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## Your Questions Answered

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Koroba, T. P. N. G.

An Illinois reader asks:  
★ What do you eat when you are off on trips and/or camping out by yourself.

In the past, when I have had to be away from home on trips for

various reasons, my diet has ranged from sweet potato (three times a day for 14 consecutive days) to the very finest of meals. When I camp out doing mission work I usually take a few tins of meat and eat either baked or boiled sweet potato. The latter I can get from the natives anywhere.

Occasionally I can get nuts and bananas from them.

★ What would happen if Indonesia took over Dutch New Guinea?

Should Indonesia take over Dutch New Guinea and stop there, we, no doubt, would never realize there had been a change in Government. However, the general opinion here is that if Indonesia gets Dutch New Guinea without too much trouble they will not be satisfied to stop with only half of the Island, but like all Communist-inspired, Communist-backed countries they will soon want to take over the rest of the Island. Should Indonesia take over Dutch New Guinea all Christian activities would be halted and virtually come to an end; Indonesia is strictly anti-Christian. Their national religion is Moslem. Mr. Robert Kennedy, Attn. General of the United States, certainly left no favorable opinion upon the people of this part of the world when he played up to Mr. Sukarno, Dictator President, of Indonesia, in his recent visit with him.

Another writer from Illinois would like to know,

★ Do the natives have cows?

No the natives do not have cows. In this area they have never seen a cow. The A.D.O. at Koroba was telling me a few days ago there was a possibility of the gov-

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ernment bringing two or three cows into Koroba before too long.

★ Do they have any kind of live stock?

Nothing other than hogs. These hogs are not the type that we have in America, for they are the long nose, razor-backed wild hog that, down through the years, has more or less been tamed by them. These hogs serve as their money, meat, medicine, and just about anything else one could think of. When a man wants to take a wife she is bought with hogs, usually from 5 to 10; but believe me, she has to be a pretty fair lass to be worth 10 pigs! Occasionally they kill some of the hogs and have a feast. When they get sick they kill a hog and offer it to the evil spirit that made them sick. They rub hog grease on their hair and bodies to shed the rain, keep them warm, and at times just to "dress up" their bodies.

★ Do they have any kind of law among themselves?

No, not in the sense of "law and order" as is in our society. As measured by our standards, it would be "every man for himself." There are family clans in each tribe, and these clans have a "headman" over them and he acts as their mediator for most things and in most cases, but usually when there is a personal difference to settle the man that

## New Guinea Photo Story

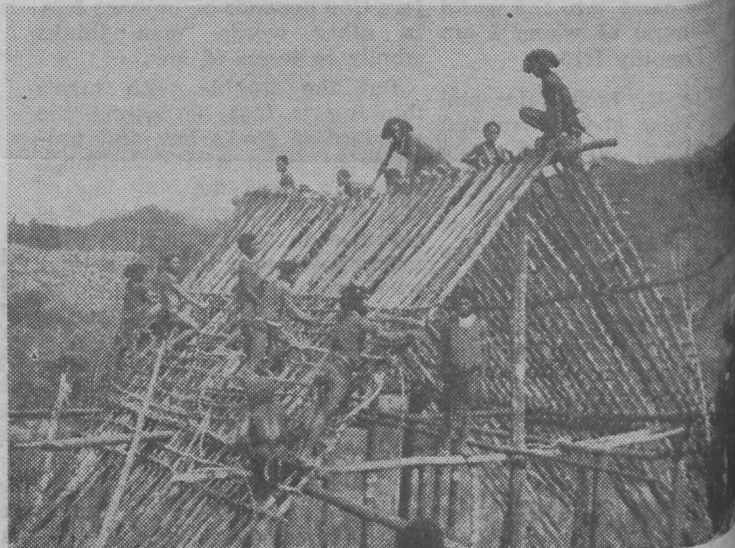
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A photo story of the first days that I spent in the Tanggi

It has been a long time since I have sent pictures to T. B. E., but that has been beyond my control. I hope to get them coming in fairly regular now and will pass them on to you as fast as I can. All the pictures in this group have to do with the first days that I spent in this area and with the people. They are days that I shall never forget though I will just as soon forget some of them. Some of my experiences with these people at that time were "hair raising" experiences and some called for quick and firm decisions. I'm sure that I left lasting impressions upon these folk during those days. I know they did me. All of these pictures have to do with my first attempt at building a house of bush materials. At the time this house was being built I was staying in a government rest house about a mile away.



In this picture the natives are clearing the ground for the building site. Cane, brush, bamboo, vines, grass, and general jungle growth had to be removed before we could begin.



Here the frame work is going up. Note the man standing in the gable end has on an old vest. I do not know where he came in contact with it but he had worn it until it was just about rotten.



In this picture some are cutting and tying into small bundles the long grass that is used for the roof.  
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feels that he is being wronged usually takes his bow and arrows and settles it in his own way.

★ How can you make a house out of bush materials that won't leak?

It is not easy, but it can be done. The inquirer, no doubt like this writer up until I came to New Guinea, has always been accustomed to being able to do things that would fit, or in case of building, have a skilled carpenter do the job for him. That is the way things get done. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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in America and I have no  
tion to that; but it is quite  
ent when one comes to a  
like New Guinea and begins  
over the various jungle  
to build a house for his  
oy. When finally he has de-  
on one of them it usually  
several days to get the

brush and undergrowth cleared  
enough to lay out the site for the  
house. Trees are felled and trim-  
med and carried by men to the  
building site for the superstruc-  
ture.

When this is finished the roof  
starts to be put on. For the roof,  
long grass, such as the wild  
broomsage found in certain parts  
of the U. S. A., is gathered and

brought to the place of use and  
there it is tied into small bundles,  
about what you could hold in one  
hand. The bundles of grass are  
then passed up to men on the roof  
and they start at the bottom and  
row after row of these bundles  
are placed on top of the other  
until the top is reached, in the  
same manner as a shingle roof  
would go on.

The bundles of grass are held  
in place by a strong bark used  
like a small rope. They simply tie  
the grass down to the small poles

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that are used for lath. If this is  
put on properly the roof usually  
lasts for about 3 years before you  
have any trouble with leaks. Most  
naturally, these grass roofs have  
to have a greater pitch in order  
to make them shed the water fast.  
When the roof is completed it is  
from 6 to 8 inches thick. The  
sides of the house are sometimes  
put up in the same manner and  
sometimes a mat is made of cane  
that has been beaten until flat  
and then woven into a mat. This  
matting can be used both for the  
outside and inside to make the  
walls, room partitions, etc. For the  
floors, poles are cut and hewn to  
the same approximate size and  
this cane matting is used to cover  
them.

Our house is constructed as  
above, with the matting for sides,  
walls, and flooring. In the house  
that we live in now we have a  
ceiling made of sisal paper. This  
gives us added warmth and  
catches the forever falling bugs,  
worms, and debri from the grass.  
We are warm, dry, and feel quite  
secure in our house.

