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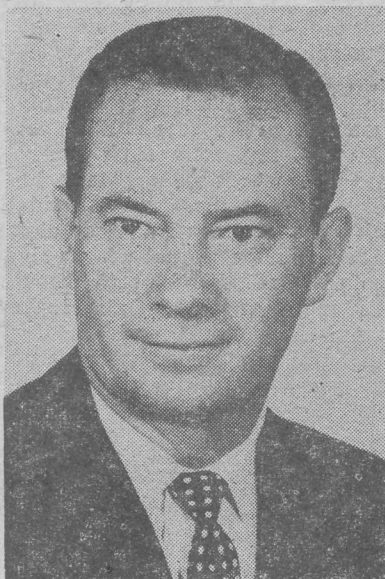
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## Will The Circle Be Unbroken?

Sermon Preached At The Ashland Bible Conference By HAROLD BRUNSON Jacksonville, Texas

"I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou

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PASTOR HAROLD BRUNSON

RESUMING THE SERIES ON—

## CAMPBELLISM

Series by Bob L. Ross

NOTE: Beginning with this issue, I am continuing this series of articles which began in TBE earlier this year. Readers will recall that the first articles dealt primarily with the history of Campbellism; now I am ready to deal with the doctrines and practices of Campbellism. The present article will serve to remind our readers of the background of Campbellism, as well as introduce the errors of Campbellism which shall be discussed hereafter. Upon completion of these articles, it is hoped that they can be gathered together in book or booklet form for wider distribution and use. We are very appreciative of the fine response we have had thus far to these articles. We hope you will express yourself with regard to these articles being put in book form.

XI

### THE WRONGS OF CAMPBELLISM

Campbellites are noted for their cliches, one of which is "book, chapter and verse." They claim to give book, chapter and verse for their teachings, and in their tracts and on their charts they will tack Biblical references. Needless to say, the references do not in the least substantiate Campbellism, but they do impress the Campbellite following. I have noticed in public debates with Campbellites that the Campbellite audience very seldom looks into the Bible to see how a speaker is using a verse. This results from two reasons: 1) Campbellites have implicit confidence that the Campbellite debater is correct, and 2) they do not wish to be "disturbed" by verses presented by the opponent, one whom they are certain is in error.

Once in a debate with a Campbellite I asked for a show of hands by those who were consulting their Bibles. There were

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## The Curse Of "Neutrality" In Modern-Day Religion

By BOB NELSON Owosso, Michigan



PASTOR BOB NELSON

How long have ye between opinions? If the Lord be not for us, let us be as the people answered him not a word." I Kings 22:17. In our political world today we have a group of nations called "Neutrality." They claim to be neutral for Russia nor for the United States. It appears that these political countries do not believe in fixed standards of right and wrong. Yet, in reality it seems rather obvious that they prefer communism rather than Webster's dictionary says a neutralist is one who refrains from taking any part, or that which is free from tinges of other things. These political nations are parasites who seek material and political gains yet they are standstill for nothing. By playing "hard get" they have caused our weak-kneed politicians to send a lot of foreign-aid, think that we might win their favor and compliments.

This same spirit of neutrality also found in our religious world. Now neutrality is all right in areas where truth is not known but for the most part our present-day Christians refuse to show their colors on clear issues of the Bible. In many Bible colleges and seminaries we sense this spirit. A student comes to the professor and asks some doctrinal question. This scholarly teacher will reply, "There are several views on this matter," and then he proceeds to describe

one could get a discussion on any subject from this crowd that sat around the courthouse. In order to prove it, Brother Brainard and I decided that we would approach some one individual singly, to discuss with him some subject and see what his reaction would be. We chose the subject, "Is the world round or flat?" I went up to one fellow I had seen sitting at the courthouse arguing day in and day out, and I sat down and began a conversation with him. I led him to the subject of schools, and finally I asked him what he thought about the world—whether it was round or flat. I took the position that the world was round, and right then and there he was ready to argue with me that it was flat, and if you leaned

over on the edge too far you would fall off. After I found out what his position was, that was all I wished, and I went on my way. I told Brother Brainard what his reaction was, and later Brother Brainard came along and took the position that the world was flat. That fellow put up the biggest argument in this world to Brother Brainard that the world was round, yet in less than one hour's time previously he had taken exactly the opposite position in conversation with me.

I say, beloved, there are lots of people in this world that just live to argue. They like to argue, it doesn't make any difference what you may believe, they are willing to take a reverse position, just in order to have an argument. (Continued on page 2, column 3)

## What Will Get Me To Heaven?

By Pastor Murrell Combs Calvary Baptist Church McLeansboro, Ill.

There may be many ways to go to the capitol of our State. You may go by air, by bus, by train, or by automobile on different routes. But there is only one way to Heaven, and that is the way God has provided, through His only begotten Son, who shed His precious blood on Calvary's cross, to obtain eternal redemption for His people. This way is plainly taught in His blessed word, the Holy Bible.

Hebrews 9:12: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Many people say they are good enough to go to Heaven. We read of such in Proverbs 30:12: "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness."

Some will say, without giving any heed to the word of God, "My way is all right, don't worry about me." Again we read in Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto man,

but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Do not be deceived by Satan, the old serpent, the Devil, who blinds your eyes, and by appealing to your pride, causes you to think that you are good enough and on the right way.

Most people will say that they expect to go to Heaven by the life they live and the good works they do. But read very carefully what Christ will say to these folk who are depending on works to enter into Glory. We find these words of Christ recorded in Matthew 7:22, 23.

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Take heed, God is warning you by His word not to be deceived by depending upon your works. Again we read in Galatians 2:16.

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ; that we might be justified by the faith of Christ



ELD. MURRELL COMBS

The church of which Bro. Combs is pastor is small but has shown its love for the Truth in a mighty big way. Until recently, they had been sponsoring Bro. Bob's 15 minute radio program; they hope to find a better time later. They just last week sent 113 subscriptions to TBE in one letter! Bro. Bob recently had the privilege to speak to their group and our relationship with them in every respect has truly been blessed of God.

and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."

So if you are willing to believe the word of God, you can plainly see that your works will not get you to Heaven. We read in Romans 3:10, 23.

"As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one. For all have sinned, and come short (Continued on page 8, column 4)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

### "REPLYING AGAINST GOD"

SERMON BY PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN, MECHANICALLY RECORDED

"Who art thou that repliest against God?"—Rom. 9:20.

It has often been said that it takes all kinds of people to make up a world. I am sure that that is true; and among all those kinds of people you will find some people who were born in the argumentative mood—they just like to argue all the time.

I have met a few in life who just literally delight to argue. I remember I held a revival meeting in Louisa, Kentucky, quite a number of years ago when Brother D. L. Brainard was pastor there. I noticed there were quite a number of people who sat around the court house every day, whittling, chewing tobacco, and arguing from early morning till late in the afternoon. One day I remarked that I imagined

one could get a discussion on any subject from this crowd that sat around the courthouse. In order to prove it, Brother Brainard and I decided that we would approach some one individual singly, to discuss with him some subject and see what his reaction would be. We chose the subject, "Is the world round or flat?" I went up to one fellow I had seen sitting at the courthouse arguing day in and day out, and I sat down and began a conversation with him. I led him to the subject of schools, and finally I asked him what he thought about the world—whether it was round or flat. I took the position that the world was round, and right then and there he was ready to argue with me that it was flat, and if you leaned

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## Campbellism

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probably 300 to 400 Campbellites in the audience and only about a dozen hands went up. I shamed the congregation for this and teased them about their cliché of desiring "book, chapter and verse." Then the congregation began to grab Bibles from the racks on back of the pews and waved them in the air. I reminded them that a closed Bible on the back of a pew is no better than no Bible at all.

Actually, there is "book, chapter and verse" for only one practice of Campbellism and that is baptism by immersion. But while one cannot find book, chapter and verse in the Bible for Campbellism, it is not at all difficult to give book, chapter and page number in the writings of Alexander Campbell and other Campbellites to show the origin of this movement and its doctrines. This we shall now do.

