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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 BEGINNING OF THE END

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"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." (1 Pet. 4:7).

Now that the Protestants and many of the Baptists (?) have elected, for themselves and a few million innocent people, a Roman Catholic leader, the above Scripture is in the process of being fulfilled. Had it not been for the Protestant and Baptist votes that Mr. Kennedy received he would not have been elected. His slim margin, in the popular vote, does not prove that he was the most popular of the two can-

didates; in fact, it proves the opposite. Had Mr. Nixon been a Roman Catholic and the choice been between two Roman Catholic candidates, Mr. Nixon would probably have had a landslide; therefore, it was not Mr. Kennedy's popularity among the American people that elected him, but rather it was his religion, which controls perhaps 33 or 34 per cent of the American votes, plus about 25 per cent of folks who turned traitor to the truth and allied with him and the Roman Catholic Church.

Many Americans have sold their birth rights for a mess of pottage, and have no respect unto the recompense of reward, but

esteem the treasures of Egypt (this world) greater than the reproach of (or for) Christ. Choosing rather to enjoy the pleasures of sin, than to suffer affliction with the people of God.

The first word we heard from Moscow, here in New Guinea, about Mr. Kennedy's victory, was that Mr. Khrushchev and the Communist world were rejoicing over the fact that Mr. Kennedy was elected, for that would mean closer relations between America and the Communists and they felt sure that it would mean the admittance of Red China into the United Nations.

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## Examiner Editorials

By Bob L. Ross

### A LETTER TO A HARDSHELL BAPTIST PAPER

Dear Editor:

I have had a recent issue of your paper on my desk for several days, intending to write you about the article on page 93 entitled "Who Were The Waldenses?" I have just rambled through a stack of material and come across it again and now would like to comment briefly upon a portion of the article.

The writer says that he does not know of "any Missionary, or United Baptist who will affirm the doctrine of the Waldenses," etc.

I would like to inform the writer, you, and the readers of your paper that there are a great number of independent missionary Baptist churches that not only will affirm but DO affirm the doctrine of the Waldenses on the doctrine in question. As one of those Baptists, I say that we agree most heartily with the quotation given by the writer, which pertains to unconditional election. And I might add, we agree with the quotation given in col-

umn three, which says: "... and communicates to it all His benefits and favors by the gospel."

The writer goes on to say that "All honest historians will admit that it (the church) was Calvinistic in creed in its early days," etc. If so, how can the Primitive Baptist Church lay claim to being that church? The Primitive Baptists with whom I have had contact all deny the Calvinistic tenet of election unto salvation, called thereunto by the Gospel. No stronger Calvinistic confession was ever penned than that of the Westminster Assembly which is the Philadelphia Confession with minor variations and some changes as to the ordinances. This confession plainly declares that the elect are called "by his word and Spirit... by Jesus Christ." And the Gospel is called the "outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace," being made effectual by the work of the Holy Spirit accompanying it.

We missionary Baptists not only believe in election, we believe in the whole purpose of God in election. Election, we hold, is unto salvation and this is (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## The Birth Of Popery

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"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my assembly and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

We understand this rock to be none other than the OBJECT of Peter's faith—Christ, the Rock of Salvation, which was "revealed" to him by the Father. And thus we bow our heads to Him in Whom we have to do for this glorious promise, "the gates of Hell shall not prevail." It is yet true that He shall "place the solitary in families."

The infallible Word clearly establishes that each congregation is as an "Island Republic" unto itself, under Christ her Head, her King, and Sovereign Despot over her. Even an Apostle, placed FIRST in the church, can only say to her: "Wherefore, brethren, look YE out AMONG YOU seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business" (Acts 6:3) and the MULTITUDE did.

The Apostle Paul in a matter of the congregation's welfare could only say "I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him" (who was excluded). II Cor. 2:8.

### Ministers Of The Church

There is no N. T. record, mention, or hint, of a "Pope," "Patriarch," "Exarch," "Metropolitan," "Archbishop," etc. Yea, not even ONE "officer" is named in His Church. Christ appointed no "officers" but gave "ministers": Apostles, now deceased; Prophets, whose ministry is fulfilled (Dan. 9:24); Evangelists, who are ministers in local assemblies to go forth and preach, baptize, form assemblies and teach them "all things" Christ commanded, and nothing else; Pastors, who are overseers over the flock (no mention of a "superin-

tendent" to oversee the teaching ministry; this is the pastor's ministry only); and Teachers, who given a gift by the Spirit to teach within, the assembly. (Eph. 4:11).

### "Graded" Ministry

Even before the Apostles deceased, there were FALSE TEACHERS in the assemblies. With the spread of the Gospel of Grace, and the multiplying of assemblies, false teachers abounded the more. By the second century, one Bishop (Pastor) was over one assembly, yet the Elders of the assembly were formed into a permanent Presbytery, with the servants (deacons) below them. Hence, the rise of a "graded" ministry. Though even this, yet we still see the assembly was independent, governed by the rules of Christ, while gradually losing her voice in her own affairs.

With the bishops governing the congregation now, and being in close fellowship with other bishops, "councils" were called to advise in cases of difficulty. By the Greeks these were known as "Synods." Even in Baptist apostasy, the same pattern is seen in the growth of "associations." These "councils" at first "advised" or administered the rules of Christ; later they made new rules, not of Christ, called "Canons." These "canons" became laws to bind upon churches. As always, every assembly did not (Continued on page 6, column 3)

## From Spurgeon's Pulpit

## The Inspiration Of The Scriptures

By C. H. SPURGEON

NOTE: One of the most popular features of TBE has been the sermons and articles by C. H. Spurgeon which have been reprinted herein. In the coming months, we expect to have something from C.H.S. in every issue under the heading, "From Spurgeon's Pulpit."

The turning-point of the battle between those who hold "the faith once delivered to the saints" and their opponents, lies in the true and real inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. This is the Thermopylae of Christendom. If we have in the Word of God no infallible standard of truth, we are at sea without a compass. No danger from stormy weather without can be equal to this loss within. "If the foundations be removed, what can the righteous do?" And this is a foundation loss of the worst kind.

### Unintentional and Intentional Rejection of God's Word

When a man falls into an error, but reverently conceives that he finds it in his Bible, he is on a very different footing from the person who says that he judges by his moral consciousness, or some other unreliable standard, and declares that if the Bible contradicts him he will sooner renounce Scripture than change his opinions. We can have a measure of fellowship with a mistaken friend who is willing

to bow before the teaching of Scripture so far as he can understand its meaning; but we must part company altogether with the errorist, who overrides prophets and apostles, and practically regards his own inspiration as superior to theirs. We fear that such a man will before long prove himself to be an enemy of the cross of Christ, all the more dangerous because he may continue to profess loyalty to the Lord whom he dishonours.

### "Bibliolatry" Charged

The approved method of the present carnival of unbelief is not to reject the Bible altogether but to raise doubts as to portions of it, and questions as to the uniform inspiration of it as a whole. Those who accept the Scriptures as infallible are sneered at as guilty of "Bibliolatry," though they would to a man declare that they do not worship the book, but adore its Author. Those expressions which describe natural phenomena as they appear are pointed at as unscientific; whereas these very critics know that no writer in prose or poetry would ever think of giving scientific statements when depicting natural occurrences which they saw. These men apply to the Bible of the people canons of criticism which would prove Milton



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to have been an ignoramus, and Shakespeare a fool.

All this is but the mask which befits rather than conceals their enmity of God's revealed will. The centre of attack for the foes of Christianity is the Word of the Lord. If confidence in the Bible can be undermined, their point will be carried. If infallible inspiration can be set aside as an old wife's fable, then their destructive purpose will have been achieved. Use the penknife of Jehudi upon the sacred roll, and cut out of it all that is offensive to proud human reason, and then you will have found a weak-

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### "WHY GOD PROLONGS TIME"

Fortieth in a series of Messages on Isaiah 53—By John R. Gilpin

"He shall prolong his days."—Isaiah 53:10.

A few days ago I saw a copy of the Constitution of the United States. It wasn't the first time I have seen such, and that wasn't the reason why it made an impression upon me. There was something unusual about this copy of the Constitution. If you would hold it, to look at it straight ahead, all you would see would be the copy of the Constitution, but if you would tilt it at a slight angle you would see the image of George Washington in the background.

Then after having seen it I

picked up the little calendar that I have on my desk, put out by a realtor, and I noticed that as the calendar rocks backward and forward on a heavy base, it pictures in one instance a house, and again as it moves it gives a message from the realtor.

Then a day or so later, I went upstairs and in another desk, among a number of curios that I have accumulated through the years, I picked up a political button of Stevenson when he was attempting to become president. It was one of those that likewise changed as you turned it, so that one time when you held it in

front of you, you had the picture of Mr. Stevenson, and another time you tilted it just a trifle, there was a message relative to the election.

