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

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You Have
'Seat In
Heaven'?

Christ And His Church

By BOB L. ROSS

Many folk have little regard for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some religionists have referred to it as a "man-made" and "human" organization, denying that there is very much divine about it. And many who may not have said as much have nevertheless acted toward the church in the same spirit and "despised" or esteemed it lightly. Reference is here made particularly to the interdenominationalists and unionists.

But the Bible reveals just how much the Lord Jesus loved the church and what He did for it.

And when reference is made to the church, understand that it is to a real church, not the heretical, imaginary idea of an invisible something. When people start talking about such a non-entity as a "universal, invisible church," one can just mark it down that someone has been listening to some heretical

preacher rather than reading the Bible. You can't find anything in God's Word but a real, visible assembly. Now that is the kind of assembly the Book speaks of, and that is the kind referred to when reference is made to what Jesus did for the church. If nothing favorable is said about the other imaginary "church," please don't blame the writer, for he is simply preaching the Bible, and the Bible says nothing about it. The Bible doesn't contain the 29th chapter of Acts, and that is where you'll "find" the "universal church" along with all the other heresies propagated in our day.

First of all, notice that --

1. Christ Built the Church

Jesus Himself said as much:

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." -- Matthew 16:18.

The only thing Jesus, while here on earth, ever built was a

church. He didn't build a material house in which to live, for he travelled constantly and had "no place to lay His head." He did not build a business establishment, for He went about His Father's work. He did not build an earthly, material kingdom, for He said that His kingdom was not of this world.

It can also be said that He didn't build a lodge, for He did nothing in secret, and as you know, lodgism prides itself on secretism.

Neither did Jesus build a Roman Catholic church, for Romanism came much later. The same can be said as to Protestantism.

The only thing Jesus ever built was a church. And what Christ built is divine, even though it is made up of human material. The church is not man-made, but God-made.

Christ is the Foundation of His church. Upon Him are built "living stones" and each body fitly (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Out Of The Mail Bag



Dear Brothers John and Bob:

Here is my dollar for April to be applied on your bills. Not much: wish I could send more but do not have it.

—J. E. Abbott, Ark.

Dear Bro. Gilpin,

Enclosed find check for \$5.00—a little help in your time of trial. Will be praying for you.

—John Rawlings, Jr., W. Va.

Dear Bro. Gilpin,

I get a great blessing from your paper and enjoy it very much.

E. E. Keeton, Ala.

Dear Bro. Gilpin,

I am so thankful for the Baptist Examiner. It's a great blessing to (Continued on page 6, column 1)

What Is Meant By Referring To The Name Of Christ?

By A. C. Gaebelein

ple today!

One of the last pictures of the godly in the Old Testament is in Malachi 3. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Mal. 3:16-17).

No great deeds are recorded of this gathering of His people. They met as His people in the days when the Name was dishonored (Continued on page 4, column 1)

Election Doesn't Damn

The decree of election renders no man incapable of performing spiritual worship, or of believing and obeying, or of repentance and salvation. It is original and actual sin, man's native enmity and hatred of God and all goodness, that renders men of themselves utterly incapable to perform these truly; and whereas to know in this world who is not elected, is a secret in the bosom of God only, as God has never made it known to any prophet or apostle or minister or any Christian whatsoever that we read of, much less can he be supposed to make it known to any reprobate out of hell. Therefore no man can warrantably say of himself or of any other individual person, that he is not elected, or that God is reprobate (Continued on page 4, column 3)

The Unscripturalness Of "Religious Socialism"

By EDDIE K. GARRETT
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Let it be clearly understood that by "religion" we do not mean Christianity, and that by a "religious man" we do not mean a Christian. Someone once said that the difference between a religious man and a Christian is that the religious man is such by his natural birth, whereas the Christian becomes such by new birth, or regeneration.

There are many religious movements and systems at the present day which have a form of godliness, but which deny every essential item of "the doctrine of Christ" (2 John 9). Those movements which have adopted the

SOCIAL GOSPEL are such of whom I speak. The relationship between Economic and Religious Socialism is as close as the relationship between "cousins" in a family. Governments are being organized into a federation and a single world-federation of religion is also well on the way. The Bible makes it very clear that all this is the work of Satan.

1. Nature of Religious Socialism

A. It has for its foundation the (Continued on page 4, column 4)

Does Jesus Care?

Because they are lonely and discouraged, afflicted people often wonder whether Jesus really cares. Remember, Jesus loves his own and cares for their needs.

Jesus is sympathetic and understanding; for He was also human. He was fully tested and tried.

We may and must pray to Jesus for strength and guidance in our afflictions.

The Lord will sustain us in every trial, and make us to triumph.

"As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love." — John 15:9.

"For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted." — Heb. 2:17, 18.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." — Heb. 4:16.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword? . . . Nay, in all these we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." — Rom. 8:35, 37.

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PAUL AND THE WORD OF GOD"

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." — II Cor. 4:2.

When I started to prepare this series of messages, I read anew and afresh the book of Acts twice, and then I read all the epistles of Paul, from the book of Romans through to the end of Hebrews, very carefully, and I made notations of many, many Scriptures. As I did so, I was impressed in a particular way by one truth, and that is, the Apostle Paul was a man of the Bible. To tell you frankly, I had never before been so thoroughly convinced as to how

much Paul preached the Bible as I was when I made this fresh study of recent date. We read:

"But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, PROVING that this is very Christ." — Acts 9:22.

You will notice the word "proving." How did Paul prove that Jesus was the Christ? Very simply. He read a Scripture from the Old Testament on the one hand, and laid down the character of Christ on the other hand, and showed that the character of Christ coincided and perfectly fulfilled the Old Testament predictions, so that Jesus of Nazareth was surely the Messiah of Jewish prophecies. The Word of God said that he proved that this was

the very Christ.