## The Wrong Founder

Jesus Christ founded His church (Matt. 16:18) whereas Campbellism was founded by Thomas Campbell, Alexander Campbell, Barton W. Stone, and Walter Scott, with A. Campbell being the "master-spirit." Speaking of the founding of the Brush Run Church, Robert Richardson, author of *Memoirs of Alexander Campbell* says (Vol. 1, page 366):

"Hence a separation became inevitable, and this separation appeared not less grievous to the human feelings and sympathies of Thomas Campbell, than similar ones had done to those of other reformers. 'He would have liked,' as D'Aubigne says of Calvin, 'to see all the Church transformed, rather than set himself apart and build a new one.' Having found it impossible, however, to effect this transformation, He felt it to be his duty to organize an independent community."

On pages 365, 366 of the same book: "He had, by this time [March, 1811], become fully convinced that, on account of the continued hostility of the different parties, it was necessary that the Christian Association should assume the character of an independent Church, in order to the enjoyment of those privileges and the performances of those duties which belong to the Church relation. It was with great reluctance that he finally concluded to take this step, and to separate himself from those whom he desired to recognize as brethren."

## The Wrong Place

Jesus Christ built His church in the land of Palestine; the founders of Campbellism built their first church at **Brush Run, Pennsylvania**. (Of course, in Kentucky, Barton W. Stone had set up a church prior to this, but the Stone group imbibed the idea of baptismal salvation from the Campbellites and then formed a union with them in 1832.)

Richardson indicates the place of origin on page 367 of Volume I of the *Memoirs*:

"James Foster happened not to be present at the above meeting, and when, on Saturday, the 4th of May [1811], he, with other members, assembled at Brush Run for the purpose of organization," etc.

## The Wrong Time

The church which was founded by Jesus Christ came into existence when the Saviour was here upon this earth, some 1900 years or so ago. It has been upon the earth ever since (Eph. 3:21). Campbellism is very young, however, only dating back to the early 19th century. As a matter of fact, the Campbellite church was exactly 150 years old on May 11, 1961.

Richardson tells the date of the church's birthday on page 367 of Volume I: "... on Saturday, the 4th of May" (1811).

## The Wrong Material

The material used by Jesus Christ in establishing His church was saved, baptized material which had been prepared by John the Baptist. The Campbellite church was established with quite a different kind of material. According to Campbellism's own doctrine, the very people who formed the Brush Run Church were unsaved. When the church was first organized, none of the people had even been immersed, not to mention the fact that the baptismal remission "discovery" by Campbell and Scott did not take place until years later. Campbell purportedly first publicly taught baptismal remission in the McCalla debate in 1823 and Scott is said to have first put it into practice in 1827.

Therefore, the Campbellite church was made up of un-

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## "Replying Against God"

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ment. Beloved, there are some people that even treat Almighty God like that. There are some people who read the Bible just in order to argue against it. I have known people who would read the Word of God, to find something that could argue about. I have known individuals who never read the Word of God for the purpose of procuring good therefrom for themselves, and to be blessed thereby, but rather they read the Word of God just for the sake of arguing with the Bible.

Now I think that is the crowd the Apostle Paul was talking about when he says, "Who art thou that repliest against God?" In these words of my text he indicates that there are individuals who argue with God, and with God's Word, and who reply against God. I'd like to show you some of these individuals that I have dealt with in the years of my ministry who are of the type who like to argue with Almighty God.

## "I DON'T NEED TO BE SAVED."

The individual who says "I don't need to be saved" is replying against God. Whether he realizes it or not, he is spiritually sick, spiritually undone, and is a sinner who needs to be saved.

Here is a man walking down the street seemingly well. He passes by a recruiting office and sees a man in there getting a physical check-up. He doesn't feel sick, but he decides that it would be a good idea for him to have a physical check-up, so he seeks out a doctor. He learns that he is suffering from a dreaded disease that has already taxed the very vitals of his flesh, although he was ignorant of it all the time.

I am sure, beloved, that men have soul trouble whether they realize it or not. Just as that fellow who thinks he is in the best of health suddenly realizes that he is a sick man, so every man in this world outside the Lord Jesus Christ, before the Spirit of God awakens him and begins to work within him, needs to be saved. It is only when the penetrating light of the Word of God shines into his heart does he realize that there is anything wrong with Him.

I turn to the Word of God to show you that the man who says "I don't need to be saved" is replying against God. Listen:

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for SIN is the TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW."—I John 3:4.

Notice, beloved, sin is the transgression of the law. In other words, if you have transgressed God Almighty's law in any one particular, you are a sinner.

I remember a girl who worked for me years ago. She was an unsaved girl, yet she was a fine, high type, moral girl in every particular. The first day she worked for me I referred to her as a sinner. I never thought any-

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# NEWSPAPER QUOTES BILLY GRAHAM AS BELIEVING IN THE BAPTISMAL REGENERATION OF INFANTS

THE MINNEAPOLIS STAR  
Saturday, October 7, 1961

Billy Graham has picked his brother-in-law, Leighton Ford, to head up his work should an evangelistic association continue to be needed after his death.

The evangelist revealed this in an interview with the Rev. Wilfred Bockelman, associate editor of the Lutheran Standard, American Lutheran Church organ published in Minneapolis.

Dr. Graham considers Mr. Ford "the most scholarly evangelist in the world today," Mr. Bockelman wrote in the Oct. 10 issue of the Standard.

In his article, titled "A Lutheran looks at Billy Graham," Mr. Bockelman said his interview convinced him that the doctrinal differences that exist between Lutherans and Mr. Graham, a Southern Baptist, "are not nearly as great as one might suppose."

"Those that do exist are for the most part differences in terminology," he wrote.

## Infant Baptism

"One would assume that, as a Southern Baptist, Graham would be opposed to infant baptism," Mr. Bockelman commented, but he discovered that all of Graham's children with exception of the

youngest were baptized as infants (Mrs. Graham and the children are Presbyterians).

The Bockelman article quoted Mr. Graham as follows:

"I have some difficulty in accepting the indiscriminate baptism of infants without careful regard as to whether the parents have any intention of fulfilling the promises they make.

"But I do believe that something happens at the baptism of an infant, particularly if the parents are Christians and teach their children Christian truths from childhood.

"We cannot fully understand the maracles of God, but I believe a miracle can happen in these children so that they are regenerated, that is, made Christian, through infant baptism. If you want to call that baptismal regeneration, that's all right with me."

## OUR COMMENT:

We've always said that Graham is a disgrace to the name Baptist and we've always disowned any religious "kin" to him. This above statement just goes to show that our estimate of him has not been wrong, but perhaps rather mild.

ship. They had their sacrifice that they were bringing unto the Lord, and Pilate's soldiers swooped down on them, and killed them, and mingled their blood with the blood of the sacrifice." They thus told the Lord Jesus all about the death of these Galileans who had been killed in the very act of religious worship.

Now, beloved, you would think that if anybody would go to Heaven it would be the individual who was killed in the act of religious worship. The Lord Jesus Christ by-passed the dead bodies of these Galileans, when their blood mingled with the blood of their sacrifices, and He looked out into eternity and saw the souls of these Galileans coming up to judgment. They had died in the act of religious worship, but they were unsaved. The Lord Jesus saw them coming up to the judgment bar of God unsaved, and He said to the disciples and the crowd gathered there, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Notice again:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is CONDEMNED ALREADY, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

Beloved, a man doesn't have to wait until he dies to be condemned. (Continued on page 4, column 2)

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# Will The Circle

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harvest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition: that the scripture might be fulfilled.

"Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world." (John 17:1-12, 24).

First, I believe that God has a great circle with reference to election. Second, I believe that God is progressively forming this circle. Third, I believe that it is impossible for this circle to be broken.

## I. GOD HAS A GREAT CIRCLE

I believe that in this circle are all of God's people that He foreknew before the foundation of the world.