I have thought of these within the last few days, and it comes to my mind that these illustrate the Word of God. If I take this Bible and look at it, I see prophecy, teachings, history, literature, and the geography of the Bible. At the same time, as I look closely from another angle I see that all of it is a representation, or a presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ. While I may (Continued on page 3, column 3)

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## Examiner Editorials

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brought about by the sovereign God sending His word of grace unto His elect in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, it being preached by "chosen men" sent forth by the Holy Spirit. We believe God is just as sovereign in this missionary work as He is in anything else. He sovereignly used men to write the Bible and He likewise uses them to preach His gospel to the elect.

Yours by grace,  
Bob L. Ross

## From Spurgeon's Pulpit

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pon with which to stab the gospel to the heart.

### The Enemy's Goal

The ultimate drift is to take our Bibles from us; but for the present it is only proposed to insinuate suspicions as to parts of them. The apostles of "modern thought" would decline any proposal to sift out the uninspired portions, and to leave us only that part of Scripture which is of God: that would spoil their little game, which aims at making us dubious of all the Bible. If they removed that which they affirm to be chaff, we might prize the remaining wheat all the more; and that is precisely what they object to. They would prefer that we should treat the whole heap as of questionable quality. If we will put the Scriptures upon a level of inspiration in which they may be equal to the Koran, or the writings of Confucius, we shall then take our places among respectable thinkers; but then our solid support and comfort will have gone, and with it all our means for saving men's souls and glorifying God.

### All Or Nothing

If I am not greatly mistaken, we owe small gratitude to theories of inspiration. They have served the turn of the enemy to a high degree, and have been used as engines for undermining the walls of Zion. One after another, eminent men have pro-

fessed to furnish us with tests of the degree of inspiration of this part of Scripture and of that, oblivious of our Lord's words, "The Scripture cannot be broken." The holy writing is one, and stands or falls as a whole. Gauges of authority imply an authority in their inventors far higher than in the book to be gauged.

I cannot resist the impulse to quote the language of Carson concerning one of these inspiration measures. In a burst of indignation, he exclaims,

"Dare any wretched mortal presume to give a criterion of discrimination in determining the authority of what is contained in the Book of God? Impious men, give your assistance to the Almighty and the All-wise in the plans of creation and providence, where your folly cannot mar the comfort of the plain Christian. But foist not your theories on the volume that contains the words of eternal life and the instructions of heavenly wisdom. Rob not the unlearned Christian of the cheering conviction that 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.' Let your impious ingenuity gather laurels in the legitimate fields of invention: try your powers in the arts or sciences, and by your sagacity rival the glory of the inventor of the steam-engine; but leave the poor Christian his Bible whole and true! Seek not to bewilder him by your *ignis fatuus*—darken him not by your discoveries—impoverish him not by bestowing on him your riches. I have no language in which I can adequately express my abhorrence of such a theory, while it is impossible to restrain emotions of contempt for its folly. What blasphemy and absurdity are implied in the idea of a plan for enabling plain Christians to distinguish what belongs to God in the book that God himself calls his own Word!"

If the Bible is not inspired in every part the majority of plain men would be no better off with it than without it; for they would never feel sure whether what they relied upon was sufficiently inspired or not. Infallibility is necessary somewhere; and it is

far more to God's glory, and to our safety, that it be found in the Scripture itself than in human judgment. To the spiritual man the theory is unseemly which makes man to be the judge of God, and the spirit of the age the rectifier of the Spirit of God. It comes to this practically: that instead of meekly receiving what God tells us, we are our own chief authority, and summon revelation to the bar of our judgment.

Upon this theory the humble man, whose education is slender, and whose opinion of his own powers is modest, must for ever remain in grave uncertainty upon a matter which is of the utmost importance to him for time and for eternity. Surely, this cannot be the arrangement of an infinitely wise and loving God. Is the unlettered man to be continually running to his "cultured" minister, to ask him whether he may safely believe a promise, or obey a precept, or accept a doctrine? Are we to have a new form of priestcraft, of which the youngest and least experienced of our ministry are to be the chief priests? Is modern progress thus to lend Holy Scripture the indispensable aid of its authority, or to denounce it with bell, book, and candle by its superior intelligence? Alas for the godly, if ever matters come to this!

### "It Is The Bible, Or It Is No Bible"

Years ago, the name of Chalmers was a tower of strength; but we suppose that the moderns will attach small weight to what he has written, now that they have passed so far beyond all the great men of the last generation. Yet we will not be hindered from commending his teaching upon this subject, nor from quoting one among many outspoken passages:

"That venerable record which has come down through a long succession of prophets, and passed the ordeal of Christ and his apostles, and has been handed from one age to another in the unquestioned character all along of being the word of God—it is not a medley of things divine and things human; but is either throughout a fallible composition, or throughout and in all its parts the rescript of the only wise and true God. All over it has the strength and faithfulness of the divinity, or all over the weakness and fallibility of man. It is the Bible, or it is no Bible. We keep by the former term of the alternative. We hold all the ground to be holy that is within the limits of this venerable record; and that the fence thrown around it admits of no inroad to that which his human, among that which is purely and sacredly and altogether divine. It is guarded, strictly and severely guarded, by the menaces of a jealous God, against the daring footstep of any who shall intrude within its barrier—either on purpose to add, or on purpose to take away. He hath done to Scripture what he did to Sinai, when he set bounds about the mount, and did sanctify it—so that, should priests or people break through to bring up their words beside the words of the Lord, the Lord would break forth upon them. . . . It is the part of Christians to rise like a wall of fire around the integrity and inspiration of the Scriptures, and to hold them as intact and inviolable as if a rampart were thrown around them, whose foundations are on earth, and whose battlements are in heaven."

### The Spirit's Witness

Though the evidence which the Holy Spirit bears to the inspiration of the Bible has no weight with the unregenerate, it has great influence upon spiritual minds. For them the Word is written, and they alone receive its teachings; it is, therefore, no very unexpected fact that by them the best evidence of its divine authority is enjoyed. Having experienced the quickening influence of the divine Spirit in the depths of their own souls, they perceive the hand of the

## Available For Meetings

Brother Gerald Price, pastor of Temple Baptist Church at Bristol, Tennessee, recently informed us that the church has voted to allow Brother Price to hold several revival meetings during the coming year.

In view of this fact, we would like to recommend this faithful servant of Christ to any church that wants some sound, Christ-exalting, Spirit-filled preaching. We have known Brother Price for many years. He has preached in our church, in our Bible Conference, and been a guest in our homes. We have always been blessed by his preaching and fellowship.

During 1960, we personally have heard about some of his meetings in Illinois, Kansas, and Georgia.

Brother Price stands for the same truths upheld by this paper. He has been a reader of TBE for years.

He has a wonderful family of six children and a faithful, devoted wife.

Brethren such as Lloyd Wyrick of Chicago, Neal Brilhart of Emporia, Kansas, Fred Halliman of Bulolo, New Guinea, Bill Crider of Tulsa, and many other preacher brethren too numerous to mention have had Brother Price in their churches and thank God for his ministry.

Brother Price may be contacted at 2801 Flint Street, Bristol, Tennessee. —The Editors.

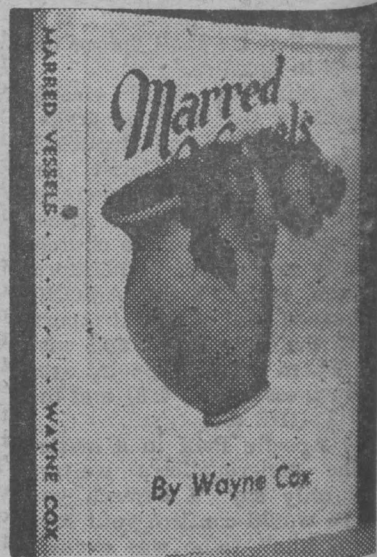


Pastor Gerald B. Price

many pulpits are making. The faithful study of the Word will be blessed to the overthrow of the foes of the truth, and a new generation will arise strong in the Scriptures to purify the church and rid it of its false teachers." — Sword and Trowel, 1888, pages 205-208.

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# Halliman Writes From New Guinea

Dear Friends:

Once again we greet you, in the name of our dear Saviour, from the South Pacific. We trust that God is blessing each of you, according as He sees that you stand in need. As for us, we are all well at this writing.

There are very few new developments here since I last wrote, but I expect to have some definite information about where we are going to settle within a couple of months. I do not wish to make any statements now because it would be mere speculation, but several places are beginning to open up and I am sure before long I will know what part of New Guinea I will begin the first permanent work.

**Trips Planned**

On Monday, November 14, I will be leaving on a mission trip to the highlands that will last nearly two weeks. I will be spending a few days in the Chimbu area and the remainder of the time will be spent at Baiyer River. The Chimbu area is the most densely populated area in New Guinea. At Baiyer River there is an Australian Baptist work and I will be visiting the mission and observing their work while in the area. After I have returned from this trip I will send a report of the trip to TBE.

