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To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word  
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## Revelation 20 And Foolish Amillennialism

I have met a few preachers and people who are what is called "amillennialists"—that is, they do not believe in a literal thousand years' reign of Christ and his saints here upon the earth, as we believe is taught in Revelation 20. And I have noticed one distinctive feature in every person I've met who is, or is leaning toward, amillennialism: namely, doubt.

Amillennialists seem to think that certain doubts and questions which they have concerning various details in premillennialism are sufficient grounds to support their amillennialism. I've never met one of them yet who would take the attitude that not every detail must necessarily be clear to human beings before the doctrine itself is true. I've never met one yet who would not hold up

some extremist in the premillennial camp as sufficient evidence of the "error of premillennialism," thereby disregarding the more evident points in the premillennial view.

Actually, about all amillennialists believe—so far as I can find out—is what they do not believe regarding premillennialism. Once they state their objections to premillennialism, you have their faith, primarily.

The Scripture that gives amillennialists the most difficulty—and it ought, for it clearly is against them—is Revelation 20:1-10, which reads as follows:

1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the

dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season.

4 And I saw thrones, and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

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## The "Church Of Christ" At Cane Ridge, Kentucky

By Bob L. Ross

During my recent debate with a Campbellite preacher here in Ashland, my opponent made an "argument" based upon the so-called "Church of Christ" (in the early 1800's) at Cane Ridge, Kentucky. The Campbellite displayed a small photograph of a tombstone on which mention was made of this church. The "argument" based upon the statements on the tombstone was that there was a "Church of Christ" prior to the outfit started by Alexander and Thomas Campbell, the date on the tombstone being before 1811 when the Campbells started their church at Brush Run.

This proved to be one of the Campbellite's biggest blunders during the debate and after publicly refuting it, I promised the audience that we would later on print (in TBE) the information which was given in the debate, along with a reproduction of the Campbellite's little photograph, if he would secure a copy of the photo for us. I gave him some money to cover the expense of obtaining a copy of the photo, but he has not as yet furnished it. If he ever does, we will be glad to reproduce it in TBE; but since he is taking so long about the matter, I'm going ahead and giving the information about that church at Cane Ridge.

### Who Composed It?

The so-called "Church of Christ" at Cane Ridge was made up of ex-Presbyterians who knew nothing of what Campbellites today call "the Gospel plan," by which they mean their water gospel. We herewith give the background of the outfit from Campbellite writings:

Quoting from the Works of Elder B. W. Stone:

"In 1793 the youthful Stone became a candidate for the  
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## Why Preach The Gospel?

By EDDIE GARRETT

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The Bible makes it very clear that the Gospel is to be preached to every creature. To deny this is to deny a great host of scriptures. However, in considering the fact that God has predestined only a limited number to be saved, then why are we to preach the Gospel to every creature?

First, it is of utmost importance that we should be clear as to the nature of the Gospel itself. The Gospel is the proclamation of mercy through the atonement of the Son of God, because it announces deliverance from condemnation, and eternal life to all who are made to believe it. The Gospel is God's "witness" unto the perfection of his Son Jesus Christ. I now want to quote a portion on this subject from Arthur Pink's book entitled **THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**.

"Concerning the character and contents of the Gospel, the utmost confusion prevails today. The Gospel is not an 'offer' to be bandied around by evangelical peddlers. The Gospel is no mere proclamation but a proclamation, a true whether men believe it or not. No man is asked to believe that Christ died for him in particular. The Gospel, in brief, is this: Christ died for sinners, you are a sinner, believe in Christ, and you shall be saved. In the Gospel, God simply announces the

terms upon which men may be saved (namely, repentance and faith) and, indiscriminately, all are commanded to fulfill them."

### I. The Gospel Is God's Means In Calling The Elect

God's elect are scattered among all nations (John 11:52) and it is through the preaching of the Gospel that they are called out of darkness unto light:

"Whereunto he called you by our Gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thess. 2:13).

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." (James 1:18).

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ . . ." (I Pet. 1:2).

The above verses show clearly that the Gospel is the means of God's calling his elect.

### II. Why Preach The Gospel To The Non-Elect?

Let it be clearly understood that no human being has knowledge of who the elect are until after salvation has come to the individual. The fact that there  
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## REPORT ON TBE'S 1961 RALLY DAY

Rally Day offerings for 1961 were not as high as in 1960, but we are grateful to God for the response of our readers to the needs of TBE.

Offerings were received this year from a total of 33 states, while last year offerings came in from 35 states. The total offering was \$3662.72 in 1961 compared to \$4244.72 in 1960. There are some offerings, however, which we know are yet to come in for this year.

We were much encouraged by the numerous letters that were received, as well as by the offerings of those who love the truth enough to support such a paper as we are publishing from week to week. It is truly uplifting to know that our readers are standing behind us with prayers and offerings.

Sometimes during the Rally Day period, certain things are overlooked in the letters that are received in the special Rally Day envelopes. Therefore, if any book order, subscription, or some other item has slipped our attention, please let us know.  
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## Why Pay NCC For "Outlines" To Teach The Word Of God?

E. G. COOK

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It is indeed puzzling to see our Lord's own people paying out the Lord's own money for the privilege of teaching His precious Word. It is especially so when you stop to think how God gave His Word to His people free of charge. It is a mystery indeed to many of us when we see, what appears to be, the other crowd collecting a handsome fee out of those who would study and teach the precious Word.

The writer sees in his study of Revelation a great world church, consisting of all the false churches in the world, united under one head during the Tribulation Period which takes place immediately after the rapture of the saints. And to him the National Council of Churches is the beginning of that great church in our country. Believing that as he does, it appears that many who claim to be the Lord's people are pouring a lot of the Lord's money into Satan's cash register for the privilege of teaching the Word which already belongs to them.

Someone may be saying, who pays the National Council of

Churches for this privilege? The answer is, every church, group of churches or religious group, whether white or colored, that uses the International Sunday School Lesson outlines. The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches has a copyright on these lessons and everyone who wishes to use them must first get permission to use them. This permission is granted for a price, and a good one, too.

It is hard to see who has a right to a copyright on the Word of God. Would the Lord, or any of His people, want a copyright, or anything else that would hinder in any way the free and unlimited use of the Word? The answer certainly would be "no." So it would have to be the other crowd, then, who would seek to limit and exploit God's precious Word.

Another thing that astonishes one like the writer is the fact that the above mentioned crowd has a double copyright which they tell us doubly protects them. As mentioned above, these lessons are copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Then, for the sake of the leadership in the very few church groups who are afraid to openly pour the Lord's money into the National Council of Churches, another copyright is obtained in the name of the defunct organization known as **The International Council of Religious Education**.  
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## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "ASHAMED"

SERMON BY PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN

"O my God, I trust in thee; let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed which transgress without cause."  
—Psa. 25:2, 3.

May I remind you that this was a prayer of David. Many, many times in life David had boasted how God had taken care of him. If you will read the Psalms from beginning to end, you will be amazed as to how many times David boasts about God's goodness, God's care, God's protection, and the way in which God looks after him. Over and over again David speaks about that Rock of Ages wherein he

found a hiding place in the Lord. However, his enemies continued to harass him and oppress him, and now David is fearful lest his enemies triumph over him.

I don't think there is any doubt but that every one of us have times in life when fears come over us relative to the Lord's work. I am sure that this was the experience of David in this case. Maybe we might say that he got just a little "down in the dumps." Maybe we might say that he lost his grip on God temporarily. At least he was a little bit afraid that maybe his enemies might triumph over him, and if they did, he would be ashamed he had already boasted

about what God could do, what God had done, and what God would do. So David cries out unto the Lord in this text and says, "Let me not be ashamed," as if to say, "Lord I have been telling everybody how great you are, and I have been boasting about your goodness and your power and your ability to take care of me. Now, Lord, if you let me down, if you allow my enemies to triumph over me, then I will be ashamed."

If you will turn through the Bible I am satisfied that you will find many, many instances of other individuals just like David who faced the question of being  
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### FAITH

Second Chronicles 14:11, 12.

1. The Resort of Faith—"Asa cried unto the Lord his God."
2. The Reasoning of Faith—"Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help."
3. The Reliance of Faith—"Help us, O Lord our God."
4. The Repose of Faith—"We rest on Thee."
5. The Resolution of Faith—"In Thy name we go against this multitude."
6. The Refuge of Faith—"O Lord, Thou art our God."
7. The Request of Faith—"Let not mortal man prevail against Thee" (margin).
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## The "Church of Christ" at Cane Ridge, Ky.

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ministry in the Presbyterian Church, in Orange County, North Carolina, and had assigned him by the Presbytery, as a subject on which to prepare a sermon, "The Being and Attributes of God and the Trinity." (page 16).

"After receiving his license, he visited his mother in Virginia; then returned to North Carolina, remained a short time, and in company with Robert Foster, another licentiate, left for the West in May 1796—Foster having determined never to preach again.