Notice again:

"And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the WORD OF GOD." — Acts 13:44.

This is a reference to Paul's preaching, and it tells us as he made this first missionary tour, when he was at Antioch in Pisidia, that almost the whole city came together for one purpose—to hear the Word of God.

Listen again:

"And the WORD OF THE LORD was published throughout all the region." — Acts 13:49.

Notice that Paul preached the Word of the Lord. And what was the result? It was published throughout all of that region.

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PRAYING RALLY DAY -- JUNE 12TH -- PRAY - GIVE - ATTEND

WHAT WILL YOU TELL YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY ASK THE PART YOU HAD IN IT?

A "Program" Pastor Has A Gripe About Modernism In SBC Schools

HE'S FOUND OUT WHAT MANY OF US HAVE KNOWN FOR YEARS — THE SCHOOLS ARE ROTTEN

The following letter recently appeared in the "forum" column of the Western Recorder (May 10), state paper for Cooperative Program Baptists in Kentucky.

The Big Move

I write this letter not at my own discretion but feel led by the Holy Spirit to do so. If I had my own way I would not do so for fear of being "marked" as one who will not co-operate with the program. God knows that I have tried to hold my peace. Paul said, "... woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel," likewise, "woe unto me if I keep silent."

I am discouraged, disgusted, and depressed. Why? Because of the "big move," as some have called it, in our Baptist work in Kentucky. What is this big move? To make Baptist people think maybe we have been wrong all through the centuries. Maybe other denominations and so-called scientists are right, and we have been wrong all these years. Maybe we need to re-think some of these things. How long are we going to stand by and listen to this damnable doctrine as it tears down the faith of many of the young people in our schools and throughout Kentucky?

I have seen the faith of some of my own people staggered by an article of one of our seminary professors concerning eternal security. Yet, I kept quiet, hoping that others would work it out, and I could keep from getting my hands dirty.

But, now, just recently, I have heard teachers in our colleges explain away the miracles both in the Old and New Testaments. Yes, I have recently found out that the Book I have been preaching from is nothing more than a book of myths and fairy tales. The children of Israel did not really cross the Red Sea. It was the "Reed Sea." Just a little more than a mud puddle just north of the "Well of Moses." When the people of Israel crossed this river the wind blew the thin layer of water to one side. The people of Israel naturally gave God the credit for this "miracle," but in telling the sorry they over exaggerated it. I say "bunk."

Again I heard another one of our seminary professors teach the theory of "Theistic-Evolution" to hundreds of our college students, and my understanding is that he

will tour our colleges doing the same thing. I heard one minister say, "This man has torn down what I have tried to do in months." Yes, it took only one morning to put doubt in the minds of these young people as to the dependability of the Bible.

Is it any wonder that I am discouraged, disgusted, and depressed? Who wouldn't be? I am helping to support these damnable doctrines. I preach one thing and help support men who preach another. Yet, if you dare say this too loudly there will be hundreds of the same type of people to rise up to defend these teachers and "mark" those "radicals" who still believe that old myth that "in the beginning God" created man.

When the question is asked today if a preacher or school is "spiritual," they mean "Do they still believe in the Bible?"

Am I advocating not supporting our schools? No, I am advocating that we increase our gifts to them, hire people who believe in the Bible and live by it. Our schools are our only hope for tomorrow. What kind of Baptists there will be in Kentucky in the next generation will be largely determined by what our schools teach today. If they are led to question God's word and disbelieve its teaching, the ones responsible will not be the teachers, but you and I will be the ones to answer to God. I shall pray for our work, but prayer is not enough. I will also "cry aloud, spare not."

Do not misunderstand me, there are still many Bible believing teachers in our schools, but the pressure is increasing on them.

I feel I speak not only for myself, but hundreds of God-called men who believe God's word as the final authority on all things and who preach it as though they believe it. They are also discouraged, disgusted, and depressed by this "Big Move."

"Paul And The Word"

(Continued from page one)
We read again:

"And there they PREACHED THE GOSPEL." — Acts 14:7.

This is a reference to Paul's visit to the cities of Lystra and Derbe, and it tells us when he went to these cities that he

preached the Gospel.

Then we read:

"And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, and EXHORTING them to CONTINUE IN THE FAITH, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." — Acts 14:21, 22.

In other words, when Paul was at Derbe he preached the Gospel in that city, and he urged the people to continue in the faith.

Again we read:

"And when they had PREACHED THE WORD in Perga, they came down into Attalia." — Acts 14:25.

This is a reference to Paul's preaching in the city of Perga, and it tells us that they preached the Word.

Notice this, beloved, in all the ministry of the Apostle Paul, the one thing that stands out is the fact that Paul was a man of the Book. I have often been impressed by the fact that preachers are noted for various characteristics. There is one man whom I think of just now, whom I recognize as a good man and a good preacher, who is noted for the fact that he is an excellent man when it comes

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to visitation, especially when he goes into a home where someone is ill or where there has been a death. He has a remarkable ability of comforting people in times of trouble, and he is recognized as such. I don't think he is much of a pulpit orator, and I do not say that he is even too much of a Bible student, but he certainly is recognized from the standpoint of his visitation.

Then there are those who are recognized as social preachers. I know one preacher who boasts of the fact that he has something of a social nature going on in his church organization every night of the year. To me that is not much for him to boast about, but nevertheless he is recognized on that basis.

As I say, most every preacher has something whereby he has gained some fame or some recognition. Paul's fame grew out of the fact that Paul was a man who preached the Word.

We read:

"Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to PREACH THE WORD in Asia." — Acts 16:6.

The fact that they were forbidden of the Holy Spirit to preach the Word would indicate that that was the very thing that they had been preaching. The Holy Spirit said, "No, not now; this isn't the time nor place to preach the Word." So they were forbidden to preach the Word in Asia, indicating that that was the thing that Paul majored on.

