Pope refused to grant Henry a divorce. After some four years of unsuccessful efforts to get a divorce, he declared himself to be the head of the church in England. So the Roman Catholics in England woke up to the fact that they had a brand new "papa."

In January, 1533, Henry had his wife Catherine thrown in prison and married Anne Boleyn. In May of that same year, some four months after he had married Anne, he got around to having his church annul his marriage with Catherine. So during his first four months as a church father he had two wives, one in prison and one in the palace.

After three short years he grew tired of Anne, so he had her pretty brunette head cut off while she was still a young woman of 23. The same day in which Anne was beheaded, Henry proposed to Jane Seymour. Ten days later they were married. Jane lived with him one year and died, and so far as we may know, she may have died a natural death. Jane died in 1537 and, unless history has lost one of his wives, he lived a widower until 1540.

In January, 1540, he married Anne of Cleves for political reasons. But after only six months, he found out this marriage was not necessary from a political standpoint. So he divorced this Anne, gave her 3,000 pounds annually to live on, and a mansion to live in, then turned around and had the man's head cut off who had made the match between them. That same year (1540), he married Catherine Howard. She wore the queen's crown only two years before Henry had her head cut off. That seems to have been the quickest and most inexpensive way of getting rid of wives for a man like Henry who had the authority and the heart to do it. This wife lost her head in 1542, and the same year he married Catherine Parr.

By this time, however, he seems to have lost his lustful attraction for beautiful women, and this, his sixth wife was permitted to outlive him. He died in 1547 after a rather active life, not only in the marrying business, but in the church building business as well.

It seems that during the first fourteen years of this great church's existence, her founder and builder lived with six different wives, two of whom he had beheaded, another died in prison where she had been thrown in order to get her out of his way, and still another had died of some cause or other. But it still seems that Henry was a good Roman Catholic to the end, so (Continued on page 4, column 1)

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- A place from which the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and forever (Rev. 14:11)

WHERE IS HELL? — AT THE END OF A MISSPENT LIFE!

(Mark 9:43-48)

—(From LOCKLAND BAPTIST WITNESS)

Protestantism

(Continued from page three)
far as doctrine and practice were concerned.

One of the distinguishing doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church is the one which says the bread and wine of their communion actually becomes the flesh and blood of Christ. A London schoolmaster by the name of Lambert began to teach that the bread and wine did not actually become the flesh and blood of Christ. As punishment for this awful crime, Henry had Prof. Lambert burned to death gradually. His feet were first burned off. Then he was gradually pushed further into the fire. By the time his legs were almost burned off, Henry tired of the fun and walked away. His guards, who had more heart than did this great church builder, thereupon, threw the whole body into the fire in order to hasten his death. Could we call that loving the brethren in reverse?

How can anyone believe that these churches, founded by such men and for such purposes, will in anywise be a part of the bride of Christ? Is there any reason

why we should expect to see Martin Luther and Henry VIII lined up with and honored along with Peter, James and John, Paul and Barnabas and all the other faithful ones who labored together with Christ in the building of His early churches?

The Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian "branch" of Protestantism was founded by John Calvin. It seems that many of Calvin's doctrines were Scriptural; but even if they were all Scripturally sound, would that justify his starting a new church when the one Christ started was already Scripturally sound? The Presbyterian Church is sound in many of her doctrines, but there are others which she must adhere to because she is a Protestant Church, even though they are strictly foreign to early church doctrines. As for her baptism, she refused to go back to early church baptism, but rather carried along with her the man-made baptism of her Roman Catholic mother which was never used officially by any church until it was adopted by the Roman Catholic Church at the council of Ravenna in 1311.

As for Calvin himself, we find it hard to see in him the characteristic features found in the great men of the early church. Paul defended his teachings orally, and by the written word, but we can rest assured that the thought of burning the judaizing teachers at the stake never once crossed his mind. History, however, relates that Calvin had a hand in the death of Michael Servetus, who was burned at the stake because of his religious beliefs.

The persistent searchers of history can easily find that Luther, Henry VIII and Calvin all three were guilty of the death of people because of their religious beliefs. In Jno. 16:2-3 our Lord said the time would come when people would do that, and the reason why they would do that was because they did not know the Father nor Him.

The Methodist Church

As for the Methodist "branch" of Protestantism, we find that John Wesley, its founder, lived and died a member of the church founded by Henry VIII, the king who knew how to get rid of wives the quick, inexpensive way. He had neither a desire nor any intention of starting a new church. Some historians tell us that while on his death bed he requested his friends not to make it a separate church. And we learn from his own mouth that he was not a saved man when he started the Holy Club, which later became the Methodist Church, nor when he came to

America as a Missionary to the Indians. So we conclude that the Methodist Church was purely unintentional on Wesley's part.

It is interesting to note that three hundred and eighty years after Martin Luther started the first Protestant Church there were still less than a dozen different kinds of churches in the world, but during the last fifty or sixty years there have been literally thousands of them started. According to Bishop Homer A. Tomlinson, head of the "Church of God," there have been two thousand divisions in that one church alone in the last fifty years. If Christ does not come back before another fifty years has elapsed, it is beyond mortal man's power to visualize the condition professing Christendom will be in by the close of this twentieth century.

There is no wonder that the church which Christ loved and gave Himself for has become so common and insignificant in the eyes of the world. Satan has done more harm to the true church by his getting into the church business himself than he could have ever done by outright opposition to it. As a result of his getting into the church business, churches are so plentiful they are a dime a dozen even in this time of high prices, and the world is being led to believe that one of them is just as good as another. Truly we are living in a time when the mustard plant has become a great tree, large enough for Satan to roost in. But just as truly, our Lord knows where Satan's seat is located in the churches.