Also, when this trip has been completed, I have one more area to visit. This area is located in the Morbe District, the district in which I now live, and it is about 5 days walk from where I live. This is a completely new area in so far as settlement is concerned and is just now being brought under control. As yet there are no roads or airstrips in the area and not even so much as a patrol post, although work on both the patrol post and airstrip will shortly begin and will take about six months before the airstrip is completed. The officer that has talked to me about this area says that it is very rugged country, a fairly large group of people and they are very wild and primitive.

Our services here at Bulolo and Wau are still being carried on and between the two places we preach several times a week. We had 15 in our morning services last Sunday morning.

**Some Natives Eat Their Dead**

Since the article has appeared in TBE that I wrote about the people over here eating cats, dogs, etc., I have heard from some individuals, seemingly surprised at such actions by human beings and some perhaps were reluctant to believe such reports. I agree that such things are hard to believe, even when you see them with your eyes, and they sound terrible to a civilized world. Nevertheless, they are true. But if our readers thought that sounded bad, what would you think if I told you of a people that dispose of their dead by eating the dead bodies? Sounds fantastic, doesn't it? There are people living on both sides of me NOW (not 100 years ago) that do just that. When asked why they eat their dead their answer is, "Because we love them."

Perhaps some folk will say, this is unbelievable for Adam and Eve were the most primitive folks on earth and there is no record or indication that they ever practiced such things. That is all true, but they were in contact with God. The reason why these native folk practice such things is they are out of contact with God. Beloved, when people are out of contact with God they are subject to and capable of doing anything that is un-



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godly. But even in these primitive folk can be seen a form of worship, though it is entirely heathen from every standpoint. In their singings and festivals can be traced a form of prayer. They have a song service with crude musical instruments, and they even believe in the resurrection in a very limited sense.

But "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in (or "to") them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse; because that when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened"—(Rom. 1:18-21).

## Laborers Needed

Friends, if there ever were a field that was "ripe unto harvest," this one is. We are praying that God will send some one to help us in this great harvest of souls. In this last area that I have mentioned there is estimated to be upwards of 10,000 people and as yet no one to preach the gospel to them. This would be a wonderful place to get the truth spread before it gets filled with so much error.

We ask you to join us in prayer that God will send us some one to work with us, someone that when he "puts his hand to the plough he will not turn back." It takes much grace to come here and more to stay after you get here, but "God's grace is sufficient."

May the God of all grace be with you all.

## "Why God Prolongs Time"

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read prophecy or history or geography or literature, if I look at it closely, I'll see internally that it is a presentation of the Lord Jesus Christ from the beginning to the end.

It is thus as I come to this fifty-third chapter of Isaiah. There are some things about this chapter that are purely on the surface, which have to do with material things. But as you look closely, and study this chapter you realize that in it all, it is a pen picture of the Lord Jesus Himself. I am satisfied that this is true of every verse, and especially of the verse which I have read for my text, which says, "He shall prolong his days."

Now may I remind you first of all that the word "his" as it appears in this text is in italics, which means that the word "his" was supplied by the translators. It is not that the Lord Jesus Christ is prolonging His days, but rather it literally says that the Lord Jesus Christ is prolonging days. This puts an entirely different aspect on this verse of

Scripture, and gives us different light concerning this text.

I.

**MAN'S DAYS ARE NUMBERED—DETERMINED.**

Our days are definitely numbered, determined and prearranged by Almighty God. We read:

"Seeing HIS DAYS ARE DETERMINED, the NUMBER OF HIS MONTHS ARE WITH THEE, thou hast appointed his BOUNDS THAT HE CANNOT PASS."—Job 14:5.

Here then is a passage that tells us that man's days are determined. I don't know how long you are going to live. You don't either. But God knows. When you came into this world, you didn't know that you were going to live as long as you have. You don't know now what day or what hour your life is going to be cut off. However, I would remind you that God knows, and God has determined the number of your days.

It tells us that even the number of our months and our days are already arranged by Almighty God to the extent that God has appointed a bound beyond which we cannot pass. Just as you might drive down the road and find a roadblock in the highway, so that you couldn't go beyond that point, so God has appointed a bound that you and I cannot pass. It is a blessing to me just to know that my life is in His hands, and to realize that my years and my months and my days are already determined, and that God has placed a boundary for my life, beyond which I cannot go. I say that it has been a blessing to me just to realize that my life is sovereignly controlled by the Lord.

Notice again:

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A TIME TO BE BORN, AND A TIME TO DIE; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."—Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2.

You came into this world on time. You arrived just exactly according to God's predetermined schedule. You didn't get here one minute too soon, nor one minute too late. All the doctors and the nurses and the hospitals in the country couldn't have brought you into this world one minute sooner, nor could they have delayed your coming one minute longer. There is a time to be born, and there is likewise a time to die. Believe me when I say that as your time to be born was fulfilled, so it shall be in your death. The time to die will come and all the doctors and nurses and the hospitals and all the medical care of this world would never hold back one single minute. Yes, I would remind you that man's days are numbered and predetermined.

We read:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by WHAT DEATH he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me."—John 21:18, 19.

These words were spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ to Simon Peter. Simon at this time was a young man. He had his life before him. All the promise of a future life stretched out before Simon Peter, and here was one man who knew he wasn't going to die early in life. He knew he was going to reach middle age. He knew he was going to live to be an old man. He knew he wasn't going to die until he got old, because our Lord said, "When thou shalt be old." Here then was a revelation to Simon Peter on the part of the Lord that he was not going to die a young man, but rather he was going to live to be an old man.

The Lord Jesus Christ knew the time of Simon Peter's death and if you will study closely you will see that He also knew the manner of Simon Peter's death, for he declared that Simon Peter

would one day stretch forth his hands and be carried "whither thou wouldest not." With his hands outstretched, being carried whither he would not, signifying the death he was to die, we can see nothing more and nothing less than death by crucifixion. So, beloved, we can say that the Lord Jesus Christ knew both the time and the manner of the death of Simon Peter.

I say to you, if He knew the time and manner of the death of Simon, He evidently knows the

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# Thoughts On 'Christmas'

By JAMES CRACE

"The heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing" (Ps. 2:1).

My text is most appropriate at this time of the year. This is the season the world eagerly waits for. This is the time of year when everyone is friendly with everyone else. Yes, it's Christmas time again.

It's strange, very strange. The heathen celebrate "Christ's birthday." The godless celebrate "Christ's birthday." The "beer joint" operators celebrate "Christ's birthday." The prostitute celebrates "Christ's birthday." The hypocrite celebrates "Christ's birthday."

In fact the whole world of the ungodly will be celebrating "Christ's birthday."

Even some of the children of God will join hands with the wicked and celebrate Christmas. But there will be a few with enough sense and love for Christ who will not be found going the way of the heathen. There will be a few who will not bow the knee to Baal by celebrating Christmas.

How will Christmas be celebrated? The drunkard will get more drunk. The immoral will be more immoral. That big lie about Santa Claus will be told to children. The modernist will shout "Merry Christmas." The godless will sing Christmas songs and buy Christmas gifts. The unbelievers will sell "pictures of Jesus." The Christ-rejecting Jews, while selling their goods, will bid everyone a "Merry Christmas." The Arminian idol worshippers will tell that big lie about Christmas being Christ's birthday. Even some of Christ's true churches will erect "Christmas trees" and gleefully celebrate Christmas. Depraved children will "play the part of Jesus" in the Christmas plays. People will "express their love for Jesus" by giving gifts to family, friends, and self, not to Christ. Millions of trees will be cut down, decorated, adorned and worshipped, even by those who should be familiar with Jeremiah ten. Even the enemies of all righteousness will be taking a big part in Christmas.

Isn't Christmas Christ's birthday? Of course not. It is another Babylonian practice brought into "Christianity" by those of the Roman Catholic Church. It is merely a Pagan religion which is used by the Devil and his followers to deceive folk and dishonor God. The Devil surely will rejoice again this year when people serve him instead of God. "Christmas Day" would be better called "Devil's Day." Why? Because he is the one who is really being worshipped and served.

Even though Christmas is a "heathen holiday," we can ex-

pect many "Baptists," the Methodists, Campbellites, Roman Catholics, Holy Rollers, and other religionists, along with the irreligious world, to celebrate Christmas; but it grieves me to see Christ's true churches go the way of the heathen.

I have this to say in closing. Christmas is **not** Christ's birthday. God has **not** commanded us to observe God the Son's birthday. It is **sin** to observe Christmas. It is very foolish to try to honor our thrice holy God with a Devil's lie.

I beseech you to do that which is right and ignore this Devil's Day called "Christmas." Come out from among them and be ye separate.