"Tarrying awhile in Virginia and Tennessee, the young Stone made his way through the wilderness to Kentucky, and commenced preaching at Cane Ridge and Concord, Bourbon County, Ky., where he continued to labor for some time; and finally he received a 'call' from these churches [Presbyterian] to settle among them as their pastor. This call was made in the fall of 1798, and was accepted by B. W. Stone and a day set for his ordination." (page 17).

"He continued to preach for the Presbyterian churches of Cane Ridge and Concord with considerable success for several years, during which time those strange religious exercises known as the 'jerks,' began to manifest themselves in that part of Kentucky, and in his own congregation. In 1801, July 2nd, he was married to Elizabeth Campbell, of Mulenburg, Ky. Soon after, a great meeting came off at Cane Ridge." (page 18).

Shortly after this, in 1803, the Presbyterian Synod took action against Stone for some of his doctrines and practices. "Soon after he called his congregations together, and informed them he no longer sustained to them the relation of pastor, and though he should continue to preach among them, it would not be to build up Presbyterianism, but the Redeemer's kingdom. He and his companions formed immediately what they termed the 'Springfield Presbytery,' and went on for about one year preaching and constituting churches. But discovering that it savored of partyism, and was building up sectarianism, they immediately gave it up, and with all 'man-made' creeds, they threw it overboard, and took the name CHRISTIAN—the name given by divine appointment first at Antioch." (page 19).

This "Springfield Presbytery," upon expiring, made a "last will and testament" in which the following statement appears:

"We will, that the church of Christ resume her native right of internal government," etc. (page 22).

Notice the expression "Church of Christ" in this statement. These renegade Presbyterians were not using the expression as a "name," but in reference to what they believed to be the church of Christ.

## The Outfit's Baptism

"Some time after the new organization had been inaugurated, he (Stone) became dissatisfied with his 'Infant Sprinkling.' He says:

"The brethren, elders and deacons, came together on this subject; for we had agreed previously with one another to act in concert, and not to adventure on any thing new without advice from one another. At this meeting we took up the matter in a brotherly spirit, and concluded that every brother and sister should act freely, and according to their conviction of right—and that we should cultivate the long-neglected grace of forbearance toward each other—they who should be immersed should not despise those who were not, and vice versa. Now the question arose, who will baptize us? The Baptists would not, except we united with them; and there were no elders among us who had been immersed. It was finally concluded among us, that if we authorized to preach, we were also authorized to baptize. The work then commenced, the preachers baptized one another, and crowds came, and were also baptized. My congregations [Cane Ridge and Concord] very generally submitted to it, and it soon obtained generally, and yet the pulpit was silent on the subject." (page 27).

Notice that Stone and his followers did not go to a "Church of Christ" (like our modern ones) for baptism! This was for the very simply reason that no such outfit existed!

## Did They Believe In Baptismal Salvation?

Like the Campbells (when they were immersed by Matthias Luce), Stone and his followers did not, at the time, be-

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## Rally Day

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We are truly grateful to God for the Rally Day offering and we wish we could thank each of the contributors personally. Your help is a real inspiration to us who have a part in sending out this paper.

Several of our local friends gathered with us on Rally Day to read the letters and tabulate the offerings and this season of fellowship together was a blessing. We want to invite all of our readers to visit with us at any time you can do so, whether Rally Day or some other day.



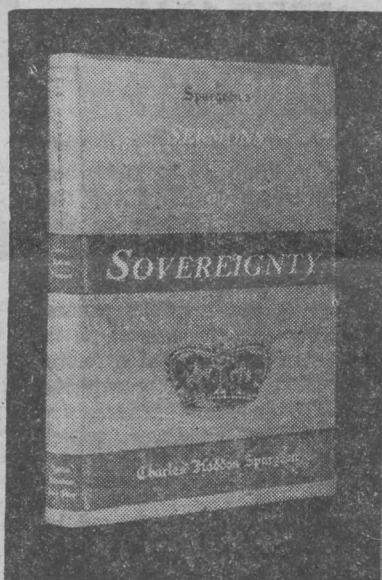
## Why Pay NCC?

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This group merged some eleven years ago with some other groups to form the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. And according to a letter dated September 29, 1960 and signed by Gerald E. Knoff, Executive Secretary of the Division of Christian Education, the International Council of Religious Education has neither staff, budget, nor program.

So it would appear that the name "International Council of Religious Education" is retained

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# Report From Bro. Pickett

Dear Bro. in Christ:

Greetings in the name of our Lord. At last we are writing to you again. It seems only yesterday we were with you at your home having good fellowship. We were to have to leave without meeting some of the other churches in your area. May I stay a little longer in September?

I noticed you sent Bro. Halliman a sleeping bag and other things. He told me he needed one. Glad you sent him one. Again I say I sure would like to be on the foreign field, and may I soon be shipped overseas somewhere. It doesn't look like I can get started here; although at times things look good — then something happens.

Well, it's time for my mission report again. This time one new

as a sort of secret compartment in the National Council of Churches' cash register to help the leadership of certain church groups to hoodwink the ones who bring in the money. Still another thing that puzzles a little fellow like the writer, who is not too well versed in such matters, is the seeming fact that the different church groups, which furnish the men who make up the committees which formulate the International Sunday School Lesson Series, pay their salaries while they do the work, and then buy their finished product from the National Council of Churches.

For instance, Southern Baptists appoint some of their leaders to serve on these committees, according to the 1960 Yearbook of the Division of Christian Education, and it is easy to assume that these men are still on the Southern Baptist payroll while they perform this duty assigned to them. According to the January 12, 1961 issue of *The Western Recorder*, there are six Southern Baptist leaders who serve in this capacity. The writer, not being too familiar with the leadership of this group, is able to recognize only four of them. According to the above mentioned Yearbook, Clifton J. Allen is a member-at-large of the Council and serves on at least four committees of the Council. Kyle Yates serves on one of these committees, Howard P. Colston serves on three of them and Ellis M. Bush on one. And according to the Yearbook, these men serve by direct denominational appointment. Then when they have finished their work, Southern Baptists send a check for \$14,000 for the privilege of using these lesson outlines for one year. This check is made out to the defunct International Council of Religious Education which serves, it seems, as a secret compartment in the National Council of Churches' cash register. The Editor of *The Western Recorder* in his January 12, 1961, issue admits that the \$14,000 goes to the National Council of Churches. Astounding, is it not?

This not only applies to Southern Baptists. The other church groups who use the International Sunday Lesson Series send men to help work up the lessons and then buy their finished product from the National Council of Churches at a fancy price.

The writer is unable to see why the Lord's people will pay someone else for the privilege of teaching God's Word. The church he is affiliated with takes the Bible like the "sot" takes his whisky — straight. Sure, we are fallible creatures and subject to error in our teaching the Bible. But if it is taught wrongly in our church, we certainly know who is to blame for it. There is one thing you can rest assured of in our teaching: it is not one-tenth Bible and nine-tenths Post-millennialism, A-millennialism, Universal Churchism, Arminianism, Darwinism and every other infidelism that mortal man can hatch up.

Ed. Note: It makes one wonder if those using these outlines are the Lord's people. Or are they hood-winked?

S. B. C. convert. He is the boy that I worked on the job with for the last year and a half. We have talked off and on. He used to not understand what I was talking about, but now he sees the truth just anew and caused a great atomic explosion in his training union class. So they got their Free Will preacher to explain to them election. Bro. Andy said he made many confused statements. He didn't know the doctrine, so he read to them about it from a book (some so-called Dr's book at S. W. T. S., Worth). Since that time I can call him a true brother. He's trying to win others there now and is looking forward to helping me start a mission. I think he wants to be re-baptized, and his wife must be. She only knows "Free Will Baptist" baptism, and they are human churches.

When I first met Andy, his wife believed she could fall from grace. She doesn't now; however, she doesn't see Sovereign Grace yet. As Andy continues his zeal, I'm sure she will. Now they are ready to leave the Convention anyway.

The sergeant I told you about — to whom I gave Orchard's History of the Baptists — has been saved. He called me up the other day and we talked a long time. I must send him *The Examiner*. He wanted to tell me he had read my letter that you printed in *The Examiner* and thinks it's a good paper. His wife is a Roman Catholic, and he is having trouble all ready. I told him it seems they convert easier than so-called Baptists.

I want you and the Church to have a special prayer about this burden on my heart — that the Lord would open a home for me to preach in down here. There is an old church building (real small) that is an ideal place to meet near here, but the Pentecostals have it. They might move soon, so I'm wanting a home to welcome me to preach. Please pray with us about this serious matter.

I didn't tell all about Bro. Andy. He is quite learned for a S. Sgt. and has applied for an Officer's Candidate School. He may get it. At this school he will get two years college and then a commission — that is, if he gets it. I would like to see him get it, but I would like to see him stay and help me here, too. Maybe he won't get it, and even if he does, may he take the truth with him. He thinks a lot of me, but I told him he ought to come to our Bible Conference and hear some real preaching. I can see he studies his Bible every night because at work he tells me some-

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# These Are Just A Few Of Those Who Remembered TBE On Rally Day

## PROVES HE HASN'T FORGOTTEN US

I haven't forgot, as you may have thought it looks like. Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for this May Rally Day to help get the Word of God to people through your paper. I wanted it to reach you before the 30th.