As has already been stated, there have been churches like unto the one Christ started at Jerusalem at all times since that time, and they will continue to be here until He returns. These churches will make up the bride of Christ. They are churches

which have pastors, deacons, teachers, etc., and therefore cannot be some imaginary, invisible, intangible something. In fact if you could take all the Protestant churches out of the world, you would automatically take the invisible church idea out with them. No one else has ever needed, but Protestantism could not survive without it.

Baptist

Learned men of all the different churches agree that the church which has been here all the time since the first church was organized at Jerusalem is the one known today as the Baptist Church.

John C. Ridpath, a Methodist, says that as far back as the year 100 A.D. all Christians were Baptists.

Mosheim, a Lutheran, says the first century was a history of the Baptist.

Cardinal Hosius, a Roman Catholic who lived in the 16th century, says none have been more grievously punished for the last twelve hundred years than the Anabaptists.

Ypeig and Dermout, Dutch Reformed Church, say Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community that has stood since the days of the Apostles.

But, since so many Baptists allow themselves to be called Protestants, and some even call themselves Protestants, it is no wonder that our Encyclopedia writers try to place the origin of Baptists in the so-called Reformation Period. It is indeed interesting to follow these writers as they try so hard to locate the origin of Baptists. There were no people called Baptists in the 15th century, but by the beginning of the 17th century the woods were full of them. So the logical thing for these writers to do was to say the Baptists had their beginning in the 16th century. It was during the 16th century that the prefix "Ana" was gradually dropped from the name "Anabaptists." By the beginning of the 17th century there were no more Anabaptists, but the Baptists of the 17th century and the Anabaptists of the 15th century were still the same people. The church Christ put here in the world has been called by many different names at different times and in different places, but its people have always been the same people.

In II Cor. 11:13-15 we find that Satan has transformed himself into an angel of light, and his preachers into ministers of righteousness. In Mt. 7:22-23 we see the destiny of Satan's poor deceived co-workers. It's going to be a pitiful sight to see that great host of church workers, preachers, teachers, etc., standing be-

fore the Lord pleading for salvation on the grounds of their good works, and to hear Him say "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity, I never knew you. That little word 'never' does away with all efforts to class this great host of people as those who have fallen from grace and are lost. They learn too late that salvation is of the Lord, a free gift to all who will believe, and that it cannot be earned by doing good works.

We have discussed at length what has taken place concerning the church, now briefly, what have been the results? We find that as a result of all this, no matter what you believe nor what you wish to practice you can find a so-called church that is ready to receive you with open arms. You no longer have to conform to early church teaching and practices in order to be a member of something called a church. In Eph. 4:5 we read, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism," but we get out on the street and hear people ask which is your faith, or which baptism do you believe in? Is it possible that Christ has become number conscious too, and is now ready to accept people any way they want to come? In Isa. 55:8 He tells us our ways are not His way, and in early church times He called people fools and hypocrites who tried to be saved their own way and refused to come His way. Is there any reason why we should believe that He has changed His attitude on the subject in these last days?

In I Cor. 1:10 we read, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

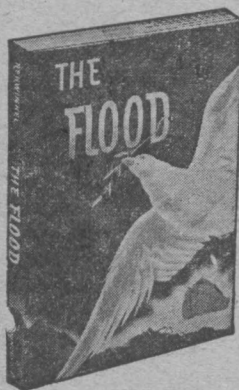
In all fairness now do you hear all those thousands of protestant groups speaking the same thing? Do you see them having no divisions among them? Are they all perfectly joined together? And do they all believe the same thing? If all church members obeyed these great commands in this one verse of Scripture there would be only one kind of church, and you can rest assured that so far as Christ is concerned there is only one kind.

If all the great host of different kinds of churches make up the bride of Christ, we must admit that He will be marrying a bride who speaks one way out of one side of her mouth, another way out of the other side and many other ways in between. Can anyone conceive of Christ who prayed in Jno. 17:11 that His church might be one even as He and the Father are one, even thinking of taking unto Himself a bride who has scandalously, maliciously, premeditatedly, and should we say, joyfully broken His every command concerning the oneness of the one who is to be His bride? A man may act in such a way that he will have very little choice, and therefore must take whomever he can get if he wishes to take unto himself a bride, but our Lord has not come to that place yet.

There are those who want to believe that the true church lay imbedded in the Roman Catholic Church all through the dark Medieval ages and on up until the time of Luther, Henry VIII and (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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Calvin. To really believe that, however, would necessitate our believing that the gates of hell did prevail against the true church for at least a thousand years. In 451 A.D. all Roman Catholics were admonished to pray to Mary, while in Jno. 15:16 the true church is commended to pray to the Father in the name of Christ.

In 1123 Roman Catholic preachers were denied the privilege of marrying, but in I Tim. 3:2 we are told that a New Testament preacher must be blameless, the husband of one wife.

In 1229 the Roman Catholic people were denied the Bible; in I Tim. 2:15 New Testament believers were admonished to study the Bible.

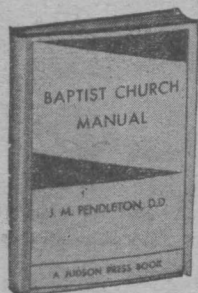
In 1311 the Roman Catholic Church quit baptizing by immersion, the original mode of baptism, and began sprinkling and pouring. If the true church were the Roman Catholic Church at that time the baptismal line of succession back to John the Baptist was broken. In that case no church on earth today could possibly be a direct successor to the original church which Christ organized when He chose His twelve apostles.