They are His, first of all, by sovereign election.

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." (Ephesians 1:4, 5).

"And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." (Acts 13:48).

"Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (II Timothy 2:10).

"Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God." (I Thessalonians 1:4).

I believe that God's people are His by sovereign election. There is not a person in Christ that God ever chose on the basis of foreseen

faith. That would make the actions of a sovereign God contingent upon the actions of depraved humanity, and that is contrary to the Word of God. Faith is a gift of God. (Eph. 2:8).

I believe, second, that they are not only His by sovereign election, but they are His by divine protection. I believe in election so strongly that I believe God will actually protect His elect, even before they are saved by the grace of God. I believe there is a grace that precedes even saving grace which reaches the hearts of men today.

"Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Hebrews 1:14).

Spurgeon referred to this grace as "prevenient grace."

I believe that God has the angels of Heaven watching over some unsaved people who are His elect that will be saved later than even this hour. Perhaps there may be one in this group listening as I stand preaching to you today.

They are His by sovereign election. They are His by divine protection. One day they will be His by sudden collection.

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matthew 24:31).

There is coming a day when the Lord Jesus, in Almighty power through His angels, is going to suddenly collect His elect together, and for the first time all of them will be together. Talk about a hallelujah time on the hills of glory! God's people are going to have it when they are suddenly collected to the bosom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## II. GOD IS PROGRESSIVELY FORMING THIS CIRCLE

This circle is incomplete today, looking at it from the human standpoint. All of the elect have not yet been saved, but the circle is being progressively formed. Looking at it through our eyes, every time one of the elect is saved, more of God's circle which cannot be broken is being formed.

I believe that God forms this circle, first of all, by the preaching of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is nothing that will break a sinner's heart any quicker than the preaching of the gospel of the Son of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (I Corinthians 1:16).

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (I Corinthians 1:21).

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thessalonians 2:13, 14).

I thank God for every true God-called gospel preacher in this world who is preaching the gospel of the Son of God which can still break the hearts of lost humanity today.

I believe He not only works through the preaching of the gospel, but through the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment; of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this

# Dept. Of Agriculture Comments On Wine

It is often asserted by "temperance workers" and others who oppose the use of wine in the Lord's Supper that there is leaven or yeast in wine. Leaven, in the Bible, is a type for sin and this would be out of place in the commemoration of our Lord's death. However, the truth is that wine is free from leaven whereas it is definitely in grape juice. To confirm this fact we herewith print the following letter from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, written to Bro. Eddie Garrett.

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Mr. E. K. Garrett  
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Dear Mr. Garrett:

Your letter concerning the leaven in grape juice has been referred to me.

I take it that by leaven you mean yeast. There is no yeast within the intact grape berry, but there are yeast cells around the fruit and the vine. Hence when the fruit is pressed, yeast gets into the juice. The same holds for any fruit.

When fermentation is complete, it means one of two things: either the yeast has consumed all of the sugar of the juice, or the alcohol content has been built up to a level at which it stops the growth of the yeast. In either case the dead or inactive yeast cells settle to the bottom and a more or less clear liquid can be decanted off. Or the whole can be filtered.

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world is judged." (John 16:7-11).

Now here is what I believe the Holy Spirit does today: I believe the Holy Spirit, first of all, uses the Bible, which is the Sword of the Spirit, and convicts sinners of one particular sin, and that is the sin of unbelief. I believe the Holy Spirit convinces men of righteousness — not their own righteousness, because they don't have any — but the righteousness of the Son of God. The Holy Spirit shows the righteousness of Christ to lost humanity. This is what the Bible teaches today.

Then He also convinces men of judgment which is to come. We hear much about the love of God in our modernistic, liberalistic day. I want to tell you that the God who tells us about Heaven in the Bible, has far more to say about Hell than He has to say about Heaven. The God who is a God of love is a God of wrath, and there needs to be a return to Baptist pulpits of not only preaching the love of God, but the preaching of the wrath of God.

Not long ago one of these sophisticated female flappers walked out of the church building, after hearing a strong message on the wrath of God, and said that she thought the preacher ought to preach more on love. The next Sunday morning he preached on "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with

all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

The next Sunday morning he preached on "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

The next Sunday morning he preached on "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Then she walked out of the church building and said, "Pastor, give us some more of that old-fashioned Hell-fire and damnation."

I believe the God who loves people is also angry with people, and is a God of wrath, and Baptist preachers ought to get away from sentimentalism and start preaching the wrath of God.

God forms this circle not only by the preaching of the gospel and the work of the Spirit of God, but I believe that His providence also enters into it. I am glad that I do not relegate the works of God to a cold, impersonal fate. I believe God's providence works in this world, and I believe that God's works are being carried out — not behind time or ahead of time, but on schedule.

I believe that men ought to recognize the providence of God in every move they make in this old sinful world today. Joseph's brethren sold him into Egypt and he later revealed himself to them and they were afraid that Joseph would not forgive them. (Let me deviate long enough to say that Christian living is made up of two things, and that is giving and forgiving, and we ought to remember that today). They wondered if Joseph would forgive them. Joseph forgave them, and looked them in the face and said, "Ye meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." (Gen. 50:20).

I am glad that God forms this circle by the preaching of the gospel, and the power of the Holy Spirit, and by His providence which works throughout the face of this earth today. I believe that

God is forming this circle, and I am glad to be among a group of people this morning who make up a part of God's elect. How wonderful it is to sit together with God's people who think alike and who love the Word of God and, above all, love the Lord Jesus, and beyond that ascribe to Him all the credit and the glory for the salvation of their souls.

## III. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS CIRCLE TO BE BROKEN

I do not believe that Jesus Christ died in vain. I believe it is impossible for the circle of God's elect to be broken. I believe it is impossible, first of all, because His power cannot be penetrated.

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (I Peter 1:5).

God's power is unlimited. There is no power as great as the power of God. The atomic bomb, the hydrogen bomb, and all the nuclear bombs put together cannot equal the power of God. Not one thing that man or the Devil does to us can penetrate the power of God to break the circle of God's (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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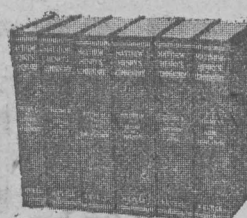
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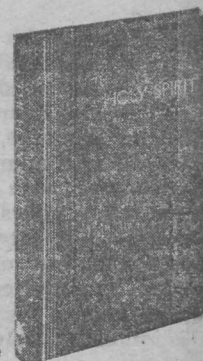
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## "The Word Of God"

By MARSHALL EFAW  
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There is much said about the Word in the Bible. There is the written word and the living Word. Christ is called the Word.

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" — John 1:1.

In John 1:14 it says, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

The worlds were formed by the Word of God.—Heb. 11:3.

"The Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." — Psalms 119:105.

Paul tells us to shine as lights in the world holding forth the Word of Life. Phil 2:15, 16.

"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee," said the Psalmist.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." — Col. 3:16.

"Forever thy Word is settled in heaven." — Ps. 119:89.

We who are saved are born of the Word. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever." — I Peter 1:23.

"Whoso keepeth His Word in him verily is the love of God perfected." — I John 2:5.

It is the Word of God that shall judge those who reject Christ. "He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my Words, hath one that judgeth him, the Word that I have spoken the same shall judge him in the last day." — John 12:48.

In speaking of Christ's second coming Paul says: "Wherefore comfort one another with these Words." I Thess. 4:18.

In warning of the apostasy in the latter time he says: "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine whereunto thou hast attained." I Tim. 4:6.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14.

There will be some who will suffer death for the Word of God. "And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and the testimony they held." Rev. 6:9.

God's word is authoritative. It is not to be questioned nor changed. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book, and if any man shall take away from the words of the book

of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:18, 19.

It is wonderful to know the living Word "Christ" and have a knowledge of the written Word "which is able to make us wise unto salvation."

Let us "hold forth the word of life that we may rejoice in the day of Christ."