Noice again:

"And they spake unto him the WORD OF THE LORD and to all that were in his house." — Acts 16:32.

This is a reference to the Philippian jailer at the time of his conversion. He had asked the disciples how to be saved. They told him to believe on the Lord Jesus (Continued on page 3, column 2)

"FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME."

By CHARLES CHINIQUY

(Selections by L. E. Jarrell, Lordsburg, New Mexico)

CHAPTER FOUR (Continued)

Next followed a gentleman named Dubord, who in substance spoke as follows:

"Mr. President, — I was, not among those who gave the priest the expression of public feeling with the energetic tongue of the whip. I wish I had been, however; I would heartily have co-operated in giving that lesson to the priests of Canada. Let me give my reason.

"My daughter who is 12 years old, went to confession as did the others a few weeks ago. It was against my will. I know by my own experience that of all actions confessions is the most degrading in a person's life. I can imagine nothing so well calculated to destroy forever one's self-respect as the modern invention of the confessional. Now what is a person without self-respect — especially women? Without this all is lost to her, forever.

"In the confessional everything is corruption of the lowest grade.

"In the confessional a girl's thoughts are polluted, her tongue is polluted, her heart is polluted — yes, and for ever polluted! Do I need to tell you this? You know it as well as I do. Though you are now all too intelligent to degrade yourselves at the feet of a priest, though it is long since you have been guilty of that meanness, not one of you have forgotten the lessons of corruption received, when young, your thoughts, your heart, and your souls like the scar left by the red-hot iron upon the brow of the slave, to remain a perpetual witness of his shame and servitude. The confessional is a place where one gets accustomed to hear, and repeat without a scruple, things which would cause even a prostitute to blush!

"Why are Roman Catholic nations inferior to nations belonging to Protestantism? Only in the confessional can the solution of that problem be found. And why are Roman Catholic nations degraded in proportion to their submission to the priests? It is because the oftener the individuals composing those nations go to confessional, the more rapidly they sink in the scale of intelligence and morality. A terrible example of this I had in my own house.

"As I said a moment ago, I was against my daughter going to confession; but her poor mother, who is under the control of the priest, earnestly wanted her to go. Not to have a disagreeable scene in my house, I had to yield to the tears of my wife.

"On the day following that of her confession they believed I was absent; but I was in my office, with the door sufficiently open to allow me to hear what was said. My wife and daughter had the following conversation:

"What makes you so thoughtful and sad, my dear Lucy, since you went to confession? It seems to me you should feel happy since you had the privilege of confessing your sins."

"Lucy made no answer.

"After a silence of two or three minutes her mother said:

"Why do you weep, dear child? Are you ill?"

"Still no answer from the child.

"You may well suppose that I was all attention. I had my su-

spicious about the dread deal which had taken place, heart throbbled with uneasiness and anger.

"After a short time she spoke to her child with a firmness to force her to answer. In a trembling voice and pressed with sobs my daughter answered:

"Ah! mama, if you knew the priest asked me, and said to me in the confessional you would be as sad as I."

"But what did he say? You surely did not understand him if you think he said anything to pain you."

"Dear mother," as she herself into her mother's arms, "do not ask me to confess," the priest said! He told me so shameful that I cannot tell them. But that which is most is the impossibility of living from my thoughts the things which he has taught. His impure words are like put upon the chest of my Louise — they could not be moved without tearing the heart. What must have been his of me to ask such questions?"

"My child said no more, began to sob again.

"After a short silence she rejoined:

"I'll go see the priest, him to beware how he speaks the confessional. I have myself that he goes to ask his questions. I, however, that he was more prudent children. After the lesson give him, be sure that you have only to tell your mother that you will be no more troubled by his endless questions of you, however, never of this to anybody, especially never let your poor father know anything about it, for he has enough religion already, and would leave him without all."

"I could contain myself no longer. I rose and abruptly left the parlor. My daughter, herself, weeping, into my arms, and almost fell into a swoon. My wife said to me: 'If you love me, put your hand on my heart and promise me you'll never go to confession again. Fear God, my child, in His presence, for His eye is upon you everywhere. Remember day and night He is ready to give us. Never place your feet again at the feet of a priest, be defiled and degraded by him.'"

"This my daughter promised me." (Continued on page 3, column 2)

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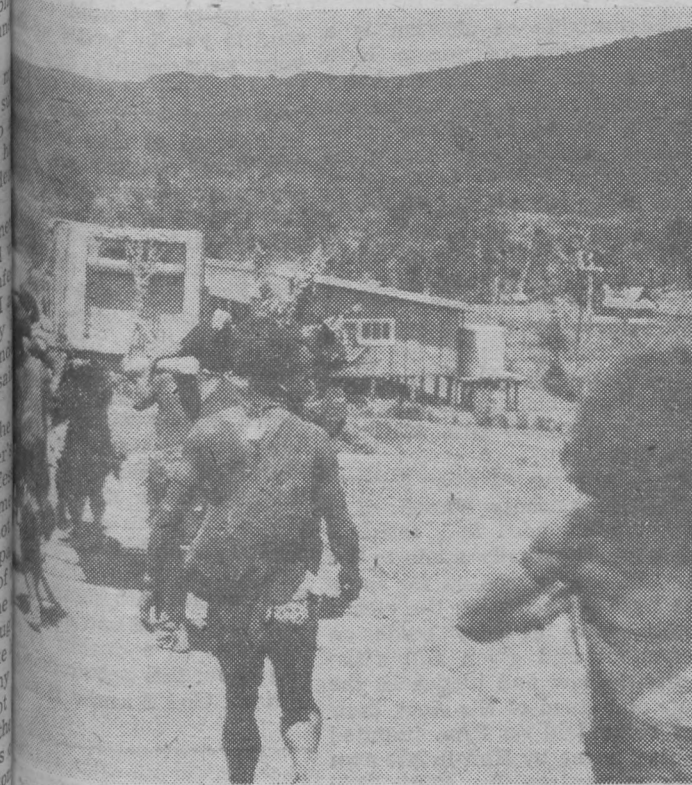
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DO YOU HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR MESSAGE? IS IT THE TRUTH? THEN GIVE US YOUR 'CLASP OF CONFIDENCE.'