All through that dark Medieval age the Roman Catholic Church was the Arch enemy of the true church. That is why untold millions of the saints met their death at the stake, or were buried alive at the hand of the Roman Catholic Church. The early Protestant Church founders were also guilty of the death of the saints. That being true, we find it utterly impossible to see the Roman Catholic Church, Martin Luther, Henry VIII and John Calvin on the same side of the Cross of Calvary that the saints whom they were killing were on. Jno. 10:2-3 and I Jno. 3:14 b.

Then there are those who try to justify Protestantism by saying that when Jesus said "I am the vine, ye are the branches," He was including all the different denominations, but a person's IQ does not have to be too very high in order for him to see that the branches were the individual disciples to whom He was speaking, and that they all belonged to the same church.

This is written in an effort to get our Baptist people to appreciate to the greatness of our heritage, both Biblically and historically. The church which Christ put here should be very precious to us, because it is exceedingly precious to Him who loved it and gave Himself for it.

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Examiner Editorials

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Roman Catholic can be elected here—as if he and his hierarchy favor our system!

Senator Kennedy criticized the Republican administration for not pressing for free elections in Cuba. One wonders if Senator Kennedy, as president, will endeavor to do anything about the conditions in the Rome-dominated nations. Will he press to get free elections for them? Or will he, like the Pope, play dumb to the real facts?



A Message From The Devil

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Time To Reject God

My Dear Worthy Church Member:

Did you know that you gave me the scare of my life when you joined the church? I surely thought that you meant business with God, but I am so happy that you did not take the step too seriously, and have returned to your old love and master. I thought you had more intelligence than to waste much time with the church.

How my heart thrilled when you joined the lodge and attended its meetings. I was glad to see you stay away from church and Sunday School to study for advancement in the lodge. The house is quiet when the family is gone to Sunday School and church. You know that I have multitudes that feel the lodge is as good as church. I am so glad that you think so, too.

Some of my followers must go to the store and open up on Sunday to make a few extra dollars. There will be Sundays when you will need to work around the house, for houses must be kept repaired, you know; and when you have caught up on all that, it is so relaxing just to not dress for public appearance, and lounge around and enjoy the Sunday paper.

I was glad to see some of you show some attention to that third person, for that will cause trouble in the family. It is always good to see husbands and wives become interested in others, because when that happens the homes are broken up and the children untrained for God. I know when you are interested in someone else you will not be interested in church, so I don't have anything to worry about.

The church crowd asks too much of you. They want you to be present for Sunday school, morning worship, and midweek prayer services every time. Not satisfied with that, they want you to give a tenth of your earnings to the church. Since you have stopped all that, you can sleep later on Sunday morning, and have more money to spend for pleasures.

I just smile with great delight when I see you buy liquor and beer, and go home to drink with your wife and before your children. That is setting a fine example for them. That way they will never grow up to be God-fearing men and women. Some of you would rather have your children in the movies on Sunday than in Sunday school, and that is good; for at the movies they learn about all the vices and the tricks of crime. They will grow up to be drunkards, gamblers, prodigal robbers, murderers, or social climbers who will make the world buzz. Instead of your daughters being homemakers, and God-fearing mothers, they will be bar maids, street women, movie stars, or home wreckers. I am so happy that you can play, but cannot pray; that you know the name of movie stars, but cannot name the books of the Bible; that you can find Amos and Andy on the radio, but would have trouble finding Amos and Andrew in the Bible. You know the score at the ball game, but not what the score is in God's Word.

My! It is a pleasure to watch

the thousands of church members as they stay away from the church Sunday after Sunday, finding fault with the Lord's work. Some men take their wives and children to the beach; others go picnicing, or fishing, or hunting, or visiting. How proud I am of you men who are quarreling with your wives about going to church so much. If she does persuade you to go, be sure to criticize the preacher, the Sunday school superintendent, and the teacher before the children so it will wreck their interest in church. I have thousands that are uncooperative with the church and pastor. They break the pastor's heart and tear up the church just by insisting on their way. They really do help my cause.

The sickness I inflict on many surely does work wonders for me. It is very unique in that it makes a person feel just a little badly, not much, but just enough to make him not want to go to church. Then in an hour or so, there is a rapid movement so that by noon the person is ready for Sunday dinner and afternoon outing. Then just about time to start to church for the training service and evening worship, there is a sudden attack so that the person must go to bed; but by eight o'clock or so he is feeling fine and can watch television. There is no more attacks until the next Sunday when the sickness is repeated.

Let me tell you about some people that I am proud to call my own. Your dear ones that move from your own community, but leave your church membership, not bothering to attend the church services in your new home community. You are giving me your influence and the lives of your children.

Then I have a large group that goes to church on Easter and to funerals. They go to be social, so I call them my social climbers. There is another group that I am able to keep from being of too much help to the church. This group goes once a week, usually on Sunday morning, then they feel that they have done all that is required of them.

There is a group I hate. That group is what I call the fanatics. They are faithful in all the

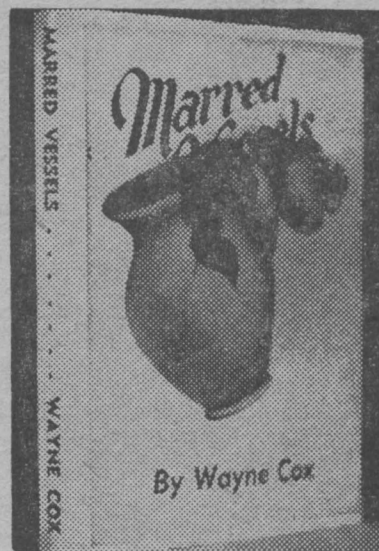
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If God has called you to be really like Jesus He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it; and if you attempted it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their success, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, name, a helpless dependent on Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your need day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants you to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep

you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit of it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get the credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never seem distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.