## "Why God Prolongs Time"

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time and manner of the death of every one of us. While my text declares that days have been prolonged, I would first of all indicate to you that he is not talking about our days, because our days are not prolonged. Our days are definitely determined. Our days are definitely prearranged, so that we can say that our birth and our death are known and planned and determined by Almighty God.

Listen:

"And that made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath DETERMINED THE TIMES before appointed, and the BOUNDS of their habitation."—Acts 17:26.

Here is a verse that tells us that God predetermines and prearranges even the habitation—that is, the place where you live. He declares that not only does He arrange our habitation but even the bounds of our habitation—the fence around our house. The yard that we have about our house has been arranged by Almighty God.

Furthermore, he says that He "hath determined the times before appointed." Everything that comes to pass in your life and my life is determined beforehand by Almighty God. This has been a tremendous help to me as I have studied through the years the Word of God, just to realize that you and I are but fulfilling God's plan and God's purpose so far as our lives are concerned. It is a tremendous blessing to me to know that I came into this world on schedule. I am living my life on schedule, and when I leave this world it will be according to schedule. It blesses my heart to know that my days are determined of the Lord.

II.

## CHRIST IS PROLONGING TIME.

As I have already said, the word "his" is in italics and therefore has been supplied by the translators. As is true in many instances, when the translators supply a word, instead of helping, often they "bungle" the sense. Instead of assisting in the understanding, they made it more grossly misunderstood. This isn't speaking of the Lord prolonging His days, because He is eternal. His days can't be prolonged. The days of our Lord are everlasting. Listen:

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from EVERLASTING, thou art God."—Psalm 90:2.

Beloved, you can't prolong the days of an everlasting, eternal God who has existed from eternity to eternity, but God does prolong days. This doesn't mean that God is acting like man. Unlike man, God isn't waiting to decide what He is going to do. He isn't prolonging days in order to make up His mind as to what He is about to do. He isn't prolonging days like man would, to formulate His plans. He isn't prolonging days in order that He might

see what man will do. The fact of the matter is, God knows what He is doing and what man is doing from the very beginning. Everything that God does, God does it because He knew from the beginning that He was going to do it. We read:

"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."—Acts 15:18.

God knew from the beginning of the world every work that He was ever going to do. He knew that you were going to be in the services today. Maybe you didn't know it even thirty minutes before you came to the services, but God knew it from the foundation of the world that you would be here. He knew who would be here. He knew all about this service from before the foundation of the world. As the text says, "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."

As the poet has said:

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm.

"Deep in unfathomable mines Of never failing skill, He treasures up His bright designs, And works His sov'reign will.

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy, and shall break In blessings on your head.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face.

"His purpose will ripen fast, Unfolding every hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err, And scan His works in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain."

I say to you, in the light of this text, which tells us that God is "prolonging days, God knows what He is doing. He has some plans that are being fulfilled. Unlike man, He isn't making plans day by day, and He isn't formulating plans as the hours pass by. Rather, He knows what His plan is from the foundation of the world. He isn't prolonging days like man might.

Well, then, what does it mean when it says He is prolonging days? Simply this: it means that the Lord God of the universe, the

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To suffer all worldly loss?

Can ye bear the scoff the worldly-wise,  
As ye pass by pleasure's bower,  
To watch with your Lord, on the mountain side,  
In the midnight's dreary hour?

Can ye cleave to your Lord, can ye cleave to your Lord,  
When the many turn aside?  
Can ye witness that He hath the living Word,  
And none upon earth beside?

And can ye endure, with the virgin band,  
The lowly and pure in heart,  
Who, withersoever the Lamb doth lead,  
From His footsteps ne'er depart?

Do ye answer, "We can";—do ye answer, "We can,  
Through His love's constraining power"?  
But do ye remember the flesh is weak,  
And will shrink in the trial hour?

Yet, yield to His love, who around you now,  
The bands of a man would cast;  
The cords of His love who was given for you,  
To the altar binding you fast.

Oh, the banner of love! Oh, the banner of love!  
It will cost you a pang to hold;  
But 'twill wave o'er the field in triumph at last,  
Though your heart's blood stain its fold.

Ye may count the cost, ye may count the cost  
Of all Egyptian treasure;  
But the riches of Christ ye can never count,  
His love ye can never measure.

God who made us, the God who sent His Son to die on Calvary's Cross for the sins of the elect, that this God is waiting for the elect to be saved. He is prolonging days just in order that the elect of God shall come to a knowledge of the truth.

We read:

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits that blind-

## HELL WILL BE FULL OF PEOPLE WHO THINK HELL IS A MYTH

ness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."—Rom. 11:25.

This tells us that God has just allowed the Jews to become blind to spiritual things in order that the fulness of the Gentiles might come in. In other words, God has just allowed the Jews to become blind spiritually in order that you and I who are Gentiles might be saved and when the fulness of the Gentiles comes in, time will run out so far as we are concerned. God has an elect number of Gentiles, and every one of us are going to be saved. God is just prolonging days in order that every one of His elect shall be saved.

I often think how the sins of this world must grieve God as He looks down and sees people in sin, and how God must be tempted to wipe ungodly, iniquitous sinners out of this world. I often think how that God must be tempted to completely remove from the face of His footstool, those who are rebellious, and living in iniquity and sin, yet God goes on. He prolongs days just in order that His elect shall be saved. He blinded Israel just in order that the Gentiles might see the truth, and He is waiting now patiently until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Listen again:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."—II Pet. 3:9.

The individual who believes in free will says, "Brother Gilpin, you have gotten around to my verse now which teaches us that God has given every man an op-

portunity to be saved." Not in the least, beloved. That verse doesn't even begin to hint at the fact that every man in this world has an opportunity to be saved, or that God is interested in the salvation of every individual in this world. Instead, it says that He is "long-suffering to us-ward."

Now who is the us-ward? We read:  
"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you."—II Pet. 3:1.

So he is writing a second letter. To whom did he write the first letter? If you will turn back to I Peter you will find that it says:

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ELECT according to the foreknowledge of God the Father."—I Pet. 1:1, 2.

To whom is he writing? He wrote the first epistle to the elect of God. Now in the second epistle he says that he is writing to the same group that he wrote to in the first epistle, and he says that He is longsuffering to us-ward. The us-ward are the elect that are spoken of in verse 1 of the first epistle that he wrote.

I tell you, beloved, God hath prolonged days. For what purpose? In order that all the elect of God shall be gathered in. He is longsuffering and not willing that any should perish. He is not willing that a single one of His elect shall fail to be saved. He is not willing that a single one of His own chosen ones shall fail to reach Heaven. He prolongs days in order that all of them shall come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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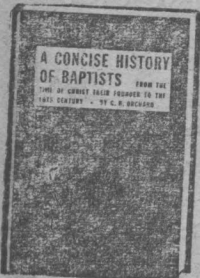
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I know, indeed, the difficulties in which many preachers are placed; I know that many of them abhor, just as deeply as I do, the abominations which are apparently sanctioned by their names. They ask, "Where is the door of escape?" "We have," they will say, "a church laden with debt, a people who cannot, or will not, give a farthing more for its freedom; bankruptcy is threatened, and what are we to do?" At this juncture a project is started to raise an untold amount of money by a grand exhibition of private theatricals. The scheme spreads like wild-fire. Many are charmed. Satan is delighted, and helps it on in every possible way. Some few are saddened, perhaps none more so than the preacher himself. He feels that it is all wrong, but the vehemence of the many overcomes him, and he permits the unholy expedient to be carried to completion. Whatever others may only think, I wish positively to say; and therefore use my whole influence to prevent such painful exhibitions of worldliness, inasmuch as I believe they grievously insult him who is the Head, even Christ, and most seriously injure the body, which is the church.

—BALDWIN.

## "Why God Prolongs Time"

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We read: "ALL THAT THE FATHER WILLETH ME SHALL COME TO ME, and him that cometh to me will in no wise cast out." — John 6:37. There has been a number that have been given by God as a love gift to the Lord Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world. These are the ones that I refer to as the elect remnant. John 6:37 declares that all those the Father has given to Christ shall come to Him. Now, beloved, I am not trying one particle about a man, one of God Almighty's elect, failing to get to Heaven. I am definitely concerned that I live as I ought to live, and as I ought to preach, and as I ought to teach in order that I might do everything possible as a true missionary of the Lord Jesus Christ, but I am not concerned one particle lest one of God Almighty's elect shall fail to be saved.

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to be saved. I know that every one of those who were a love gift of God the Father, to God the Son, before the foundation of the world, shall be saved and shall come to a knowledge of the truth. God may have to start a war in order to shift the population as he did in World War II. God may have to have wars spring up in various places of the world in order to cause the population to be shifted about so that men will hear the truth and shall be saved. One thing is certain, everyone of God's elect, whether they are scattered in the islands of the sea, or whether they are here in America, or regardless of where they live, are going to be saved. If they are His elect, God is going to get the truth to them in some manner. I don't know what God may have to do in order to do this, but if it takes a World War for God to shift the population so that they will hear the truth, they shall be saved.