New Guinea Photo Story

By FRED T. HALLIMAN

PICTURE STORY OF WHEN OUR REFRIGERATOR WAS BROUGHT IN



In this picture we have just begun to leave Koroba the cook stove and refrigerator. Here the natives have footing and are happy to be on their way. They sing as carry these heavy loads and seemingly are happy.

50 Years In Rome

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When my wife had recovered her surprise I said to her: "Adam, for a long time the has been everything, and husband nothing to you. is a hidden and terrible that governs your thoughts as it governs your

to the same house with me."

Three other discourses followed that of Mr. Dubord, all of which were pregnant with details and facts going to prove that the confessional was the principal cause of the deplorable demoralization of St. Thomas.

If, in addition to all that, I could have mentioned before that association what I already knew of the corrupting influence of that

sabbath days Paul reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, and it says, "as his manner was," indicating that the manner of Paul's preaching was that of preaching the Word of God.

Then again: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received THE WORD with all readiness of mind, and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, whether those things were so." — Acts 17:11.

This took place in the city of Berea, and it tells us that the Bereans searched the Scriptures to see whether those things were so. Notice, it says, "They received the word with all readiness of mind."

I say, beloved, Paul was a minister of the Word. It was his specialty.

Then we read: "And he continued there a year and six months, TEACHING THE WORD OF GOD among them." — Acts 18:11.

This is a reference to his ministry at Corinth, the place where he spent a year and a half, which was the second longest ministry that Paul had any place. As Paul preached at Corinth, he taught the Word of God among them.

Notice again: "And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia HEARD THE WORD OF THE LORD JESUS, both Jews and Greeks." — Acts 19:10.

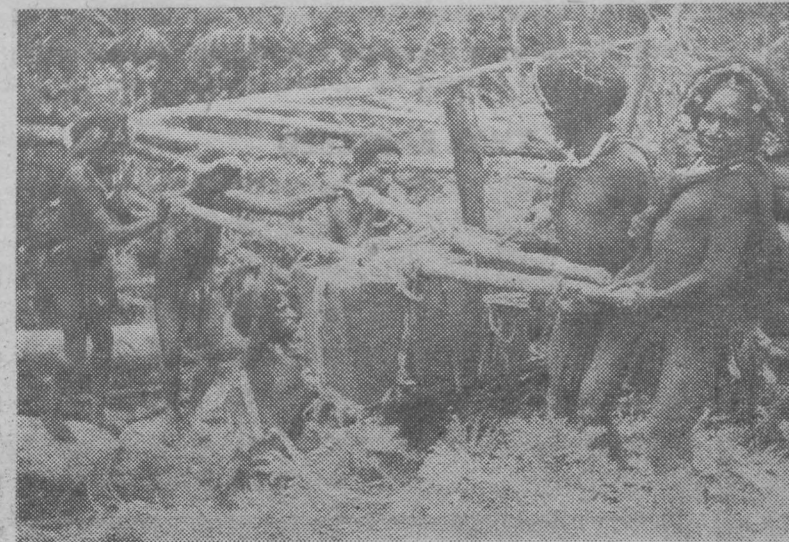
All of these references would lead us to this truth that Paul was a man who preached the Book.

I like to be recognized as a man of the Book. I like to be recognized as a man who believes the Book, and who teaches the Book, and who preaches the Book. In fact, through the years of my ministry, I think the one thing that I can say that has been my "long suit" has been the fact that I have emphasized the Word of God.

A Holiness preacher some years ago made this statement concerning me which I consider the



In this picture we have about left the Koroba area and are getting close to the rough jungle country. The footing is not so sure from here after and the trail gradually gets worse.



In this picture is our cook stove being carried. It doesn't look like it would ever do much cooking, here in this picture, but it is serving us well now. To get these two pieces from Koroba to our home, I left Tanggi (our area) one morning about 7. I took about 45 men with me and about 6 p.m. we returned; the round trip was 26 miles. I took turns at helping to carry the refrigerator and when we reached Tanggi we were tired and beaten. The refrigerator was dropped twice but it works fine.

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WOULD YOU MISS OUR MESSAGE?

DO YOU DO YOUR BEST?

— it is the power of the "This you have often de- but providence has decided that this power should be ever broken for you and for want to be the ruler in my house; and from this moment power of the priest over you cease, unless you prefer to forever. The priest has here too long! But now I know he has stained and the soul of my daughter, empire must fall! Whenever go and take your heart and to the feet of the priest, kind as not to come back

institution given to the world by centuries of darkness, certainly the determination of its members to make use of every means to abolish the usage would have been strengthened.

Chapter V—Next Week

"Seat In Heaven"

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could not prove his ownership, and he had nothing more to say. His lips were sealed.

Just so! But for those who have taken their place under the shelter of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus there is no uncertainty as to their place in heaven. Chosen in Him from before the foundation of the world, they shall assuredly be there, holy and without blame before Him. To Him be all the praise!

greatest compliment that I ever had passed on me in my life. He said, "If you would take the Bible away from Brother Gilpin he couldn't preach a lick." Well, as I say, he didn't mean to compliment me, but I consider it as the greatest compliment that was ever passed on my ministry.

I might add what the layman said to him at the same time. He said, "If one of your Holy Rollers were given a Bible, you

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couldn't reach a lick." And that was definitely true. One statement was just as true as the other.

I say to you, I like to be recognized as a man of the Book. Paul was that kind.

Then we read: "For I have not shunned to declare unto you ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD." — Acts 20:27.