### "Replying Against God"

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ed. He doesn't have to wait until he stands at the judgment bar of God to be condemned. Instead, this text says, "He that believeth not is condemned already." You are either a saved man, or you are a condemned one. You are either a child of God, or else you are already condemned in God's sight.

I know there are many individuals you might talk with as to their spiritual status who will say, "Well, I don't need to be saved." But wait a minute, beloved, Jesus said, "He that believeth not is condemned already," and who are you to reply against Almighty God?

Listen again:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life and he that BELIEVETH NOT THE SON SHALL NOT SEE LIFE; but the wrath of God abideth on him." — John 3:36.

I ask you, have you believed on Jesus Christ to the saving of your soul? I don't mean to ask you if you believe there is a God. I don't mean to ask you if you believe that there is a Christ. I don't mean to ask you if you believe Jesus Christ died on the Cross. Rather, I ask you, have you believed that Jesus Christ died for your sins to keep you out of Hell? Do you believe He died for you? This text says, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life."

I come back to that individual who says, "I don't need to be saved; I am doing the best I can. I am trying in the very best way possible to live my life so that I can go to Heaven after a while. I don't need to be saved." I come to that individual and I say, "Man, who art thou that would reply against God, for that is exactly what you are doing." Beloved, God has already told us within His Word that all of us are sinners and need to be saved, and if you have not received Him as a Saviour, you are lost and condemned and on the road to Hell. Whenever you deny this, you are rebelling against God.

We read again:

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that HATH NOT THE SON OF GOD HATH NOT LIFE." — I John 5:11, 12.

Could anything be plainer than this? Could there be any Scripture that would strike home to our hearts more forcibly than this? It tells us that the man who has the Son of God has life, and the man who doesn't have the Son of God, does not have life. I don't ask you how many times you pray every day. I don't ask you if you get down on your knees before your retire at night and ask God to forgive you. I just say if you do not have Jesus Christ, you don't have life, and if you do have Jesus Christ, you do have life. To the man who says "I don't need to be saved," I ask him, "who art thou that repliest against God?"

### II

"IF I DO THE BEST I CAN, I'LL BE ALL RIGHT."

I am thinking just now of a man I used to work with when I was a boy, who was a very hard

character. There was a man in the community who was a good moral man, though he never went to church, and never attended worship services. One day this man who was a hard character and I were talking about religion, and in some manner this moral man in the community came into the conversation. He said, referring to this moral man, "I just wish I had as good a chance for Heaven as he has." I said, "What chance does he have for Heaven? He doesn't go to church. He does not make a profession of faith. He has never shown the least bit of spiritual interest." This hardened sinner said, "Well, he is a good man. He does the best he knows how, and I just wish I had as good a chance for Heaven as he has."

Listen, beloved, both the hardened sinner and that good moral man were on the road to the same place — namely, a Devil's Hell, for doing the best you can will never save your soul. A man may be ever so sincere but it will not suffice for salvation. Listen:

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." — Rom. 10:1-4.

These verses tell us that a man may have zeal, but if it isn't according to knowledge, it isn't worth a thing. A man may be zealous in his religion, but if his religion isn't according to the Word of God, it doesn't amount to a thing. That is why it is that I always read the Bible. That is why it is in preaching I try to emphasize the Bible. Beloved, a man's religion has to be based on the Word of God or else it is absolutely worthless. Zeal is a wonderful thing if that zeal is in behalf of the Word of God, but if it is not according to the Word of God, then it is absolutely worthless.

Here is a man who has a headache, who reaches into the medicine cabinet to take an Alka-Seltzer, but that day his wife has changed the position of the medicine in the cabinet and instead of getting an Alka-Seltzer he gets some prussic acid. Now if he drops one of those prussic acid tablets in the water and drinks it, three days later he will be a candidate for the graveyard. Now, beloved, he may be sincere in thinking he was taking medicine for a headache, but death results just the same.

Sincerity may be well enough for the individual if his sincerity is according to knowledge, but when his sincerity is contrary to the Word of God, it means absolutely nothing. Salvation cannot exist except when a man is trusting in what the Word of God teaches — namely, that salvation comes only through Jesus Christ. I think of the individual who says, "If I do the best I can, I know I'll be all right." No, no, beloved, you'll not be all right in any wise at all.

We read:

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of

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## HERE'S A NEW SCHEME FOR GETTING QUICK "DECISIONS"

Even a building's lighting system can depict God's saving grace. Dr. T. C. Gardner learned this as he interviewed a student for a scholarship to East Texas Baptist College of Marshall where Gardner is vice president.

As they talked, Gardner realized the youth was not a Christian.

"Come with me," he said. Down the hall from the vice president's office in the Annuity Board's 511 North Akard Building is a small prayer chapel. Inside, the lights are controlled by a dimmer which raises or lowers the flood light.

Gardner touched the dimmer. The chapel became pitch black.

"This darkness represents sin," Gardner said. "That's how we are without Christ, the Light of the

world."

Then he turned on a spot light whose beam fell on an open Bible. Pointing to it, he continued: "In God's Work, it says when you accept Christ as Savior, His light enters into your heart and absorbs all that darkness. From then on you live in His light."

Flipping the dimmer again, light flooded the chapel.

The youth got the message. He knelt beside Gardner and accepted Christ.

This conversion is the fifth one that is known to have taken place in the building since its erection.—John Bloskas.

—The Baptist Standard (Tex.)

**Our Comment:** What schemes will they think of next to replace the Gospel?

the Lord, and from the glory of his power." — II Thess. 1:7-9.

This would tell us that there is a day coming when God is going to punish individuals with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power. Just because a man is sincere isn't going to keep that individual from eternal punishment in a Devil's Hell. So when you say "I'm doing the best I can," you are just replying against Almighty God.

Just think how many people there are walking the streets in this town who because of their goodness, and their morality, and their honesty and their sincerity imagine that everything is all right between them and the Lord, but it isn't all right with them; they are lost and on the road to destruction.

There is a business man in this town with whom I have done business for years. He has been most kind to me, and as far as friendship is concerned I couldn't ask for a finer friend. If I needed anything at all, I don't know of anyone that I would sooner ask than he. I have invited him to come to church time and time again, and many times I have urged him that he needs to be saved. He tells me that he has only gone to church three or four times during his lifetime. When his brother died, he went to the funeral. This scared him, and he went three times afterward. I asked him one day as to his spiritual status, and he said, "Brother Gilpin, I do the best I can. I am honest. I help everybody I can." Beloved, I couldn't convince him that his sincerity would not in any wise at all avail when he stands in the presence of God. The man who would make an answer like that is actually replying against Almighty God.

### III

#### "RELIGION RUNS IN OUR FAMILY."

The Bible doesn't say anything about a man being saved through his religion. It doesn't say one word about a man going to Heaven because he is religious. Take Nicodemus as a good example. No man that the Son of God ever dealt with in His life was a more religious man than Nicodemus, yet Nicodemus was a lost man, for Jesus said to him, "Ye must be born again." He is spoken of as a ruler of the Jews, which meant that he was a leader so far as the Jewish religion was concerned. He was a ruler of the Jewish church. Beloved, he was unsaved because he was depending upon his religion, and Jesus looked straight through him, and said to him, "Ye must be born again."

I say to you, that man who says "religion just runs in our family," is replying against Almighty God.

Do you remember the rich young ruler? He was so good that when Jesus probed this man's heart, he said to him, "One thing thou lackest."

Beloved, I say to you, I don't

care how good a man is, how religious he is, or how moral he is. It makes no difference about his religious experience. He may have been sprinkled, he may have been baptized by immersion, he may be a member of a church, he may go to confession and confess his sins into the ear of a priest once a week. Beloved so far as he is concerned, if he lacks Jesus Christ, that man is lost. The individual who says that religion just runs in his family and is depending upon religion for his salvation, is replying against Almighty God.