—G. W. Watson, in Living Words

"An Offering For Sin"

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Father.

I would remind you also that this burnt offering was entirely substitutionary. That is, the offerer offered his offering, and that was in his behalf. We read in Leviticus 1:4 how that the offerer would place his hands upon the head of that offering and identify himself with it as if to say, "I ought to die. I am a sinner. I should die for my sins, but instead of my dying, I am bringing this which is my sacrifice. I am bringing this as my substitute." So, beloved, this offering was a substitutionary offering whereby that the sacrifice was offered instead of the offerer.

May I remind you when the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Cross of Calvary to die for our sins, He did not die for His sins, but rather the death of the Lord Jesus Christ was entirely a substitutionary death. The Son of God had not one single sin in His life to pay for. There never had been the slightest deviation on His part from the law of God. Instead, the Lord Jesus Christ had lived up to, and had fulfilled every principle and precept of the law of God. There had never even been a sin of thought so far as the Lord Jesus Christ was concerned. He had been tempted, to be sure, just the same as you and I. He had had the same temptations presented to Him that every one of us has had presented to

us, and yet the Lord Jesus Christ came down to Calvary about thirty years of age without ever having sinned in word, thought, or deed one single time. The Lord Jesus Christ as a perfect individual could go to the altar, or to Calvary, and there offer Himself as a sacrifice — as a substitute before God because there was no sin in His life. We read:

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" — Heb. 9:11-14.

In the Old Testament the offerer brought a sacrifice depending upon his wealth and financial circumstances: which he offered upon that brazen altar as a substitute for himself, but two thousand years ago when Jesus Christ went to the Cross of Calvary, He went there as God's perfect Lamb — as a perfect substitute for every one of the elect of God.

I would have you to notice also

that this burnt offering was laid in order on the wood. They just didn't promiscuously put the offering upon the wood and burn it, but it was laid in order on the wood.

Beloved, I would remind you that all the details relative to the death of the Lord Jesus Christ were ordained of God. Just as they took that sacrifice and laid it in order upon the wood so that it could be burned before the Lord, it was so with the Lord Jesus Christ. When He came to Calvary, all the details of His death had been ordained of Almighty God. We read:

"And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted in God; let HIM DELIVER HIM NOW, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God." — Mt. 27:39-43.

In the book of Psalms we find that this exact event was prophesied, for we read:

"He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: LET HIM DELIVER HIM, seeing he delighted in him." — Ps. 22:8.

Eight hundred years before Jesus Christ came to Calvary Psalm 22 was written, and the Psalmist said that the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ would mock Him and deride Him, and that they would say, "He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him; let him deliver him." Beloved, when Jesus Christ came to Calvary it was fulfilled to the very letter just as it had been prophesied.

Let's notice another fulfillment, and then the prophecy:

"And they crucified him, and parted his garments, CASTING LOTS: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots." — Mt. 27:35.

"They parted my garments among them, and CAST LOTS upon my vesture." — Ps. 22:18.

Eight hundred years before Jesus Christ came to Calvary the prophet said that they were going to roll the dice to see who would get the garments of the Lord Jesus Christ. When He came to Calvary, they did that very thing. I say that just as in the offering of that burnt offering upon the brazen altar, whereby every piece of that offering was laid in order, and not in a helter-skelter manner, so everything about the death of Jesus was according to the ordained plan of Almighty God.

Let's notice another fulfillment and prophecy:

"And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and FILLED IT WITH VINEGAR, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink." — Mt. 27:48.

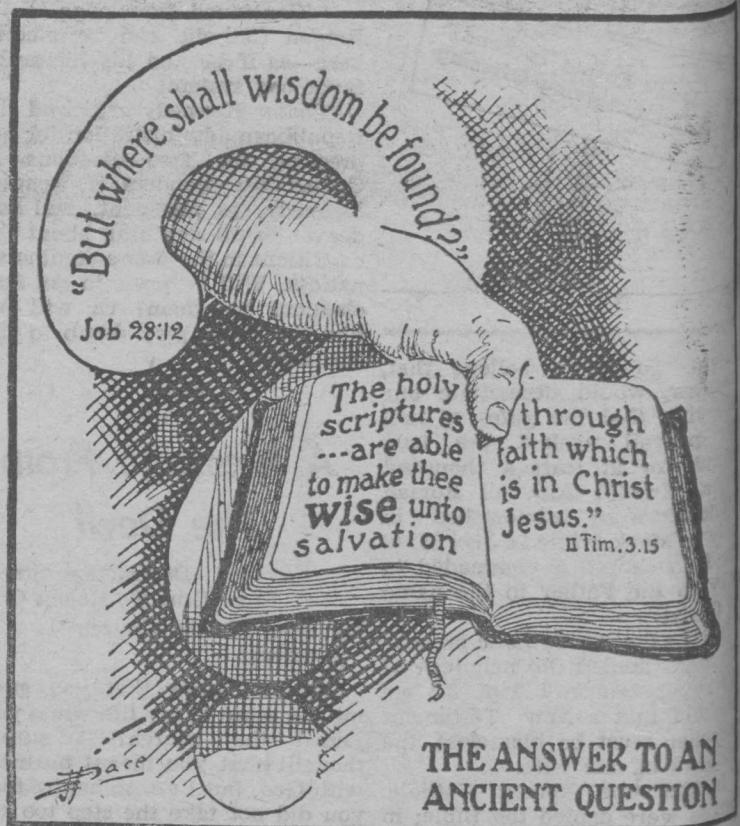
"They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst THEY GAVE ME VINEGAR to drink." — Ps. 69:21.

