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Satan's Counterfeits Of Jesus' Church

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The devil's biggest church counterfeit is his "Universal Invisible Church" with which he deceives multitudes. This is a counterfeit that will not bear investigation any more than a clumsy counterfeit five dollar bill will stand investigation.

Satan's phrase concerning "visible" churches is, "It doesn't matter which church you belong to, one church is just as good as another, we are all headed for the same place." Let a man say that one woman is "just as good as another" and that some other woman would have done as well as the one he married, and the chances are he will get a rolling pin bounced off his head.

Jesus started a church, and He

promised that it would continue to exist without a break through the centuries. (See Matthew 16:18). The church He started was a visible church, and it must have continued in existence through the centuries, or else He didn't tell the truth. Baptists are the only people who qualify to meet the claim of Jesus, for no other religious group has had unbroken history from the time of Jesus until now. The Roman Catholic Church would dispute this claim, but the truth is that church did not materialize fully till centuries after Jesus. The first pope was Gregory the Great (590-604 A. D.) The truth is the Roman Church developed from apostate Baptists—not Baptists from the Roman Catholics. Besides Roman Catholics claim that their church is built on the primacy of Peter, but Peter disclaimed being any-

thing more than an "elder" (just a simple Baptist preacher). See I Peter 5:1.

There are scores of institutions claiming to be churches today. Are they? They are not to be identified with what Jesus started unless they were started in Palestine during the ministry of Christ, and have had continuous history since that time. None can make such a claim and prove it historically save the Baptists.

What About The Protestants? (Remember that Baptists are NOT Protestants). The Protestant churches originated out of the Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth century, and were man originated. What does the Lord call them? He calls the Roman Catholic Church "the mother of harlots." (Revelation 17:5). If the Roman Church is the "mother," (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Bro. Halliman Writes . . .

Dear Friends:

Once again we greet you from New Guinea. We trust that God continues to bless each of you as He sees that you stand in need.

At this writing we are all well and rejoicing in God's mercies. We always have a lot to be thankful for, but some times more than others. At the present is one of those times that we have more to be thankful for than we did a week ago. Two days ago (April 10th), God blessed our home with a little baby boy. Both mother and son are doing excellent, and in all probability the father will have recovered by the time you read this. His name is Peter Andrew. As all Christian parents should, and I'm sure most of them do, we look upon our children as gifts from the Lord and we are very grateful in that He has given us four lovely children.

Since I started preaching in Pidgin (6 weeks ago) I haven't missed a Sunday, and find that with each message it is just a little easier. I have completely dispensed with the European services now and my wife thinks there is no doubt that my calling is to the native folk rather than the Europeans for I get louder and longer with each message. We have a large front porch and at present we hold services on the front porch. We will continue this ministry of preaching



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the gospel and doing general Bible teaching here in Bulolo until the Lord opens up some of the other areas where we have applied to the Government for permits to become permanently located. There is much interest being shown especially in the verse by verse exposition of the Bible. The native folk in this immediate area are civilized and most of them that come to the services here profess to know Christ as Saviour, but if so it is in spite of what they have been taught to believe. So far all that I can find (Continued on page 4, column 1)

Please Show Your Appreciation With A Rally Day Offering Equal To The Blessing You Have Received From Reading TBE.

The Foolishness Of Speaking Of A Universal Church

A lot of people are giving out that everyone who is saved is a member of the "Universal, Invisible Church." This is a lot of nonsense, and does not have a single leg to stand on. The word "Ekklesia" translated "church" occurs in the New Testament 116 times. Of these 116 times, in such verses as Mt. 16:18; Eph. 3:10, 21; I Cor. 12:28, etc., the word is used abstractly. When we talk about the "home," we have no particular home in mind, yet the word would fit any home. We talk about "marriage" and "man" in the same light.

Send TBE To Others

When asked if he knew of an instance in all classic Greek where "Ekklesia" was used of unsons, Prof. Royal, of Wake Forest College, N. C., the teacher of A. T. Robertson, one of the world's greatest Greek Scholars, (Continued on page 8, column 1)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

George Washington's pastor said of him: "No company ever kept him away from church. I have often been at Mt. Vernon on Sunday morning when his breakfast table was filled with guests. But to him they furnished no pressing neglecting his God, and the satisfaction of setting a good example. For instead of staying at home out of fancied courtesy to them, he used constantly to invite them to come to church with him." If "absence makes the heart" (Continued on page 8, col. 1)

The Evils Of The Mourner's Bench

It is heretical to talk of an altar of prayer. It is penance instead of repentance to talk of a mourner's bench. There are two words for altar in the New Testament. One refers to the heathen altar spoken of in Acts 17:23. The other is found 22 times in the New Testament. 22 out of the 23 times it is used in the New Testament, it refers to the altar in the temple, or in heaven, and when the temple veil was rent from top to bottom, everything connected with that altar in the temple was done away with. The only instance in the New Testament where the word altar refers to believers is Heb. 13:10. There it refers to eating.

There is not in the New Testament anything that looks like an altar of prayer. All the talk about "an altar of prayer" is Romish and ritualistic.

Because of this, I want to call attention to the evils of the Mourner's Bench.

1. It magnifies a bench or altar instead of magnifying Christ. There isn't an instance in the New Testament of an altar of prayer. The Holy Spirit knew all things and He tells of folk being saved everywhere except at a mourner's bench.
2. The mourner's bench puts mother or wife or a preacher as a mediator between the sinner and Christ. It is as bad as Catholicism. The Bible says there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus. The song "Tell Mother I'll be There in Answer to Her Prayer" has damned thousands, because it has led them to go out into eternity depending on mother's prayers to save them, instead of depending on Christ. Emotional women are

called upon to pray around the mourner's bench. They insult God by disobeying the Scriptures, when the Bible plainly says that He will not hear those pray, who disobey His Word. Cf. Ps. 66:18, I John 3:22, Zach. 7:11-13. All so-called conversions, that are worked up by feelings and sob-stuff are spurious. No man is saved except by the truth. "If the truth shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." The mediation of Christ, not the prayers of mothers, is what saves lost sinners. God has respect to Christ, and His intercession, and to nothing else.

3. The first parable the Master gave was the parable of the sower. The good ground hearer represents those who are saved. He heard and understood and received the Word. Men and women (Continued on page 2, column 4)

Holy Rollers Indicted By Almighty God

Grand juries may indict and the indictment may not hold. It may be faulty or for want of proof may be thrown out or dismissed. God's indictments all hold. The testimony is so abundant and overwhelming that "every mouth will be stopped" and the indicted will have no defense. In speaking of God's indictment against the Holy Rollers, we include Sanctification, Nazarenes, Second Blessingites, Keswickites and all others who believe in a second work of grace or make personal holiness a condition of present or final salvation.

God's indictments are against all who teach that man's holiness gives standing with God or makes the doer of such holiness accepted of God. We are "accepted in the Beloved" and Christ "is made unto us . . . holiness" and that is the holiness without which no man shall see God. The twelve indictments herein brought against Holy Rollers and other Holiness folk are brought in God's own words. They are not some man's inferences but God's indictments. The heading is ours but the indictment is God's.

1. They are blind.
"Who is blind as he that is per- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

THE LORD'S COW

Some years ago, two stock buyers in the south rode up to the home of an old Negro and noticed a fine milk cow grazing in the yard. One of them said, "Uncle, we would like to buy that cow; is she yours?" The Negro responded, "No sah, boss, that ain't my cow. She is the Lord's cow. I am just keeping her for Him." The old Negro had grasped the true meaning of Christian stewardship. What are you doing with what God has loaned you? Are you a good trustee?"

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"MAN'S THOUGHTS VS. GOD'S THOUGHTS"

SERMON BY PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN

"Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass." — Isa. 14:24.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts." — Psa. 139:23.

The first of these texts is speaking about God's thoughts, and the Almighty says, "As I have thought, so shall it come to pass." You can be certain of one thing, every thought that God has ever had will come to pass just exactly as He has thought and purposed and planned.