I remember when World War II became a reality. A lad whom I knew was stationed in Rhode Island, and while he was there, he met a girl, and in the providence of God they married, and he brought her back to this area. She was as far from the truth as any individual that ever lived. She didn't know the first thing about spirituality. She didn't know anything about the Word of God. She knew absolutely nothing about the Lord Jesus Christ. She was a Catholic but she couldn't even count beads very well. It would have been bad enough if she had known how to count her rosary, but she didn't even know how to do that. Beloved, I saw her come to a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and after observing her through the years I am positive she is a genuine child of God. I am sure God moved her to this section that she might hear the Word of God.

Beloved, if God has to have a war, to shift the population, to get one of His elect out of a godless Unitarian area, in New England, where that one was not hearing the truth—God will do it that one of His elect shall be saved.

I say to you, God is prolonging days just in order to bring in His elect. He is not prolonging His

days. He is eternal. He is sovereign. He is everlasting. He exists from everlasting to everlasting. He is prolonging days, not His days, but days in our behalf, in order that all the elect of God shall be saved.

We read: "Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name." — Acts 15:14.

This has to do with that first great Bible Conference when the question of circumcision came up. They were discussing the matter as to how men were saved, and when it came time for James to make his speech, he said, "Now Simeon told you how that God was visiting the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name." Beloved, that is exactly what God is doing. God is taking out of the Gentile races of the world a people for His own name. When God has gotten the last one that He gave as a love gift to His Son, Jesus Christ — when the last one has been garnered in — when the fulness of the Gentiles has been completed, and when all the elect number shall have been saved, time shall be no more. This text which says that He will prolong days, just simply means that our Lord loves us enough that He prolongs time, not willing that one of His elect shall perish, but that all of us who are the elect of God shall come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

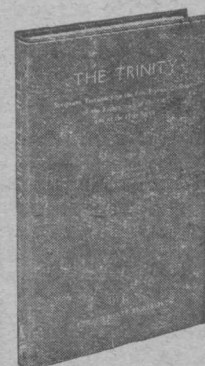
## CONCLUSION

If that be true, how much you and I who are saved ought to love Him! When the thought of this passage of Scripture gripped my soul, I said to myself, "If my God loves me enough that He sets the clock to control this world in such a way that days pass by, and weeks and months and years go on until every one of His elect should be saved, how much I owe to Him. God might have said, 'Time shall be no more' at the end of the first century, or the second, or the tenth, or even at the beginning of the nineteenth. If He had, not one of us would have ever been saved. How we ought to love Him! How we ought to praise Him for His goodness! How we ought to thank Him because He has given to us a Saviour, and He has prolonged days that we might come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour. If you are saved, you ought to thank God because of your experience. You ought to thank Him in the light of what He has done for you, just to know that He has prolonged days in order that you might become a child of God.

Oh, might it please God to help you to go out rejoicing, loving my Jesus more than ever before because He has prolonged days, that His elect might be drawn to Him. May God bless you!

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# The Wrong Of 'Infant Baptism'

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"In vain do they worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." — Mark 7:7.

The story of the Trojan War, as related by Homer, may be nothing more than legend, but let me remind you of the end of the story.

The Greeks had besieged the walled city of Troy for many years, sometimes entering into battle on the plains outside, but with nothing decisive accomplished. But the war was won and the city taken without a battle. The Greeks made a colossal wooden horse on wheels. The Trojans found it one night and having a great love for horses pulled it within the city. Under the darkness of night the Greeks came out of the inside of the horse to conquer the city.

Infant Baptism is just such a horse. Satan well knows that he cannot conquer churches from the outside. He must get his men within. Therefore, knowing the love of some men and some churches to have a big number in their membership, he cooked up "infant baptism," which is the Trojan Horse scheme that defeats churches. The church is for the redeemed alone, yet Satan has flooded many churches with thousands of unregenerated persons. They were born into it (but not born again). They came by the door of "infant baptism" instead of the door of Christ. The Trojan Horse has rolled in and defeat has come to many a church.

The Bible tells us, "The carnal mind is enmity against God."

The Bible says, "You must be born again."

"Born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever."

The Trojan Horse strategy of Satan has paid off. It has filled the pews with church members who have not had an experience with God and who do not have spiritual insight. It has filled the pulpits with ministers who deny the Bible, mock the new birth, and laugh at the blood of Christ. It has changed the program of the church from Christ-centered missions to social welfare. It has changed the warning of the Bible concerning sin's punishment from hell-fire and brimstone preaching to pink tea soothings.

We need to clean out the enemies and overturn this Trojan Horse once and for all. The Bible says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (I Cor. 6:17.)

It is impossible to study your Bible without coming to the conclusion that "infant baptism" is wrong and cannot be true. I want in this article to give you at least four reasons why this is so. There are more, and no doubt as you read you will think of many of them, but here we have four of the most outstanding.

1. "Infant baptism" is wrong because repentance from sin is necessary before baptism.

Throughout the Bible we see that before men and women were baptized they had to repent of their sins and publicly confess Christ as Lord. How can a mere infant who knows not good from evil do this? He can't. When John the Baptist came baptizing he refused to baptize these who did not first repent and confess their sins.

"Then went out to him Jerusalem, an all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"



George Starling

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." (Matt. 3:5-8).

John wanted to see some fruits of repentance before he would baptize. In Acts 2:38 we read: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

When it comes to this I want to stand with the men of God and the Word of God. Let's see fruits of repentance, then baptize. Would to God we had more like John the Baptist and more like Peter who had the backbone to refuse baptism until repentance showed fruits.

2. "Infant baptism" is wrong because personal faith is required before baptism.

Someone said to me, "When an infant is baptized the water plants faith in the child." How foolish! How can any physical element give a spiritual blessing? All the water in the world cannot wash away a sin of your soul and all the sprinkling in the world cannot plant the seed of faith.

Jesus Christ, in the great commission, placed preaching and believing before baptism. "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:15-16).

Clearly, Jesus here puts the importance upon preaching and believing. The Bible also says, "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Not by baptism.

In the Bible, baptism always followed after men and women, boys and girls, received the message of God. Never before. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

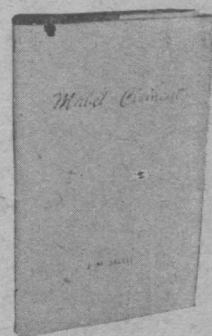
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## McCall "Warns" Southern Baptists

Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, indicates in recent article in the *Baptist Standard*, Texas state paper for Southern Baptists, that for Southern Baptists "it is a time to fall to our knees and cry for God's forgiveness and help."

McCall's article, entitled "Storm Warnings," called attention to the fact that Southern Baptist offerings, baptisms, ordinations, student enrollments in seminaries, and missionary volunteers have declined. McCall says his warning is his first "in 17 years of denominational service."

In the course of the article, two things are noted which coincide exactly with what TBE has for years stated about Southern Baptists. First, as to Southern Baptist pride, McCall says: "Spiritual pride has blinded Southern Baptists to the warning flags that are clear throughout our denomination."

Secondly, he admits that the Convention is a machine. "We have a good machine," he states. "It is just that we are running out of gas."

Too bad, however, that McCall did not sound more serious warnings to Southern Baptists, namely concerning modernism, neo-orthodoxy and worldliness. When infidels occupy seats in their schools and dance bands play on Southern Baptist campuses, it is time for "those things that remain" to be strengthened, rather than worry about a decline in numbers.

### "Infant Baptism"

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"But when they believed Philip's preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ they were baptized, men and women" (Acts 8:12).

"And Crispus the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house and many Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized." (Acts 18:8).

Human nature has not changed, the need of man has not changed and neither has Bible baptism changed. Sprinkling and pouring are not Bible baptism.

But let me make one more point before passing on to the next reason that infant baptism is wrong. Philip would not baptize the Ethiopian Eunuch until after

he had trusted Christ as his Saviour. There was no room for proxy religion in the New Testament.

"See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest, and he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: And they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him." (Acts 8:36-38).

Here it is clearly seen the Eunuch asked for baptism but Philip said, "Hold on now, are you right with God? Are you trusting Jesus as Saviour and owning Him as Lord?" The answer was yes, and Philip baptized him. So it always was in the Bible and so it is today whenever you have real Bible baptism.

3. "Infant baptism" is wrong because the very symbolism of the ordinance forbids "infant baptism."

We are born sinners and must be re-born saints before we are baptized. The picture that Bible baptism presents is one of death and life. Indeed, Paul in Romans 6:4, says:

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we, also should walk in newness of life." Baptism is to picture the sinner's death to the old life of selfishness and sin and his re-birth to a new life of godly living. It was the very reason for John the Baptist baptizing. It is the reason why we should baptize the Bible way.