I was looking back through some older dates of TBE and found one April 27, 1957 and your sermon "The Last Prayer of the Bible." It is very enlightening.

Robert Burns (Ohio)

## CONTRIBUTES SINCE HE KNOWS MUCH IS NEEDED

I'm sending a small offering (\$20.00). Hope it will help. I know much is needed to support so great a work.

We pray each day for all of you who put forth so much effort in sending out The Baptist Examiner. It is a real help to us.

Hobert Van Hoose (Ohio)

## SENDS TBE TO HER PASTOR

The Baptist Examiner is truly a wonderful treasure chest. Out of the check I would appreciate your sending TBE to my pastor. He said he used to get your paper but in moving around he lost his subscription. Since I have been living here in St. Petersburg he has been reading my paper, but he likes to file his religious papers and I think he would appreciate a subscription.

Mrs. H. F. Upchurch (Florida)

## LIKES SPURGEON'S MESSAGES

May the Lord direct every one to help with the paper that is not afraid to teach Bible truths—that has brought so many blessings to me.

I'm getting the truth and blessing from having the privilege of reading Spurgeon's sermons, a set so kindly lent to me by my pastor. With those that TBE carries I hope to get a great part of them.

Elsie Tuggle (Missouri)

## FROM A LONG TIME TEXAS READER

Enclosed you will find \$5.00 for the printing of The Baptist Examiner. May the Lord bless all of you and every other worthy cause that is being sponsored over the land and country. Come to see us some time.

Clyde Thomas (Texas)

## DESIRES TO HELP SEND THE TRUTH OUT

There is no other place I can give more cheerfully than to your weekly paper and mission work. I am sorry I can't send more, but hope it will be a little help in winning one of God's elect and in spreading the truth to many.

Esther Smith (Kentucky)

## OHIO READER CONTRIBUTES

Find enclosed \$2.00. Will send more next time. God bless you all in the work you are doing. Pray for me and my family.

Mrs. M. M. James (Ohio)

## OKLAHOMA PASTOR WRITES

Please find check (\$50) for Rally Day. We are in a revival at this time in our church. Please remember us in your prayers.

William H. Crider, (Oklahoma)

## TBE HAS HELPED HIM UNDERSTAND HIS BIBLE

I am most thankful to Almighty God for the privilege we have at this time of sending a small gift to help you in our blessed Lord's work. I pray it

will be of some help in your feeding hungry souls such as mine with your wonderful preaching and explaining of the holy scriptures in TBE. I am thankful for this paper. It has helped me more than anything in understanding God's Holy Word. I trust you will be greatly blessed with gifts on Rally Day and all to the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is a wonderful Saviour to me. I pray God will richly bless you, your family, your helpers and your work until Jesus returns.

W. L. Summer (Michigan)

## SENDS EARLY OFFERING

I'm sending my little offering in advance, hoping and praying that your Rally Day may be a great success. Do remember me at the throne of grace. I'm passing through severe testing.

Clyde F. Gooch (Kentucky)

## WANTS TO "KEEP TBE ON THE ROAD"

I'm afraid I have neglected writing you longer than I should. I was sorry to hear you had been ill again, and I haven't forgotten to pray for you and TBE. I am sending a small gift, not to pay for the blessings I have received from reading TBE, but to help keep it on the road that others might be blessed from its wonderful truths.

Mrs. W. H. Buchanan (Kentucky)

## LIKES TO "TAKE ORDERS FROM CHRIST"

Just a line to tell you that I enjoy your paper very much as I live in a place where the Baptists have gone overboard with the Southern Baptist Convention and those man-made programs, and don't like the truth as it is presented in the Word. As for me I like to take my orders from Christ not man.

H. G. Russell (Mississippi)

## FROM CONNECTICUT

We are praying for a successful Rally Day. May our Lord supply your need.

Norman H. Truitt (Connecticut)

## LONG-TIME KENTUCKY PREACHER SENDS OFFERING

In about 4 weeks (June 2nd), if I am still living, I will be 78 years old, and on April 30th my wife was 75. Our medical expenses and hired help are increasing year by year, but we have no complaint toward our gracious Lord and Master.

On the contrary, we are rejoicing that our Heavenly Father still blesses us for our temporal needs as well as all our spiritual needs.

I am sending this check (\$25.00) to help in the May Rally offering.

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I wish to commend you for the fine work you are doing in editing TBE. To me, you come the nearest to holding forth the doctrines of the Book. That is precious to Baptists and has been since the days of Christ and the apostles. I deeply appreciate the church truth you are standing for which is being ignored by the majority of Baptist publications today. All this organized system of Southern Baptists has no scriptural foundation and will some day fall.

G. J. Cox (Kentucky)

## THINKS THERE'S NO PAPER LIKE TBE

It is such a joy to receive The Baptist Examiner. I wish I could send much more to this work. I don't think there is another paper that sends the truth of God's Word out as this paper does. May God bless you all.

Mrs. Marie Guthrie (Florida)

## PASSES TBE ALONG TO NEIGHBOR

TBE is better and better. We enjoy it so much. I read it and pass it on to another Baptist neighbor. Wish I could send more but this will help.

Mrs. Grover Harmon (Ohio)

## ENJOYS MISSIONARY REPORTS

As Rally Day is fast approaching and will soon be here, I'm writing you this letter to say again we surely do enjoy TBE. We enjoy all the good scriptural articles, also Bro. Halliman's and other foreign missionary articles. Hope the Lord's blessings will be upon your Rally Day and that you will receive many letters and offerings. I'm enclosing an offering to help with publishing TBE.

L. L. Beacham (Texas)

## FROM KENTUCKY READER

I am enclosing \$3.00 for Rally Day offering. May God bless you and those who labor with you in your work.

Mrs. Myron E. Gray (Kentucky)

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Enclosed is \$1.00 to use where needed. Wish I could send more. You said send an offering that is equal to the blessings you received from reading TBE. I would sure like to, but that is not possible. My income is small. I sure enjoy reading TBE. I pray that Rally Day will be a success, that God will supply your needs and give you more friends who love the Truth. May TBE go out more and more everywhere as the Truth is needed more than ever.

Myrtle Gardner (Kentucky)

## CALLS TBE "BEST PAPER"

I am sending my offering for TBE. It is the best paper to give the truth I know of.

W. R. Shawl Pennsylvania

## THINKS TBE IS NEARER TO TRUTH THAN ANY OTHERS HE KNOWS

I have heard a lot of preachers and people attempt to preach or teach the Word of God — some good, and some so-so, and still others completely lost as to its true meaning; but the more I listen and read of the doctrines that you gentlemen of God stand for the more I'm convinced you

## "IF I SHOULD DIE TONIGHT?"

"I wonder what the world would say  
If I should die tonight.  
Would it consider it had lost  
A man who served it at some cost,  
If I should die tonight?  
The chances are, 'tis pretty clear,  
It wouldn't know I had been here,  
If I should die tonight."

"I wonder what my friends would say  
If I should die tonight.  
Would they delay their dancing now,  
Their laughter and their prancing now,  
If I should die tonight?  
Would they for many hours be sad,  
Would someone secretly be glad,  
If I should die tonight?"

"I wonder what my own would say  
If I should die tonight.  
They've seen me live from day to day,  
They've seen me stumble in the fray.  
If I should die tonight  
Would they forgive the times I hurt?  
May they forget I'm sometimes curt,  
If I should die tonight."

"I wonder what my Lord would say  
If I should die tonight.  
He died my death on Calvary,  
From fear of death to set me free.  
If I should die tonight,  
I wonder if I've won a soul;  
Would 'Well done' greet me at the goal,  
If I should die tonight?"

—Author Unknown.

are nearer to the truth than any a month to Bro. George Starling group of preachers and writers and \$10.00 to Bro. Sentoma. The I have ever had the pleasure of balance we are sending to you. knowing or listening to. I have Wish it could have been more. (as many others have) been truly Since then we have taken on blessed as God has promised His the radio program "Amazing Grace," so at this time we are elect will be blessed when the truth is revealed to them. I will giving over 30% for mission (God willing) continue to send work, and the Lord has been and recommend TBE to those the supplying all our needs — for Lord allows me to so do. which we give Him all the praise. We received a wonderful letter today in response to the radio program—a lady telling how she enjoyed the Word preached by Bro. Bob.