My second text has to do with man's thoughts, and the Psalmist David cries out in his prayer, "Search me, O God, and know my heart." I doubt if very many of

us could earnestly and honestly pray this prayer. Oh, from our lips we might say, "Search me, O God, and know my heart," but if we were to be actually honest in God's sight we might paraphrase it and say something like this, "Search me, O God, but not too closely." I am afraid the most of us wouldn't want God to search us very closely, or very carefully.

Then the Psalmist says, "Try me, and know my thoughts." What a contrast, I say, between the thoughts of God and the thoughts of man. Whatever God thinks comes to pass exactly as He thinks, plans and purposes, but man's thoughts are all subser-

ent to the thoughts of God, to the extent that man looks up into the face of God and cries out that God might try him, search him, and know his thoughts.

GOD KNOWS MAN'S THOUGHTS.

What you may be thinking just now is hidden to me. It may be a good thought or it may be an evil thought. It may be a thought in my behalf or a thought contrary to me. It may be a thought that would be edifying or it may be a thought that would be degrading. But what you are thinking I do not know. In contrast, God knows every thought that (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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Weeping Prophets—A Curse

It is the custom of some to cry when they have sorrow; to weep when they have joy; and to shed tears when they find themselves without either.

Likewise, it is the custom of some preachers to "turn on the waterworks" when they desire "joiners" for their church. It is considered that a good evangelist is one who can make his audience laugh one minute, and cry the next, by a mingling of jokes and sob stories. Of course, this holds a crowd, gets lots of unsaved members into the church, and incidentally fills the purse of the falsely so-called evangelist. I'd rather have the old mourner's bench any day with all of its attendant evils, than to have one of these emotional, sobbing evangelists do what he calls personal work through the audience while the invitation song is being sung.

Hyman Appleman said when preaching here in Ashland, that he had won more folk through his tears than through his preaching. After listening to him, I don't wonder but that that is true. The question is, what did he win them

to? It would be well for him to ponder Paul's words: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." — Rom. 10:17.

We have one of these professional "sobbers" in Ashland. He can weep, cry, sob, and shed tears by turns. Every meeting he holds enables him to report great numbers of professions, but what do they amount to? They have a good cry, they get "religion," the church adds a lot of dead weight, they fall away faster than they "joined," and in the end, church, pastor, and converts are much worse off. He held a meeting in one Kentucky town some time ago, and afterward, one of the members of the church told me that the church needed another revival to get the folk converted that this "boo-hoo-er" succeeded in getting into church.

Oh, that men would be content with preaching the Word of God, and would leave the results in God's hands. Sad it is indeed, when a preacher tries to play preacher and Holy Spirit too. May God deliver us!

Holy Rollers

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fect?" Isa. 42:19. God says the man who claims to be perfect is blind. That is the reason he does not see his own sins.

2. They are deceived.

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves." 1 John 1:8.

3. They are destitute of truth.

"If we say we have no sin... the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8. Terrific indictment is that. The only other people that God says there is no truth in, besides those who say they do not sin, are hypocrites (1 John 2:4) and the devil (John 8:44).

4. Liars or make God a liar.

"If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." 1 John 1:10.

God says: "There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not." Our Holiness friends of all varieties say they do not sin. God's indictment here is two-fold. He says they are liars. That is one charge. And then He says their claim makes God out a liar, for He says they do sin and they say they do not. The second charge is more grievous than the first under this count. To charge God with being a liar is to be guilty of sacrilege, of blasphemy, of perjury, of "wickedly and feloniously" attempting to set aside God and His word as the law by which man shall be judged.

5. They are Spiritual Bastards.

"If ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons." Heb. 12:8.

If God whips Holy Rollers it proves they sin; if He doesn't whip them it doesn't prove that they live without sin; but it proves that they are bastards that

they call God their Father, when they are not His sons. Mark you, God says He chastises all sons, which proves that all God's children sin and have to be whipped for it at times.

6. They are filthy.

"There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes and yet is not washed from their own filthiness." Prov. 30:12.

Even their good works are filthy. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." Filthier still does Paul say they are. He says that all good works of men, even if blameless in men's eyes, are "as dung" in the eyes of the Holy God. Phil. 3:6-9.

7. They are ignorant.

"Being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God." Rom. 10:3. Their ignorance is the kind described by Paul: "Being alienated from the life of God through ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart." Ignorance, especially when wilful, is no excuse in the eyes of the law.

8. They are accursed.

"As many as are of the works of law are under the curse: for it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in the all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Gal. 3:10.

The law says: Do and live. All who are trying to get to heaven by doing God's commands are under the law. God says that all of them are accursed, because none of them have done all that God commanded.

9. They are boastful.

That thing proves they are not saved. For God plainly says: "Not of works lest any man should

boast." Eph. 2:9. "Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith." Rom. 3:27.

10. They are destitute of the Holy Spirit.

"These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit." Jude 19.

Their rolling, jumping, mixing of sexes in worship, and appeal to physical excitement all mark them as sensual and sensual; and Jude said that such folk are destitute of the Holy Spirit.

If they are spiritual, they would obey God's plain command about women keeping silence in churches. 1 Cor. 14:33-37.

11. They are rejectors of God's counsel against themselves.

They are true to their self-righteous forefathers, the Pharisees, who claim to be better than others, whom the Lord Jesus called hypocrites.

"But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him (i.e., of John the Baptist)." Luke 7:30.

In rejecting Baptist Baptism all modern holiness sects follow in the wake of the self-righteous heretics of Bible days, who boasted of their good works, and thought themselves better than Christ and His apostles and the Baptists of that day. Jesus pro-

nounced the most terrific series of woes against them in Matthew 23:13-39 that ever fell from the lip. Those woes rest on all modern holiness sects, for the same reasons exactly that they did upon the Pharisees.

12. They preach the doctrine of the devil.

All Holiness sects of whatever name preach the possibility of apostasy. So do all others who (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Mourner's Bench

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whose main stock in trade is dying testimonies and pathetic stories damn many, and do not save any. Philip took time to teach the eunuch until he understood the Scripture. That is how men are saved. Understanding the Word is essential to the salvation of any sinner. The average mourner's bench is a regular babel or bedlam. Even an honest inquirer can not understand anything in a confusion like that.

4. The contention of the mourner's bench crowd is that it takes tears to save. It isn't so. The publican, the thief, the woman at the well, Saul of Tarsus, Matthew and a host of others shed no tears. Faith saves not tears. Weeping will not save. The water that runs out of a sinner's eyes will no more save him than the waters of baptism.

5. The gospel that saves is a gospel of grace. The gospel of tears is as truly the gospel in water as the Campbellite gospel, which they call the gospel in water. Neither one of them ever did, or ever will save a lost sinner.

6. The mourner's bench magnifies seeking Christ, instead of receiving Christ. Christ is seeking the sinner. The whole mourner's bench theory is wrong. Christ's work is a finished work, and the preacher is Christ's representative, beseeching the sinner to receive Christ. II Cor. 5:18-21. What would you think if you had provided a sumptuous feast and announced that all things are ready, and invited whosoever will to come, and some one should begin to mourn and wail and run around seeking and begging something to eat? The whole mourner's bench system is a slander of the finished work of Christ.

7. The mourner's bench belongs to a gospel of works, and has the idea that a man has to seek, and do penance, and get better, and then when he gets good enough, he may finally get the Lord Jesus in the notion of saving Him. It is a gratuitous slander of God's free and abounding grace.

8. The mourner's bench is another gospel from that Paul preached. Gal. 1:6-8, II Cor. 11:12-3. Paul preached Christ's finish work; they "plus" the work of Christ with men's prayers and tears and penance and works.

9. The mourner's bench gospel is Arminian and not Pauline.

10. Mourner's bench gospel is wholly a gospel of "confidence in the flesh." The feelings belong to the flesh. Paul "had no confidence in the flesh" but depended wholly on the Spirit, not on feelings.

11. The mourner's bench gospel is no gospel. The gospel is received by faith, not by feeling. Justification is by faith, not by feeling. Sanctification is by faith, not by feeling. Eternal life is received by faith, not by feeling. Pardon is received by faith, not by feeling. The Holy Spirit is received by faith, not by feeling. Sonship is received by faith, not by feeling. The blood of Christ is received by faith, not by feeling. No man would ever know he had the blood except by believing the Word. "Faith cometh by hearing (not by feeling) and hearing by the Word of God." — Rom. 10:17.