In Col. 2:12: we read further, "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God who hath raised him from the dead."

The true Bible baptism must be one where the sinner is seen buried in water and then raised up from the watery grave to newness of life. Does sprinkling do this . . . No! Does pouring do this . . . No!

When an infant is baptized does it picture this . . . No! Then call it what you may, "infant baptism" is not Bible baptism. But if you go a step further you will see that the very word baptize comes from the Greek Word, "Baptizo" meaning to "plunge under," to "dip," "immerge." To do anything less than this is not Bible baptism and is wrong as wrong can be.

Now, I have often found that people are far more willing to follow the false rather than the

true and this may be so with you, dear reader, but I trust that after having seen this evidence thus far you will say, "Here is the right way, let me walk in it." But before closing I wish to point out one other reason why the Bible does not teach "infant baptism."

4. "Infant baptism" is wrong because it gives one a false hope of Heaven.

The Bible tells us that we cannot do one good work to merit Heaven. Yet, many folks are refusing to repent and receive Christ as Lord and Saviour because as they say, "I was baptized when I was a baby." "So and so is my God-parent and I am a member of such and such a church."

God's word has a thing to say to you, my friend, listen to it well: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." (Titus 3:5).

If you think that by having someone pour a spoonful of water on your head when you were a wee bit of a baby made you a Christian, then you've got another thought coming. You are dead wrong. You need to repent. Face up to your sin. Receive Jesus Christ as your only hope for Heaven, then go on living for Him. Anything short of that will avail you nothing.

But I can just hear some of you folks saying, "Now why is he harping on this? It does not make any difference."

I beg to disagree with you. Jesus is the Lord and Saviour and any word He uttered is important to me and should be to you. If He said do a thing one way, then what right have you or I to change it. If He was baptized this way, if He taught His disciples to baptize this way, if He instructed His church to baptize this way, then what right have you (or any other person, for that matter) to change it? Again, as before, you are dead wrong; it does matter how you are baptized. So why not be baptized the Bible way, the "Jesus way."

"Buried with Him in baptism." Have you been thus baptized? If not, then you do not have Bible baptism. Narrow? Yes, just as narrow as the Bible. But I have found in the words of the song, "The only way to be happy in Jesus is to trust and obey." Why don't you try that?

### WOMEN PREACHERS

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to TEACH, nor to USURP AUTHORITY over the man, but to be in silence."

—1 Tim. 2:11, 12.

When I come face to face with this Scripture, I am reminded of the little girl's statement, who said, "If God didn't mean what He said, why didn't He say what He meant?"

I realize that today there are many who believe that a woman has just as much right to preach as a man. Yet, beloved, one of the first qualifications that God gave for a preacher is:

"A bishop then must be blameless: the HUSBAND of one wife."

—1 Tim. 3:2.

Now, I would like to see any woman that could qualify to be a preacher. She might be the wife of one husband, but she'd have an exceeding hard time being the husband of one wife.

However, beloved, instead of changing the Bible to suit the demands of the twentieth century, we'd better change the twentieth century to meet the demands of God's Word.

### Birth Of Popery

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how to these innovations, but opposed them as unlawful for Christ's churches. Later these sound assemblies were called "Ana-baptist" ("Ana"-re; "baptist"—baptizer).

The bishops with the larger congregations were looked upon in esteem by the smaller assemblies. These were, of course, the

large city, or urban churches. They constructed baptistries for convenience, whereas the smaller village churches used the open streams. In cold weather, the bishops of the small assemblies, would ask use of the city bishop's baptistry. By so doing, rapidly the small, outlying churches became dependent upon the urban bishop, thus creating another step in the "graded" ministry. These urban churches increased in wealth, pomp and splendor, especially as Christianity became more influential among the patrons of the court. This stirred the urban bishops to rivalry with one another for prestige, and the bishops of the large commercial cities, or metropolitan, sought the support of bishops of the smaller cities.

### Second Century Churches

In the second century, long before the rise of the Roman hierarchy, vast numbers of the "independent" or orderly assemblies, led a strict separated life, refusing conformity with the mad, carnal and egotistical competition of the majority of churches. It was in this century that Montanus arose as a champion of the cause of these churches, encouraging them to strict godliness and high morality. The Roman historians attempt to lay vile charges to him, which would by necessity be inconsistent with the standard he insisted upon for the churches. Like Menno Simon, in the early part of the Reformation, he did not "found" these Anabaptists but rather joined their communion and championed their cause. (Contrary to the claims of the Roman Catholic edited "Life" magazine, Menno Simon was

baptized by a Waldensian Anabaptist church, and even will set an earlier date for the Waldensian church — they say about 800 A.D., 700 years—before Menno came to champion their cause!)

The irregular churches reproached these orderly assemblies, tagging the name "Montanist" upon all such assemblies who refused to conform to the apostasy of the time. I could go into great detail here and prove that these assemblies, being independent, didn't "compare themselves with themselves" but each body differed in degrees to the extent of their own conformity to the rule of Christ and Apostles. However, my purpose is not to defend the Anabaptists, but show the origin of the first "Pope."

By the end of the third century the corrupt churches "got into the hang of things" and followed the notion of our own moderns to "give everybody a job" to keep them happy. "Minor orders" of the clergy were established all over the empire such as the "subdeacon," "acolyte," "doorkeeper," "exorcists" and the "copiatæ," all being not of apostolic example and therefore unscripural. We of today ought to receive no ministry not named in the New Testament, and guard with care those that are there, seeing what can result by such will-worship practices such as Popism, Priestcraft, etc.

### "Celibacy"

Marriage of the clergy was allowed in the corrupt irregular churches, but those who became eunuchs, or practiced "celibacy," were looked upon with honor by Ministers desiring prestige and

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## BORDERERS

"Neither cold nor hot."—Rev. 3:16.

Will ye stay upon the border,  
Midway 'twixt the Church and world,  
Still remaining undecided  
Whose the flag to be unfurled?  
Like Lot's sojourn near to Sodom,  
Till at length he entered in,  
Soon to taste the bitter folly  
Of his tampering with sin.

Time is flying;—be decided!  
Follow fully; be sincere;  
For the Master be whole-hearted,  
Be His earnest follower here;  
Then,—if you would'st be a borderer,  
Live on Heaven's bright borderland,  
Shedding forth its light and glory,  
Valiant for the Master stand.

"Lukewarm!" neither cold nor fervent,  
Nauseous to the Master, too;  
Oh, 'tis sad to be a borderer  
All one's earthly journey through;  
Just to know the love,—and slight it;  
Own the cross,—yet pass it by;  
While the heart, to nature clinging,  
Robs itself eternally!

"Cold nor hot"—how deep the echo!  
"Cold nor hot,"—how sad the tone!  
Angels weeping, saints lamenting,  
For life's warmth and vigour gone.  
Oh, awake! ye listless borderers!  
Turn this mourning into praise;  
Henceforth, all your spirit's fervour  
Spend in Wisdom's Heavenly ways!

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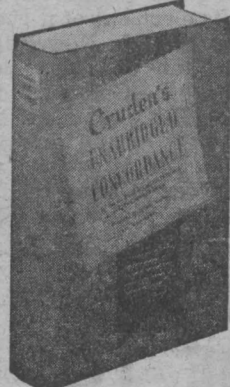
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## Birth Of Popery

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 Therefore embraced the  
 practice and some endeavored to  
 accomplish this with the least  
 violence to their own inclina-  
 tions; for they received into their  
 some of those females who  
 vowed "perpetual chastity,"  
 turning, however, most relig-  
 iously, that they had no disgrace-  
 relationship with them. These  
 concubines were called "mulieres  
 introductae."

### Heretical Schools

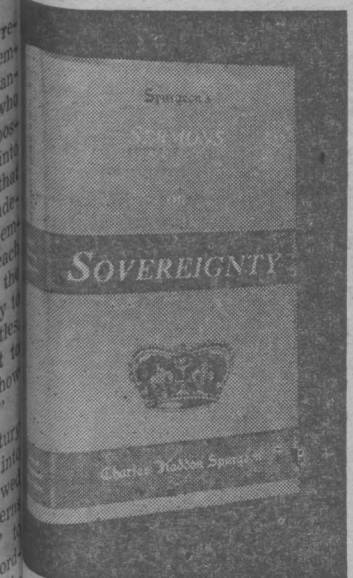
Universities were established  
 which further corrupted the ir-  
 regular churches by joining with  
 philosophy such things as philos-  
 ophy, mythology, and logic. The  
 most known of these was the  
 school at Alexandria. This pro-  
 duced the groundwork of the  
 whole paganistic theology of  
 present-day Romanism.