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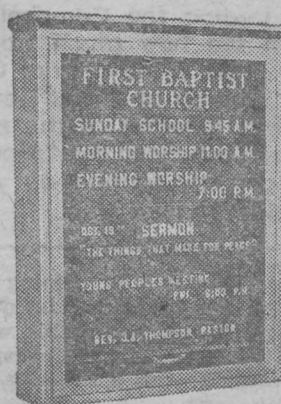
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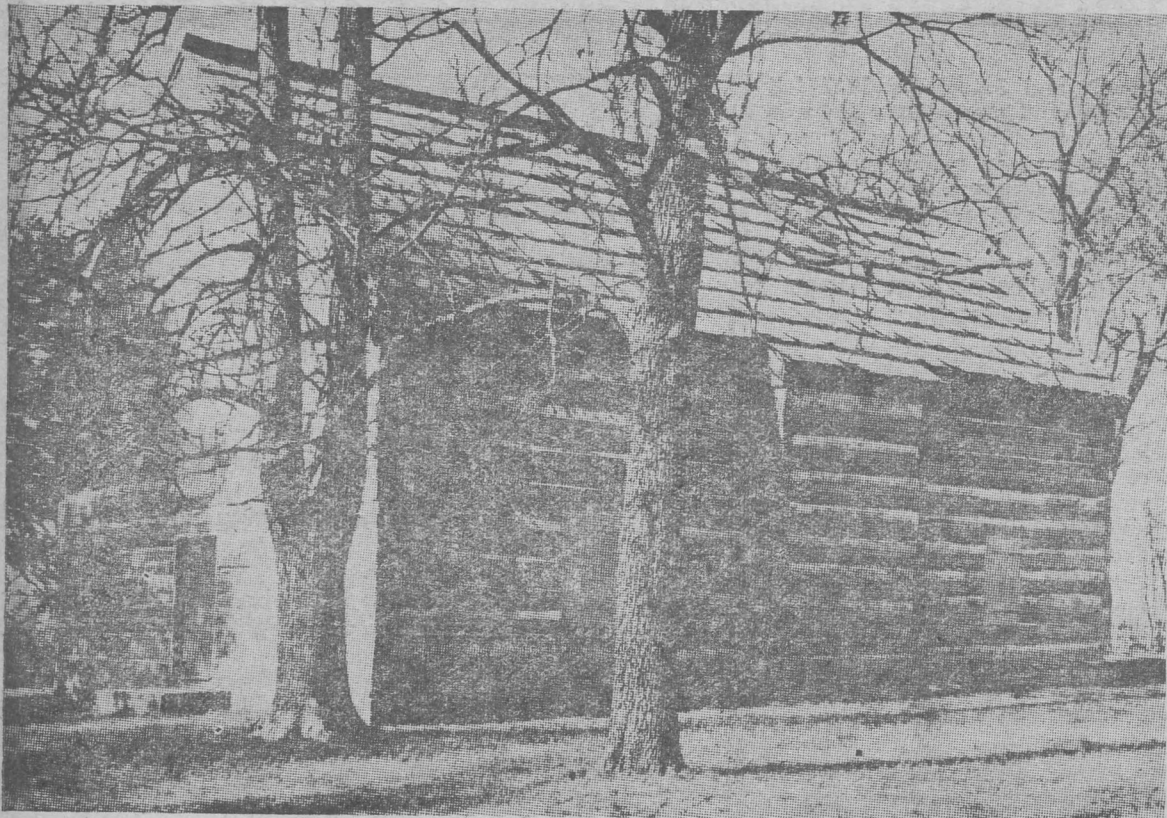
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## CANE RIDGE MEETING HOUSE AS IT LOOKS TODAY



The "Church of Christ" at Cane Ridge, Ky.

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lieve in the notion of baptismal remission as taught by Campbellites later on. Stone state:

**"Into the spirit of the doctrine I was never fully led, until it was revived by brother Alexander Campbell, some years later."** (Works, page 28).

The closest Stone had come to this notion, before meeting Campbell, was during a meeting when people were under such "conviction" that Stone was at a loss to tell them what to do. He tells of this amusing experience as follows:

"I remember once about this time we had a great meeting at Concord. Mourners were invited every day to collect before the stand, in order for prayers (this being the custom of the times). The brethren were praying daily for the same people, and none seemed to be comforted. I was considering in my mind what could be the cause. The words of Peter, at Pentecost, rolled through my mind, 'Repent and be baptized, for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.' I thought, were Peter here, he would thus address these mourners. I quickly arose, and addressed them in the same language, and urged them to comply." (page 28).

But what was the result of this action by Stone? It is said, "While their hearts were filled with ardent desires for special operations of the Holy Spirit and of fire, this unexpected presentation produced a chilling effect, and tended to cool the ardor of their excited imagination." (The Church, The Falling Away and the Restoration by Shephard, page 170).

And then, in *Memoirs of Alexander Campbell*, Volume 2, pages 388, 389, we have an interesting account of Mr. Stone's personal reaction to this event. A man by the name of B. F. Hall is quoted as saying:

"In the summer of 1826, I met B. W. Stone and spoke of the matter to him. He told me that he had preached it early in the present century, and that it was like ice-water thrown on the audience; it chilled them, and he had in consequence abandoned it altogether. I insisted it was God's truth, nevertheless, and that I felt compelled to preach it at the meeting to which we were then-going. He begged that I would not preach it while he was present, and said he was to leave after meeting on Lord's day morning, and then I could do as I thought proper."

## Conclusion

This is the story, then, of Barton Stone's "Church of Christ" at Cane Ridge to which my opponent, in the recent debate, resorted in his vain attempt to "get out from under" the terrific weight of history regarding the Campbells and their movement. But anyone can see how much trouble a Campbellite would have trying to make a "Church of Christ" like the modern kind out of the "Church of Christ" at Cane Ridge. The one at Cane Ridge was ignorant of the modern Campbellite "Gospel Plan" and even practiced the "Mourner's Bench." If the Campbellites can get any comfort out of this "Church of Christ," they are welcome to it!

## Report From Pickett

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thing new that I never told him at all. So I can tell he is finding out for himself. He even read T.B.E. before I did and told me about some things in it. It certainly is wonderful to see one come to the truth. I rejoice in this.

Bro. Peacock finished my pulpit out of red cedar. It was my wood from down on the farm. I'm putting the holes and cracks and sanding it down to be ready to use very soon. I hope to use my income tax return money to fix my tent and hold a meeting or two.

I will be with Naborton Baptist Church this coming Lord's Day. Bro. Medford Lord's wife came to our house this week to tell us to be sure and come down. I consider this a blessing, seeing they want us to come down and be with them.

Now I know you won't be able to make all this out. Since you said you couldn't read Bro. Crow's writing, I know mine's much worse. All I can say is I'm glad I'm not a Southern Baptist Dr. Duckbill but am just frail me. I must write Bro. Jim Nelson, our old preacher in Puerto Rico, and tell him about the sergeant's conversion. It would make him happy to know. May our blessed Lord continue to bless you and TBE and Calvary Baptists. Tell them all "hello" for us. We are thinking

of you and praying for you often.

Your Bro. in Christ,  
The Picketts



## The Gospel

(Continued from page one)

is an elect people, and the Gospel is to be preached to every creature, leads to the question of what purpose God has in the Gospel to the non-elect?

**"For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish."** (II Cor. 2:15).

Let me now use an argument based on God's foreknowledge. The above verse of scripture shows that there is a two-fold effect of the Gospel upon the human race. Now did God know beforehand this result? If He did know (and He must have, if He foreknows) then He must have some purpose in the Gospel being preached to the non-elect other than salvation. The above verse in II Cor. tells us what it is.

Christ on one occasion told some Pharisees that they had committed the unpardonable sin (Matt. 12:24-32 with Mark 3:28, 29). Yet only a few months later Christ commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to every creature.

The teaching of the Bible is that God gets glory in the reprobate just as he does in the elect. Pharaoh is an example of this (see Rom. 9:17).

God would have a universal testimony borne of the work of His Son in order to restrain the wicked. It also justifies the declaration of Christ that "men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19).

Finally, it is not for us to even think of calling God into question as to what He does and why He does it. To do this is the very basis of sin. (see Rom. 9:19, 20).

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## CANE RIDGE, BIRTHPLACE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

By J. WINSTON COLEMAN, Jr.  
From "IN KENTUCKY"  
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On the Flat Rock Pike, some six or seven miles east of Paris, in Bourbon County, is located the historic Cane Ridge Meeting House. Built in 1791, by Presbyterians from North Carolina, it stands today as the parent church of the Christian denomination in Kentucky, better known as the Disciples of Christ. Rev. Robert W. Finley of Pennsylvania was the first pastor of this church.

During the early years of the nineteenth century, there was a "profound awakening," or a great religious revival, sweeping throughout Kentucky, which was the result, no doubt, of the expenditure of much stored-up religious energy that had accumulated during the formative period of the State's history.

At Cane Ridge Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Barton W. Stone, a young minister from North Carolina, there occurred from 1800 to 1805, a community outpouring of the spirit which probably has never been equaled in the annals of American religious history.

Camp meetings were the order of the day. One of the most noted of these gatherings was held at this historic church during the month of August, 1801, when it was estimated between fifteen and twenty thousand persons were in attendance. People came from all parts of the State, and

## SEND TBE TO OTHERS

roads leading to Cane Ridge were crowded with wagons, carriages, horsemen and footmen—all journeying to the chosen spot.

The church grounds were prepared for the vast throng and the nearby woods were filled with wagons and tents laid out in regular street order. Twenty-five to 30 preachers were on hand for the meeting and the church proper was set aside as a lodging house for those visiting divines.

For six days and nights the great revival lasted, while the surging mass of humanity met outside the church by day, and by night in the flickering light of torches to pray, chant hymns, exhort and listen to the numerous preachers who worked simultaneously on the grounds.