12. The mourner's bench manipulators and the Campbellites are exactly alike in a good many ways. One of the chief ways in which they are alike is that both of them make salvation to de-

pend upon some bodily act. The bodily act the mourner's bench folk depend on is, not baptism like Campbellites, but it is kneeling or shaking hands or beating them in the back or some other bodily act. I have heard them again and again come out in the open, and tell those engaged in altar work, to get them up and get them to do something. That makes salvation depend on the activity of the body. Salvation is wholly of the Lord and men are saved by believing with the heart, not by bodily acts.

13. Talking about altars, Catholics have altars, Episcopalians have altars, Methodists have altars, the Masons have altars, the heathen idolators have altars, Holy Rollers have altars; but there are no altars in New Testament churches. A throne of grace is not an altar of prayer is the Bible form of sound words. Any who speak of an altar of prayer put works of the flesh somewhere, somehow in the place of the finished work of Christ.

Altars belong to ritualists and formalists. They speak the language of Judaism, not of Calvary. When Jesus cried "it is finished" and the temple veil was rent from top to bottom, everything that an altar typified was fulfilled and done away with. The Book of Hebrews is full of proof of that.

The only time an altar is spoken

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE IN THE NEW YEAR FOR THE PROGRESS OF TRUTH?

en of in New Testament worship is Heb. 13:10. There it is spoken of as a place to eat, not a place to pray.

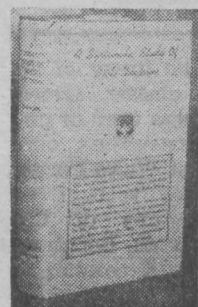
The Lord's Supper represents all altar work as finished and belonging to Old Testament types and shadows. Altar work was a shadow and in Col. 2:13-17 Paul shows all shadows had been done away. Paul plainly says in Heb. 13:10 that all who do altar work have no right to the Lord's table. Altar work belongs to types and shadows and so had to do with the unfinished work of Christ. The Lord's Supper symbolized the finished work of Christ and that meant all altar work was dead.

14. The mourner's bench legalists, like the Baalites in Elijah's day, think that they are heard by their noise. "Cry louder" is their call. Make more fuss. Beat them on the back; perhaps the demons may be driven out that way. God pity such perversions of the gospel of grace.

15. In conclusion, may I give one more testimony to the finished work of my adorable Lord. Preach Jesus and His finished work. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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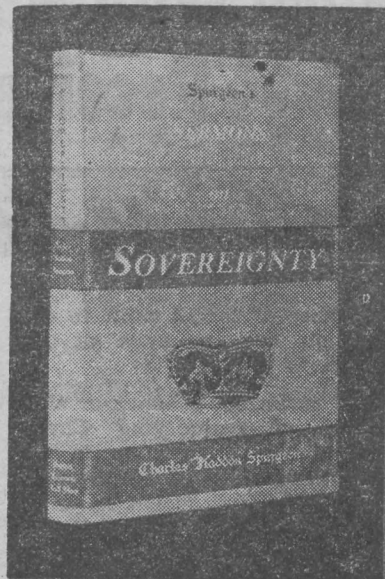
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TEN REASONS WHY JESUS' CHURCH WAS IN EXISTENCE PRIOR TO THE DAY OF PENTECOST

In a seventeen column inch paid advertisement the pastor of a so-called church, at Ironton, Ohio, said: "The New Testament church was founded on the day of Pentecost."

I only mention this so called church in order to give you some Scriptural reasons why the church was not established on the day of Pentecost, but rather, was established during the lifetime of Jesus.

1. It had a rule of discipline before Pentecost. Matt. 18:17.

2. We read that Jesus sang in the church. Heb. 2:12. The only time that Jesus ever sang, so far as we have any record of it is concerned, was at the institution of the Lord's Supper. Mark 14:26. This was before Pentecost.

3. They had a business meeting before the day of Pentecost and elected a successor to take the place of Judas. Acts 1:15-26.

4. The apostles were in the church before the day of Pentecost. I Cor. 1:12-28. The first ones who were put in the church were the apostles, and this was at least three years before the day of Pentecost.

5. The church had its commission to preach before Pentecost. Matt. 10:7.

6. The church had its authority to baptize before Pentecost. John 4:2.

7. The church had the Lord's Supper before Pentecost. Matt. 26:30.

8. The keys of the kingdom were given to it before Pentecost. Matt. 16:19.

9. It had a church roll before Pentecost with 120 names on the roll. Acts. 1:15.

10. To this church there were about 3000 additions on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:42. If I were to tell you I was going to add \$200 to my bank account, this would imply that I have a bank account to begin with. In view of the fact that 3000 were added to the church on the day of Pentecost then we are led to believe that the church was in existence before Pentecost.

Let any other heretic who believes that the church was founded on the day of Pentecost, answer these ten reasons. Until such an answer is forth-coming, accept only the Word of God, and not the words of false prophets.

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

this hour but what God has known all about it, and every thought has been wide open in the sight of God.

II

UNSAVED PEOPLE NEVER THINK OF GOD.

The Psalmist David makes a very startling revelation as to the condition of the man who is outside of God before the Holy Spirit begins to work within his life, for we read:

"The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: GOD IS NOT IN ALL HIS THOUGHTS." — Ps. 10:4.

Notice, God is not in all of his thoughts. Until the Holy Spirit begins to work in the heart and life and soul and experience of an unsaved man, that individual, to use a common expression, never gives God a tumble. He just doesn't think about God.

I dare say you can go out on the street and stop one hundred individuals and ask them if they are saved or lost, and if they are unsaved people you will find that they have lived their life without ever considering God one moment's time. Beloved, God just isn't in the thoughts of the unsaved.

To be sure, when the Holy Spirit begins to work within a man's life, and when the third person of the Trinity calls to mind the Scriptures of God that condemn, convicts and converts, that individual then begins to think about God, but prior to that the unsaved man doesn't give God a thought. The unsaved man will think about how he can gratify his flesh. He will think about how he can amass a fortune. He will think about how he can advance beyond the individual that may work to the right or the left of him. He will think about all the things of this world, but he will never think about Almighty God at all until the Holy Spirit begins to deal with his heart.

III

MAN'S THOUGHTS BEFORE SALVATION ARE CONTRARY TO GOD.

The Psalmist, in speaking about the unsaved, says:

"Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself." — Ps. 50:21.

Notice, the unsaved thinks of God as such a one as himself. He can't think of God, as God. That is the reason why men build idols. That is the reason why men bow down before stocks and sticks and stones. They think of God as such a one as themselves. I say, beloved, man's thoughts before salvation are always contrary to God.

Notice again:

"For MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." — Isa. 55:8, 9.

Beloved, listen, man's thoughts before salvation are definitely contrary to Almighty God, and I'll give you two good examples of that.

In the book of Luke we read about the rich fool who had a farm that produced bountifully and abundantly. The Word of God says that this rich man, whom God refers to as a rich fool, looked out upon his ground that brought forth so plentifully and so plentifully, and God says:

"And he thought within himself." — Luke 12:17.

If you will go ahead and read the rest of that story of the rich fool you will find that he thought to the extent of excluding God. He had no thought for God and he had no place for God so far as his thoughts were concerned; rather his thoughts were definitely contrary to Almighty God.

I meet up with an unsaved man and he says, "I think that a per-

Baptists Are Forbidden To Unionize With Other Bodies

by J. B. Gambrell
(Now with the Lord)

If everything that is Baptist is taken from any one of the Protestant Pedo-Baptist bodies, what remains will be Catholic. If everything that is Catholic is taken away, what is left will be Baptist.

For instance, immersion is Baptist because of Christ's command. Sprinkling and pouring for baptism are Catholic and rest on the primary assumption of the Catholic hierarchy that Scriptural institutions may be changed by human authority.

Proxy religion is Catholic. Individualism in religion is Baptist. Baptismal regeneration is Catholic. Regeneration by the Spirit is Baptist.

The sacramental view of the ordinances is Catholic. The symbolic view is Baptist.