So long as pagan emperors  
 were in power, the forces of cor-  
 ruption could not develop suffi-  
 ciently to gain power over all the  
 assemblies, but reproaches were  
 heaped to the orderly assemblies  
 over the empire. This was  
 not to last long, and the peace of  
 Novatianist Anabaptists (in  
 Italy), Montanist Anabaptists  
 (in Asia), and Donatist Anabap-  
 tists (in Africa), was lost as the  
 "reign of sin" was "releaved."

### Constantine

With the death of Emperor

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Maximian in the year 313, a man  
 who previously was of no relig-  
 ion is said to have embraced  
 Christianity. This man, Constan-  
 tine, began to rise to power.  
 The Emperor Licinius, as well as  
 Emperor Constantine, made the  
 Christian religion peaceable by  
 edicts in its favor. This was  
 interrupted only shortly by a war  
 between the two emperors. Em-  
 peror Licinius was vanquished  
 by Emperor Constantine in the  
 year 314. But in 324 Licinius  
 again sought the overthrow of  
 his kinsman, and made war  
 against the Emperor Constan-  
 tine and the "Christians." Again  
 Constantine was victorious and  
 ordered Licinius strangled. Thus  
 in A.D. 325, Constantine became  
 the sole and undisputed emperor  
 of the Roman Empire.

Constantine "the Great" im-  
 mediately began the organization  
 of his civil government. Upon  
 completion of this, he turned his  
 attention to the churches. With  
 the great number of Christians in  
 the empire, Constantine saw the  
 strength of his government . . .  
 but only if he could control them.  
 Calling a "council" of "Bishops"  
 (of large city churches in this  
 age) to Nice, he began a whole  
 series of councils called "Ecu-  
 menical" or General Councils.  
 These met by the AUTHORITY  
 of the EMPEROR (not Christ, not  
 Peter, nor the Bishop of Rome).  
 The EMPEROR presided over  
 these councils (not a Pope), cer-  
 tainly contrary to the Apostle  
 James and the ONLY DIVINE  
 COUNCIL ever called (at Jeru-  
 salem). Here then is proof that  
 there was no "Universal" bishop  
 or "Holy See" in the fourth  
 century, as Rome now claims.

### Hierarchy Established

With the success of the new  
 civil government in preventing  
 civil wars, and being unable to  
 control the churches, Constantine  
 contrived a plan for reorganiza-  
 tion of the churches. The irregu-  
 lar churches being now favored  
 by the Court, expressed them-  
 selves by the seizure of the prop-  
 erty of the Anabaptist churches,  
 and placing bishops over them  
 who would bow to the city bis-  
 hops. This caused civil strife, es-  
 pecially in Africa where the vul-  
 gar population rose up to defend  
 the defenseless Anabaptists. Act-  
 ing upon this, the Emperor Con-  
 stantine (certainly not Christ!)  
 set upon a constitution for the  
 churches similar to that of his  
 civil government.

The largest bishoprics were  
 naturally found in the largest  
 cities of the empire, and these  
 Constantine raised to the highest  
 order in his organization. These  
 were the prelates of Rome, An-  
 tioch, and Alexandria. Rome be-  
 ing the official residence of the  
 emperor, Constantine placed over  
 the others so as to control them.

Here is the first step in setting  
 up the church of Constantine. He  
 was the Roman Emperor, and the  
 Roman Empire was thought to be  
 universal, or catholic, as the word  
 signifies. Hence the Roman Cath-  
 olic Church, constituted by Em-  
 peror Constantine the Great, in  
 the Fourth Century, was made up  
 of the apostate, heretical, and su-  
 perstitious irregular churches.

Constantine's organization was  
 now set up thus: The three pre-  
 lates Rome, Antioch, and Alex-  
 andria — (the fourth was es-  
 tablished later at Constantinople,  
 the fifth still later at Jerusalem.  
 Amazing that the first church, at  
 Jerusalem should be last in the  
 Romanist Church!) — were called  
 the "Patriarchs," answerable  
 to his civil "Pretorian Prefects."  
 Next in order were the "Ex-  
 archs," answerable to his civil  
 exarchs, which presided each  
 over several provinces. Next in  
 order were the "Metropolitans,"  
 which governed single provinces.  
 Next the "Archbishop" who had  
 inspection only of certain dis-  
 tricts, and then the "Bishop." Last  
 the "Priest" of local assemblies.  
 The Overseer of the one assembly,  
 the pastor (N. T. Bishop), was  
 placed at the tail end, while Con-  
 stantine's overlords governed  
 over them. Thus the door is now  
 open to the Anti-Christ, who  
 quickly entered.

The following century, Juvenal,

bishop of Jerusalem, or Aelia, at-  
 tempted to withdraw from under  
 the jurisdiction of the bishop of  
 Caesarea, and lay claim to a  
 place among the first prelates of  
 Constantine's Church as a "Pa-  
 triarch."

In 451, the council of Chal-  
 cedon, presided over by the EM-  
 PEROR Theodosius Jr. (still no  
 "Pope"), established the fifth  
 "Patriarch," bishop of Jerusalem.

### "Branches" of Constantine's Church

Incidentally, it may be observ-  
 ed that each of the "Patriarchs"  
 still claims his church to be the  
 True Church. The Patriarch of  
 Rome claims the sole right over  
 all the world, yet, in fact, has  
 control of the churches of the Ro-  
 man (Western) Catholic (univers-  
 al) Empire. Whereas the Patri-

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## TREATY DURATIONS



"THERE HATH NOT FAILED ONE WORD OF  
 ALL HIS GOOD PROMISE" — 1 KINGS 8:56

JACK HAMM

arch of Constantinople has, in  
 fact, control of the Greek (East-  
 ern) Orthodox Catholic Empire.  
 And also, though small, the "Pa-  
 triarch" of Alexandria (in Egypt)  
 controls the Egyptian Coptic  
 Church. And too, the "Patriarch"  
 of Antioch controls the Armen-  
 ian Catholic Church.

You see, Rome would like to  
 control the whole world; but so  
 far she has not been able to even  
 subdue the other "Patriarchs." In  
 fact, the Roman Catholic Church  
 is not Roman, nor Catholic (uni-  
 versal), and being constituted by  
 Constantine, (not Christ), is not  
 even a Church! Seeing this, it  
 would be wise for one to in truth  
 examine the Anabaptists, who  
 have come down from that age to  
 the present.

### Another Council—No Pope Yet

With Constantine building a  
 New Rome at Byzantium, and  
 moving the Imperial Residence to  
 his "Constantinople," the  
 FOURTH "Patriarch" was es-  
 tablished, and elevated to match  
 the dignity of his majesties' hon-  
 or. In 381, by the AUTHORITY  
 of Emperor Theodosius the Great  
 (still the emperor presides) the  
 council of Constantinople was as-  
 sembled, and by the third "can-  
 on," the bishop of Constantinople  
 was placed in first rank after the  
 bishop of Rome. Here the EM-  
 PEROR was the presiding officer,  
 clearly showing that at this date  
 no Universal Bishop existed. The  
 bishop of Alexandria was not  
 present, and the BISHOP OF  
 ROME was OPPOSED to such ac-  
 tion (no infallibility is his here,  
 for certain!) for fear of the rival  
 of this powerful bishop in the  
 Royal city.

### Contest For Power

Now with five "Patriarchs" es-  
 tablished by the Roman Emper-  
 ors over the corrupt churches of  
 the empire, and being favored by  
 the government who founded  
 her, wealth poured into them for  
 special favors. With corrupt un-  
 regenerate men in the "Patri-  
 archy," rivalry for the control of  
 the wealth and power was accel-  
 erated. If the Patriarch of Rome  
 could gain favor of the Italian  
 and German Kings, he could in-  
 crease his wealth and power  
 above the Patriarch of Constan-  
 tinople. But . . . if the Patriarch

of Constantinople could gain  
 their favor, he could control the  
 churches in the provinces of these  
 kings and gain the power over  
 the Roman Patriarch.

By the year 451, when the  
 council of Chalcedon met, the Pa-  
 triarch of Constantinople had ex-  
 tended his jurisdiction over the  
 provinces of Asia, Thrace, and  
 Pontus, and by the end of this  
 century, over the large eastern  
 Illyricum. (This included Serbia,  
 which the Patriarch of Rome re-  
 cently claimed by the sword in  
 1941 by the hideous torture and  
 death of over a half million  
 Serbs). When the council of Chal-  
 cedon met, by its twenty-eighth  
 "canon," it decreed that the pre-  
 late of Constantinople ought to  
 enjoy the same rights and distin-  
 ctions as the pontiff of Rome, on  
 account of the equal dignity and  
 rank of the two cities. By the  
 wording of the canon, it appears  
 the Constantinople Patriarch be  
 equal in power and authority  
 with Rome, but yield in rank or  
 honor.