### CONCLUSION

I ask you, would you dare reply against God? You may like to argue with human beings, but man, woman, don't argue with God. God's Word is final, and God has already given us a final revelation in His Word. Just take what God says as final. The only hope that any man can have is Jesus Christ, and Him alone.

We read:

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." — Prov. 14:12.

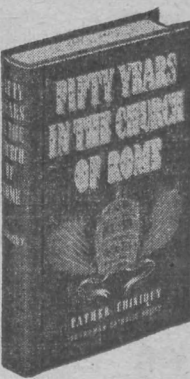
Regardless of how good your way may be, regardless of how much you may think of your way, the fact remains it may seem right to you, but if it isn't according to God's Word, it is a way of death.

If you are saved, we invite you to come into our fellowship and become a member of this church. If you are not a child of God, may God help you to realize that the only hope you can have is in Jesus Christ as your Saviour. May God bless you!

### "Neutrality"

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Religious neutralists are just like political neutralists in that they do not want to show their colors. It indicates that they have no fixed standard for truth. They (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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"The Presbyterian Journal"

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During his early days Cobb was known as a rough and rugged character. During his later years he mellowed and found pleasure in doing for others.

About two months before his death Cobb became a patient at Emory University Hospital. He was afflicted with cancer of the bone as well as several ailments.

During Cobb's stay in the Hospital, Charles W. Outlaw suggested that we visit Ty in regard to the welfare of his soul. On our first visit, Ty said he had been given sedation and was like for us to come back the next day when his mind was clear. We read to him a passage from Scripture and offered a prayer. He was deeply appreciative and insisted we return at our earliest convenience.

Two days later we went for a second visit. It was obvious the Holy Spirit had been working in his heart. We expressed our love and sympathy.

## "Neutralism"

(Continued from page four) ...to offend no one and to be on the "winning" side, so they are evasive.

A strange part of this matter is that we have made the neutralist a hero. For example, Mr. Nehru of India is the world's most neutralist. Everyone esteems him as a great man and a man of peace. Let us investigate Mr. Nehru's country, India. We find a nation of 300 million people, 150 million of whom are in famine, 150 million are in poverty, and 150 million are in the streets, leaving little or nothing behind.

Compare this with our neutralists who straddle the fence, stand for nothing, and encourage the sacred Arminian confusion to leave its doctrine of confusion all over the place. People are starving for the truth that God saves by sovereign grace alone while the Arminian cow runs loose.

I thought to be fearful of these people who want peace at any price. As our nation was founded on basic principles, we dare not turn them up in order to gain peace. As a Baptist minister I want to give up one truth for God's Word teaches. There is no middle ground if we believe in the whole counsel of God.

He said, "Think not that I come to send peace on earth."

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plained to him God's plan of salvation. He listened with perfect attention. As we told him how Christ came to save sinners and of His incomparable love for us, he was touched. Then we gave him the New Testament meaning of saving faith, and spoke of the necessity for repentance. To these he responded earnestly. He said he wanted to put his complete trust in Christ to save him, and it was evident that he was sincere in this.

On subsequent occasions Ty was ready to tell us how comforting it was to rely on Christ. He loved to talk about how much Christ meant to him during his suffering and as he faced the future.

The last was two days before his death. At this time he said, "I feel the strong arms of God underneath me. It is wonderful to be able to pray. I want you to tell others that they should not wait until a crisis comes to learn how to pray."

Through the amazing grace of God, Ty Cobb was able to die peacefully in the Christian faith. If he could speak to us today I am sure it would be to urge us early to put our trust in Christ as Saviour. Since Ty's death a number of people have called me to ask if he did not talk about some of his baseball experiences. The truth is he never once mentioned baseball, dear as it was to him. He became wholly occupied with the God who made him and redeemed him through His Son.

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I come not to send peace, but a sword." (Matt 10:34).

Again our Lord said, "He that is not with me is against me." (Mt. 12:30).

It is certain that there is no middle ground for the child of God to take. We must either line up with Christ or else with sinful mankind.

There is a false pre-millennialism abroad today in our land. Preachers get up and preach on this text: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." (II Thess 5:2, 3).

They apply this to the international situation which is true, but fail to apply it to their own lives. Some of these preachers have never excluded a church member from their church in their whole ministry because they were afraid it might hurt the peace of the church. These men want to take a neutral position because it is peaceful. The writer of this article gets a number of Baptist papers of well-known preachers. They mention the number of folk saved, the number baptized and added to the church, but never once have I read where they excluded any from their membership.

I certainly would not call Martin Luther a neutralist or peace-seeker, for he defied Rome. John Knox stormed Scotland, defied the Queen, fought for the truth, and would not surrender to obtain peace. If one goes through the catalog of great theologians and preachers, he will find, not neutralists, but fearless men of God who were concerned for the truth.

In closing let me say, there is no neutral place with a child of God. Either you are on God's side or the devil's. If you have been compromising the truth of God for peace, beware of the terrible judgment awaiting you. You are being caught in the spirit of this age of appeasement and neutralism.

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## Will God Hear The Prayers Of The Unsaved Person?

### Bible's Priority

(Continued from page one) on the deepest questions of the human heart.

The answer is NO! (See John 9:31 ("God heareth not sinners"). Many people don't like the answer given above — especially those who want to believe that sinners can "pray through" to salvation. Like it or not, the Bible is plain. True, in the passage just given, the man healed of blindness made the statement, but it was not challenged by the Lord.

### WHY CAN'T SINNERS PRAY ACCEPTABLY?

Because the relationship of Father and child is lacking. The lost man cannot say, "My Father" and tell the truth. Prayer is distinctly the privilege of the child of God — It is one of the privileges that becomes ours when we receive Jesus as Savior.

Because they have no access to God. Why? Because they have no Savior in whose name to come, and without Him there is no access to God. (Jno. 14:6).

Because they are enemies against God, hence are not on praying terms with Him. Would God prosper an enemy and grant him the blessings that would make him but stronger to serve the devil?

Because the sinner's heart is full of iniquity — cannot help but be when he is a willful rejector of Jesus Christ. What does the Bible say? (See Isa. 59:2) (Also Psalm 66:18).

### WHAT ABOUT THE PRAYER OF THE PUBLICAN?

Many preachers have a lost sinner to get down on his knees and pray the "prayer of the sinner," which is supposed to be, "God be merciful to me a sinner." This is one of the most garbled and distorted Scriptures in the Bible. Read Luke 18:9-14. The better translation of the passage is,

"God be propitiated to me the sinner." Propitiation was through blood atonement. He pleaded not for just mercy upon the basis of mere asking, but prayed upon the basis of a blood offering that typified the blood of the Lamb of God. Mr. Scofield paraphrases this prayer in these words: "Be toward me as thou art when thou lookest upon the atoning blood." The point is, the publican did not ask and receive upon his mere asking as a sinner. His justification (Luke 18:14) was upon the basis of his faith in the shed blood that typified the shed blood of the Savior.

### A POPULAR EVANGELISTIC ERROR


So many people — and especially modern evangelists, seem to think that salvation is impossible unless the sinner does some praying — and the more the better. He is supposed to get saved through the process of praying. Let us remember that salvation is "by grace through faith" in Jesus Christ — not through prayer. Paul in instructing the Philippian jailer did NOT say, "pray and be saved." He said "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Very often lost sinners, as they believe — as they turn to Christ, audibly express their faith in what we might call a prayer. But remember that so soon as a sinner exercises faith in Jesus, he immediately has a Mediator, through whom he may approach God.

### JUST AS WELL TRUST THE BAPTISTRY

Prayer depended upon to bring salvation is just as futile as baptism. In such case prayer is a form of works. But God says, "NOT of works lest any man should boast." The ALTAR and the MOURNER'S BENCH disappear when the truth is realized that prayer is not essential to salvation — that one cannot "pray through" to salvation. Let us teach lost sinners that instead of trying to pray, they should stop their rebellion and trust Jesus for what God sent Him to be—Savior. Then when they do that, they will be able to get somewhere in prayer. They will receive the "spirit of adoption" which will prompt them to say, "Abba Father." — Roy Mason.