The independence of local churches is Baptist. The overhead control of local churches is Catholic.

The equality of all ministers is Baptist. Orders in the ministry is Catholic.

The democracy of churches is Baptist. Hierarchical control of churches is Catholic, and on and on, we might go.

All these statements are susceptible of the clearest proof. Indeed, the great founders of the Protestant churches avowed their adhesion to the structural principle of Romanism as to the change of baptism to sprinkling and pouring.

Baptists stand in historic and irreconcilable opposition to the primary Romish affirmation and cannot modify their position to accommodate those who hold the same affirmative principle in other ecclesiastical bodies. The supreme undelimited authority of Jesus Christ is the true and unbending organizing principle of every Baptist church. This principle stands as an impassable barrier between Baptists and other bodies. Baptists never did symbolize with other bodies built of human wisdom, contravening divine wisdom and the authority of Jesus Christ. They never can. What relation have Baptist churches to other ecclesiastical bodies? None. They never can have any while their primary principle, obedience to the authority of Jesus Christ as given in His Holy Word, holds the Baptist conscience.

Baptists are not to blame for this separation. They remained

with the New Testament and others went away from it. For long, weary centuries they have stood by this principle, even to blood and death. Meantime, they have been the torch-bearers to light the world back to the simplicity of New Testament faith and practice.

Baptists should today, candidly, lovingly and bodily accept their ecclesiastical isolation and proclaim it for the benefit of the present and future generations. They are the trustees of the truth and are bound to hold it and to hold it forth. We do not express our lack of love for other Christians when we stand by the truth. We can give no higher expression of our love for them and the world than to hold and proclaim these principles written in the divine Word by the Spirit to enlighten and bless the human race. Heirs of the martyr-confessors of the Baptist faith through the dark centuries of persecution, Baptists of this brighter day should avoid every entanglement that will hinder their free and full testimony to the truth as it is in Jesus.

The dividing principle, obedience to Christ in all things, does not run in a perfectly straight line between Baptists and all other denominations. The Congregationalists hold with Baptists on one point—i.e., Congregational church government. Others agree on this or that point; but all Pedo-Baptist bodies are built on the Romish error, which may be stated briefly, thus: The substitution of a human foundation for the divine foundation of Christ's authority and word. Infant baptism is rooted in the fundamental error that baptism arises out of the flesh and blood relations, not spiritual. This subverts the very foundation and principles of New Testament churches, which are built on spiritual relations. The individual believer is the unit; not the family.

In one thing, strangely enough, Baptists, Catholics and Protestants all agree, and that is, that baptism precedes the Lord's supper, in the divine order of things. Only lately a few people, representing no ecclesiastical body, have arisen to deny what Christendom from the Apostles this way have taught with one voice.

There is today a vast enveloping movement which aims to tie the Baptists up in a bundle with other bodies with which they have no ecclesiastical affinity. (Continued on page 6, column 5)

Mourner's Bench

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work if you want men saved. The Holy Spirit delights to honor Jesus as we hold Him up. Anywhere that men see and receive Him, they are saved. No sort of manipulations, no altar, no bench, no prayers, no tears, no works, no penance, no church, no ordinance, no hitting the trail, no decision cards, no anything between the soul and Christ. Preach Him and the Spirit will reveal Him. Paul found Him on the road, the thief found Him on the cross, the publican standing in the temple, the woman at the well, Zacchaeus up a tree, and Matthew at his business. Take Him, and ignore the mourner's bench and all other works of men.

"Man's Thoughts"

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you have. I don't know what you are thinking until you speak with words that are audible to me, but before you put those thoughts into words. We read:

"The LORD KNOWETH THE thoughts of man." — Ps. 93:11.

"For I KNOW their works and their thoughts." — Isa. 66:18.

"Thou KNOWEST my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off." — Ps. 139:2.

You can't read verses like these without realizing the sovereignty of Almighty God over man. God knows our thoughts. You can't think anything that God doesn't

know about it.

I think most of us are willing to admit that God knows our actions. I believe that most any man on the street would agree that God knows his actions. I think most any individual would agree that God looks down from Heaven and sees what we do to the extent that God knows every one of our actions.

I am sure, in like measure, that the majority of folk would agree that God knows our words. We read:

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." — Mt. 12:36, 37.

Yes, I believe that the majority of people would admit that God knows man's words. There never was a word formed upon your tongue, good or bad, right or wrong, blasphemous or praiseworthy, but what God knew it.

Likewise, God knows the secrets of our lives. I do not believe that there are many individuals who think they can hide anything from Almighty God. We read:

"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ." — Rom. 2:16.

There isn't a single thing of our lives that is in secret, but what is absolutely open so far as God is concerned. I have often said that you might go into a building and lock the door, and go back into a room, and lock the door behind you without any daylight shining into that room, and you might get back into the closet, and lock the door of the closet, and even stop up the key hole and the space beneath the door — even then Almighty God could see the secrets of your heart.

I am saying to you, most of us are willing to admit that God knows our actions and our words and even the secret things of our lives, but these three Scriptures that I have read to you lift God even about actions and words and secrets, for these three Scriptures tell us that God knows our thoughts. It isn't enough that God sees the deeds and the actions and God hears the words and observes the secrets of our lives, but this penetrates more deeply — God knows our thoughts. There isn't one thing that you have ever thought about in your life from the day that you were born to

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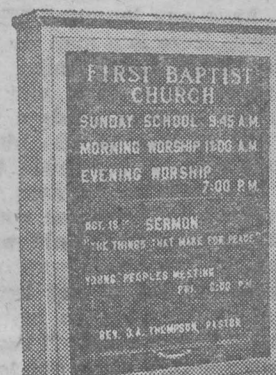
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that any Missionary has been doing over here is telling Bible stories such as we would tell to very small children, only they are telling them with more "story" than Bible and more works than grace. I am teaching the same doctrines of grace that I did in the church in Chicago and many of your churches that I visited. Since I see no need of teaching church truth to lost people I have not begun teaching on those doctrines as yet, but will in due time. This past Sunday I preached on Total Depravity and have never had better attention anywhere that I have ever preached.

I have been reading with great interest of Brother Crow's work in Alaska and praying that God will call someone to that field of labor and carry on the work that our Brother has started. I would also like to say by way of encouragement to anyone that is praying about that field, while I haven't visited the field and work that our Brother has started, I am acquainted with Brother Crow and am confident of his doctrinal soundness. Therefore if God should lead you there I am sure that you would find a work well established and grounded in the Word of God, a good foundation having already been laid. To Brother Crow I say, pray without ceasing, but do not get discouraged in the matter. If "God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham," He is able to call one of these children to preach and send him to Alaska. I am praying for you and the work there, brother.

Our second year here has started off with great blessings and promises; pray for us as we try to serve our Master on this field of labor.

Sincerely,
Fred T. Halliman



"Man's Thoughts"

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son ought to be baptized to be saved." The rich fool's thoughts likewise were contrary to God. Or I meet with an individual and he says, "Now I think that a man is saved by his works." The rich fool's thoughts also were contrary to God. Or here is a man who says, "Now I believe Jesus

died for my sins, but it is up to me to keep myself saved after I have trusted." The rich fool also thought contrary to God. Or here is an individual who says, "I think that nobody can be saved unless he gets down to an altar of prayer and prays through." May I remind you that the rich fool's thoughts also were contrary to God. I just don't care what anybody thinks in the realm of religion. Your thoughts, my thoughts, and all of our thoughts put together are not worth a thing in this world unless they coincide with the Word of God. Beloved, our thoughts before we are saved are definitely contrary to God.