This was spoken to the elders at the church of Ephesus. Paul is recounting and going back over his ministry, and he said, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God." Ephesus was the place of Paul's greatest ministry. He was there for three

years' time. He hadn't given them just a portion of the "counsel of God," but rather he had taught them all the Word of God.

Lets notice one other reference in this connection:

"And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came unto him, PREACHING the kingdom of God, and TEACHING THOSE THINGS WHICH CONCERN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST." — Acts 28:30, 31.

I say, beloved, you can't read these Scriptures without the realization that the Apostle Paul was a man of the Book, and that he emphasized the Book in every particular. As a result of seeing how he did it, I'd like for us to turn to the epistles of the Apostle Paul and see just what Paul said about the Word of God.

THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD.

Paul would teach us that the Word of God is inspired of the Lord. When he wrote to young Timothy he said:

"All scripture is given by INSPIRATION of God." — II Tim. 3:16.

Here is a man who spent a lifetime as a missionary, preaching and majoring on the Word of God. Now as he comes down to the end of his way, he writes to Timothy and says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God."

Beloved, I would like to emphasize the fact that I too believe

the Bible is the Word of God. I do not say that the Bible is partially of God, and partially of man. I do not say that the Bible is partially written by a sovereign God, and partially written by a finite man. Rather, I say that all Scripture is inspired of God. I would not put a question mark by any portion of the Bible, but I would say that from beginning to end, it is all the Word of God.

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God's Sovereignty

By ELISHA COLES

This is an old volume lately re-issued. It was highly commended by Thomas Goodwin, John Owen, William Romaine, C. H. Spurgeon and many others. We disagree with some of the author's views, particularly with his idea as to the church, but on the whole we heartily commend this book as a helpful and enlightening volume.

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"Paul And The Word"

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Christ. But they didn't stop there. They spoke unto him the Word of the Lord.

Reading a little further, we find:

"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days REASONED WITH THEM OUT OF THE SCRIPTURES." — Acts 17:2.

This is the story of the founding of the church at Thessalonica. It was founded on a good basis for it was founded as a result of scriptural presentation. For three

is the best book we have read on the Tabernacle. It tells the substitutionary, sacrificial work of Christ as that to the Tabernacle system. On nearly every page, attention is called to some- thing which typifies the work of Lord Jesus Christ.

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI CONGREGATION



These photos were taken on Bro. Gilpin's recent visit to Springfield, Missouri. Above is the group that was present for Sunday morning services. (Bro. and Mrs. Gilpin at the left).

TWO BAPTIZED



Brother Perry Lamb (left) and Brother Gary Long (right) were baptized on Saturday afternoon.

The Name

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and almost forgotten. Then they thought upon His Name, they exalted that Name, and the Lord remembered it. He confessed them as they had confessed Him and honored His Name. The days in which we live correspond in a remarkable way to the conditions which prevailed among the godly remnant of Jews when Malachi gave the last prophetic message. Today that blessed and holy Name is rejected and maligned. How He is dishonored! Nevertheless God has His faithful ones who exalt the Name and give the place of prominence to the preeminent Lord.

The Name! Who can fathom that Name! "God hath highly exalted him and given him a name, which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9).

"Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." (Eph. 1:21). "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (Heb. 1:4). James speaks of Him as "that

worthy name" (Jas. 2:7). He is worthy of all praise in heaven and on earth. He is worthy of all honor and glory. His worthiness our ignorant hearts at this time cannot understand. Nor is human language sufficient to express His worth. "Thy name is as ointment poured forth" (Sol. Song 1:3). "He had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself" (Rev. 19:12).

And with this Name we are through sovereign grace marvelously identified. By that worthy Name we are called. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts 10:43). In His Name we are washed, sanctified and justified (I Cor. 6:11). In His Name the Holy Spirit be-seeches us, and unto His Name His redeemed people gather. In His Name we worship, bringing our spiritual sacrifices acceptable unto God. "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifices of praise to God continually, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks in his name" (Heb. 13:15). In His Name we commend the exaltation and

the honor of His Name! "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Heb. 6:10). "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father, which is in heaven" (Matt. 10:32).

We hear His voice speaking from the Father's throne: "Thou hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted" (Rev. 2:3). "Thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith" (Rev. 2:13). "I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels" (Rev. 3:5). We have a great opportunity and privilege to exalt His Name in a day of reproach and denial. We have also His promise that He will keep us out of the hour of trial. "Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall no more go out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God . . . and I will write upon him my new name" (Rev. 3:12).

"And they shall see this face and his name shall be in their foreheads" (Rev. 22:4). Hallelujah! Oh let us be true to His Name and exalt and glorify His wherever and whenever we can.

Election

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solved not to give him or her a heart to believe; repent and to be saved; because we know God saves sinners, even the chief of them, by electing love and grace (I Tim. 1:15).

The divine decree of election to salvation never did or could damn any. God is the alone author of election and of salvation from sin, hell, and wrath; damnation is the alone consequence of sin, which would take place if God had elected none, as naturally as effect follows cause. The justice of God required that all who actually sinned, or their Surety, must suffer the penalty.

Election was in Christ to salvation, grace and glory, before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4). Condemnation or damnation would never be heard of if sin had not entered into the world. Election of man to salvation cannot possibly in itself be of any bad consequence to any creature, any

more than the election of Christ or the election of angels is. The Arminians may with as much truth and propriety deny the election of Christ or the election of angels, as the election of men to salvation (Isa 42:1; Mat. 12:18; Ps. 89:3; I Pet. 2:4, 6; I Tim. 5:21; Jude 6).