With the contest of power nar-  
 rowed down between the Eastern  
 (Greek) and the Western (Ro-  
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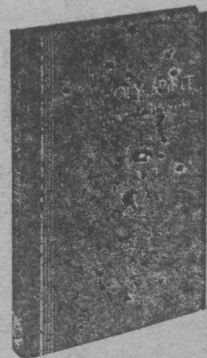
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**Birth Of Popery**

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man) Capitals of the Empire, fear of loosing ground seized the Roman Pontiffs, and greater zeal in expansion was exercised. This gave added fuel to the persecution of Anabaptists. The Emperor Julian had in 362 allowed the Donatist Anabaptists to return to their former bishoprics which the Romanists had seized, and enjoy their former liberty. After their return, their holy and simple conduct gained them great respect among the inhabitants and the majority of Africa was joined to their communion, to the disadvantage of the Romanist bishops. Under the leadership of Augustine, bishop of Hippo, great persecution followed and the Roman Pontiff extended his power over Africa in the blood of the Anabaptists.

In the year 400, Gregory sent Austin into Wales to place the yoke of Rome on the Anabaptists there. He promised that if they would: first, submit to Rome; second, observe Easter; and third admit babies to Christendom (infant baptism), that in all other policies they could form them for themselves. This they refused, and Austin sent an army of Saxons against them, hideously killing over 2100 Anabaptist pastors, and subjecting their congregations under Romanist Priests.

The Pontiff of Constantinople was also busy. He subdued the Pontiff of Antioch and Alexandria, and boldly attacked the Roman Pontiff, ridding Rome of some of her provinces. Such birth pains brought forth the "man of sin."

In the year 587, the Emperor Mauricius of Constantinople called the council together. Gregory, bishop of Antioch, had appealed to the emperor for being accused of incest and other crimes. On this occasion, John, Patriarch of

Constantinople, took the title of Universal Bishop, a title which had for some time been used by the bishops of that See. The decisions of this council being sent to Pelagius II, Bishop of Rome, he confirmed the acquittal of Gregory of Antioch, but demonstrated strongly against the title given John.

In 590, Pelagius II died, and was succeeded by Gregory the Great. Finding that John the Patriarch of Constantinople still carried this title, Gregory seized the title himself, becoming the first "Universal Bishop" of Rome. Thus in 590, Gregory the Great, the "man of sin" was revealed, the son of perdition; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the Temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." (II Thess. 2:3-4).

The Pope still claims that he is the "Universal" bishop. Christ is the ONLY ONE UNIVERSAL, the Bishop of our souls, yet the Popes of Rome dare seize the Sceptre of Christ for themselves, making themselves Anti-Christ. I believe that the one "Pope" that finally subdues all five Patriarchs of Constantine's organization, will be the final Anti-Christ of the book of Revelation, for then his claim may equal his boast, sufficient to prescribe the mark of the beast. It is needful that Baptists, yea, that all other Christians, should know this early history of the church, to best help them in study and observation of the coming of Christ, the Bishop of our souls.

**Beginning Of The End**

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from the Vatican City was, "It is not so important that a Catholic is president of the United

States, but the important thing is that the President of the United States is a Catholic." Thus the two greatest forces and enemies to the freedom for which our forefathers gave their lives to preserve are rejoicing over the fact that the American people have betrayed that heritage and have prepared the way in this election for the beginning of the end.

What are some of the things for which this new "era" in America will be the beginning of the end? In a few words we could say that this is the beginning of the end of all sorts of liberty, but to be specific in just a few things we enumerate only four.

**1. It means the beginning of the end of RELIGIOUS LIBERTY.**

In the early centuries A.D., a few heretics (obviously lost church members) began to break away from the Baptist churches and eventually formed what has long since been known as the Roman Catholic Church. Because of their pagan practices, looseness of living and works for salvation, plus all sorts of error in general, they soon made great inroads and gained great strength and popularity among the unsaved religious world. Since the Lord does not depend upon numerical strength, the devil's crowd soon began to outnumber the Baptists and therefore supreme command of the religious and political world was, and still is, their man objective at any cost. Several centuries passed by in what is known as the Dark Ages, resulting in several million Baptists (and anyone else who would not line up with them) being put to death, sometimes in the most torturous ways known to man.

The corruption of the Roman Catholics continued until many of the Roman Catholics themselves were thoroughly disgusted and could stand it no longer and one day one Martin Luther rebelled and broke away from the Roman Catholic Church, in what is known as the Reformation. Hence, what is known as Protestantism today had its beginning with Martin Luther, a Roman Catholic.

Now does it make sense, that what Protestants broke away from some 400 years ago, they have recently helped to install via the Presidency? And isn't it more ridiculous that a Baptist would help to install one as their President whose religious forefathers have put Baptists to death by the millions? While there is no doubt in my mind about the person of Mr. Kennedy and that he has never nor ever shall be guilty of personally carrying out such actions, the fact remains that the church with which he is affiliated is pledged to maintain Roman Catholic supremacy at any and all cost, even in America.

Not too long ago, in South America, the man was located that was among those Germans responsible for the deaths of thousands of Jews, under Hitler's Nazi regime, and no sooner was he found than people the world over began to shout for revenge. But 50,000,000 Baptists can be brutally put to death by the Roman Catholics during their "holy inquisitions" and seemingly no one wants to remember that and, in fact, they want to grant them power to repeat such actions!

My dear Protestant and Baptist friends, the end of all things is at hand, and the time is coming, yea, it is even at our doors now, when you will not be privileged to worship wherever and however you so desire, but you will be bowing to idols and praying to Mary—or else you will be meeting in places of secrecy—liable to punishment of death if found, as our forefathers were.

**2. The beginning of the end of FREEDOM OF SPEECH.**

There is no nation in the world that enjoys the freedom of speech that America does and especially if they are Communist

or Roman Catholic dominated. I could not go into Russia under Communist control or Mexico under Roman Catholic control or any other country that is Communist or Roman Catholic dominated and say what I am saying in this article, and I say, beloved, the time is coming not too long hence, that I would not dare say these things in America.

**3. The beginning of the end of FREEDOM OF PRESS.**

While it is generally claimed that "Press freedom" is world wide, the fact remains that some of our own newsmen in recent times have been taken into custody, their cameras and other equipment destroyed or confiscated because they were about to expose the actions of certain individuals. I say that the time is approaching when press liberty will be curtailed and channeled into favouring Roman Catholic sentiments. I dare say that a few years hence, no religious or private press would dare print this article. Even now, a great number of American newspapers and magazines are controlled by Roman Catholics.

**4. The beginning of the end of FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE.**

The time is fast approaching if not already here when it will be dangerous for a person to think as he would like to. With man's scientific knowledge today and with the help of a few electronic brains, such as the Lie Detector, one's conscience can be probed until his very thoughts can be revealed. Therefore, the time will come when people will have to have their minds trained to run in Roman Catholic channels because a man expresses his thoughts in words. But the Roman Catholics are making this easy enough; with the ultimate union of Church and State your taxes and mine will be used to support Roman Catholic schools to train the minds of young Americans to even think in Roman Catholic terms.

I speak not only as a blood-bought child of God and one who has been called to preach the glorious gospel of Christ, but as a citizen of the greatest nation on earth, who gave almost three years of my life in the last World War helping to preserve such liberties as have been mentioned above. I also speak on behalf of many of my friends who fought and gave their lives to preserve these same liberties. Again I say to my fellow Americans, does it make sense to stain the battlefields with American blood the world over to preserve such liberties and then, 14 years later, elect to begin the destruction of them?

I close this article by saying that should a copy of this fall into the hands of our President-elect, Mr. Kennedy, I assure him there is nothing that I have against him personally. Also, I am aware of the fact that "there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained (or ordered) of God" (Romans 13:1). Even your administration, Mr. Kennedy, was known of God before the foundation of the world. Also, as a citizen of the U.S.A., I will abide by the laws and will assist and support you in any way, so long as it does not conflict with the Bible, therefore Baptist principles.

I will be praying throughout your administration that God will receive glory. I believe that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose," therefore since I love God and serve Him because I love Him, I'm sure that your administration is going to be for my good in some way.

"Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe unto that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matt. 18:7).

"The Son of man goeth as it is written of Him; but woe unto the man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been better for that man if he had not been born." (Matt. 26:24).

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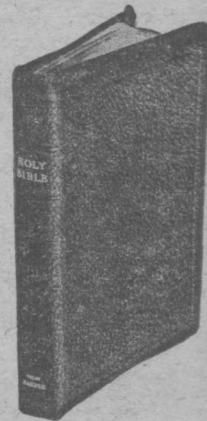
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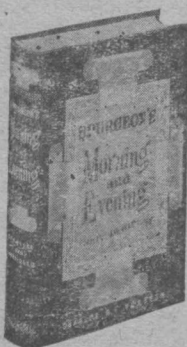
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