We have a remarkable example of that in the Old Testament. You remember that Naaman was a Syrian general. One day a little captive maiden girl in his home said, "If my master Naaman, who is suffering with leprosy were just back in Palestine, there is a prophet there that could heal him." Immediately we find Naaman starting off with a costly imposing retinue to Palestine to get a cure for his leprosy. I imagine that it was a very imposing retinue of servants — an imposing caravan that went along with him. They wanted to impress the prophet of God that this was not an ordinary man but this was really "Somebody" that had come all the way from Syria to Palestine to be healed. When he came to the door he immediately asked for their king, and the king said, "I can't do you any good." He said, "You go to the prophet." Then he went to the prophet's house. Notice, Naaman first of all was at the wrong door; now he is at the right door but he is of the wrong attitude. He is still boasting about what he looks like and is thinking about his costly retinue that he has brought with him to impress the prophet of God. When the message is brought to the prophet that Naaman is outside desiring to be healed, the prophet said, "Tell him to go down to the Jordan River and duck himself seven times. When he comes up he won't have any leprosy." What a let down! Here is a man that has driven many, many miles in a chariot to get a cure, and now when the prophet sends a message out to him to dip himself in the Jordan River seven times he is in a rage, and he says, "The rivers back in my home country are far superior to this old muddy Jordan. If I had been wanting to bathe to get rid of my leprosy, I would have gone to my own streams." Then he said, "I thought he would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper. 'Yes,' he said, 'I thought the prophet will do such and so, I thought.' Beloved, may I remind you that it didn't make any difference in the world what Naaman thought. His thoughts didn't amount to a thing in this world.

May I go further and say that so far as you and I are concerned, our thoughts are worthless in the sight of God. It doesn't make any difference what we think. Man's thoughts are always contrary to God before he is saved.

As I say, you can talk to unsaved people and one unsaved man will say, "I think that if I am baptized I'll be saved." Here is another one who says, "Now I think if I take the Lord's Supper I'll go to Heaven." Here is another one who says, "I think if I would get down to a mourner's bench and pray I would be saved." Here is another one who says, "Now I think if I would work I would eventually get to Heaven." Here is another one who says, "I believe in Jesus, and if I work and hold out faithful, I think I'll be saved." Listen, beloved, forget about your thoughts. Your thoughts aren't worth anything in the sight of God. Just come to God and forget your thoughts. Just come into God's presence and lay your preconceived ideas and thoughts and plans aside, because man's thoughts before he is saved are contrary to God. What did Naaman's thoughts amount to? What did the rich man's thoughts amount to? Just as much as any unsaved man's thoughts amount to before he comes to know Jesus Christ as a Saviour.

VI

THE UNSAVED MAN'S THOUGHTS ARE AN ABOMINATION TO ALMIGHTY GOD.

I certainly am not complimenting any of us who are here when I tell even those of you who are saved that before you were saved your thoughts were an abomination to God. I certainly am not complimenting any unsaved person that is here, when I tell you that everything you have thought about today of it God says, "Abomination." Listen:

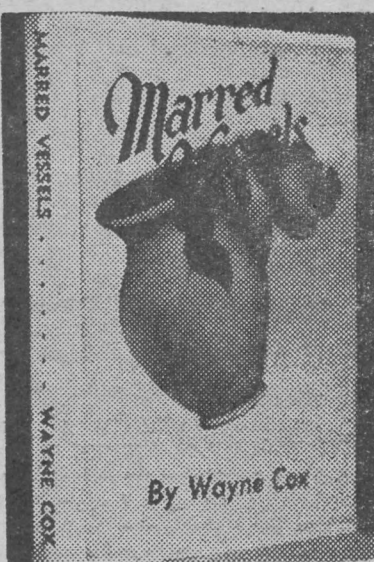
"The thoughts of the wicked are an ABOMINATION to the Lord." — Prov. 15:26.

Why would an unsaved man, in the light of this Scripture, ever dare to argue with God, about what God says in the realm of salvation, or anything else, when God says, "Your thoughts are abominable to me."

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sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord. Listen: "The SACRIFICE of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord." — Prov. 15:8.

Likewise, the Lord tells us that the way of the wicked is an abomination, for we read:

"The WAY of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord." — Prov. 15:9.

Notice, the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination, the way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord, and the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination. Would to God that every unsaved person to whom this message may come, might realize this truth, that their sacrifices, their ways, and their thoughts are absolutely detestable to a thrice holy God. God says concerning the sacrifices and the way and the thoughts of the wicked that each is an abomination to Him.

V

THE UNSAVED SHOULD FORSAKE HIS THOUGHTS.

If your thoughts are an abomination, if your thoughts are wicked, if your thoughts are contrary to God, if your thoughts never take God into consideration, then, beloved, you need to forsake your thoughts. Listen:

"Let the wicked FORSAKE his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." — Isa. 55:7.

Beloved, what every individual in this world needs to do is to forsake his thoughts. Just say, "Lord God, I just haven't any thoughts that are worthwhile. My thoughts are wicked. My thoughts are contrary to you. I have no place for you in my thoughts. My thoughts are an abomination. I realize this, for you have said it in your Word. Lord, give me grace that I might forsake my thoughts, and think only your thoughts."

That is why it is that I preach the Book. That is why it is that I emphasize the Bible. That is why it is when I give you Scripture, that I give you chapter and verse so you can take it and read it for yourself. I want you to know that I am not presenting my thoughts. My thoughts are worth no more than your thoughts. I want you to know that so far as man is concerned, every unsaved man needs to forsake his thoughts and try to begin to think God's thoughts as revealed within His Word.

I am ready to grant you that a lot of people see a man baptized, and conclude that individual is having his sins washed away in water. Well, beloved, he isn't. The Word of God says:

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." — Rom. 10:17.

I tell you, beloved, a man's sins are not washed away in water, but a man's sins are cleansed by

faith in the shed blood of Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, revealed in the Bible. Men need to forsake their thoughts.

I visited a woman a good while ago in a hospital. She had been a Methodist all of her life and I suppose had been a good woman. She was then nearly seventy years of age and getting ready for an operation the next day. Assuming that she was saved, I said, "Well, I know you haven't any fears as you face the operation." She said, "Brother Gilpin, the sad thing about it is I do. I am just afraid I haven't done enough in life," and she started in to tell me all she had done, how she had cleaned the church building, how she had attended services, how she had fed preachers, and how she had looked after pastors as they came to the community to have meetings. She enumerated a dozen or more things that she had done, and she ended with a plaintive note, "But I am afraid I haven't done enough to be saved." Beloved, I agreed with her right quickly that she hadn't done enough to be saved. I agreed with her right then that she never would do enough to be saved, if she were depending upon her works she was sure for Hell. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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as certain as the fact we are here, that if that woman had died that night or the next day when she was operated on, she would have gone to Hell. I stood by her bedside for an hour and read her Scripture after Scripture to show her that we are not saved by what we do, but by the Lord Jesus Christ; yet when I finished she came back to me with this thought, "But I am just afraid I haven't done enough." She had really been brainwashed with the idea that you have to work for your salvation.

There used to be a man in a bank nearby who was exceedingly kind to me, and I thought very highly of him. Many, many times he waited on me at the window, and not a single time did I ever say a word to him about his soul. He became sick. I heard that he was seriously ill and not expected to live, and I decided that I ought to go to the hospital and talk to him. I went into the hospital and apologized to him first of all for the fact that he had taken care of business for me under many circumstances and yet not once had I ever spoken to him one word about Jesus Christ as a saviour. Then I read to him Scripture after Scripture to show him that salvation is not of man but is all of grace, that it is what God does entirely and not of us. When I had finished, this man said, "You now, I am glad you are here and read to me your words, and what you think about salvation." He said, "Of course I have my thoughts, but I appreciate the fact that you were interested in me to read to me about your thoughts."

Let me tell you something, beloved, what that man needed, and what every man needs is to forsake his thoughts. If you think by the Lord's Supper, or if you think by praying at an altar, or if you think by forsaking your thoughts. Heed the words of Isaiah when he pled with the people of God in his day to forsake their thoughts and ways, and turn to God's thoughts and God's ways.

VI

THE ELECT OF GOD FORSAKE THEIR THOUGHTS.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: the Lord hearkened, and answered them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of them that feared the Lord, and they thought upon his name. For ye shall be mine, saith the Lord, ye shall be mine, in that day when I will make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his son that serveth him." —

Mal. 4:16, 17.