The doctrine of election is a soul-comforting doctrine to God's children, and hath no tendency in its own nature to distress the mind of any man. The dark conclusions which the Arminians draw do not belong to the doctrine. The divine Father's loving the elect with the same love wherewith He loved His Son, and choosing them in Christ to be holy and without blame before Him in love, must be a comfortable doctrine (Jn. 17:21-24; Eph. 1:4). What ensures holiness must ensure glory; election doth so, and glory must follow (Isa. 45:17; II Tim. 2:10).

As there is no salvation for any that have actually sinned, if a perfect atonement and satisfaction are not actually made to the law and justice of God for those sins by Christ; Christ, the elect's Surety, hath actually made an atonement and given full satisfaction to law and justice in the room and stead of His elect, their sins being laid on Him, imputed to Him, borne by Him in His own body on the tree (Isa. 42:21; 53:6; 40:1-2; I Pet. 2:24). Therefore Christ demands their deliverance. He saves them from sin as well as from hell (Job 33:23-24; Heb. 7:25; Jn. 17:24; Matt. 1:21).

No other doctrine but election can justify, and no other persons but the elect in Christ Jesus are delivered from all charges and from all condemnation (Rom. 8:1, 33-34). Therefore it is a soul-comforting doctrine. Moreover, Christ prayed for them, and ever lives to make intercession for them, and will raise them up at the last day to be for ever with Him in glory (Jn. 17; throughout; Rom. 8:32; Heb. 7:25; Jn. 6:39; Col. 3:4; I Thes. 4:17).

As there never was or will be any final or eternal salvation but as the alone effect of God's love, so there never was or will be any damnation or final eternal condemnation but as the alone effect of sin and of God's hatred to it. —The Gospel Magazine, 1775.

"Religious Socialism"

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false teaching of "the Universal Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man."

The Bible teaches that the whole human race has descended from Adam and Eve, and therefore, we are all organically related. God is the father of all mankind ONLY in the sense of creation, and we are all brothers ONLY in the sense that we have descended from the same human pair. For anyone to go beyond this point is to be led astray so far as to be utterly unable to reconcile the teachings of Christ. The Word of God very clearly gives declarations that there is a great multitude to whom the love of God was not ordained. (Prov. 16:4; Mal. 1:1-4, Amos 3:2, Rom. 9:21-24, I Peter 2:8-9, 2 Peter 2:12 and Rev. 17:8).

B. Another of the basic ideas behind religious socialism is this notion: That man's trouble lies in his SURROUNDINGS and not in himself.

The importance of this idea is obvious, since a mistake here will cause a person to look in the wrong place for the cure of man's (Continued on page 5, column 1) umes.

This Rec Apprecio TBE

I finally got hold of send to you in behalf of your paper going out those wonderful messages been enlightened more Holy Word of God by per than I really know have only been saved years, and I was not raised a Christian home, so I know anything about the God. How terrible it is to raise their children up any knowledge of Christ. Others who write or preach sermons in your paper shown me by the Word how we are saved according to election. I was before I knew this, but it makes me more grateful since I have learned that salvation is of the Lord. You can get into some discussions on that and even ed a nut or a quack. I know this better than I thank God I know it.

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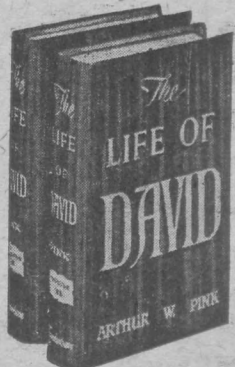
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You know, the more about the Word of God, I think about Matt. 7: know, there was a time thought that scripture people who only denied or had not made a prayer I did not notice it was to church members. It was to realize that it applies ple who think they are "Lord-have mercy." You if it is as you say in your and I do believe it is, so many poor people beceived, and do not ever it. What a pity, but what do? God's will must be of course it will be.

I thank Him for saving and I know He will keep well, for I never forget vation is of the Lord. Pro name.

— W. F. Siro

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HAVE YOU . . .

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WILL YOU DEPEND UPON A MIRACLE YOU HOPE FOR, TO KEEP US GOING?

OR WILL YOU GIVE US YOUR 'CLASP OF CONFIDENCE'?

"Religious Socialism"

(Continued from page 4)
The Bible proclaims that the use of man's troubles is in man himself. Man is born with a corrupt human nature and all of his woes spring from it (Psalm 51:5). Those who preach the Social Gospel, therefore devote their energies to the improvement of the environment, thinking that it will improve the man. We will see later just how the Socialists endeavor to do this. The Socialists pulsates with the truth that man's ills are cured ONLY by the GREAT PHYSICIAN — JESUS CHRIST, and this by a living faith in Him. (John 14:6, 18:9).

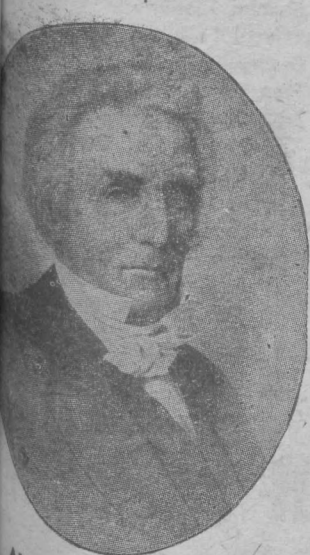
Did Christ Teach Social Service?

Those who hold to Religious Socialism lay great stress on the Social Service or Welfare Work of Christ. The churches are urged to lay stress on preaching to a future life and give more to the practical problems surrounding mankind. Those who only temporal welfare work in the public ministry of Christ have a meager and inadequate conception of His earthly mission. What was Christ's mission? His answer is, "For the Son of man is to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). This so-called social work or welfare work was intended only as evidence of His Deity. The nature of welfare work is temporal. It pertains to this life. It was constantly taught that we are not to concern ourselves only about the things of this world, but to have no thought for the morrow.

They not up treasure on earth but lay it up in heaven." "Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you." This is what Jesus taught. It has been said that Social Service is of the vine and not the vine. It is a by-product of true Christianity. The purpose of Christ was seen in His Spiritual Power through the manifestation of His many miracles.