The crowds often became hysterical and during impassioned exhortations, many sobbed, shrieked and shouted until the whole throng was highly charged with fervor and excitement. Some were seized with fits and spasms, which caused them to fall to the ground as if dead; others danced, jerked their heads and bodies, barked, sang and laughed. After they had "gone through a spell" and recovered, a great many claimed to "have seen the light," and thus were saved.

Such liberal views and demonstrations as those practiced by the Cane Ridge congregation and their visitors were frowned upon by the ruling Presbyterian body, and the converts to this new-style religion were not generally accepted. Several years later, June 28, 1804, Rev. Stone formally withdrew from the Presbytery and set up and organized an independent church which he called "Christian." He was then joined by other congregations who had likewise split with their mother church, and thus a new Protestant sect, now ranking fifth in the State, was born in Kentucky.

Some years later in Pennsylvania, a similar movement took place under leadership of the Rev. Thomas Campbell and his son,



BARTON W. STONE

Stone was one of the "Four Founding Fathers" of the Campbellite movement. The other three were Thomas and Alexander Campbell and Walter Scott. Stone's movement (called "Christians") united with the "Reformers" or "Disciples" in 1832. The accompanying magazine briefly tells the story of Stone's group. Campbellites are quite reluctant to honor their founders, but history should not remain silent.

Alexander, who migrated to Kentucky and established a church to which he gave the name, Disciples of Christ. Stone and Campbell had much in common with their beliefs and doctrines, and as a result, they merged their organizations, in 1832; but Kentucky churches which entered this union preferred to be known as Christians, while the followers of Campbell were the Disciples of Christ, sometimes called "Campbellites."

The body of the Rev. Stone, who died in Hannibal, Mo., November, 1844, was, as he requested, brought back to the Cane Ridge Meeting House and interred in the nearby burial ground among his old friends and church members who had so constantly and devotedly stood with him in those stormy days of contention and strife which characterized formation and establishment of the Christian Church.

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was it unjust in Him to resolve, in His infinite wisdom, to save them? Or, was it unjust in Him not to resolve to save all? Had all perished there would have been no injustice with Him. How is it possible that there can be injustice in His resolving to save some?

There can be no grace when there is no sovereignty. Deny God's right to choose whom He will and you deny His right to save whom He will. Deny His right to save whom He will, and you deny that salvation is of grace. If salvation is made to hinge upon any desert or fitness in man, seen or foreseen, grace is at an end.

One of the controversies of the present day is respecting the WILL of God—as to whether His will or man's is the regulating power in the universe, and the procuring cause of salvation to souls. The supremacy of God's will over individual persons and events is questioned. Things are made to turn upon man's will, not on God's. Conversion is made to turn on man's will, not on God's. Man's will, not God's, is to decide which individuals are to enter heaven. Man's pen, and not God's, is to write the names of the saved one in the Lamb's Book of Life! Much zeal is shown for the freedom of man's will, little jealousy seems to be left for the freedom of God's will. Men insist that it is unjust and tyrannical in God to control their wills, yet see nothing unjust, nothing proud, nothing Satanic in attempting to fetter and direct the will of God. Man, it

seems, cannot have his own foolish will gratified, unless the all-wise God will consent to relinquish His!

Such are some of the steps in the march of Atheism. Such are the preparations made in these last days by the wily usurper for dethroning the Eternal Jehovah.

Men may call these speculations. They may condemn them as unprofitable. To the law and to the testimony! Of such speculations, the Bible is full. There man is a helpless worm, and salvation from first to last, is of the Lord. God's will, and not man's, is the law of the universe. If we are to maintain the gospel—if we are to hold fast grace—if we are to preserve Jehovah's honor—we must grasp these truths with no feeble hand. For if there be no such a Being as a Supreme predetermining Jehovah, then the universe will soon be chaos; and if there be no such thing as free electing love, every minister of Christ may close his lips, and every sinner upon earth sit down in mute despair.—HORATIUS BONAR.

## IS ALCOHOLISM A DISEASE?

By PASTOR FRANK B. BECK  
Jamaica Plain, Boston, Mass.

Prov. 23:29-36; Isa. 53:1-6.

"Alcoholism is a disease!" "Alcoholism is a disease!" Have you heard that? The Word of God calls its drunkenness, and says it is a depravity (Gal. 5:19-21), a deceiver (Prov. 20:1), a damnation (1 Cor. 6:10). "The alcoholic is a sick man!" I guess he is. Get out the mop and bucket and basin and sawdust and stomach pump! Furniture polish is all right on the furniture, shoe polish on shoes, hair polish on hair, fingernail polish on finger nails, bay rum on the face after shaving, embalming fluid on the nude body after it becomes a corpse—but when a man or woman pours this strange, forbidden fluid into the human body—no wonder he is sick, or dying, or dead!

Now what made this man sick? (Continued on page 12, column 1)

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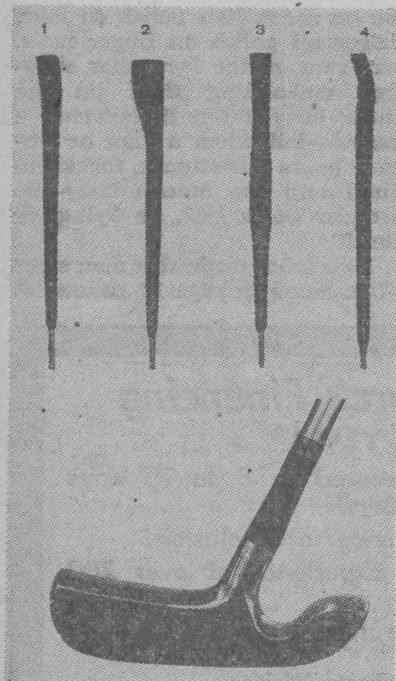
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James Shattler  
(Mich.)

### NORTH CAROLINA READER WRITES

I do so enjoy reading your paper and want to take this opportunity to thank you and say may the great God bless you and your helpers who have been so kind to send it to me although I haven't contributed as I would so love to have done.

Mrs. Lucy Isley  
(N. C.)

### MISSOURIAN SAYS: "I LIKE THE PAPER"

The enclosed is for Rally Day for The Baptist Examiner. I like the paper. The April 29th issue was especially good with such a variety. May it continue until the Lord comes in the air.

Mrs. James G. Lowe  
(Mo.)

### ENJOYS TBE "EVERY WEEK"

Just a small offering for Rally Day. Enjoy your paper every week and pray God's blessings on you all. Use this for God's glory.

Mrs. L. A. Upton  
(Ill.)

### USES TBE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

I still enjoy my paper. I use it many times in teaching my Sunday School class of ladies. I have been reading it 8 or 9 years. Hope it will stay going till Jesus comes. We are praying for you all.

Mrs. E. P. Crosson  
(Florida)

### FROM A LONG-TIME INDIANA FRIEND

I don't feel that I do much supporting of The Baptist Examiner, but I believe God would have His children to stand for and support the truth, and I think The Baptist Examiner does just that. I always look forward to the paper. My check for \$20.00 enclosed.

Carl Hensley  
(Indiana)

### TBE "FULL OF GOOD SERMONS"

I am thankful to God that I can have a part in Rally Day for The Baptist Examiner. Your paper is full of good sermons which are very inspiring and uplifting. It is my prayer that this may be the biggest Rally Day ever. May God's blessing continue with you.

Henry Sapp  
(Minnesota)

### LOCAL FRIEND SENDS OFFERING

I didn't mean to let you all down on Rally Day. I'm too thankful for TBE and Bro. Bob's wonderful messages and the good singing on radio -- all a blessing to me. Things here with us are very slow. My health is so poor, but still I must try to do my daily work. I do remember you all in prayer and hope you all don't forget us. May the Lord richly bless you all and supply your need.

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C. T. Fowler (Ga.)

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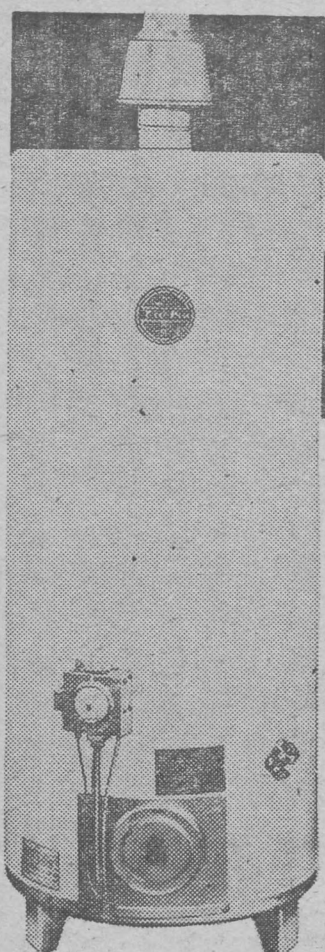
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### Rally Day

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have thought so many times of you, hoping that I would be able to squeeze a little out to send to you. It is very depressing to me. I could have written, though, and I did not. I think of you many times. I enjoy TBE and love the articles by Pink and Spurgeon. Enclosed is a small check. Hope it will help a little.