Not every unsaved man whose thoughts God knows, is in this group. Not every unsaved man who doesn't think of God, and whose thoughts are contrary to God, and whose thoughts are an abomination to God — not every unsaved man becomes a member of this group. But there is a group that is spoken of as an elect remnant, whom God calls His jewels, and God says that they feared Him, that they spake often one to another by way of an encouragement about the Lord Jesus, and that they thought upon His name. I'll say to you, beloved friends, that is the group that I thank God I am a member of. If you are saved, you are in that group. If you are a saved person, then you have forgotten about your thoughts. You have forgotten about everything that you used to think would help in the realm of salvation. You are one of God's elect remnant who think on His name, and God speaks of you as one of His jewels.

Oh, what a precious truth this is to know that when you forget your thoughts, when you cast down every imagination on your part, when you just completely lay aside the thoughts that you have, and take God's thoughts — to know that God looks at you and says, "This is one of my jewels."

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The same lesson was taught us by Job when he said, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither." A mouthful of earth will one day

without much jewelry of any value. To be sure, most of you women have a few "doodads" you hang to your ears. You have some things that you wear on your hands that you call rings. You are quite proud of those few little jewels that you have. I am not saying anything contrary to them, but, beloved, believe me when I tell you that when God looks at those of us who are saved, God says, "These are my jewels."

Oh, a woman couldn't prize a diamond pendant hanging from each ear like God prizes one of His elect. A woman might look at her wedding ring, or her diamond engagement ring, and she might be proud of it, and might think how happy she is to wear it. Be-

stop the cravings of the most covetous. This makes the hoarding up of wealth so vain an occupation. He who died the other day worth three millions and a half, is now as poor as the beggar whom he passed in the street.

"I would not mind dying," said a miserly farmer, "if I could take my money with me!" but when he ceased to breathe he left all behind him. What folly it is to spend all one's time in gathering a heap to leave it so soon. "He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them."

How much wiser are they who seek an enduring inheritance which shall be theirs when the stars have died out in darkness. Blessed are they whose treasure is stored up, where time's moth cannot eat it, where care's rust cannot corrode it, and where misfortune's thief cannot steal it.

Dear reader, eternity will soon be your dwelling place; are you not concerned to be a possessor of wealth which will enrich you there? If you have been taught of God to know your own poverty, remember that Jesus Christ gives Himself freely to all poverty-stricken sinners who will receive Him. Having Him, you will be a peer in heaven's realm, and

though you will be buried with empty hands, yet shall you rise again to be rich in all that makes men eternally blessed. Jesus cries, "Riches and honour are with me; yea, than fine gold; and my reverence. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver."

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(Now With His Lord)

In this study, we are assuming that missions is a labor of making disciples in regions abroad. Though we make this assumption for the sake of discrimination, we know that evangelism and missions are one in spirit. If a local church evangelizes, it obeys the Lord's command to make disciples, and if a local church sends forth missionaries it obeys the Lord's command to make disciples. Accordingly, the spirit of evangelism and the spirit of missions are one and the same. However, through practice, and for the sake of clarity, we have come to accept evangelism as a role of making disciples round about, and at the same time we have come to accept missions as a role of making disciples in regions abroad. It may be that we Baptists are wrong in making such discrimination. When we speak of association missions, state missions, home missions, and foreign missions, we lay a foundation for many false attitudes and assumptions. Missions is missions, without reference to the place and the distance involved in which disciples are made.

When we turn to the book of Acts and trace the history of the first church and some other churches in the work of missions, we find some very interesting facts.

I

We find that missionary endeavors in every instance were initiated by a local Baptist church—There are no exceptions. The practice of redelegation of church authority was unknown and unrecognized by the early churches. This practice is simply a human invention, and an ecclesiastical perversion of the authority the Lord delegated to His local churches to carry on for Him.

Surely we would expect the Lord, who possesses infinite intelligence and wisdom, and who having given His churches a world-mission program, to leave concrete examples of how He did His mission work in His early churches. In this, He does not disappoint us.

1. We find the Lord giving the Holy Spirit to His churches to stand in them in His stead and through Him carry on His work of comforting, teaching, testifying, preaching, and guiding, Jno. 14:16-17; Jno. 15:26; Jno. 16:7-13. Except the Holy Spirit consent to

betray Christ, whom He represents in the Lord's houses, He will lead according to the Lord's instruction, Jno. 16:13, and thus He will go the Lord's way. Churches are under divine entreaty to turn to the Holy Spirit for instruction and guidance. Read Revelation, chapters 2 and 3.

2. We find the Lord's churches looking directly to the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction in their evangelistic and teaching endeavors. The Jerusalem church evangelized under His immediate and personal supervision, Acts 2:1 to Acts 13:1. All missionary journeys were initiated and supervised by the Holy Spirit. In Acts 13:1-4, we find the Holy Spirit choosing Saul and Barnabas and leading the Antioch church to send them forth into regions abroad, Acts 15:40-41; Acts 16:5-11; and Acts 21:4-13. Acts 27:1 to Acts 28:31 disclose Him in the same supervisory labors. Why do we not willingly let the Holy Spirit make our programs today? Surely He has the understanding and the wisdom to lead in this work.

II

We find further in the Acts of the apostles—

1. That the Holy Spirit is the spokesman, the program-maker, and the superintendent of the Lord's churches in their work. Scriptures submitted above demonstrate this.

2. That He leads them ever according to the patterns, or examples, He set for them as recorded in the book of Acts, Acts 2:1 to Acts 28:31.

4. That faithful churches, accepting His leadership, trek the course He lays out for them in the World, and spurn all program suggestions emanating from brethren outside of their membership. **SUCH CHURCHES REFUSE TO BE REBELS IN HIS NAME.**

And brethren, who could be so competent as the Holy Spirit to lead our churches? Why should anyone want other leadership? Without question, He is divinely responsible for making church programs, and without question New Testament churches are obligated to accept and work at them. To be fruitful, they must follow Him—not boards, not committees, not headquarters, not the Baptist denomination.—"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." Exo. 23:2.

III

In the light of present-day defense of programs initiated by boards and committees, does it not seem surpassingly strange that the scriptures nowhere disclose the Holy Spirit calling a counsel of outstanding brethren to deliberate upon missions, or education activities, or teaching programs for our churches. Sure enough, isn't it odd indeed, that He should at no time seek the mind and the will of the revered "Bell Wethers" in maturing plans and programs for the churches?

We can ever depend upon the Holy Spirit to lead according to the Word. We can depend upon Him to trek the way the first churches trekked, and thus doing, we shall neither default on our faith nor on the Holy Spirit, the Vicegerent of Christ in His churches.

Now, when deference to human leadership invades and churches have "respect to persons," then hero worship obtains; and praise for our great "Bell Wethers," and for our great "Baptist traditions," and for our "man-made" institutions abound more than extoll for our great Lord and for His blessed Word, and for His blood-bought churches. What a travesty!

Ed. Note: Most Baptists say the Bible is the all-sufficient authority. How then could they ever support a "Mission Board," when such is unknown in the Bible? One could prove alien

SONG IN THE NIGHT

"NOT ONE OF THEM FALLS TO THE GROUND UNRELATED TO YOUR FATHER... HAVE NO FEAR THEN; YOU ARE OF MORE CONSEQUENCE THAN MANY SPARROWS"—MATT. 10:29,31
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immersion, open communion, infant baptism and the universal church easier than he could prove the existence of a mission board in the New Testament. **Back to the Bible, ALL THE WAY!**

"Man's Thoughts"

(Continued from page five)
loved, she can't begin to have the joy from those jewels that she owns, that God gets from you and me who are saved. God says, "They are my jewels. They thought on my name."

This is the crowd who never gave God a thought before they were saved. This is the crowd whose thoughts were entirely contrary to God and were an abomination to God. This is the crowd who, by the power of the

Spirit of God, came to forsake their thoughts and began to think God's thoughts. When they do, God says, "They are my jewels."

God's thoughts, and become child—His elect, His jewels. May God bless you!

VII

WHEN SAVED, ONE COMES TO HATE VAIN THOUGHTS.

We read:
"I HATE VAIN THOUGHTS: but thy law do I love." — Psa. 119:113.

Notice, David says, "I hate vain thoughts." Beloved, I am convinced that every man who is saved comes to that same place in life that he hates vain thoughts. What are vain thoughts? Anything that is contrary to God.