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# The Errors Of Modern Evangelism

ARTHUR W. PINK

Most of the so-called evangelism of our day is a grief to genuine Christians, for they feel that it lacks any scriptural warrant, that it is dishonoring unto God, and that it is filling the churches with empty professors. They are shocked that so much frothy superficiality, fleshly excitement and worldly allurements should be associated with the holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ. They deplore the cheapening of the Gospel, the beguiling of unwary souls, and the carnalizing and commercializing of what is to them ineffably sacred. It requires little spiritual discernment to perceive that the evangelistic activities of Christendom during the last century have steadily deteriorated from bad to worse, yet few appear to realize the root from which this evil has sprung. It will now be our endeavor to expose the same. Its aim was wrong, and therefore its fruit faulty.

The grand design of God, from which He never has and never will swerve, is to glorify Himself: to make manifest before His creatures what an infinitely glorious Being He is. That is the great aim and end He has in all that He does and says. For that He suffered sin to enter the world. For that He willed His beloved Son to become incarnate, render perfect obedience to the Divine Law, suffer and die. For that He is now taking out of the world a people for Himself, a people which shall eternally show forth His praises. For that every thing is ordered by His providential dealings, unto that everything on earth is now being directed, and shall actually affect the same. Nothing other than that is what regulates God in all His actings: "For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things: to whom be glory for

ever and ever. Amen" (Rom. 11:36).

That grand and basic truth is written right across the Scriptures with the plainness of a sunbeam, and he who sees it not is blind. All things are appointed by God to that one end. His saving of sinners is not an end in itself, for God would have been no loser had every one of them eternally perished. No, His saving of sinners is but a means unto an end: "to the praise of the glory of His grace" (Eph. 1:6). Now from that fundamental fact it necessarily follows that we should make the same our aim and end: that God may be magnified by us — "whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). In like manner it also follows that such must be the preacher's aim, and that everything must be subordinated thereto, for everything else is of secondary importance and value. But is it so? Take the latest slogan of the religious world, "Youth for Christ." Well, what is wrong with that? Its emphasis: Why not "Christ for Youth?"

If the evangelist fails to make the glory of God his paramount and constant aim, he is certain to go wrong, and all his efforts will be more or less a beating of the air. When he makes an end of anything less than that, he is sure to fall into error, for he no longer gives God His proper place. Once we fix on ends of our own, we are ready to adopt means of our own. It was at this very point evangelism failed two or three generations ago, and from that point it has farther and farther departed. Evangelism made "the winning of souls" its goal, its summum bonum, and everything else was made to serve and pay tribute to the same. Though the glory of God was not actually denied, yet it was lost sight of, crowded out, made secondary. Further, let it be remembered that God is honored in exact proportion as the preacher cleaves to His Word, and faithfully proclaims "all His counsel," and not merely those portions which appeal to him.

To say nothing here about those cheap-jack evangelists who aim no higher than rushing people into making a formal profession of faith in order that the membership of the churches may be swelled, take those who are inspired by a genuine compassion and deep concern for the perishing, who earnestly long and zealously endeavor to deliver souls from the wrath to come, yet unless they be much on their guard, they too will inevitably err. Unless they steadily view conversion in the way God does—as the way in which He is to be glorified — they will quickly begin to compromise in the means they employ. The feverish urge of modern evangelism is not how to promote the glory of the triune Jehovah, but how to multiply conversions. The whole current of evangelical activity during the past fifty years has taken that direction. Losing sight of God's end, the churches have devised means of their own.

Bent on attaining a certain desired object, the energy of the flesh has been given free rein; and supposing that the object was right, evangelists have concluded that nothing could be wrong which contributed unto the securing of that end; and since their efforts appear to be eminently successful, only too many churches silently acquiesced, telling themselves "the end justified the means." Instead of examining the plans proposed and the methods adopted by the light of Scripture, they were tacitly accepted on the ground of expediency. The evangelist was esteemed not for the soundness of his message, but by the visible "results" he secured. He was valued not according to how far his preaching honored God, but how many souls were supposedly converted under it.



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Once a man makes the conversion of sinners his prime design and all-consuming end, he is exceedingly apt to adopt a wrong course. Instead of striving to preach the Truth in all its purity, he will tone it down so as to make it more palatable to the unregenerate. Impelled by a single force, moving in one fixed direction, his object is to make conversion easy, and therefore favorite passages (like John 3:16) are dwelt upon incessantly, while others are ignored or pared away. It inevitably reacts upon his own theology, and various verses in the Word are shunned, if not repudiated. What of declarations as "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?" (Jer. 13:23), "No man can come to Me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him" (John 6:44), "Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:14)? He will be sorely tempted to modify the truth of God's sovereign election, of Christ's particular redemption, of the imperative necessity for the supernatural operations of the Holy Spirit.

In twentieth-century evangelism there has been a woeful ignoring of the solemn truth of the total depravity of man. There has been a complete underrating of the desperate case and condition of the sinner. Very few indeed have faced the unpalatable fact that every man is thoroughly corrupt by nature, that he is completely unaware of his own wretchedness, blind and helpless, dead in trespasses and sins. Because such is his case, because his heart is filled with enmity against God, it follows that no man can be saved without the special and immediate intervention of God. According to our view here, so will it be elsewhere; to qualify and modify the truth of man's total depravity will inevitably lead to the diluting of collateral truths. The teaching of Holy Writ on this point is unmistakable: man's plight is such that his salvation is impossible unless God puts forth His mighty power. No stirring of the emotions by anecdotes, no regaling of the senses by music, no oratory of the preacher, no persuasive appeals, are of the slightest avail.

In connection with the old creation, God did all without any

## Campbellism

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saved, unbaptized people who did not even know what the gospel was, and even after they "discovered" it, none of them "obeyed the gospel plan," no, not even Mr. Campbell and Mr. Scott!

### The Wrong Purpose

Christ established His church to be a witness unto Him and to fulfill His commission, as stated in Matthew 28:19-20. The Campbells and their followers formed the Campbellite church because of the opposition of the "parties" which the church unsuccessfully tried to "reform." When the Presbyterians wouldn't allow the Campbells to have their way, the "reformers" were left with no other choice but to form their own society.

Richardson writes as follows of Thomas Campbell's decision:

"He had, by this time [March, 1811], become fully convinced that, on account of the continued hostility of the different parties, it was necessary that the Christian Association should assume the character of an independent Church in order to the enjoyment of those privileges and the performance of those duties which belong to the Church relation. It was with great reluctance that he finally concluded to take this step, and to separate himself from those whom he desired to recognize as brethren" (Vol. 1, pages 365, 366).

Richardson says the elder Campbell "felt it to be his duty to organize an independent community." (I, 366).

So Campbell reluctantly led in the organization of the Campbellite church, whereas Jesus Christ had no reluctance whatsoever about the organization of His church.

### The Wrong Gospel

The Gospel of Christ speaks to sinners of salvation by free and sovereign grace, through the work of the Son of God in the place of His people (Rom. 3:23-26). The Campbellites claimed that they did not discover the gospel until 1823 and that it wasn't practiced until 1827. This is an open admission that they didn't have the gospel when they organized the church; and, we might add, they don't have the gospel now for the water gospel scheme dreamed up by Campbell and Scott is not the Gospel of the Bible.

The Campbellite gospel, according to Richardson, Campbell and Walter Scott, was primarily hatched by Scott who twisted the Scriptures and formulated the "Gospel Plan" which the Campbellites teach one must "obey" in order to be saved. Notice what is said in Volume 2, page 208 of the Memoirs:

"From this moment Mr. Scott's mind seemed to be engrossed with the consideration of the consecutive order appropriate to the various items in the gospel, and being greatly given to analysis and arrangement, he proceeded to place them thus: 1. faith; 2. repentance; 3. baptism; 4. remission of sins; 5. Holy Spirit. This view relieved at once his previous perplexities, and the gospel, with its items thus regularly disposed, seemed to him almost like a new revelation."