Mrs. John W. Read  
(La.)

### THINKS TBE IS A "WORTHY CAUSE"

I am sending a small offering for your work. I wish it could be

more. But I pray that this may be a little help in your work. I enjoy reading your paper. I think it is a worthy cause and want to send a little offering each time I can. I am praying that the Lord will lay on the hearts of those who are able to send an offering this Rally Day.

Herbert Nugent, (Ind.)

### THIS W. VA. PASTOR LIKES TBE

More Biblical truth in your paper than any magazine or paper that comes across my desk. We praise God for your Baptist and Calvinistic stand in a day of apostasy.

In Christ,  
R. E. McNeill (W. Va.)

### SAYS TBE "NEXT TO THE BIBLE"

"I am sending a small love offering for Rally Day. I notice you asked to give as we had been blessed by TBE. That is impossible with me, for I am not financially able to give as much as I have been blessed, for TBE comes next best to the Bible with me. However, I would be glad to give as I have been blessed, but just don't have it. I have had many blessings from TBE and have had much enlightenment on the Scripture, and I hope and trust that God will continue to bless all of you that you will be able to carry on until He calls us to meet him, and I believe that He will if it be His will."

L. L. Holloway (Ga.)

### TBE SOMETIMES GETS HIM "IN TROUBLE"

"I find lots of pleasure in reading The Baptist Examiner. It gets me in trouble sometimes, but I find it to be right according to the Bible. Good work. Keep it up."

Ray Williams (Ill.)

### DESIRES TO BE WITH US ON RALLY DAY

"Just a few lines to let you know how I enjoy the paper. Thanks for the pictures. They really are good. I am enclosing a small offering. I wish I could send more. I would like to come to the Rally Day. I don't know if I will get to. May God bless you."

Pearlie Stephenson (Ky.)

### FLORIDA FAMILY BLESSED VIA TBE

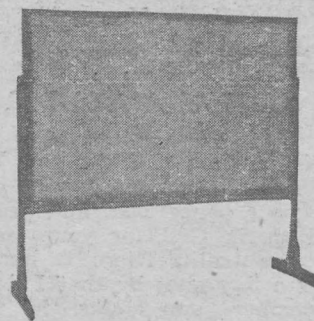
"We are enclosing a small gift for Rally Day. Sure wish it could be more, for your paper means so much to us. We really do get a blessing from reading it each week. We are praying for you at this time that the offerings will come in and your needs will be supplied at this time. The Lord has really been good to us this year and we certainly do thank Him for everything. May the Lord richly bless you in His work and keep your family safe and well."

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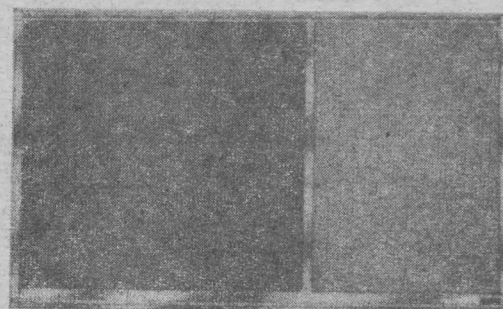
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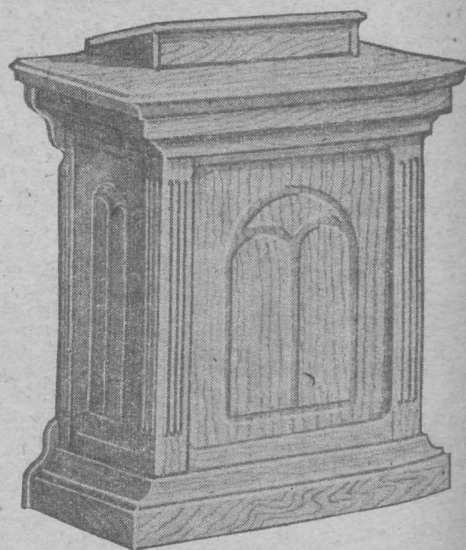
### CONTRASTS TBE AND HIS "STATE PAPER"

"Just today I received a copy of the Florida Baptist Witness. (I don't know how I got back on their mailing list). Several years ago I wrote Mr. W. G. Stracener, editor-manager, suggesting that either they start printing some

Gospel messages, or change the name of the paper to the Florida Baptist Newspaper. I cannot tell that they have either. The paper is 9 1/2" x 16 pages. Earlier in the evening I scanned through it, and I know, there was not ONE article I could find that was worth reading. (Continued on next page)

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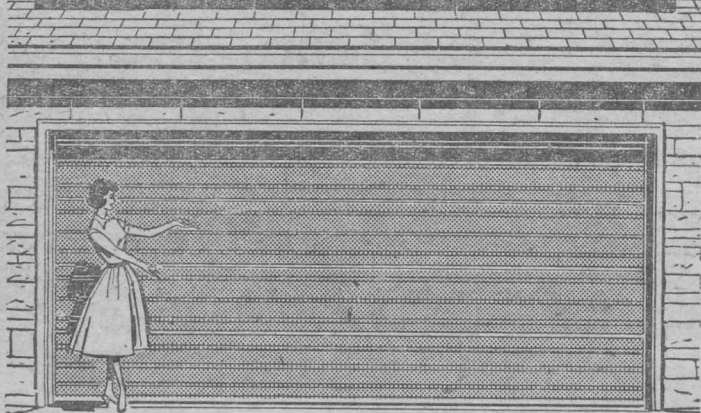
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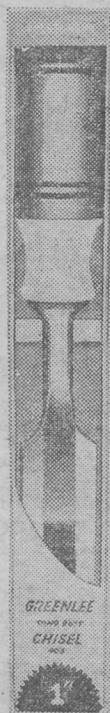
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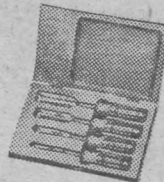


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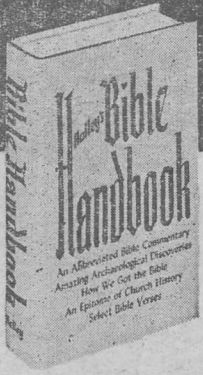
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W. N. Irwin (Texas)

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"I sent you \$45.00 several weeks ago, and it was intended for Rally Day but I don't remember whether I designated it. Find enclosed \$15.00 more for Rally Day. Wish it were 100 times more. Just hope and pray that all of TBE readers will respond to your plea and will give a good portion of their material wealth which God has given them. Trust that the remaining months of this year will be prosperous ones for you and TBE."

Mildred Y. Logan (Fla.)

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Mrs. L. D. Edwards (W. Va.)

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**DESIRES THAT TBE WILL CONTINUE**

"Enclosed find \$2.00 for my offering for Rally Day. May God help you in your work and may many souls find their way to the Lord is my prayer for you and The Baptist Examiner. May it continue to send blessings to all that want to hear the Word through you. May many blessings be yours."

Roy J. Bucher (Mo.)

**MAY ATTEND CONFERENCE**

"Enclosed is our check for \$18.50. Please use \$8.50 of this for Brother George Starling and remaining \$10.00 for Rally Day offering. We are continuing to enjoy TBE. We thank and praise the Lord for it and all of you who are working with it. We would ask you to pray for us that we also may be used of the Lord in one of His true churches, if it is His will. Also pray we may be able to attend the Bible Conference."

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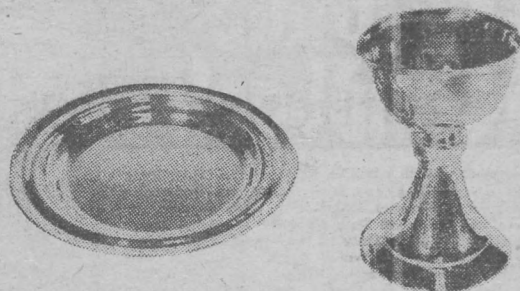
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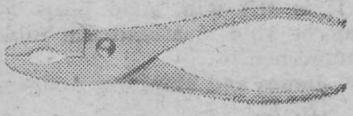
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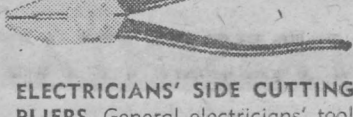
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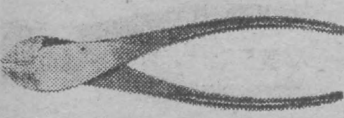
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#### Way Of Salvation

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##### What Happens If Man Rejects God's Love?

"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; he who is unbelieving towards the Son SHALL NOT SEE LIFE, BUT THE WRATH OF GOD RESTS ON HIM" (John 3:36). "He who does not believe, shall be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

##### What Did God In Christ Do For Man?

"Even as the Son of Man has not come to be served but to serve, and to give His Life AS A RANSOM FOR MANY" (Matthew 20:28). But He was wounded for our iniquities, He was bruised for our sins. The chastisement of our peace was upon

Him, and by His bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray, everyone hath turned aside unto his own way; and the LORD HATH LAID ON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL" (Isaiah 53:5, 6).