That is why it is that I hate the thought of baptismal regeneration or baptismal remission of sins. I grew up a Campbellite and went to a Campbellite church all my early days. I know Campbellism going and coming, backwards and forwards. Beloved, it is an empty shell as surely as there is a God in Heaven to look down upon us. I hate it. It is a vain thought.

I think about other religious systems: salvation by works, salvation by grace plus works, salvation by prayer, salvation by slipping up beside a little peephole and confessing your sins to another earthly human being on the other side of that peephole that is just as big a sinner as you are, and expecting him to absolve you, and save you from your sins. Beloved, I say to you, I hate it. I have an absolute hatred for these false ways of religion. The only thing I can pray for is that God will give me grace to hate them more.

When a man comes to the place that he sees the truth as laid down in God's Word, and believes the Book, and takes God's thoughts as his thoughts, like David he will say, "I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love."

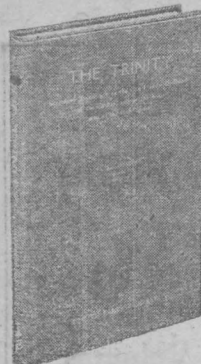
Might God give you grace just now to hate the vain thoughts you have had in life. Might God give you grace just to lay them aside, to cast them down, to completely turn from the vain thoughts that you have had in this world, and turn to God's thoughts, and begin to think

Baptists Forbidden

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What whipping posts, martyr fires could not do, Baptists were weak, there date plan to accomplish methods of penetration integration and the bold tion of over head leaders that which swung a lance of the Christian world manism. What martyrs we should live for in spirit, many a great fine been lost by a weak fine intensive exhortation fit —"Watch ye; stand fast; faith; quit ye like strong."

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NO BABY SPRINKLING

B. Jeter's wife was a Presbyterian. A baby was born in that me. His wife said something like this: "Mr. Jeter, you I was a Presbyterian when married me. As an honest Presbyterian, I believe that our child ought to be baptized." He consented on condition that she while the ceremony was formed. She thought it would a feather in her cap to have most prominent Baptist teacher in Virginia and one of best known Baptist editors in South to hold their baby, a Presbyterian preacher baptized it. So she consented.

B. Jeter announced in his church in Richmond that he would be out of his pulpit to be sent at the Presbyterian church, and why.

That church was jammed and packed. The scholarly and dignified Presbyterian preacher at those who had babies to be baptized would please bring them forward. Bro. Jeter and his wife came, and he took the baby in his arms, and they walked to the altar. He was careful to get at the end where they were to be baptized. Quite a number of other parents had children present for the purpose. Just as the honored pastor of that Presbyterian church

raised his hand to say the baptismal formula and baptize Bro. Jeter's baby, Bro. Jeter said something like this: "My brother, you and I have been good friends for many years. My wife has been a member of your church for years, and I have never tried to proselyte her by my faith. But as a Baptist I believe that we ought to be able to give a 'Thus saith the Lord' for all that we do. This is my baby as well as my wife's. Before you sprinkle my child, I want you to take your Bible and read out of the Book your authority for what you are about to do."

The scholarly, old-school Presbyterian preacher slowly raised his hand and pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Jeter soon became a Baptist. She said that her pastor was one of the most scholarly Presbyterian preachers in all of the South. If he could not find infant baptism in the Bible, then it must not be there. If infant baptism was not in the Bible, she had never been baptized, for infant baptism was all she had ever had. With an open Bible she soon was led to the truth and obeyed her Lord in baptism.

The Bible was written to make Baptists, and it will do the work in every regenerate heart if they will only read it and obey it.

NUTS FOR CATHOLICS

Bro. A. J. Terry was a Baptist missionary in the state of Piauby, Brazil. He had some discussion while back with the Catholic bishop in that state. In that discussion he got out in tract form the following questions, which he answered, and then asked the Catholic priest or neighbor to answer. Hand them to the priest and ask him to answer them. Terry translated it from Portuguese into English for us.

1. A Bible text that proves that Baptists do not follow any man but Christ and He alone is our Leader and Head. They do not accept any authority except the Holy Scriptures as authoritative. They do not follow Luther, Calvin or any other Reformer. They are older than the Reformation, and for that reason are not dependent on the Bible, which is the authority upon spiritual matters, that any of our Catholics cite as their authority the following:

2. A Bible text that proves that wine in the Lord's Supper is to be taken only by the priest.

3. A Bible text that proves that a child was conceived without sin.

4. A Bible text that proves that the apostle Peter did not have a wife.

5. A Bible text that proves that the Pope ought not to marry.

6. A Bible text that proves that the Pope is vicar of Christ and successor of Peter.

7. A Bible text that proves that

- we should pray to the Virgin Mary.
8. A Bible text that proves the existence of the Roman mass.
9. A Bible text that proves that the priests have the power to change the bread and wine into the body, blood, soul and diety of Jesus Christ.
10. A Bible text that proves that there are seven sacraments.
11. A Bible text that proves that the use of images was recommended by Christ or His apostles.
12. A Bible text that proves the existence of purgatory.
13. A Bible text that proves that we should pray for the dead.
14. A Bible text that proves that we should fast on Fridays.
15. A Bible text that proves the infallibility of the Pope.
16. A Bible text that proves that baptism washes away original sin and transforms one into a Christian, sons of God and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.
17. A Bible text that proves that children who die without baptism go to a place called "Limbo," and that proves that such a place exists.
18. A Bible text that proves that Jesus or His apostles baptized children or that approves the baptism of children.
19. A Bible text that proves that the Roman church has the right to change the act of baptism from immersion to sprinkling, or to change any command or teaching of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
20. A Bible text that proves a man ought to be persecuted and cursed because he has conscientiously abandoned the religion in which he was born and has accepted the religion of Jesus Christ.

MISSIONS OR OMISSIONS

Horace Bushnel once made an interesting list of those who might be excused from giving to missions. Here it is:

Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Those who believe the gospel is not the power of God and cannot save the heathen.

Those who wish that missionaries had never come to our an-

"I'm sorry I invented the pocket!"



"IF I HAD KNOWN WHAT A LOT OF BAPTISTS WERE GOING TO DO WITH THEIR MONEY, I'M SURE I WOULD NEVER HAVE INVENTED THE POCKET."

Yes it is a shame what a lot of Baptists do with their money!

God demands at least a tithe of one's income.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:8-10.

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: These ought ye to have

done, and not leave the other undone."—Matthew 22:23.

Lots of Baptists are making more money than ever before in life. Farmers have bank accounts who never thought of such a few years ago. Crops are bringing high prices. Men and women are working in plants at enormously high wages. There is more money in circulation today than in the history of this generation.

What are you doing with the money you have? Are you tithing? Is a good share of it going to church? Are you giving according to your means, or your meanness? Are you honoring God, or thinking only of self?

When you go to church, don't forget to take your money with you and leave a liberal portion there! Also don't forget that The Baptist Examiner could use a liberal contribution just now for God's own glory!

A Scripture Which Is Badly Used And Woefully Abused

"And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us.

And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."—Luke 9:49-50.

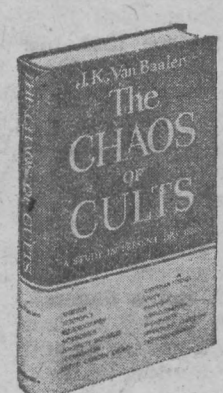
This passage is often quoted by the "unionists" to show that the Master favored union of all those working with, and for Him. But the passage does not hint at such an idea. What the Master does teach is religious liberty. When John, the disciple of love who was so zealous for the truth he wanted to stop all who did not work with them, told the Master that he had forbidden some man to work because he was not going their way, the Master did not tell the disciples to go hunt him up and join him; nor did He tell them to hunt him and ask him to join in with them. He simply said, "Let him alone."

That is the Baptist contention and has been ever since the days of Christ. Let Catholics, Adventists, Jews, Christian Scientists, Russellites, the various Protestant sects, and even Agnostics and Infidels alone to do their own work in their own way. But that is a vastly different thing from going into any kind of "union" religious work, or meetings with any of them. To get the demons out of folk was a good thing. Let any man that was trying to do that cast out as many as he could; don't stop him, was what the Master said. But He went right on His way and formed no "entangling alliances" with any workers of His day, except those who left all and followed Him.