A writer from Tennessee would  
like to know,

★ Where do you have your ser-  
vices? Do you have a place yet or  
do you have them in your home?

We have a regular meeting  
place, but no building. About 300  
yards from our house is a place  
where we have always met from  
the first service I held here. Some  
day we plan to have a building  
and are now working on one.

★ Has any one else been saved?

I do not know. At least, there  
have been no more professions. I  
am a gospel preacher and not a  
decision getter. The gospel is  
preached at every service. People  
do not have to tell me in order to  
be saved. I believe it is God's re-  
vealed will that all saved people  
should profess Christ in baptism,  
but even that is not a prerequisite  
to salvation. "Believe on the Lord  
Jesus Christ and thou shalt be  
saved" (Acts 16:31).

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Sovereignty

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Of Supporting  
Brother Halliman In The Work  
He Is Doing In New Guinea?



Here the house is near completion. They are working on  
the door. The door was made of woven material made  
from cane.



In this picture can be seen the house as it looked com-  
plete. The section to the left is the kitchen.

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Here the grass is being applied to the roof



In this picture the roof is just about completed and the  
gable end is being covered in a similar manner. Note the  
crude ladder. This old man is preparing a bundle of grass  
to throw up to the workers.



# Christ The Lord

By FRANK B. BECK  
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Jesus Christ is Lord! After Christ's victorious resurrection from death, the Apostle Peter boldly proclaimed to the multitudes gathered at Pentecost:

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, Whom ye have crucified, both LORD AND CHRIST" (Acts 2:36).

And later when the trembling jailer came to Paul and Silas in the prison in Philippi at midnight and asked the question that should be upon every heart in America today, and throughout Europe and the whole world — "What must I do to be saved?" — the answer quickly given was:

"Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house." (Acts 16:30-31).

One of the greatest theologians who ever lived, taught, and trained others was inspired by the Holy Ghost to write these words in Rom. 10:9: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Jesus Christ is Lord! "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and in earth and under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

He died for our sins and went back to heaven and He is coming again and when He comes again He will come as the supreme ruler of the universe. Then the world will recognize Him as "the blessed and ONLY Potentate, the King of kings and LORD OF LORDS" (1 Tim. 6:15).

When Christ comes again He will have on His vesture and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

As our Lord Jesus Christ demands and deserves full obedience. Unless we obey Him we have no right to claim Him as our Lord and Master. He Himself says: "And why call ye Me Lord, Lord and DO NOT the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

God called Peter to go and preach the Gospel to Gentiles. Now Peter was a Jew and no Jew would fellowship with Gentiles. Therefore Peter said: "Not so, Lord" (Acts 11:8). When Peter said that he contradicted himself. You cannot use that language. You cannot say: "Not so LORD!" You must either leave out the word "Lord" and say "Not so," or use words like those of the humbled Saul of Tarsus: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6), or the sweet resignation of the early believers, when they said: "The WILL OF THE LORD BE DONE!" (Acts 21:14).

A multitude of worldly, adulterous, lustful, covetous, unbelieving and unrepenting and self-righteous proud members of our churches throughout America need to be shocked and startled into reality and soberness by the cutting words of Christ in Matt. 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." If Jesus Christ is Lord of your life — obey Him!

No one can ever be saved by their good works, but by God's own sovereign grace "through faith" (Eph. 2:8-9), and yet it is a "faith which WORKETH by love" (Gal. 5:6) or it is a vain faith, or presumption. "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:20).

Jesus Christ our only Lord demands obedience. Do you obey Him as Lord? How the Holy Spirit searches us when He says: "He that saith, I know Him (that is, Christ) and keepeth not His commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4).

What are some of Christ's commandments to us?

He has commanded us to "repent, and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). In the Book of Acts baptism was the first step after salvation. They believed and they were baptized. Why have you not been

1:8). Lost souls all about you, do you seek to confess Christ before them and tell them how to be saved?

He has commanded us to separate ourselves from worldliness (John 17:14 and 1 John 2:15-17), from unbelievers (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1) and from idols (1 John 5:21). How can you belong to a church where the Bible is ignored and the true faith denied, or belong to lodges and clubs where unbelievers gamble, curse, smoke and drink?

He has commanded us to love all men, especially fellow believers (John 13:34-35) even to the laying down of our lives for our brethren in Christ (1 John 3:16).

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"buried with Christ in baptism" since you believed?

He has commanded us to observe the Lord's Supper. He said: "This DO in remembrance of Me" (1 Cor. 11:24-26).

He has commanded us to fellowship together as a church. He calls to many indifferent, pleasure seeking, church-members, who are on vacation for the summer and too cold in the winter to attend church: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and SO MUCH THE MORE as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25).

He has commanded us to "Bring . . . all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in Mine house" (Mal. 3:10). Jesus Christ said that we "ought" to "pay tithes" (Matt. 23:23). A tithe is one tenth of your income. How can you call Jesus Christ your Lord while you rob Him and keep back part of His due?

He has commanded us to read and study and search His precious, eternal Word. He says: "HE THAT HEARETH MY WORD, and believeth on Him that sent Me hath everlasting life . . ." (John 5:24). He said: "My sheep HEAR MY VOICE . . ." (John 10:27). Have you ever read the Bible through? Do you read it every day? Do you "search the Scriptures?" (John 5:39). "You can write the word DAMNATION on the dust of some people's Bibles." (D. L. Moody).

He has commanded us to pray. He tells you: "Men ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1). He tells us to "pray always" (Luke 21:36). "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). Do you have a family or private time of Bible reading and prayer in your home? Do you have grace at your table before meals?

He has commanded us to witness for Him. "Ye are the light of the world," said He of His followers (Matt. 5:14). "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me," were His last words as He left this earth (Acts

Is Jesus Christ your Lord? O come. Let us see forgiveness for our sins in the wounds of Christ and let us fall down before Him and say: "MY LORD AND MY GOD!" (John 20:28).

"Bring forth the royal diadem, and CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL!"

## "The Christ"

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Long years ago the writer of God's Word declared the number of stars was beyond our comprehension — that it was impossible for human beings to count them. While modern science can count great numbers of stars and planets and other heavenly bodies, I am sure that there is not an instrument made that is capable of counting, or observing all the bodies that are in the celestial heavens above us. I rejoice when I remind you that all of these have come about as a result of the creative hand of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God tells us that all things were created by Him and for Him. May I remind you there isn't anything in this world that came about in an evolutionary manner, but rather everything in all of this world came into existence because the Lord Jesus Christ spoke, and it was so. He spoke and the stars, the heavens, the moon, the sun, the constellations, and the planets all took their places. He spoke, and the angels, the archangel, the cherubim, and the seraphim all came into existence. He spoke and the atmosphere around the world was formed. He spoke and the waters were peopled with the fish and with the finny creatures. I tell you, beloved, our God spoke and there was coal and gold and silver and platinum and all the ores placed in the ground — all as a result of the speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, the Christ that Paul preached was the Christ of creation.