Let's notice another fulfillment: "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." — Mt. 27:57-60.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was dead, He was buried at the hands of a rich man, named Joseph of Arimathea. This was prophesied in the Old Testament, for we read:

"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death." — Isa. 53:9.

I say to you, beloved, everything that we read in the New Testament relative to the death of the Lord Jesus Christ was only the fulfillment as it was proph-



esied in the Old Testament.

I go back and stand beside that brazen altar and I see the offering as it was placed in order upon the wood. I see how carefully and painstakingly the priest operated to see that everything was laid in order on the wood. Beloved, I look down the avenues of time to the day when Jesus Christ was born, and I see that everything pertaining to His death, the giving of vinegar, the reviling of the crowd, the casting of lots, the gambling for His garments — everything pertaining to His death was according to the plan of Almighty God that was ordained of God before the foundation of the world. It was just according to the predetermined order that God had laid down for the death of Jesus Christ to take place.

Therefore, when I come to my text which tells us about the fact that Jesus Christ's soul was made an offering for sin, I see first of all how that the burnt offering completely is fulfilled so far as the death of Jesus Christ was concerned.

II

THE MEAT OFFERING.

The meat offering that is spoken of in Leviticus 2 is just about like salt rising bread. Just as there isn't any salt about salt rising bread, so there was no meat about the meat offering. It was actually a meal offering. It was made of fine flour. It was perfectly ground and there were no lumps in it.

It was finely ground, and it is to tell us the fine character of the Lord Jesus Christ. May I remind you that the Lord Jesus Christ was not a genius. A genius is a person who is overbalanced. In other words, when you find a person who is a genius, he is just a little overbalanced in one direction. The Lord Jesus Christ was not a genius. His character was

finely ground. His character had no unevenness. Instead, the Son of God was described in the New Testament: "He hath done all things well." A genius may do things well, and perhaps he may do many things well but do a few things poorly. Of the Lord Jesus Christ it was said, "He hath done all things well."

No better illustration of this can be found in all the New Testament than in the case of the Lord Jesus Christ dealing with the woman that was taken in the sin of adultery. You remember when the crowd brought that woman to Jesus, and the Son of God stooped down and wrote on the ground, He said to the crowd, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." As he was writing on the ground, the enemies wished to put Him in a spot of embarrassment suddenly began to go away, and when the Lord Jesus looked up presently, there were all gone, and there was one there but Him and the Father. Who but the Lord Jesus Christ could ever have done this as that? Beloved, He hath done all things well.

If you will look at the character of the Son of God all through His ministry, He did all things well. Look at Him on the day when He cleansed the temple. He took the lash and drove the animals out of the sacred enclosure. He turned the money-changers out so that they must pick up their money. Beloved, when He came to the doves and to the wine fowls, instead of turning them loose, He said, "Take these things hence." I say, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ did all things well.

I look at that meat offering that was made of finely ground flour without any unevenness or lump. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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"An Offering For Sin"

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...it, and I see in that flour the character of the Lord Jesus Christ. There were no lumps in the character. Instead, He did all things well.

I look at that meat offering and I realize that there was leaven in it. A leaven, you know, is an agent of corruption. There was no leaven put in the meal offering. The meal offering had no corruption about it. This would tell us of the Lord Jesus Christ who was perfect. There wasn't anything about the offering of God but that which was absolute perfection.

This is like some of the balance of the offerings. It was said concerning the sacrifice that was offered in the burnt offering that it was to be without blemish. It is like the sin offering that we read of in a later chapter. The Lord of God says that the victim that was offered must be without blemish. Beloved, when I look at those offerings that were without blemish, and when I look at the meal offering that had no leaven in it, and when I come to Calvary and look at my God in Jesus Christ and I see Him as the perfect one, without one single blemish within His life, I can understand what Paul meant when He said:

"For he hath made him, who knew no sin; to be sin for us; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." — II Cor.

I can understand what Peter meant when he said:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ, as of a LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT." — I Pet. 1:18,

I come back to the very day when a young virgin, who had never known man, had an angel approach her, to tell her that she was to bear the Christ Child. Mary listened, the angel said to her:

"Therefore also THAT HOLY CHILD which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." — Luke 1:35.

Even before His birth the angel referred to Him as "that holy child." I tell you, beloved, as there was no leaven in this meal

offering, there was no corruption in the character of the Lord Jesus Christ. Perfect in every particular stood my Saviour at Calvary.

In addition to the fine flour of which the meal offering was made, they sprinkled some frankincense upon it. Frankincense is a gum. It exudes a sweet smell, a sweet savour. I can see that priest as he would offer that meal offering, and as he would do so, I imagine he would stand there, and probably smell that offering. Oh, what a sweet smell that aromatic gum gave off as the meal offering was offered before God!

Beloved, two thousand years ago at the Cross of Calvary, Jesus offered Himself without spot to God, fulfilling this meal offering, a perfect individual who never sinned one time. As he was offered without spot to God, I think even Almighty God looked down from Glory and said, "What a precious odor! How precious is the death of my Son, a sweet Saviour unto God!" When I read that, I can begin to understand a little bit of what Paul meant when he said:

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a SWEET SMELLING SAVOUR." — Eph. 5:1, 2.