He went His way, separate and distinct from all sects, schisms, religionists and reformers of His day. That was what He told the Baptists of His day to do. Baptists in the 20th century prosper best as they do what He said—attend to their own business and let the other fellow do his own work in his own way, without any help from them.

Remember the injunction of Holy writ: "MARK them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and AVOID them."—Rom. 16:17.

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Church Attendance

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grow fonder" how some folk must LOVE their church by this time.

You feed your body 21 times a week, whether it is hungry or not. Then why not throw your soul a bone at least once a week, even if it does not seem hungry? The poor thing may be too weak from starvation to make its wants known.

A hearse is a very poor way to go to church. Why wait for it? Come on while you can enjoy it.

The whole family ought to come and sit together. The church service is not a convention, that every family should send a delegate.

We have discovered a new name for certain Baptists. You have heard of the "Forty-Gallon Baptists," have you not? Well, we have some people we call "Forty-Drop Baptists" — forty drops of rain will keep them away from church, but they will go to a ball game or picture show when it is raining "cats and dogs."

Every church has a number of "By-standers" — and also a number of "Stand Byers." Which are you?



Universal Church Foolishness

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said: "I do not know of such a passage in classic Greek." With this agree other scholars.

Joseph Cross, Episcopalian, in a book of sermons entitled "Coals from the Altar," well says: "We hear much of the invisible church as contradistinguished from the church visible. Of an invisible church in this world I know nothing; the word of God says nothing; nor can anything of the kind exist, except in the brain of a heretic."

We give the following facts and Scriptures against the "Universal Church" idea:

1. The Greek word translated "church" — "Ekklesia" means in itself "called out," from "ek" — out, plus "kaleo" — call. This implies separation and locality. Acts 15:14.

2. Discipline was to be exercised in the churches of the Bible. See Mt. 18:17; I Cor. 5:6-8; Rom. 16:17; I Tim. 6:3-5; Titus 3:10 11. But how can you exercise discipline in an Invisible, Universal something? Who will discipline who? Tell us!

3. The churches of the Bible were persecuted. Mt. 16:18 implies this to be. See also Luke 9:5; 9:23, 24; John 17:14; II Tim. 3:12. But how can you persecute an invisible something, or a universal something?

4. Only saved people are said to be in this universal church, yet the first church had a thief in it. Acts 1:25.

5. Salvation would add you to this universal church thing. But in Acts 2:47, we find the Lord ADDING to the church such as had already been saved.

6. Paul said, "I persecuted the church of God." Gal. 1:13. How did he see it, or find it, if it is invisible and universal?

7. The church was spoken of as "in thy house" — Rom. 16:5; Col. 4:15. How big a house is necessary to hold this universal church?

8. Paul speaks of the church "coming together into one place." — I Cor. 14:23. How big a place is necessary?

9. James speaks of the "elders of the church." — James 5:14. Who are the elders of this universal church?

10. The Lord's Supper was to be observed by the church. I Corinthians 11. How could the invisible church do this? Please tell us!

11. If Jesus built an invisible church — universal church, with its multitudinous divisions and heresies, He produced a body divided against itself which He disclaimed in Mt. 12:25 and God IS the author of confusion, which is denied in I Cor. 14:33.

12. Paul says that the members of the church suffer with each other. But how would the members of the universal church in our town know if a member of the universal church in Brazil or India or Timbuctoo were suffering? In fact, how would he know who was a member of the church at all?

13. We are supposed to enter this universal church by salvation. But there are dozens of ways to be saved, according to the various groups in this body, such as by baptism, by penance, prayers, etc. CONFUSION AGAIN:

14. The Bible speaks often of a particular, local, organized church, or of a plurality of such local, organized particular churches, as: "The church which was at Jerusalem" (Acts 8:1); "All the churches of the Gentiles" (Rom. 16:4); "The churches of Macedonia" (II Cor. 8:1); "the

church in thy house" (Philemon 2); and "the churches of God." (II Thes. 1:4).

A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH is a local organized body of baptized (immersed) believers, equal in rank, recognizing Christ as head and guided by the Word of God, and covenanting together to carry out Christ's commands to the ends of the earth.

There is no place in the Bible or in common sense for a "Universal, Invisible Church." IT CAN ONLY EXIST IN THE BRAIN OF A HERETIC.



Satan's Counterfeits

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then who are the daughters? Are they not the churches that came from the Roman Church? Think it over!

Modern Sects. A multitude of sects have sprung up during more recent times. Some of these calling themselves churches, deny the Lord himself. Christian Science for instance, denies that Christ ever lived in the flesh. (Note what the Scriptures say of this I John 4:2-3). Spiritualism manifests itself in the form of "churches"—yet the ban of God was on all forms of Spiritualism back in Old Testament times, and the penalty of death was imposed for dabbling in Spiritualism. Satan certainly "has his nerve" to palm off as a "church" an organization that practices things for which God had people put to death in times gone by. Yet—people still babble that stuff about "one church is just as good as another."

Why Isn't One Church As Good As Another? Because a church founded by some man, or woman, is not as good as the one that Jesus started. Because a church that teaches a false way of salvation is not as good as one that teaches the true way. The "Churches of Christ," for instance (and the name is a complete misnomer) teach salvation through baptism. They go back no further than Alexander Campbell, yet they pretend to be what Jesus started. Churches and denominations have multiplied through quarrels and splits. Self-seeking leaders have started a new sect so they could be the leader. The question is — who has a right to start a church? No one has a right to start one, when the one that Jesus started is still in existence. To start a new church is to start something that is a rival to the one that Jesus started. And the world is full of rival "churches" today. But praise God it is true that "every tree that my Father hath not planted shall be plucked up."

Jesus started the Baptists and Baptist churches have had continuous existence from the days of Jesus until now. Attempt is being made today to turn Baptist churches into a general Church, called "Denomination." Jesus started a church—not a denomination, and each church of like pattern is to be self-governing and independent and is under no obligation to take orders from any one save Jesus Christ Himself.



Holy Rollers

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teach salvation by works. The first preacher of apostasy was Satan. In the oldest book of the Bible, the devil preached that lie. In Job 1:11 and 2:4-5, Satan told God he could make Job apostatize. God told him to try his hand. He did his best and failed. It will be so, clear to the end.

The Master said: "All that the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me; and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37.

That proves that no one ever saved by Christ will ever be lost.

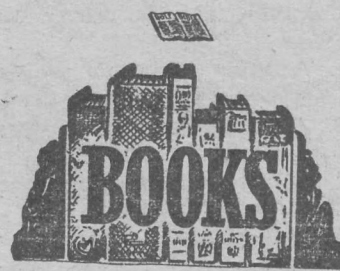
Paul said: "Whom He did foreknow He did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren. Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Romans 8:22-30.

There is God's five link chain, extending from eternity past to eternity future. Every man that God foreknew before time will be finally and eternally glorified after time shall be no more. To prove apostasy they must prove that somebody was saved that God did not foreknow and then prove that God is a liar, perjurer and covenant-breaker. Read Psalms 89:27-36 and Heb. 6:16-20.

Apostasy was first preached by the devil and is one of "the doctrines of devils" that is still preached in these last days.

Reader, these indictments are God's, not man's. They will certainly hold. The court of last appeal has already passed upon them. The Bible says: "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven." The Judge of all the earth will never reverse His own decisions nor alter His own verdict. His verdict is: "There is not a just man upon earth that doeth good and sinneth not." The soul that sinneth, it shall die." From that verdict there is no escape except through Christ and His finished work. He took our place and died in our stead, that God might be just and the justifier of Him that believeth in Jesus. "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." "He that believeth is not condemned." Will you not receive Him and have life forevermore? "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." If you have received Him as your personal Saviour then, at any cost, obey His word, stand for His truth.

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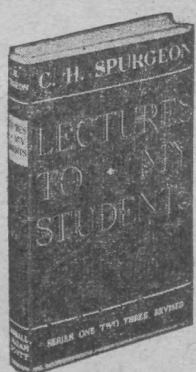
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