## II

### CHRIST IS HEAD OF HIS CHURCH.

We read:

"And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." — Col. 1:17, 18.

"And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. — 1:22, 23.

You'll notice this declares Christ is the head of His church. Now, beloved, if the Lord Jesus Christ is head of His church, then He has a right to say what His church shall believe. He has a

# A Prodigal Arrested

Pastor Charles B. Taylor tells this story in an old annual dated 1865.

Just outside the town where Mr. Taylor ministered, a man who had enough money to retire on, bought a plot of ground, and built a small red house. He meant to live at leisure; but he found it a dull life, so he turned his house into a tavern. Mr. Dye (for that was his name) was completely godless; and his beershop soon became noted for the evil men who gathered there. The noisy songs and drunken shouts from the inn often disturbed the peaceful country road, and were a source of annoyance (especially on Sunday evenings) to many of Mr. Taylor's congregation.

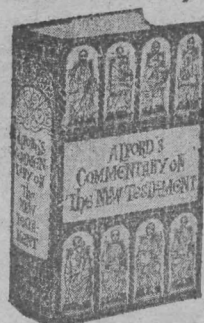
The first time the clergyman saw this man was one day when Mr. Taylor was passing by, and the innkeeper was standing in the road outside the inn. The clergyman bowed to him as he passed, and was astonished at the look the man gave him — insolent, defiant, and even full of hatred. It gave him quite a shock; and after that look it was no surprise to Mr. Taylor that the inn (under such a master) gained an evil reputation.

But one day Mr. Taylor heard that Mr. Dye had been taken seriously ill, and was not likely to recover. The clergyman was told that it was no use his going to see the sick man; for he certainly would not listen to anything, and would probably repulse any attempt. Mr. Taylor thought this likely enough; indeed he shrank from the thought of visiting such a man. But he felt it to be his plain duty, and he did not delay. After praying earnestly for courage and guidance, he set out, and knocked at the inn door.

Mrs. Dye opened the door. She

right to tell us what we shall do, and how we shall carry out His work. Since the Lord Jesus Christ is head of His Church, He has the right to tell us who to baptize, and how to baptize. Since He is the head of His Church He has the right to tell us how to observe the Lord's Supper, and who is to observe the Lord's Supper. Since He is the head of His church He has the right to tell us who it is that we should have fellowship with, and who it is that we are to bar from our fellowship. Since He is the head of His church He has the right to tell us how women shall act in His church. When He says that women are to keep silent in the church, it is not for us to complain in any wise at all; it is not for us to say that God is being unjust in His method of dealing with the ladies of the congregation. Rather, it is for us to realize that since He is the head of the church it is up to Him to tell us how we should carry on church work. I am not a bit surprised when He would indicate that all mission work is to be done through the local body without any mission board, and with-

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was doubtful and hesitant admitting the visitor; but she let him in, and led once to the parlour. Here valid was lying on the sofa, ing very ill. He gazed in amazement at the clergyman, and cely answered his enquiry his health. Mr. Taylor was a little way off, took out his and read from the fifth Luke's Gospel — about sheep and the prodigal son out saying a word of comfort knelt down and prayed and shortly. Then he got went away at once.

The next evening Mr. Taylor called again, and did just fore — one kind question. Mr. Dye's illness, then from the Holy Scriptures time the fifty-third of then a short prayer, following the departure in silence. This minister repeated again and in successive visits. The keeper showed not the least of his feelings, and Mr. Taylor had no idea of his thought.

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was thankful that he had been told never to come and, praying much in secret, felt he must leave the hands of God.

For nearly two weeks the on. Then one day, just the clergyman was leaving the he was thrilled to hear the man call him back. He turned innkeeper took his hand, filled with tears, and he uttered words of gratitude and fection. Mr. Taylor was touched; but he yearned for more than that, and, to speakable thankfulness, that the innkeeper "was trated by the Word of God by the sword of the Spirit, very soul, with a sense of awful guilt before God." He ed out such a confession and wickedness and regret that it was plain that the Spirit was convincing him and of judgment. He wished himself at the point change that had come over Mr. Taylor was quick him that it was all of God (said he) "I have not spoken myself; it is God's alone that has done this."

The sick man then the clergyman that at his first he had fully expected to tured and admonished. He angry that Mr. Taylor call all, and he said that, if spoken a single word of he would not have borne and weak as he was, he have got up to turn his out of the house!

In the weeks that followed Lord completed the grace that He had begun. The keeper, deeply conscious of own guilt and sin, was to put his whole trust and fidence in the mercy of God to see the Lord Jesus Christ his Saviour and mighty Rer. The change was evident around; and when his reached its fatal conclusion, well with his soul, for he the Lord.

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# Why Baptism Is Not A Part Of Salvation

By ROY MASON

Tampa, Florida



when they die. (See Luke 23:43).

(3) Cornelius and his household. (See Acts 10:43-48). Note that in verse 43 remission of sins is postulated upon faith in Christ alone. Note also that Cornelius and the others were baptized because they manifestly were saved, and not in order to salvation. Certainly they did not receive the Holy Spirit in this marvelous way in their unsaved state.

(4) The Philippian jailer. (See Acts 16:30-34). That the way of salvation set forth so pointedly omits any mention of baptism is conclusive. The man was baptized, but evidently because of the fact that he had been saved.

(5) The teaching of Mark. (Mark 16:16). It is stated that the person who believes and is baptized shall be saved, and it could be added that the person who believes and is baptized and eats grapefruit for breakfast every morning, and wears a red shirt and a blue tie and does a hundred other things shall be saved; but the question is, what will cause one to be condemned? The answer is in Mark 16:16 — the same passage:

"He that believeth not shall be damned." Damnation is for unbelief — not for failure to be immersed.



## "The Christ"

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out any kind of a missionary organization other than a local church. I say, beloved, He is the head of His church and He has a right to tell us how we shall carry on mission work. I am not a bit surprised when He would indicate that all mission work is to be done through the local body without any mission board, and without any kind of a missionary organization other than a local church. I say, beloved, He is the

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head of His church and He has a right to tell us how we shall carry out His ministry to the ends of the earth.

I'll go further and say that since He is the head of His church, He has the right to tell us what a church shall be like. He has the right to tell us what a preacher shall be like. He has the right to tell us what a preacher shall preach. He has the right to lay down all the restrictions that appertain to the doctrine of His church. We have no right to ever decide what we shall believe, or what we shall disbelieve. We have no right to vote on what we shall do, or what we shall not do. Our business is just to come to Him as the head of His church and depend upon the Head to direct us.

Several years ago one of the convention churches here in Ashland decided that they would vote on whether the women were to keep silence in the church, or whether they were to be permitted to speak. If they were loose enough to think that they could vote on it, and decide among themselves what they would do, you know in advance how the decision went. Naturally, they unbridled the women and told them it was perfectly all right for them

to speak, and to take public part, on the same basis as the men.