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cles of healing, etc., were for this purpose.
Why did Christ raise Lazarus from the grave? His answer, "To the intent that ye might believe." We could go on and on to show that the whole purpose of Christ's works was to reveal His identity with the Father.

We must understand that welfare work is not going to save us. "Many will say unto 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" (Matt. 7:22-23).

Many of these are in the class that denies Christ as the Redeemer and tries to substitute welfare work for Christianity.

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Religious Socialism tends to obscure or wholly cover up the absolute necessity of INDIVIDUAL salvation. This it does by creating the idea that salvation is a collective or social affair, to be accomplished not for each individual — the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob.

3. Results Of Religious Socialism (It Endeavors To Break Down God Ordained Classes)

A. The Christian and the non-Christian.

The Bible gives positive teaching that all men do not have the same relationship to Jesus Christ. Those who preach the Social Gospel endeavor to tear down this truth of God's Word by making no distinction between those who are truly Christians and those who are not. The Bible says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Cor. 6:14).

This verse teaches that there is as much difference between the Christian and the non-Christian (even though the latter may be religious) as there is between light and darkness. The real Christian loves different things in life than the non-Christian. The Christian's whole being is centered around Jesus Christ and the non-Christian's whole being is centered around himself. They don't go to the same places, nor use the same language, nor think the same thoughts. The Christian person will ever show a desire to know the will of his Father in everything and to follow that will when it is made known. He will not be found walking continuously in stubborn rebellion against truth. In the above mentioned text we are admonished by the Lord not to have fellowship with the non-Christian. How unlike the teaching of the Social Gospelers.

B. Male and female.

The Bible makes quite a distinction between the male and the female which many people have absolutely done away with. What right has anyone to take any of God's truth and treat it in such manner? No man has this

right and the offender will be dealt with by the Lord. Times and customs may change but God's Word never changes. What God has to say concerning the man and the woman in the New Testament is very much fixed and we need to square to it. The Bible puts many restrictions upon the woman and the religious Socialists would tear it down for they have the idea that everyone must be equal in every respect for things to be right — all should make the same wage, go to the same places, etc. All those who have been born again have the same relationship to Christ as far as their being justified is concerned, but in fulfilling their duties in this life there is a difference. (Gal. 3:28).

Some of the things that women are forbidden to do are:

- (1) They are forbidden to teach men. (I Tim. 2:12).
- (2) They are forbidden to act in any capacity that involves the exercise of authority over men (I Tim. 2:12).
- (3) They are forbidden even to speak in the church. (I Cor. 14:34-35).

I cannot agree with those who try to read into these verses the idea that they do not demand a complete silence, or that they just deny the right to debate, or that they do no more than instruct the woman not to cause a commotion.

- (4) They are not to appear in the services with uncovered heads (I Cor. 11:3-10).

There is a DUAL covering spoken of in these verses. A woman's hair is given her as a natural covering and to cut it would be wrong.

The Bible gives us the reasons for these prohibitions. They are:

- (1) The deception of the woman in the fall. (I Tim. 2:14).
- (2) The priority of Adam in creation (I Tim. 2:13).

The modern day woman has left the home for a secular job. God created woman for the home and to bear children, but she doesn't want this. She has put herself on the equal of man. But God says she is not equal (I Peter 3:7). The husband is the HEAD of the wife and the wife is to be in subjection to him. Also there are many men who have not taken the headship which they are commanded to.

C. Distinction of the races.

The question of de-segregation has been something the Socialists and even the Communists want to bring to pass. They would tear down the natural barrier that God has fixed. I am for segregation because God was the original segregationist. While the Bible contains no clear mandate for or against segregation as between the white and negro races, it does furnish considerable data from which valid inferences may be drawn in support of the general principle of segregation as an important feature — Divine purpose and Providence throughout the ages.

There are many other fields in which the Social Gospelers

Do You Live On One Meal A Week?

At a prayer meeting some time ago, a brother prayed that the Lord would bless those who were at home on beds of sickness and sofas of wellness. The last words were unexpected, but very needful. Certain of our friends practice the art of tarrying at home, but I fear they do not divide the spoil. As to midweek services, they are regarded as tasks more than privileges by many professors. They live on one meal a week.

—C. H. S.

HIS HANDS

I am so safe in His gentle hands,
Nor would I ask to be free;
The hands that were laid on the children's heads
Will tenderly deal with me.
Hands that succored and hands that served,
That fed the hungry with bread;
Hands that gave to the blind their sight,
Hands that raised from the dead.
O beautiful hands of my living Lord!
I shall see in eternity —
Indescribable love—my name engraved
In those hands which were pierced for me!

—Martha Snell Nicholson

would try to do away with the distinction that God has made.

Appreciated Letters

Dear Bro. John and Family:

Just a line to let you know I still think of you people real often and wish you all of God's richest blessings. Here's \$50.00. Use it for His Glory!

C. W. Springer, Mich.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Enclosed find \$2.00 for The Baptist Examiner. We thank God for it. Don't see how we could get along without it, so let us keep it going out. We are praying for you as you labor for the Lord. Hope to see you one of these days and talk a spell.

Jess Whalen, Ohio

Dear Bro.:

I have noticed in TBE your plea for money and never realized it was needed so urgently as for you to write and make a personal request. I don't support all the pleas and requests I hear but know your standing and thank God for it. I don't want to try to offer an excuse for not giving more, but I work as a brick mason, and most of all the work I have is outside, so I have been hampered by weather. (Not to complain). My prayer and heart's desire is that TBE may be still coming at the rapture. Lay hold of God's promises and remember He will provide.

—Eugene Dunkle, W. Va.

Faith Vs. Doubt

Doubt see the obstacles;
Faith sees the way!
Doubt sees the darkest night;
Faith see the day!
Doubt dreads to take a step;
Faith soars on high.
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"
Faith answers, "I!"