I see Him when He came to Gethsemane in prayer. He didn't want to go to Calvary. His flesh would have shrunk from it just the same as yours or mine would have shrunk from such an ordeal. He came to Gethsemane and prayed:

"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." — Mt. 26:39.

Surely God looked down and said, "What a precious smell! How sweet is the odor that comes from the sacrifice of my Son!" And when He was crucified, it was the most pleasing sacrifice that was ever offered before God.

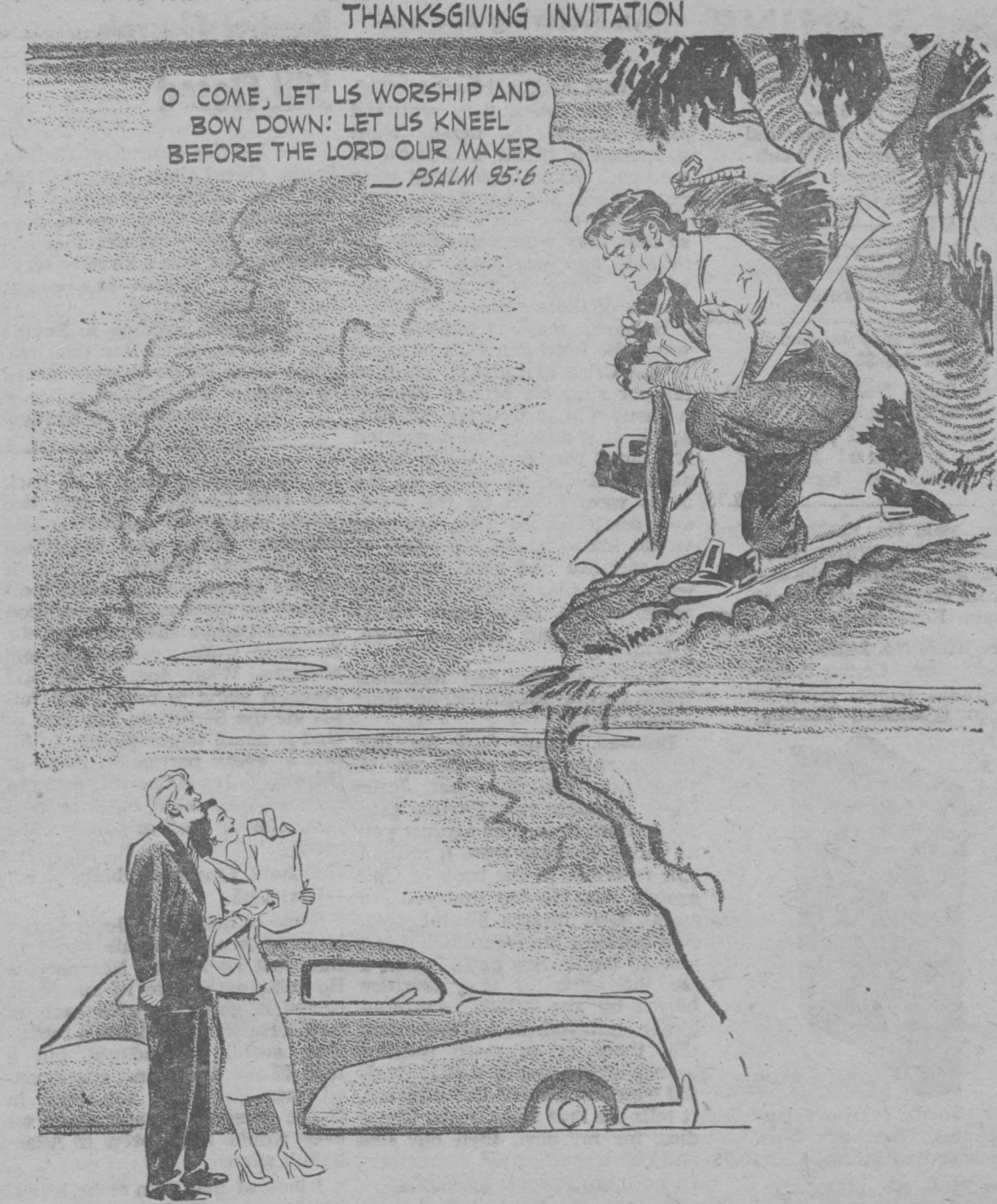
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THE PEACE OFFERING.

The peace offering was one whereby the priest and the offerer both received a portion of the offering. As the worshipper would bring this offering to be offered, the priest and the offerer would sit down with a portion of it to eat. Therefore, it was actually eaten by the priest and the offerer. No wonder it was called a peace offering before God.

Now, beloved, you don't eat with your enemies. Eating is communion. Eating is a symbol of reconciliation. When a man came to bring this peace offering and ate of it, and the priest ate of it, as it was offered unto the Lord, it was a symbol of communion or reconciliation with Almighty God.

Beloved, that is what Jesus Christ came to this world for. The man who has been saved is at peace with God. And at peace with God, that individual has



been reconciled unto the Father.

We read:

"To wit, that God was in Christ, RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF, not imputing their trespasses unto them and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." — II Cor. 5:19.

"And, having made PEACE through the blood of his cross, by him to RECONCILE all things unto himself by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now HATH HE RECONCILED." — Col. 1:20, 21.

Look at the priest as he takes a portion of that offering. Look at the offerer as he gets a portion of the offering that he has brought. The priest and the offerer sit down and ate that offering before God. It is a sign of communion, a symbol of reconciliation — the fact that the individual has been reconciled unto God.

Listen again:

"Therefore being justified by the faith, we have PEACE WITH GOD through our Lord Jesus Christ." — Rom. 5:1.