Beloved, I say to you, we have no business voting on what we shall believe. We have no business voting on how our churches shall conduct themselves, and how they shall react to the duties that are laid down before us. I tell you, beloved, Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and since He is the head of the church, it is up to Him to instruct us, and it is our business to accept the instructions that He gives.

So I say the Christ that the Apostle Paul writes about is not only a Christ of creation, but He is also the head of His church.

### III

#### CHRIST IS PERFECT.

The Christ that Paul preached was absolutely perfect. Listen:

"And being MADE PERFECT, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." — Heb. 5:9.

You will notice this verse tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ was made perfect. He didn't become perfect after He came into this world, but rather He was made perfect; and being made perfect He therefore became the author of eternal salvation. We read:

"For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is CONSECRATED FOR EVERMORE." — Heb. 7:28.

That word "consecrated" means "perfected," or "made perfect."

Now notice the contrast we have between the priests of the Old Testament and Jesus Christ as our High Priest. The priests of the Old Testament were made priests though they had infirmities, but the Lord Jesus Christ as our High Priest is consecrated for evermore, or is perfected for evermore. What a contrast, I say, between the earthly priests of the Old Testament and the Lord Jesus Christ who is our High Priest today!

You will notice then from these verses that the Lord Jesus Christ is perfect. I am glad to know that the Son of God is positively perfect today. I am glad to know that there never was any sin within Him, but rather He was made perfect from the beginning. I am glad to know that there was no sin within His life, for if there had been sin, then He would have needed a Saviour just the same as each of us. If the Lord Jesus Christ had ever sinned one single time, He would have needed a Saviour to save Him from sin just the same as you and I need a Saviour. Thank God, beloved, the

Lord Jesus Christ was absolutely perfect.

I often think how that manufacturers of foods boast that their products are so nearly perfect. The manufacturers of Ivory soap tells how it is 99 44-100 per cent pure. Maxwell House Coffee tells us that their coffee is good to the last drop. Well, manufacturers of foods are all boasting of the purity of their products.

I was in a feed mill of recent date where feed is manufactured, and I was impressed how that they have magnets in that mill to remove any particle of metal that might have gotten mixed up in the corn or the other grains that go into the making up of the feed. In other words, we are living in a day when the attempt is to produce the most perfect product that is possible to be had. Well, beloved, I want to tell you about the only perfect product — the Lord Jesus Christ. My Jesus was made perfect from the beginning. He didn't have to be perfected after He was born. He didn't have to be improved upon after He came forth from Mary's womb, but when Mary gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ He could say as He looked up into the face of the Father, "Thou art my God

from my mother's belly." The only one who could ever make that assertion was the Lord Jesus Himself. So I say the Christ that Paul preached was a Christ of perfection.

### IV

#### CHRIST GAVE HIMSELF FOR OUR SINS.

The Word of God reminds us of Jesus Christ who gave Himself for our sins. We read:

"Who GAVE HIMSELF FOR OUR SINS, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." — Gal. 1:4.

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." — Heb. 9:22.

"For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF." — Heb. 9:26.

If you will read these verses

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you will be convinced of one fact, that Jesus Christ — the Christ that Paul preached — was the Christ who gave Himself for our sins. How it thrills my heart to know that you and I who are sinners have a perfect Saviour in the Lord Jesus Christ — not one who is almost perfect, but one who is absolutely perfect. Therefore He is our Saviour and gave Himself for our sins.

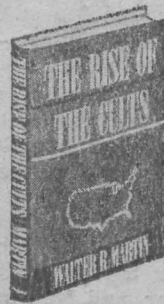
Notice again:

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins." — Heb. 10:10, 11.

In the Old Testament the priest never sat down. His work was never finished. There were many articles of furniture connected with the tabernacle. There was the altar on which they offered their sacrifice. There was the brazen laver where the priests washed their feet. There was the golden candlestick, and there was the shewbread, and there was the golden altar of incense in the outer holy place. Then there was the ark of the covenant which was typical of God Himself, in the Holy of holies. These various pieces of furniture were for the worship of the Jew. Why? Because his work was never done. He could never sit down. His work was never finished. He could never relax and say, "Well, I have a few moments to myself now. I have finished my work."

Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ went to Calvary and offered one sacrifice for our sins, and when He had offered that one sacrifice He sat down forever because His work was finished. I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Jesus that Paul preached, was the Jesus who gave Himself for our sins.

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The old adage "Like the cat following its tail" fits this man exactly. Since his first letter he has followed the same line. He comes back to the place where he started and never misses, being at the starting point.

The stand you and Brother Gilpin have taken against the "universal" church, cannot be defeated, even by a "would be" Baptist pastor. It is certain that he has never read Orchard's History, and many others, including W. A. Jarrell and D. B. Ray, or he is willfully wishing to agree with the idea of the old whore of Revelation. He accuses you to intimidate you, but thank God a man standing for the BIBLE ONLY for his proofs, can not be intimidated. He will not lower the dignity of the Word of God in his remarks, but will hold out that all confessions of faith, good as some are, nor anything but the Bible will stand up, under fire. Is it not glorious that we see no one can stand against it? They all fall and fail utterly, under Bible questions. The dear old book does not need me, nor you nor any other to defend it. Read it to them as you men do. It ever defends itself. Thanks to our Lord and Master of all things for letting us have the written word, to show us what and Who the True WORD is. And when He comes back to call us out of this sin cursed world, all else will fail.

To see these pieces coming on FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME, in words of the author, really seems better placed than I expected. I hope to encourage people to buy the book, and from time to time will try to suggest it in a way to encourage a large sale of the book. Everyone should read it.

Tell Brother Gilpin his sermons are just as supreme as when I began reading them about 9 years ago. God bless you; it is vain, but I wish it were my lot to be young as you are now. It is wonderful that Jesus said the gates of hell shall not prevail. God ordained it from the beginning, and He raises up young men like you to keep the promise fresh in the world and it will be so to the end of time when ETERNITY begins.

God bless all of you, and as I have income, you will get material help to go with my prayers for all you in the work of TBE.

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#### CHRIST MAKES US COMPLETE.

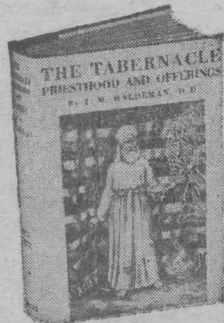
The Lord Jesus Christ that Paul preached makes us complete in Him. We read:

"And YE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM, which is the head of all principality and power." — Col. 2:10.

One individual will tell you that whenever you trust the Lord Jesus Christ you need to go down into the water of the baptism and there in that water meet the blood of Christ and be made complete. No, no, beloved; we are complete in Him. Another individual will tell you that after you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation that you are to come back to an altar of prayer, or to a mourner's bench, and you are to pray again, and this time you will have all your old Adamic nature removed, and all the old carnality will be taken out of you, and you will be complete in Christ. I tell you, beloved, it is not so. The day a man sees the truth that Jesus Christ has died for his sins, that day that individual is made complete in Christ.