##### What Is God's Estimate Of The Precious Blood Of Christ?

"You know that you were redeemed from the vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, not with perishable things, with silver and gold, BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Peter 1:18, 19). "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN" (John 1:7).

##### Do We Need Any Other But Jesus?

"For there is one God, and one

Mediator between God and man, himself man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all" (I Timothy 2:5, 6).

"Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to man by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

##### How Can We Receive Remission Of Sins?

"And he said to them, 'Thus it is written'; and thus the Christ should suffer, and should rise again from the dead on the third day; and that REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS should be preached in his name" (Luke 24:26, 47).

"That through His name ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM may receive forgiveness (remission) of sins" (Acts 10:43).

"But as many as received him he gave the power of becoming sons of God, to those who believe in his name" (John 1:12).

"Be it known therefore to you, brethren, that through him FORGIVENESS OF SINS is proclaimed to you, and in him EVERY-ONE WHO BELIEVES is acquitted," etc. (Acts 13:38, 39).

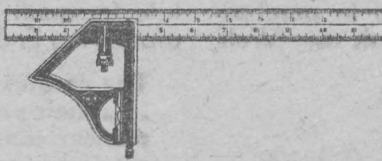
##### Does Christ Invite Sinners To Come To Him?

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest . . . and you will find rest for your souls" (Matthew 11:28). "Again, therefore, Jesus said to them, 'Amen, amen . . . I am the door . . . If anyone enter by me he shall be safe' (John 10:7-9). "All that the Father gives to me shall come to me, and HIM WHO COMES TO ME I WILL NOT CAST OUT" (John 6:37).

##### Can A Man Be Sure He Is Saved?

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. And I give them everlasting life; and THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, neither shall anyone snatch

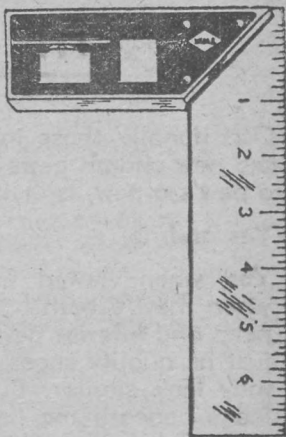
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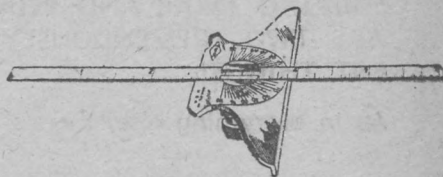
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##### At What Time Does God Want Man To Be Saved?

"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation!" (II Corinthians 6:2). "To as many as received him he gave the power of becoming sons of God; to those who believe in his name" (John 1:12).

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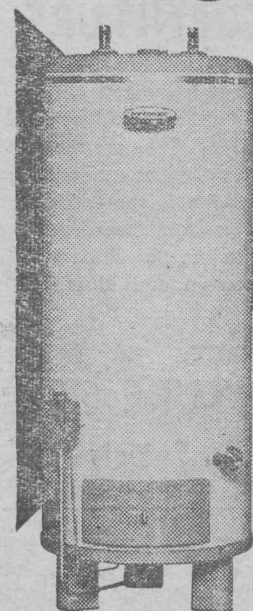
HOL. Instead of trying to mop up and dry out the numerous alcoholics in the Commonwealth, why doesn't somebody or some group of somebodies have enough sense to go over and **TURN OFF THE SPIGOT OR "TAP"?**

"Though now it's a disease  
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It still takes alcohol  
To make an alcoholic!"  
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You need to be saved from the liquid and liquor of fire now and from the "lake of fire" in the future. Jesus Christ the Saviour is the **only** One who can save us. Will you trust Him now to do it? Believe that Christ now washes your sins away in His blood shed on the cross (1 John 1:7), and sets you free! Amen.

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### Revelation 20

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And the rest of the dead did not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the resurrection.

Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints

about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

How anyone could read these verses and arrive at the conclusions of the amillennialists is certainly a great mystery.

They say the thousand years is to be understood as an indefinite period of time, not just a thousand years. If this is so, it still proves nothing for amillennialism. The important thing is that there is to be a period time in which the Devil will be bound and Christ, with His saints, shall reign on earth.

But some amillennialists say that this reign is going on right now on the earth and that Christ shall not literally reign upon the earth in person. This is the heart of the theory — the denial that Christ shall literally reign over the earth with His people. Because amillennialists say they "cannot understand" certain details involved in such a reign, they debunk Revelation 20 like Campbellites debunk salvation by grace through faith. If they "can't understand," they ought to leave the passage alone, rather than mutilate it the way they do.

Notice some of the absurdities involved in such a notion as held by amillennialists:

1. What John describes in Revelation 20, if read without the vagaries of amillennialism in one's head, logically follows the tribulation previously described in the book. Amillennialists realize this, so they "spiritualize" (they say), the tribulation! The only trouble with this is that there will be no tribulation during the thousand years (which amillennialists say we are now in); hence, the tribulation period and the thousand years must be two distinct periods of time. During the tribulation, the beast and the false prophet are loose in the world, but not during the thousand years. It would certainly take the imagination of an amillennialist to "harmonize" the evident difficulty here.

2. The binding of Satan. Amillennialists say we are in the thousand years' period right now; if so, Satan must be bound right now and is not deceiving the nations any more! If so, who is it that walks to and fro in the earth, seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8)? Who, then, is the "god of this world"? Who is the adversary of the saints?

Amillennialists say that Satan was bound at Calvary. Actually, Satan has always been bound in some respects: he has done only what God in His own purpose has decreed: He has never been loose so as to do anything that would defeat the purpose of God. At Calvary, Satan's legal destruction (like the elect's legal redemption) was very well accomplished, but his activities, as the activities of other demons and reprobate men, continue. However, Revelation 20 is not talking about the legal binding of Satan, but the binding of his activities. He is cast into the "bottomless pit." Will amillennialists contend that this is the earth or something else? If they say the earth, then they run into all kinds of trouble with Revelation 20:1, 2. If they say the pit is something other than the earth, then they must deny that Satan carries on any activities upon earth. This would be a practical denial of Satan's existence among men.

The only sensible position is that of the premillennialists. We believe this refers to future happenings, not present experience.

3. The loosing of Satan. Notice that Satan will be "loosed a little season" after the thousand years have expired. Yet in the amillennial scheme of things, we find not when this could be. They say Christ could return at any moment and the end would immediately take place. If so, when could this "little season" be? Aren't they mistaken in telling us that Christ's return could take place any moment, if Satan is yet

## SHALL WE BOW TO THE FALSE GOD OF FALSE RELIGIONISTS?

By JAMES F. CRACE  
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Several times during the Ashland debate between Brother Ross and a Campbellite preacher the Campbellites prayed to their god. Each time I refused to bow my head to their god. I do not deny that it would have been more "courteous" of me to have pretended to pray with them. Neither do I deny that Satan would have been less active against me if I had bowed to their god. Nevertheless, my God has made it plain that I am to worship Him only. If I had bowed my head to the water-god of the Campbellites I would have been guilty of a great transgression against the only true and living God. I thank my God that He gave me grace to be true to Him that worketh all things according to the counsel of His own will.

I would sooner pray to a dirty, stinking hog in the barn-yard than bow to the water-god of the so-called Church of Christ. The same thing goes for all the other cults whose god is really the Devil. May I, and all other saved folk, always be found treating the water-god of the Campbellites (so-called Church of Christ) and all the other Arminian false gods the way we ought to treat them — i.e., with contempt.

To even act as if the Camp-

bellites have a god that could hear, much less answer prayer is high treason to our God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May He give us grace to bow to no one but Him who is the only true and living God.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor. 6:14-18).

Baptists, these are God's commands to you. You cannot obey these things and bow to the god of the Campbellites and other false cults. May God grant that we stand opposed to all false gods.

We read in Exodus 20 that we are not to bow down to them, nor serve them.

The Lord bless you all.

to be loosed for a "little season"? That thousand years period is going to come to an end sometime and if amillennialists are right, that will be when the end of this present age comes. But that is at the second coming, they say. When, then, will the "little season" be?

4. Concerning those who "had not worshipped the beast" (Rev. 20:4). To "worship the beast" one must have "received his mark." And to receive the mark of the beast is a necessity if men are to "buy or sell" (Rev. 13:17). I wonder if the amillennialists will tell us who has that mark at the present time, since they say all that goes on in the tribulation applies to the world now. They themselves "buy and sell," yet they would deny having the mark of the beast.

The truth is, in the tribulation those who will not take this mark will be slain (Rev. 13:15-18, 20:4). Then after they have been slain, they will live again, for the verse says "They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Get it, now: they were slain, then lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. How many amillennialists will say that they have gone through this same experience?

5. "The rest of the dead." Who were the ones before these? Why, those who have been raised out of death to reign with Christ a thousand years. Those who did not rise and reign remained in the grave until after the reign of Christ. Notice, the "rest of the dead" were not even alive when the others were reigning with Christ! How foolish this makes amillennialism, which says we are now in this reign, while some saints are still in the grave and some of the wicked are alive!