### The Wrong Baptism

Christ appointed that baptism be administered to those who have trusted Him for salvation and such administration is to be done only by those who have proper authority from His church. Campbellites were immersed by Matthias Luce, a Baptist preacher who violated the teachings of God's Word when he immersed the unsaved Campbells without any authorization from his church. (See Memoirs, Vol. 1, page 398). But even if Mr. Luce could have administered baptism without consulting the church—as most Campbellites contend—it is a definite fact that he did not baptize the Campbells in order to the remission of sins. Luce, as a Baptist, did not believe this doctrine and neither did the Campbells, as they claimed to have "discovered" this much later.

### The Wrong Doctrine and Practice

Christ has given the Bible for His church to follow in its doctrine and practice. Walter Scott, in his book entitled *The Gospel Restored*, says in the preface that Alexander Campbell developed the Campbellite church's "ecclesiastical order." Campbell's book, *The Christian System*, has long been regarded as the standard of Campbellite doctrine and it has often been referred to as "The Campbellite Creed." In it Campbellite doctrine and practice are clearly outlined. Up until a few years ago, when the book went out of print, every Campbellite preacher had a copy of this book. Now the book has been reprinted and is once again being used widely.

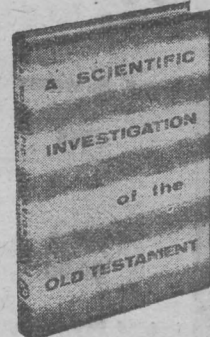
### The Wrong Claim

The Campbellites claim to be the "Church of Christ." One branch claims to be "The Christian Church," and others claim to be "disciples of Christ." However, in view of the facts just presented, we see that the Campbellites have none of the necessary characteristics of Christ's church and disciples. Hence it is nothing but fraud and fakery of the rankest sort for the Campbellites to make the claims that they do.

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assistants. But in the far more stupendous work of the new creation, it is intimidated by the Arminian evangelism of our day that He needs the sinner's cooperation. Really, it comes to this: God is represented as helping man to save himself: the sinner must begin the work by becoming willing, and then God will complete the business. Whereas, none but the Spirit can make him willing in the day of His power (Psa. 110:3). He alone can produce godly sorrow for sin, and saving faith in the Gospel. He alone can take us out of love with ourselves, and bring us into love with the Lordship of Christ. Instead of seeking the aid of other side evangelists, let the church get on their faces before God, confess their sins, seek His glory, and cry for His miracle-working operations. "Not by might, nor by power, but by Thy Spirit" (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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BAPTISTS OUGHT TO QUIT LYING

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Modern Evangelism

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preacher), nor by power (of sinners' will), but by My Spirit, which is generally recognized that quality is at a low ebb in our day, and not a few persons who sound doctrine is rapidly on the wane, yet many of the people take comfort from the Gospel is still being widely preached and large numbers are being thereby. Alas, their optimism is ill-founded and is being delivered in Mission Halls be examined, if "facts" which are being scat-

venés by a miracle of grace, all who follow it will surely find that the ends thereof are the ways of death. Tens of thousands who confidently imagine that they are bound for Heaven will get a terrible disillusionment when they awake in Hell!

What Is The Gospel?

Is it a message of glad tidings from Heaven to make God-defying rebels at ease in their wickedness? Is it given for the purpose of assuring the pleasure-crazy young people that, providing they only "believe," there is nothing for them to fear in the future? One would certainly think so from the way in which the Gospel is presented, or rather perverted, by most of the "evangelists," and the more so when we look at the lives of some of their "converts." Surely those with any degree of spiritual discernment must perceive that to assure such that God loves them and His Son died for them, and that a full pardon for all their sins (past, present and future) can be obtained by simply "accepting Christ as their personal Saviour" is but a casting of pearls before swine.

The Gospel is not a thing apart. It is not something independent of the prior revelation of God's Law. It is not an announcement that God has relaxed His justice or lowered His standard of holiness. So far from that, when scripturally expounded the Gospel presents the clearest demonstration and the climactic proof of the ineliminability of God's justice and His infinite abhorrence of sin. But for scripturally expounding the Gospel, beardless youths and business men who devote their spare time to "evangelistic effort" are quite unqualified. Alas that the pride of the flesh suffers so many incompetent ones to rush in where those much wiser fear to tread. It is this multiplying of novices that is largely responsible for the woeful situation now confronting us, and because the "churches" and "assemblies" are so largely filled with their "converts" explains why they are so unspiritual and worldly.

Verses of Scripture must not be wrenched from their setting, but weighed, interpreted, and applied in accord with their context; and that calls for prayerful consideration, careful meditation, and prolonged study; and it is failure at this point which accounts for these shoddy, worthless "messages" of this rush-ahead age. Look at the context of Acts 16:31, and what do we find? What was the occasion, and to whom was it that the apostle and his companion said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?" A sevenfold answer is there furnished, which supplies a striking and complete delineation of the character to whom we are warranted in giving this truly evangelistic word. As we briefly name these seven details, let the reader carefully ponder them.

First, the man to whom these words were spoken had just witnessed the miracle-working power of God. "And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed" (Acts 16:26). Second, in consequence thereof the man was deeply stirred, even to the point of self-despair: "He drew out his sword and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had fled" (v. 27). Third, he felt the need of illumination: "Then he called for a light" (v. 29). Fourth, his self-complacency was utterly shattered, for he "came trembling" (v. 29). Fifth, he took his proper place (before God) — in the dust — for he "fell down before Paul and Silas" (v. 29). Sixth, he showed respect and consideration for God's servants, for he "brought them out" (v. 30). Seventh, then, with a deep concern for his soul, he asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Here, then is something definite for our guidance, if we are

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willing to be guided. It was no giddy, careless, unconcerned person who was exhorted to "simply" believe; but instead, one who gave clear evidence that a mighty work of God had already been wrought within him. He was an awakened soul (v. 27). In his case there was no need to press upon him his lost condition, for he obviously felt it; nor were the apostles required to urge upon him the duty of repentance, for his entire demeanor betokened his contrition. But to apply the words spoken to him unto those who are totally blind to their depraved state and completely dead toward God would be more foolish than placing a bottle of smelling salts to the nose of one just dragged unconscious from the water. Let the critic of this article read through Acts and see if he can find a single instance of the apostles addressing a promiscuous audience or a company of idolatrous heathen and "simply" telling them to believe in Christ!

By the Law Is the Knowledge of Sin

Just as the world was not ready for the New Testament before it received the Old, just as the Jews were not prepared for the ministry of Christ until John the Baptist had gone before Him with his clamant call to repentance, so the unsaved are in no condition today for the Gospel till the Law be applied to their hearts, for "by the Law is the knowledge of sin" (Rom. 3:20). It is a waste of time to sow seed on ground which has never been ploughed or spaded! To present the vicarious sacrifice of Christ to those whose dominant passion is to take their fill of sin, is to give that which is holy unto the dogs. What the unconverted need to hear about is the character of Him with whom they have to do, His claims upon them, His righteous demands, and the infinite enormity of disregarding Him and going their own way.

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by the present-day "evangelist." He announces a Saviour from Hell rather than a Saviour from sin. And that is why so many are fatally deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the Lake of fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness. The very first thing said of Him in the New Testament is, "thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people (not "from the wrath to come," but) from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

Christ is a Saviour for those realizing something of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, who feel the awful burden of it on their conscience, who loathe themselves for it, who long to be freed from its terrible dominion; and a Saviour for no others. Were He to "save from Hell" those still in love with sin, He would be a Minister of sin, condoning their wickedness and siding with them against God. What an unspeakably horrible and blasphemous thing with which to charge the Holy One!