You will notice that it doesn't say that we are made complete when we join the church. It doesn't say we are made complete (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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when we are baptized. It doesn't say that by joining the church and being baptized and living a good enough life, when we come down to the end of the way, that we are made complete in Him. Rather, beloved, we are reminded of this truth, that right now every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is complete in Him.

I like to see things that people do of a complete nature. I have known people who were great beginners but poor finishers. I am sure you have known of them likewise. They could begin things but they would never finish them.

Sometime ago I was in a cabinet shop of a man who makes a lot of cabinets and other things in his spare time. I suppose there were at least 25 cabinets, and what-nots, and various articles in that cabinet shop that he had started and not one of the 25 had ever been finished. Some of them were nearly done, and some of them were just barely begun.

Well, beloved, I like to see a person when he starts something finish it. I thank God for this truth, that the Lord Jesus Christ completed our salvation and we are complete in Him. I say then, the Christ that Paul preached was a Christ who makes us complete.

### VI

#### CHRIST HAS AN UNCHANGEABLE PRIESTHOOD.

The Christ that Paul preached has an unchangeable priesthood. We read:

"But this man, because he continueth ever, HATH AN UNCHANGEABLE PRIESTHOOD." —Heb. 7:24.

This is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ and it tells us that His priesthood is an unchangeable one. Now let's contrast this with modern day religious terminology and theology.

There is a group of people within the world today who think that they are the church that Jesus built, who tell you that all others are noting but upstarts, and who would say to us that unless we become members of the Roman church, we are completely and entirely on the outside of any hope for Heaven. Well, beloved, I don't think much of what they have to say in any respect, but where I think the least of them is, they say that when the Lord Jesus Christ was in this world, He chose Simon Peter as His vicergerant and He gave the commission to Simon Peter, and that Peter in turn handed it over to his successor, and his successor handed it over to somebody else, so that the priesthood has been continued down to the present time. Thus, each individual priest has gotten his priesthood by succession back to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now that would be all right if it weren't for this Scripture in Hebrews which says, "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." The word "unchangeable" means that it cannot be abrogated, it cannot pass to another. The word "unchangeable" means that the priesthood of Jesus Christ remains firm in Him; it does not pass to anybody else. Then when the Catholics say that

the priesthood of Jesus was handed over to Peter, and Peter to his successor, and the various successors handed it down until it comes to us today, that is a positive falsehood made out of the whole cloth without a word of truth in it. This one verse plainly says that Christ's priesthood is an unchangeable priesthood.

I thank God for this blessed truth that the priesthood of Jesus Christ remains the same. It is an unchangeable priesthood. It is a priesthood that does not pass to another. It remains in the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then if that be true, I don't need to go into a confessional and slip up beside a little peephole and whisper my sins through that peephole into the ear of a man on the other side that has just as many sins, or maybe even more, than I have. I don't have to depend upon him for absolution and forgiveness. I am glad that I don't have a priesthood of that type. I am glad I don't need a priest of that type. In fact, I thank God for this truth,

young couple that had some difficulties and I tried to act as a mediator between them. At the request of the young man and also some of her relatives, I drove probably a hundred miles over in Ohio, and got her, and drove her back. I thought everything was going to be perfectly all right. I went home thinking what a good mediator I was, that I had gotten them back together. But to get them back, and to keep them back, was two different stories. The result was that they pretty soon split up again. In fact, they hardly got back together until they were split up again.

What I am trying to say is this, I am a very poor mediator. In fact, I am the very poorest, I guess; but I have a perfect mediator in Jesus Christ. The Jesus that Paul preached is a perfect mediator. He can reach down and take hold of us, reach up and take hold of God, and thus He comes between us. He mediates between God in Heaven and us on earth. How I thank God that the Christ

is why it is that I can never be saved and lost by sins that I may thereafter commit. I thank God that I am going to Heaven not because I am going to keep myself, or that I do keep myself, or that I live perfectly, but rather I am going to Heaven because Jesus Christ is my surety. He "signed the note." In other words, He guarantees my salvation. I thank God for my Co-signer. I thank God for Jesus Christ who guarantees that I shall ultimately, eventually, and finally persevere from grace to Glory in Heaven.

### IX

#### CHRIST GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE.

The Christ that Paul preached gives to us eternal life. Listen:

"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." —Heb. 9:12.

You will notice all the way

how many differences there be so far as your concern? Well, I am sure isn't a one of us who would a thing like we do now could make ourselves over in the barber shop and the parlor — you can go to the drugstore — you can go to the tic surgeon and have your lifted, but that is not to change you too much, remind you that there is day coming for the child wherein the Lord Jesus is going to change us in every particular. Listen:

"For our conversation is ven; from whence also for the Saviour, the Lord Christ: Who shall CHANGE VILE BODY, that it may be likened to his glorious body according to the working he is able even unto sub things unto himself." —20, 21.

"And as we have borne image of the earthy, we shall bear the image of the heavenly." —I Cor. 15:49.

"For whom he did fore he also did predestinate CONFORMED to the image of Son." —Rom. 8:29.

Some of these days we ing to be conformed to the of His Son. We are going made to look like the Lord Christ. This, beloved, is the of the Apostle Paul.

### CONCLUSION

May I repeat these ten Christ is mediator, the head of His church, is perfect, Christ gave Him our sins, Christ makes us complete, Christ has an unchangeable priesthood, Christ is our Christ is our surety, Christ us eternal life, and Christ change us ultimately. view of this, let me read other verse. Listen:

"Wherefore, holy brethren, takers of the heavenly CONSIDER the Apostle and Priest of our profession. JESUS." —Heb. 3:1.

May you go out from this to consider Him. May you from this place having with me the Son of God, go away to consider, that we have been studying that Christ of the Apostles. May you go away tonight, ering Him.

You that are lost, consider as your Saviour. You saved, consider Him, ought to live. You who are and are not members of His consider that this is His body you ought to be a member body of Jesus Christ. May God bless you, and you consider Jesus Christ.

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that my priest is the Lord Jesus Paul preached was a perfect mediator.

Christ, that I am a believer—priest under Him, and that I go direct to the Son of God because His is an unchangeable priesthood; it doesn't pass to another. He doesn't hand it down to anyone else.

### VII

#### CHRIST IS OUR MEDIATOR.

The Christ that Paul preached is our mediator. Paul reminds us of this truth, for we read:

"For there is one God, and ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." —I Tim. 2:5.