And notice that the verse says that "the rest of the dead lived not again," indicating that they had lived previously. How plain the Word of God is, yet those who have a pet theory to defend refuse to hear it.

6. The two resurrections. The first resurrection includes all of those who shall rise to reign with Christ. They do not necessarily rise at the same precise moment, but they do rise before the reign begins. The "first resurrection" plainly takes place one thousand years (at least) before the second resurrection, the resurrection of the lost.

7. The reign ends. That is, the reign of Revelation 20:4 comes to an end, for verse 7 tells us how

Satan is loosed "when the thousand years are expired" and goes forth to deceive the nations. How can this fit into amillennial doctrine? Shall the "spiritual reign" of which they speak come to an end? If saints in heaven and earth are now reigning with Christ, and this is the reign referred to in Revelation 20, how could that be interrupted by the loosing of Satan? Actually, the only reign that could be interrupted by the Devil would be the temporary, earthly reign of Christ over the earth, after He has completed His purpose in this reign. The spiritual reign and victory that we enjoy in Christ never ceases, never expires.

8. The compassing of the camp of the saints. Where is this "camp of the saints" referred to in verse 4? Surely, it could not be in Heaven. How could the wicked, under Satan, compass the saints in Heaven? This camp must be earth, compassed after the thousand years' reign. This is another problem for amillennial thinkers, for somehow they will have to get the saints out of Heaven into this camp on earth.

### CONCLUSION

Although we have a few friends who are amillennial, we hesitate not to say that we consider this teaching to be a destructive interpretation of much of the Word of God. We nevertheless try to maintain fellowship with those who differ with us on this matter, for it does not involve church practice so as to involve a church's not being a church; but we make no bones about being opposed to this error about the millennium, and would beseech differing brethren to examine their views prayerfully.

I would like to invite any of our readers who hold to the amillennial view to write me about the things in this article, if you would care to do so. I welcome your comments and criticism.

—BOB L. ROSS.



### "Ashamed"

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made ashamed. There is one instance in the book of II Samuel which surely presents this truth in a very striking manner. David had heard about the death of the king of the Ammonites, and in view of the fact that David and the king of the Ammonites had been good friends, David (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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ing! Some will not have confidence to stand in His presence because of the way in which they have lived. What a contrast! He is going to be ashamed of some people because of the way in which they handle the Word, and some people are going to be ashamed when they stand in His presence because of the way in which they have lived in the light of His Word.

## IV

### A CHRISTIAN SHOULD NOT BE ASHAMED.

In the first place, a Christian should not be ashamed of his Bible knowledge. I suspect some of us are, but you oughtn't to be. A Christian ought to know enough about the Bible that he is not ashamed of his Bible knowledge. We read:

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, rightly dividing the word of truth."—II Tim. 2:15.

You can ask a lot of preachers about a passage of Scripture and they can't tell you whether it is written to Jews or Gentiles. They can't tell you whether it applies to saved people or unsaved people. I heard a preacher some time ago over the radio quote I John 1:9, which says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," and he said, "Unsaved man, all you have to do is to confess your sins and the Lord will save you." Beloved, this verse of Scripture was written to the saved, and I thought as I heard that fellow, he ought to be ashamed of his knowledge of the Word of God. Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Do you know how to rightly divide the word of truth? It is great to be able to rightly divide the Book, to divide it up for the Jew and the Gentile, the saved and the unsaved. It is great to be able to rightly divide the Word of God. I know of no better way to illustrate it than this:

When Mrs. Gilpin and I were first married and had company come to our house, she wanted to show me off, and she did. She insisted that I carve the chicken at the table. Now I had done a lot so far as chicken was concerned in the years gone by, because ever since I can remember, fried chicken has been a weakness. I'll tell you the truth, there has been a lot of fried chicken that has entered the ministry by way of my gullet. As I say, I was well acquainted with a lot of fried chicken, but I didn't know anything about how to carve a chicken. We sat down at the table and I started to cut, and you know, beloved, it was all bone. I couldn't find any place that the knife would go through. It was all bone every place I would cut. I tried to carve the chicken and it scooted off and the gravy went this way, and it scooted off and the gravy went that way, and I made a miserable mess of trying to carve that chicken. Why? Because I didn't know how to rightly divide that chicken.

I have thought about it many, many times through the years; the individual who doesn't know how to rightly divide the Word of God makes just as great a mess spiritually and religiously as I made in trying to carve chicken at the table that day. There's many and many a preacher who slops spiritual gravy all over his congregation just because he doesn't know how to rightly divide the Word of God.

As I say, to me it is pathetic that a man will apply a passage of Scripture to the unsaved that is written to the saved, and vice versa. It is pathetic that a man will take a passage of Scripture that was spoken only to the Jew and try to apply it to a Gentile or try to apply it to the church. I tell you, beloved, a man ought not to be ashamed of his Bible knowledge. A Christian should not be ashamed of it. He ought to study and learn it so that he would not be ashamed of it. I

think that is what David had in mind when he said:

"Let my heart be sound in thy statutes; that I be not ashamed."—Psa. 119:80.

I have a feeling that every member of this church ought to be able to give an answer on the doctrines of God's Word just like as if he were a preacher. I don't mean to say that you ought to have ability to turn to every Scripture and understand all the Bible, but I say in a general sense every member of the church ought to know the Word of God sufficiently that he can take the Bible and explain any passage in the Book. Brother, sister, listen, a Christian shouldn't be ashamed of his Bible knowledge.

Likewise, a Christian shouldn't be ashamed of the Gospel. Paul wasn't. When he wrote to the church at Rome, he said:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."—Rom. 1:16.

Paul wasn't ashamed of the Gospel. What is the Gospel? It is the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Cor. 15:1-4). Beloved, I thank God that I can tell men that Jesus died for their sins, that He was buried, and that he arose again the third day from the dead, and I can say to that man who is lost, if you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you shall be saved.

Now there are some people that will say that a man has to be baptized, he has to keep the law, he has to live up to the Ten Commandments, he has to give to missions, he has to live in the light of the Great Commission, and he has to do a lot of things so far as he is personally concerned in order to be saved. Beloved, that is not in the Gospel! Our salvation doesn't depend upon us, but rather it is entirely dependent upon the Gospel of Christ, and as Paul said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." I am not ashamed to preach that our salvation is wholly through and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

A Christian should not be ashamed to suffer for the Lord Jesus Christ. I am afraid most of the time when we talk about suffering for Christ, we suffer because of our stupidity. We do things that cause us to have a hard time. But sometimes we do suffer for the cause of Christ. We read:

"Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf."—I Peter 4:16.

In the preceding verse he tells how people suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. He talks about how people suffer because of things they do themselves. Then he says that it is also possible that a man will suffer for the cause of Christ. Beloved, if the time ever comes that you have to suffer for the cause of Christ, don't be ashamed of it. Just thank God for the privilege of standing up and suffering for Jesus.

A Christian should not be ashamed to testify for his Lord. I am afraid sometimes we all are afraid to testify. Solomon said:

"The fear of men bringeth a snare."—Prov. 29:25.

I think the time has been in my life, and in your life as well, that you have had an opportunity to testify for the Lord Jesus Christ and yet you held back. I am satisfied that that time has come when you might have spoken out for Jesus, but you didn't do it. Why? Because you were ashamed to do so. Paul said:

"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner."—II Tim. 1:8.

Beloved, may I make a special appeal to you, if at any time God gives you an opportunity to witness for Him, don't fail to do it. Don't be ashamed to testify for Him. Now it may seem like it is the wrong place. It may appear that it would not be appropriate to speak out, but may God help you to not be ashamed, but rather speak out for the Lord Jesus Christ. That was a part of David's prayer, he said:

"I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not

be ashamed."—Psalm 119:48.

In other words, David said, "I won't make any difference me. If I have an opportunity to stand up in the presence of a king, I will speak thy testimonies, and I won't be ashamed to do so."

A Christian should not be ashamed to confess the Lord Jesus Christ publicly. In the course of my ministry I have found people who claimed to be saved, said they didn't want to publicly confess Christ. You know, I have always had a feeling that such an individual wasn't saved. I believe the man who is saved will be willing to publicly confess Christ, to stand for the Lord Jesus Christ, and to become a member of the church that Jesus Christ founded.

"For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."—Rom. 10:11.

This would tell us that the man who has believed in his heart that Jesus is his Saviour, will confess Him to the world as his Saviour. He will be ashamed to take his stand for Jesus.

In this church we don't want people for a public confession. We mean by that, we don't want upon church membership people who would like to have lots of members. The fact of the matter is, if it would please the Lord, we would like to have a great church. I am sure that would be of service to many as possible. But we have taken this attitude, we want to make a profession of faith because they are not ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to know that we are going to expect them to stand up for the truth of God's Word. I want to know when they come to take their stand for the doctrines of God's Word, if they come on that basis, I have no doubt that if they have believed in Jesus, they won't be ashamed to confess Him publicly.

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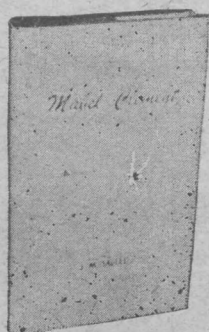
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