Beloved, this peace offering is to tell us about our position before God. We are at peace with God through the offering of Jesus Christ at Calvary.

IV

THE SIN OFFERING.

Need I remind you that you are a sinner. Would you deny the fact that you are a sinner in God's sight? Would you deny the fact that every man in this world stands as a sinner before God? Whether we know it or not, every one of us is a sinner. You will find in Leviticus 4:2 that this offering is primarily for the sins of ignorance. Well, beloved, whether you know it or not, whether you are ignorant of it or not, you stand as a sinner before Almighty God.

We read:

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

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God." — Rom. 3:23.

"But the scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." — Gal. 3:22.

Beloved, when the offerer brought this sin offering, it was a reminder to him that he was a sinner. It was an acknowledgement of the fact that he was a sinner before God, and that which he offered was a substitute itself for the sinner. Will you see that man as he came perhaps with a bullock, or if he were poor with a turtledove or a pigeon, or maybe the in-between sacrifice of a goat or a lamb. Look at him as he offers it as a substitute for himself as a sinner. Beloved, when Jesus Christ went to the Cross, He didn't go there for His sins. He went there as a substitute for our sins. Peter said:

"For Christ also HATH ONCE SUFFERED FOR SINS, the just for the unjust." — I Pet. 3:18.

Mark it down, beloved, it was the just one who died for unjust ones like you and me.

It is highly conspicuous and unusually interesting as to what

they did with the blood and the ashes of this offering. If you will read Leviticus 4, you will find that they took the blood and poured it out at the base of the altar, and they took the ashes and sprinkled those ashes outside the camp. The blood was sprinkled outside the camp, which would tell us of the Lord Jesus Christ when He died for our sins, that His blood was offered as a sacrifice to God upon the altar. What altar? An altar at Jerusalem? Nay beloved. He said, "Touch me not, for I am not yet ascended unto my Father." And in the evening of the same day He said to the same disciples, "Touch me, handle me, see me." What had happened between the morning and the evening? He had ascended to the Father and had made a perfect

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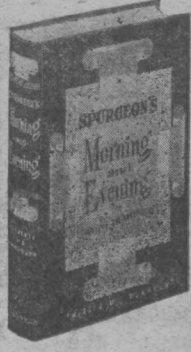
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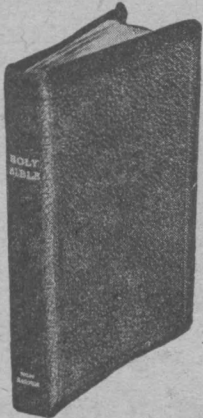
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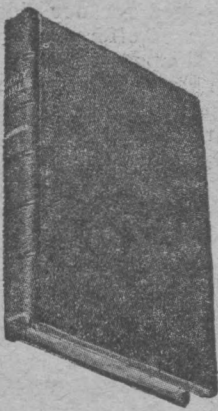
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atonement of His blood to God. And the ashes, they scattered those outside the camp. What happened to them? You know as well as I. When those ashes were put outside the camp, the first wind that blew, blew those ashes so that they were completely removed and scattered by the winds. There was no remembrance of those sins.

Beloved, may I remind you when the Lord Jesus Christ came to the Cross of Calvary, He died for our sins, He offered Himself without spot to God for our sins, and having done so, He presented His blood yonder in Glory as an atonement for us. Then as the ashes were blown by the wind, and scattered, so that no man would know where the ashes of the sacrifice had gone, as there was no remembrance of those ashes, so the Lord Jesus Christ remembered our sins no more. Listen:

"And their sins and iniquities WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE." —Heb. 10:17.

Beloved, thank God for this fact, in spite of all of the sins of your life, the day that Jesus Christ becomes your Saviour God remembers those sins against you no more. If there were a million sins recorded in the book of God against you, the day that you are saved, God forgets all the past. God removes the record. Oh, I tell you it thrills my heart when I see the ashes of that sacrifice blown by the winds, scattered hither and yon, as an indication that there is no more remembrance of the sins of that individual who had offered this offering. It tells me that when Jesus Christ died for my sins, then our sins and our iniquities are remembered no more forever by God.

V

THE TRESPASS OFFERING.

Those Jews didn't live perfectly, and you and I don't live perfectly. After we have been saved we still have a problem, and that problem is the problem of sin. Well, the Jew had that same problem. He had the same kind of nature that you and I have. He had the same disposition. He had the same temptations. The Jew sinned after he was saved just like you and I sin. What did he do? He would bring a trespass offering, and if he had sinned against somebody, he would not only bring a trespass offering, but he would add a fifth part thereto by way of restitution. What does this mean? Just this: As an individual would bring a trespass offering, that was a confession of the fact that he was a sinner. He was confessing thereby that he was still a sinner in the flesh. With this trespass offering he was making a confession as to his sins.

What does God say to you when you have sinned, after you are saved? Listen:

"If we CONFESS OUR SINS, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." — I John 1:9.

What am I to do when I have sinned? Am I to go to an earthly priest, and slip up beside some little peep hole, and whisper into Papa's ear, and tell him the sins that I have committed? No, no, beloved. Am I to go to some earthly individual and tell that individual that I have sinned? No, I am to do exactly what the man did in the Old Testament when he brought his trespass offering. I am to come to the Lord Jesus Christ and as I confess my sin, I am fulfilling the trespass offering, for that trespass offering was in itself a silent confession of the believer's sins, that he had committed since he was saved.