Now get the picture. Up yonder in Heaven is God the Father, and down here on earth is man, and there is one mediator to come between God and man, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. A priest who would tell you that it is necessary that he come between you and God, and who would tell you that it is necessary that he act in your behalf unto God—such a priest is two thousand years behind time. When the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross, the veil of the temple was rent in twain, from top to bottom, signifying that henceforth we need not go to a priest, but rather we need to go only to our High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, the only mediator that you and I need is the mediator that we have — namely, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many, many times in life I have tried to act as a mediator with individuals. I have tried to mediate between them when they would fall out. Usually, beloved, it has resulted in both of them getting mad at me. Beloved, the reason for that is that I am an imperfect mediator, and I do my work so imperfectly.

I remember sometime ago a

letting him have it. He makes out the note for you to sign and then he suggests that you get a co-signer on that note. Of course, after all he is really lending the money to two of you — to you and the co-signer as well. That co-signer becomes the surety on that note, and if you fail to pay the note, the co-signer will have to pay it for you. He has become your surety. He has become your guarantor. He has guaranteed that the note shall be paid.

Now, beloved, the Lord Jesus is our surety. He guarantees that you and I are going to Heaven when we die. That is why it is when I am saved once, I am saved forever. That is why it is that I can never lose my salvation. That

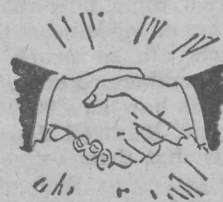
### VIII

#### CHRIST IS OUR SURETY.

"By so much was Jesus made a SURETY of a better testament." —Heb. 7:22.

The word "surety" is a very interesting word. We can understand it better by thinking of this illustration. If the average person goes to the bank to borrow money, the banker smilingly tells him he is perfectly agreeable to

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notice what Jesus said in  
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no need of the physician,  
y that are sick. I came not  
the righteous, but sinners  
to be healed."

didn't come to save good  
but bad people. Jesus  
come to compliment the  
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sinners. A healthy man  
need the doctor, but a  
sinner does. The spiritually  
sinner is the one who has  
the Saviour, not the  
us person.

the Son of God said in  
19:10 — "For the Son of  
come to seek and to save  
which was lost."

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the lost sheep) you recall  
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instead He went after that  
was lost.

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and sinners only. If you  
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for you. He came to save  
sinners.

### Secondly the only people God

Bible makes it clear that  
love is only for the sinful.  
to Romans 5:8: "But God  
showeth his love toward us,  
while we were yet sin-  
ners, Christ died for us."

did God commend His  
love to us? It was while we  
were sinners. You can never  
the love of God by your  
works or good life: His love  
is sovereign. Many par-  
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to redeem them. Thus you  
the love of God revealed.

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means 5:6 says: Christ died  
for the ungodly."

means 5:8: "While we were  
sinners, Christ died for us."

means 15:3: "Christ died  
for the ungodly."

means 2:14: "Who gave himself

for us, that he might redeem us  
from all iniquity."

Hebrews 9:28: "Christ was once  
offered to bear the sins of many."

I Peter 2:24: "Who his own  
self bare our sins in his own  
body on the tree."

I Peter 3:18: "For Christ also  
hath once suffered for sins, the  
just for the unjust that he might  
bring us to God."

I John 3:5: "And ye know that  
he was manifested to take away  
our sins."

Why did Christ die? He died  
for our sins. That is, He took the  
punishment that was due to us,  
thereby saving our souls from  
eternal misery and separation  
from God.

When a person says he is a  
Christian, he confesses that he is  
a sinner worthy of hell. He con-  
fesses that he is dependent for  
salvation upon Christ. He says,  
"There is no good thing in me.  
I'm a sinner. Christ had to die for  
me, else I would be in Hell."

Yet there are many people who  
profess to be Christians who  
would be embarrassed if someone  
should suggest to them that they  
are sinners, deserving hell.

A preacher was talking to a  
young man about salvation. He  
asked, "Are you a sinner?"

The young man said, "Why, no,  
I'm not a sinner. I've never sin-  
ned."

The preacher said: "Did Christ  
die for you?"

The young man said: "Yes."

The preacher said: "Why did  
Christ die for you if you are not  
a sinner?"

The young man was dumb-  
founded. You see Christ died only  
for sinners. He did not die for  
righteous people. Why, He would  
not have to die for righteous peo-  
ple; they do not need a Saviour  
for they have no sins. But let me  
voice this solemn truth in your  
ears: "There is none righteous,  
no, not one." You may think you  
are righteous, but you are not.  
But if you were, Christ would not  
be for you. You could not be a  
Christian. Christ died only for  
guilty, hell-deserving sinners.

### III. The only people invited to

come to Christ are sinners.

There is no invitation to the  
righteous, the moral man, the  
good man—only sinners are in-  
vited to come to Christ. When the  
Gospel is preached and men are  
invited to Christ, those who real-  
ize that they are sinners begin to  
think within themselves that they  
are not good enough to come.  
They begin to consider what they  
can do so as to be able to be ac-  
cepted by Christ. But friends, it  
is the sinner that is invited to  
come to Christ. He is invited to  
come just as he is. He is not  
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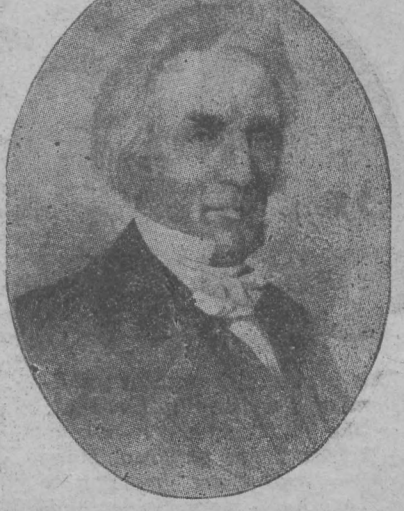
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put on a garment of morality,  
for Christ's robe of righteousness  
will clothe him. He is to quit  
looking to himself and look to  
Christ.

Christ says, "Come unto me all  
ye that labor and are heavy lad-  
en, and I will give you rest." If  
you are laboring under the load  
of sin, if you are heavy laden  
by your guilt and sinfulness,  
come to Christ and you will find  
rest.

Isaiah cries, "Ho, every one  
that thirsteth, come ye to the  
waters, and he that hath no  
money; come ye, buy, and eat;  
yea, come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without  
price."—Isaiah 55:1.

One of God's invitations to sin-  
ners is that word, "come." Why  
come? To be saved from sin. If  
you don't need to be saved, you  
are not invited to come.

### IV. The only people that God

forgives are sinners.

In fact, the only people that  
God can forgive are sinners. He  
couldn't forgive the righteous  
man, for he needs no forgive-  
ness; he is not guilty. No, God  
can only forgive sinners. Listen:

"To the Lord our God belong  
mercies and forgiveness."—Daniel  
9:9.

The very word "forgiveness"  
implies that those forgiven are  
sinners.