Alas, God's "way of salvation" is almost entirely unknown today, the nature of Christ's salvation is almost universally misunderstood, and the terms of His salvation misrepresented on every hand. The "Gospel" which is now being proclaimed is, in nine cases out of ten, but a perversion of the Truth, and tens of thousands, assured that they are bound for Heaven, are now hastening to Hell as fast as time can take them. Things are far, far worse in Christendom than even the "pessimist" and the "alarmist" suppose. I am not a prophet, nor shall I indulge in any speculation of what Biblical prophecy forecasts—wiser men than the writer have often made fools of themselves by so doing. We are frank to say that we know not what God is about to do. Religious conditions were much worse, even in England, one hundred and fifty years ago. But this we greatly fear: unless God is pleased to grant a real revival, it will not be long ere "the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (Isa. 60:2), for the light of the true Gospel is rapidly disappearing. Modern "Evangelism," constitutes, in our judgment, the most solemn of all the "signs of the times."

What must the people of God do in view of the existing situation? Eph. 5:11 supplies the Divine answer: "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them"; and everything opposed to the light of the Word is "darkness." It is the bounden duty of every Christian to have no dealings with the "evangelistic" monstrosity of the day; to withhold all moral and financial support of the same, to attend none of their meetings, to circulate none of their tracts.



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### Will The Circle

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elect today. This is wonderful! It is an occasion of rejoicing in the heart of every person who has been born of the Spirit of God. You cannot break down the power of God.

The circle cannot be broken for a second reason — because His will and His compassion and His mercy are sovereign, and they cannot be nullified.

"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will be hardeneth." (Romans 9:15, 16, 18).

"And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him." (John 6:65, 66).

If you get around a group of Baptists who are about 98 percent Arminian and 2 percent television and preach to them the sovereignty of God and election, you scare the daylights out of them. They need it! I believe that God's mercy, God's compassion, and God's will are sovereign and mankind cannot nullify them, therefore, this circle will not be broken.

This circle will not be broken for a third reason: because His promise that He has given to His

people will never be denied. He has never broken any promise spoken. He will keep all His promises to the end.

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

I am so glad amidst all of our unfaithfulness and our shortcomings that there is a God who will never turn His back on His children. He promised to keep us forever, and His election and His purposes must stand.

Not too long ago I read about a little boy who picked up his granddaddy's Bible, and in turning through it he noticed beside several verses of Scripture the letters "T" and "P". He looked at his granddaddy and said, "Granddaddy, what do these letters 'T' and 'P' mean?"

The Christian granddaddy patted his little grandson on the head and the tears began to roll down his cheeks as he tried to instruct his little grandchild, and he said, "Listen to Granddaddy. Everywhere you see 'T' and 'P', that is a promise of God, and it means that Granddaddy has tried them and that God has proven that He will not break any of these promises."

God's promises are tried and proven, and that is the reason the circle of His elect will never be broken.

There is a fourth reason: the circle cannot be broken because His purpose, being eternal, cannot be thwarted. Men may make for a third reason: because His plans, but God overrules their plans and their plans have to be

changed. I do not believe that one purpose of God has ever had to be changed. I believe God's purposes are eternal, and His purpose to save a people for His name was an eternal purpose. I am glad that the purpose of God in the election of His people cannot be thwarted by any power or people within this world.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." (II Timothy 1:9).

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:29).

That word "predestinate" in the Greek carries with it the idea of "mark them off" or "fence around them." Let me tell you something, God's elect couldn't go to Hell if they wanted to. God's elect are surely going to walk the streets of Glory.

"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 8:30). This is God's eternal purpose.

I have always been told that a chain is just as strong as its weakest link. I believe election was in eternity by God, and I do not believe that you can break a link in that chain today. I believe that predestination is another link in the chain and cannot be broken. I believe that those whom He elected and predestinated, He called, and here is another link that cannot be broken: "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:26, 27).

I am glad God's sheep are eternally secure because of election, predestination, calling, and justification.

I heard a preacher say one time that justification is like a pardon. Well, that is not so. I had my heart broken three years ago when a person in my church embezzled \$130,000.00 from one of our local banks. She got five years; she served fourteen months and she is out today. You could walk up to her and say, "You are a bank embezzler," and she would stick the pardon in your face and say, "No, I have a pardon." I say to you, even though she might have a pardon from the penitentiary, she will always bear the mark that she was guilty of being an embezzler.

I am glad Jesus does more than pardon people when He saves them by the grace of God. A man may have pardon and still be guilty, but justification carries with it the idea that man is as though he had never sinned. In the eyes of God, a justified sinner stands perfect in Jesus Christ. Justification is wonderful. Our sins are care for — past, present and future — under the blood!

God's sovereignty is seen in foreordination, predestination, calling, justification, and then glorification. I am glad that one day all five links in this chain are coming together. One day every one of God's elect is going to be together in that great circle because the One who did foreknow, the One who did predestinate, the One who called, and the One who justified, is going to glorify all of His people. It will be wonderful when God's elect all get together for the first time in the glory world.

As I said, this circle cannot be broken because God's power cannot be penetrated, God's promises cannot be broken, God's purpose cannot be nullified, and because God's will and compassion cannot be done away with by all the power of mankind. The glorification of the elect of God is going to be the greatest thing that ever transpired in the history of this world. I believe we are living close to the end of time, and I long

for the second coming of our Lord and our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Not too long ago I buried one of the best friends I ever had — a Baptist deacon — one of God's truly beloved. He was one of God's elect, one of God's great men, one of God's noblemen. I thought of this man when I wrote about him in the last chapter of my book, TAPS FOR ETERNITY, in the sermon, "Gone, But Not Forgotten." He believed the doctrine of election and would weep and rejoice while I preached it.

At first, I could not understand, humanly speaking, how a man forty-two years of age, who was at the zenith of his life, standing for God's Word and serving God devotedly, was so suddenly snatched from this world. However, I accepted Romans 8:28 because I believe it applies in all things. I preached his funeral in a suit he gave me. We were deer-hunting buddies, we were fishing buddies, and above all, we were buddies and brothers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I worried about his family very much because of their great loss. I waited until the marker was placed on his grave before I went back to the cemetery. I prayed constantly that God would reveal to his wife the doctrine of glorification as related to the doctrine of election. One day she came to me and said, "Brother Harold, if you would like to see the marker that I placed for J. C., it is ready." So I went out to the cemetery and I stood by the grave of my best friend and I saw written on his tombstone these words:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28).

When I read this, I knew my prayers were answered.

Let me close by saying, "I ain't what I want to be; I ain't what I'm gonna be; but praise God, I ain't what I was."

God has a circle which is being progressively formed, and it cannot be broken. Will His circle ever be broken? No! No! Ten thousand times no!

### WHAT WILL . . . ?

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The only righteousness God will accept is what has been imputed to us through faith in Christ Jesus. James 2:23:

"And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God."

Man cannot save himself, for salvation is of the Lord, and Jesus Christ is our only Saviour. Acts 4:12:

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Ephesians 2:8, 9:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works lest any man should boast."

Repentance and faith are inseparable graces and both are granted unto us by the Lord.

Salvation does not depend upon the fickle will of man or his imperfect works, but God's plan is a sure way, for we read in Romans 4:16:

"Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed."

We find these words of Christ recorded in Matthew 7:21:

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

We will find what the will of the Father is in John 6:39, 40:

"And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth

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the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

John 6:37, 44:

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day."

The above verses show the way God has ordained for men to come to Christ, believe on Him, and be saved.

Dear reader, if you are not saved, ask God to have mercy upon you by drawing you to Christ and quickening you by the Holy Spirit, for there is no other way. John 14:6:

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Do not let Satan deceive you to substitute your works for repentance and trust in Christ as your saviour.

Do not get the wrong impression about works. God's Word teaches that we are not saved upon you by drawing you to Christ and quickening you by the Holy Spirit, for there is no other way. John 14:6:

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We are commanded to live a holy life. I Peter 1:16:

"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

We must give God all the glory, and praise for our salvation, therefore we can claim no part in it by our works. John 7:17:

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." — Tract.

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