You will notice that he was not only to bring that, but if he had sinned against some individual, the Word of God said that he was to add a fifth part thereto. Not only was there to be a confession, but there was to be a restitution at the same time. How did the Lord Jesus Christ fulfill it? To me this is the most glorious truth of

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all the Word of God. I go back and read Leviticus 6:5 and two words stand out: restitution and addition. When the individual brought that trespass offering, if he had sinned against some individual he must make restoration and must add a fifth part thereto. In other words, restoration and addition. What does it tell us? Jesus is going to completely fulfill all the Scripture. The Son of God is going to completely fulfill this in every particular. Some of these days Jesus Christ is going to restore this world back to God just like it was originally. We read:

"Behold, I make all things new." —Rev. 21:5.

Some of these days Jesus Christ is going to restore this world to God just as it was. Not only is He going to restore it, but Jesus Christ is going to give back to God a race, not of Adam's rebellious, sinful descendants, but a race of redeemed and regenerated men, so when we stand in God's presence greater than we ever would have been if Adam hadn't sinned.

I look at that man as he brings his trespass offering, and I see in it this truth: I sin and you sin after we are saved. As we confess our sins we look forward to that day, just as the priest and the offerer did, when the Lord Jesus Christ is going to restore everything, with all things made new, and with a race that is regenerated and redeemed by the grace of God.

Mark it down, beloved, I am going to be greater yonder in Christ than I ever was in Adam, if Adam had never sinned. Adam at best had a perfect human righteousness. Today I have a perfect divine righteousness. Out yonder I am going to have more than that. I am going to be a part of that race — redeemed, regenerated, and far superior to what Adam ever had in Eden's Garden. All that Adam was in the Garden of Eden couldn't begin to compare with what you and I are going to be in the Garden of God.

CONCLUSION

When I contemplate these five offerings, I come back to my text which says, "When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin," and as I do so, I feel like no message would ever be complete without reading what Paul said as he contemplated it too. Listen:

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When I read my text which says that He will make His soul an offering for sin, and when I look at the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering and see how Christ fulfilled it all, then I say, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever."

Beloved, you can't study this without turning to God and singing the Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

You can't study these offerings without turning to look at Calvary and saying:

"In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of
time;
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round His head sub-
lime."

Thank God, He made the soul of Jesus Christ an offering for sin. God was satisfied. He was satisfied with the soul of Jesus as an offering for sin. It fulfilled all five of these offerings of the Old Testament. God was satisfied with it.

Are you satisfied with it? Might it please God to save you, that you might leave this place saying, "I thank God that I came here. I would rather have been here than any place else in the world. I thank God I have been here. I thank God as I go out that I'm satisfied with Jesus Christ, with what He has done for me in fulfilling these offerings and making His soul an offering for sin." May God bless you!

Holy Spirit

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The Holy Ghost never sets His signature to any blank! That would be unwise on the part of man, and the Holy Lord will not penetrate such a folly. If we don't speak clear doctrine with plainness of speech, the Holy Ghost will not put His Signature to our empty prating. If we do not come distinctly with Christ and Him crucified, we may say farewell to true success.

The Holy Ghost will never sanction sins and to bless the ministry of some men would be to sanction their evil ways. "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord."

He will never encourage idleness. The Holy Ghost will not come in to rescue us from the consequences of wilful neglect of the Word of God and study. If we allow ourselves to go up and down all the week doing nothing, we may not climb the pulpit stairs and dream that the Lord will be there and then tell us what to speak.

The Holy Ghost will not bless us in order to sustain our pride! Is it not possible that we may be wishing for a great blessing that we may be thought great men? "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Keep humble if you would have the Spirit.

The Holy Ghost will not dwell where there is strife. Let us follow peace with all men, and specially keep peace in our churches.

The Holy Ghost will only bless in conformity with His Own set purpose. Our Lord explains what this purpose is: "He shall glorify Me." He has come forth for this grand end, and He will not put up with anything short of it. If then we do not preach Christ, what is the Holy Ghost to do without preaching? If we do not make the Lord Jesus glorious; if we do not lift Him high

in the esteem of men, if we do not labour to make Him King of kings, and Lord of lords; we shall not have the Holy Spirit with us.

To Visit Pope

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secret police. Spokesmen from communist - controlled churches behind the Iron Curtain already members of the ecumenical movement actually sit on the committee of the World Council of Churches and participate in formation of policy, including overtures to the Roman Catholic Church. With the appeal to the Vatican, the ecumenical movement, seeking to be ecumenical, proposes to include the left and the right with the unity of all being placed above considerations of truth and freedom.

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Phoney Generals

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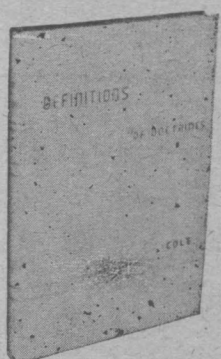
GENERAL FATHERHOOD

This general says that God is the father of all men and that all men are brothers. If such were true then there would be no need of the new birth. If they were true then God would be the Father of Hitler and Stalin and Judas and a lot of others. If they were true there could be no hell else God would be sending his own children there. But it is not true.

John 1:11-12 teaches that when folk receive Christ, they are given the "power to become sons of God." Paul writing to the Christians of Galatia said, "Ye are all the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ." Not, mind you, by the nature of birth. Jesus said as recorded Jno. 3:7, "Ye must be born AGAIN." This would be wholly unnecessary if all were already the children of God. Then again that God is not the Father of the devil has children. Jesus said (Jno. 8:44) "Ye are the children of the devil..." Such could have been the children of God and the children of the devil the same time. No, the doctrine of the Universal Fatherhood is lie cut out of whole cloth.

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