How does God forgive sin?  
Does He just overlook it and  
let it go unpunished? Oh, no, God  
forgives sin, but that doesn't  
mean that the sin-debt is not  
paid. God forgives sin on the  
basis of the work of Christ.  
Christ paid for our sins and our  
sins are forgiven through Him.  
The Bible says: "In whom (Christ)  
we have redemption through his  
blood, the forgiveness of sin, ac-  
cording to the riches of his grace."  
—Ephesians 1:7.

Acts 13:38,39: "Through this  
man is preached unto you the  
forgiveness of sin: and by him  
all that believe are justified from  
all things, from which ye could  
not be justified by the law of  
Moses."

Sinners are the only people  
God can or does forgive, and He  
does so through Christ who paid

the sin-debt.

### V. The only people that can

be saved are sinners.

Yes, that is right. Only a sin-  
ner can be saved, for he is the  
only one lost. A man who has  
not sinned is not lost, so he can't  
be saved. He doesn't need Christ,  
for he doesn't need any salva-  
tion.

The word "salvation" implies  
that you are saved from some-  
thing. Now from what does Christ  
save men? In Matthew 1:23 we  
read, "Thou shalt call his name  
Jesus: for he shall save his people  
from their sins."

The word "Jesus" means "Sa-  
viour," and the reason Christ was  
called "Jesus" was because He  
came to save His people from  
sin. So you see, lost people, sin-  
ful people, are the only people  
that Christ saves.

When a man tries to justify  
himself and says he is a good  
fellow and is not lost, he is sim-  
ply saying that he doesn't need  
Christ. But the man who sees  
his sin and wants salvation, Christ  
will save.

And let me add this: it is  
Christ that saves us and we don't  
need any other mediator or me-  
diatrix. Christ came to mediate  
in our behalf and He still does.  
He is our priest, the only priest  
we need. We are to go directly  
to Him. To go to any other is  
to go away from Christ.

### VI. The Gospel is only for sin-

ners.

The word "gospel" means glad  
tidings. The gospel of Christ is  
the glad tidings or good news of  
what He has done for sinners. It  
is the declaration that He died  
for our sins and arose again for  
our justification.

Now to whom is this gospel  
really a gospel message? That is,  
who really receives it as good  
news and glad tidings? Why, only  
the sinner who sees his need of  
such work as that of Christ. The  
gospel is for that poor condemned  
sinner who thinks he is exactly  
fit for Hell or even a worse  
place.

When the sinner hears the  
message of Christ crucified, he  
rejoices in it and marvels at the  
love and mercy of God in giving

Christ for his sins. The self-right-  
eous, moral man has no joy in  
his heart when he hears the Gos-  
pel. He doesn't like to hear it, for  
the message is for sinners and he  
thinks he is not a sinner. A lot of  
modernistic churches have cut  
the blood out of their theology,  
out of their hymnology, and out  
of their churches simply because  
they do not like the message.  
Why? Simply because the mes-  
sage of Christ's blood is that  
He gave up His life for the sins  
of men, and these modernists do  
not believe they are guilty sin-  
ners. So they have to do away  
with the blood.

You see, the gospel is only for  
the guilty. When we tell you what  
Christ did, we are giving a mes-  
sage of good news to guilty men.  
In Luke 4 Jesus read a prophetic  
passage from Isaiah, and said it  
applied to Him. The passage  
reads, "The Spirit of the Lord is  
upon me, because he hath anoint-  
ed me to preach the gospel to the  
poor, he hath sent me to heal the  
broken-hearted, to preach deliv-  
erance to the captives and re-  
covering of sight to the blind, to  
set at liberty them that are bruised,  
to preach the acceptable year  
of the Lord." (Luke 4:18,19).

### VII. The only people who will

go to Heaven are sinners.

Heaven is a prepared place for  
a prepared people. The Lord pre-  
pared the place and the Lord pre-  
pared the people. Heaven is the  
home of all the sinful people that  
Christ saves. In Heaven will be  
people of every nation, kindred  
and tongue. The word of God re-  
cords the song of those who go  
to Heaven:

"Thou art worthy to take the  
book and to open the seals there-  
of: for thou wast slain, and hast  
redeemed us to God by thy blood  
out of every kindred and tongue,  
and people, and nation."—Reve-  
lation 5:9.

Brother, if you say you are not  
a sinner, I will say this: If you  
are not, I don't know where you  
will go after death. There are  
only two places — Heaven and  
Hell — that I know anything  
about. You can't go to Heaven  
for only saved sinners go there,  
and you can't go to Hell, for lost  
sinners go there.

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## What Christ Does

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But if you die, I'll know that you lied when you said you had no sin. Death is a result of sin. If you die, it is because you were a sinner. You know that's why I know that those people who say they are sinless are liars. Sooner or later they die. That proves they were sinners. Why, they wouldn't even get sick if they were perfect, much less die.

Thanks be unto God, we are saved by Christ and go to Heaven to be with Him. May God save your soul today, sinner, and reveal to you these great truths I have tried to preach.—Bob L. Ross



## Baptism

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sixty millions of our inhabitants, whether believers or not, would be members of that church, and, as such, "inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven through baptism."

### The Presbyterian Church

Theoretically and spiritually, the Presbyterian Church holds to and teaches, the doctrine of justification by faith only. But practically and categorically, she holds to, and teaches, union with Christ through baptism and the church. Here are the teachings of her venerable Confession:

Q. 165. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be the sign and seal of ingrafting into himself; of

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resurrection unto everlasting life; remission of sins by his blood, and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly baptized into the visible church, and enter into an open professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord. — (Westminster Confession, page 337).

A sign, signifies; that is, makes a thing known by action. A sign verifies — declares a fact. A sign manual verifies a deed; a sign without a reality is a fiction. To sign one's name to a blank sheet, signifies nothing and is valueless. A signature to a conveyance of land when there is no land transferred, is a fraud. A sign of possession when there is nothing possessed is a hollow sham. Of what then is baptism a sign when there is no faith, no voluntary submission, no new spiritual relation experienced, and no pardon bestowed? Baptism is a sign of what in an unconscious babe or an unconverted adult? The answer of the Confession and Catechism is a sign and a seal of engrafting into Christ. Through baptism to Christ.

It is farther a seal — authenticates the fact that the baptized are engrafted into Christ, regenerated and saved. So says the confession:

"Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, not only for the solemn admission of the party baptized into the visible church; but also to be unto him a sign and seal of the covenant of grace of his ingrafting into Christ, of regeneration, of remission of sins, and of his giving up unto God, through Jesus Christ, to walk in newness of life; which sacrament is, by Christ's own appointment, to be continued in his church until the end of the world."

A sign and seal, of REGENERATION—the sign manual of the Eternal that the baptized one, and

of course in baptism, is eternally saved, engrafted into Christ, regenerated and pardoned.

"Infant baptism," said Rice in his debate with A. Campbell, "as well as that of adults, becomes a means of grace." (Debate, page 485). "Baptism is a pledge, so to speak, that God will forgive the sins of those who comply with the conditions set forth in his Word" (page 468); a means, that is, an instrument, an agency or way of attaining an end or object. Is Baptism a means of obtaining grace, the grace of regeneration and pardon? So says Rice, so say the Presbyterian authorities. Through Baptism to grace, to Christ, to salvation, versus the Scriptural doctrine, which Baptists hold, through faith in Christ to baptism, and without this—nothing.

There is but one means, or agency, or way to God's presence, but one mediator between God and man. It is the Lord Jesus. To His throne of grace we are called to come—immediately, direct, boldly—not through baptism as a means, or a way, or mediation. Here is one difference between the Presbyterians and the Baptists—baptism as a means, or way, or method of approach to Christ for grace, pardon, salvation; versus faith in Christ as the only means, way or method through which baptism can be received or be valid.

Presbyterians, in their higher spiritual modes of thought, doubtless reject their own theories and teachings. But there it is, in their own confession and catechism, strong as language can make it: "Baptism is a CONFIRMATIVE MARK OF REGENERATION — OF REMISSION OF SINS," and Calvin, the acknowledged expounder of the doctrine of that venerable church, says:

"Baptism is a sign of initiation by which we are admitted into the society of the church, in order that being incorporated into Christ, we may be numbered among the children of God. Now it has been given to us by God for these ends, which I have shown to be common to all sacraments; first, to promote our faith towards him; secondly, to testify our confession before men."

"Now must it be supposed that baptism is administered only for the time past, so that for sins into which we fall after baptism, it would be necessary to seek other new remedies of expiation in I know not what other sacraments, as if the virtue of baptism were become obsolete. In consequence of this error, it happened in former ages, that some persons would not be baptized except at the close of their life, and almost in the moment of their death, so that they might obtain pardon for their whole life; a preposterous caution which is frequently censured in the writings of the ancient bishops. But we ought to conclude that at whatever time we are baptized, we are washed and purified for the whole of life. Whenever we have fallen, therefore, we must recur to the remembrance of baptism, and arm our minds with the consideration of it, that we may be always certified and assured of the remission of our sins. For though, when it has been once administered, it

appears to be past, yet it is not abolished by subsequent sins. For the purity of Christ is offered to us in it; and that always retains its virtue, is never overcome by any blemishes, but purifies and obliterates all our defilements."—Calvin's Institutes, Chapter XV).

When even we have fallen, therefore we must recur to the remembrance of baptism—Why? "Because the virtue of baptism" has not become obsolete. For the purity of Christ is offered to us in it, and that always retains its virtue. That is to say, the virtue of Christ's purity is bound up for us in baptism, and when we fall into sins we are to turn to baptism as the way to Christ. This is Presbyterianism. Nor can its heresy and ruinous result be gotten rid of, till the Saviour's teaching: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," is made the watchword and baptism without faith is abandoned as unscriptural and sinful.



## "Prayer-Altar" Preacher

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from Roman Catholicism. Second, despite any filial or emotional attachment you, a prayer-altar preacher, may have for an "old-fashioned altar," I believe you have the intelligence and honesty to realize the truth of Acts 2:41, "Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Here there is no "praying through" at an "old fashioned altar." And you will search in vain in the Word of God for the "tale" of those who "prayed through" at an "old-fashioned altar."

When you, a prayer-altar preacher, take the emphasis off the Word of God and the Gospel and put it on the "praying" at the altar or the "praying through," or the "praying by sinners," you have forsaken the Holy Word of God; you have gone "beyond" the New Testament; you have entered the field of religious speculation; you have entered the ranks of those whom you deem to be dishonest translators; you have entered into tradition; you have taken the Roman ideology. "The end justifies the means," as your own; and you have come under the anathema of Galatians 1:8. When you concentrate on "altar-experience" as though Romans 10:8-15 were not in the Bible, you show your ignorance of God's Salvation and the necessary Work of the Holy Spirit of God!

Thus, even those who may actually be saved under your ministry and in your meetings are still saved as a result of their hearing the Word of God and in spite of your errors and unscriptural practices.

Third, there is one almost incomprehensible tragedy connected with your error and unscriptural practice; that is, your "altar call" or your call for sinners to "pray through." Though some do not respond to your use of the Word, they will respond to your measures of "fleshly desperation" or human trickery and seek fleshly release or experience. But, having turned aside from the plain Word of God, these never come to an intelligent realization that salvation is of the Lord and is received through belief of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The inescapable tragedy and conclusive religious debacle is that all who come forward to "pray through" or "pound on the gates of heaven" until God hears their cries — whether invited by you, a prayer-altar preacher, or some other sincere but misinformed person — are being taught to believe that God lied when He said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Thus when you, a prayer-altar preacher, tell the masses and the multitudes that revival must start at the "old fashioned altar," you are really telling them that Jesus

died in vain; you are telling them that "the gospel of Christ" which is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" is really wasted effort on God's part; you are really telling your religious audiences that Rome has been right all along, and that there is a way of salvation other than, "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."

Very simply — and I sincerely regret that the criticism must be so brazenly cold — you, a prayer-altar preacher, are in reality telling a lie in which the Romans, the Liberals, the Modernists, the Neo-orthodox, and a hundred and one other brands of heretics who resist confidence in the plain Word of God, rejoice. In fact, if you, a prayer-altar preacher, could but cease to speak derogatorily of them from the pulpit and in your writings — you would not even have to join them in all of their doctrinal vagaries and fallacies — they would doubtless get behind you 1000 per cent (just exactly as they have rallied behind the "world shaking" but deluded, theologically mixed up, and ecclesiastically deceived Billy Graham.)

Finally, we — all of us — should be able to realize that

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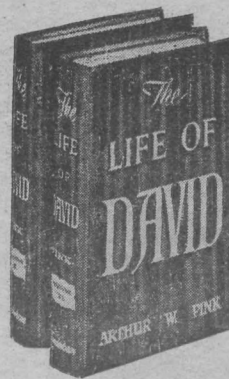
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when we take the emphasis off the Word of God — no matter what we may substitute for the teachings of the Word — we have literally turned from God's Way of Salvation. For, when we have taken our emphasis off the Word of God, we have taken our emphasis off the only thing which the Holy Spirit of God can use to convict a lost sinner, effect repentance, show the lost sinner that Jesus is the Savior, and enable the lost sinner to believe unto salvation!

Most of us are doubtless sufficiently informed to know that an altar in the Old Testament was a place of sacrifice. We know that once lambs, rams, oxen, goats, and birds were God's ordained, typical sacrifices. Then there came the day of days when the Blessed Lamb of God, even our precious Jesus, by His Own Blood, ended all necessity for further bloody sacrificing.

Now we can know that the only altar which the Christian has today is found explained in Hebrews 13:10, "We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle." And we learn in the verses which follow that God provides us with an abundant opportunity of making ourselves living sacrifices on the altar of service and suffering in His wondrous words, "Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach."

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