"Mother" Rome And Her Daughters Are Getting Closer And Closer

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. —(RNS) — Christians — both Protestants and Catholics — should unite in prayer for the coming Second Vatican Council just as they did for the World Council of Churches Assembly in New Delhi, India, a well-known Protestant churchman said here.

Dr. James E. Wagner, retiring president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, made this appeal for unity at a luncheon of the United Church Women of the Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches.

He said the Second Vatican Council will be the "big Christian event" of 1962, just as the New Delhi Assembly was the major event of 1961.

"If we neglect to hold up this Ecumenical Council (Vatican Council) in our prayers we shall not only be something less than Christian, we shall be really un-Christian," Dr. Wagner said.

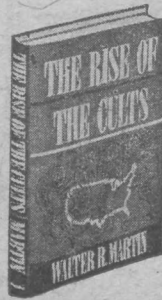
"There is every reason to believe," Dr. Wagner continued, "that the New Delhi assembly was the object of Roman Catholic prayers, both public and private." "Moreover, for the first time, there were official Roman Catholic observers in attendance," he added.

Before the World Council assembly several European Catholic prelates asked members of their Church to pray for the assembly.

Dr. Wagner was a delegate to the assembly and is a former member of the World Council's policy-making Central Committee.

Referring to the Roman Catholic-Protestant "dialogue" of the last several years, Dr. Wagner called it a "good omen of a genuine effort to assuage the bitter antagonism which in other days have existed between these two great segments of the followers of Christ."

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MORBUS SABBATTICUS

Sunday sickness, or morbus sabbaticus, is a sickness peculiar to church members, and it returns every first day. There will be no suggestion of the disease until (Sunday) morning, and without the least difficulty it can be developed very quickly.

The symptoms vary, but the disease never interferes with the appetite. It never lasts more than twenty-four hours, and often much less. It is never necessary to call a doctor, yet the disease is very contagious. No symptoms are felt on Saturday night, but the attack comes on suddenly on Sunday morning.

The patient awakens as usual, feeling well, and eats a hearty breakfast. About nine o'clock the attack comes on, and usually lasts until noon. And in the afternoon, the patient is much improved and is able to take a ride and read the Sunday papers.

The aftermath is that on Monday morning the patient who is subject to Sunday sickness is out bright and early, meeting friends at the drug store corner and attending to business with the usual interest and pep. This strange disease has proven very much of an epidemic. In nearly every community there will be many cases every Sunday.

Out Of The Mail Bag

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me. It shows me many truths of the Word of God. I pray that it may continue for a long time. I hope this contribution to the Baptist Examiner will be useful.

Sandra Linton, Wash.

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Dear Bro. Bob:

Thank you so much for the good radio message Sunday. It's been a long time since you folks heard from me, but not because I don't think of you all, for I do quite often. I hear all the Sunday morning broadcasts and appreciate very much their being on the air, as I don't have much privilege of getting out where the Word of God is preached, as my health is very poor lately. Give my regards to Ruth and the babies, and you all come out and see us.

Mrs. John Sark, Jr., Ky.

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Dear Brethren:

Enclosed is a small offering for your paper and your work. May you live long and stand for the truth. I love your paper's stand on Bible doctrines. I once thought that Bob was young and perhaps precocious, but now I believe that he is profound in his teachings and a leader to be relied on in the fight against Bible deleters and the modernistic tendencies of

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Enclosed is a small amount of money to help you carry on your good work for the Lord. I receive and read the Baptist Examiner each week and believe wholeheartedly in the things printed in it. Keep up your good work for the Lord.

James M. Brasher, Jr., Ky.

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Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am enclosing \$10.00 to be used to keep the Baptist Examiner in the mail. May all of God's chosen people be impressed with the necessity that the Baptist Examiner must continue its battle against the heresy and apostasy that is sweeping the world today. I pray that His Spirit will move us all to pray earnestly and fervently that it will continue. May the blessing of a Sovereign God be upon you and your efforts and upon His people everywhere.

Everett Robbins, Ohio

"Paul And The Word"

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II

THE BIBLE IS INDESTRUCTIBLE.

Paul says that the Bible is indestructible. Listen:

"Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND." — II Tim. 2:9.

Paul was in bondage. He couldn't move about as he wanted to. He was locked up in jail, and they were getting ready to send him into eternity. In just a little while Paul's life was snuffed out. He was bound and he couldn't move about, but he said, "The Word of God is not bound."

Believe me, beloved, when I tell you that the Word of God is indestructible. You can't destroy the Word of God. It is not possible that it might be bound. I like to remember this fact that we have a Bible that you cannot destroy.

I think of that Roman emperor of the Second Century who thought he succeeded in the destruction of Christianity, and in the removal of Christians from the face of the earth. He thought he had succeeded in the destruction of the Bible and the churches of Jesus Christ to the extent that he had a medal struck in his honor. On one side he made the statement that he had destroyed the Bible and Christianity, and on the other side he said that the religion of the gods is now restored.

I wonder, beloved, what that Roman emperor would think if he could come back tonight and look around even in this little service and find nearly everybody with a Bible on his lap, following with me in the Word of God. I tell you, the Word of God can't be bound. The Word of God is an indestructible Book.

III

THE BIBLE IS PROFITABLE.

Paul would teach us that the Bible is a profitable book, for he said:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is PROFITABLE for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." — II Tim. 3:16, 17.

Some books that you might read are of but very, very little profit. Some books, I think, are a harm and a detriment to you. I

am sure that the majority of modern fiction and modern books that are published today, are detrimental to the morals and to the ethics of the individual who reads them. However here is a book that is profitable. Paul says it is profitable for four things.

In the first place, Paul said that it is profitable for doctrine. How are you going to know anything about doctrine if you don't understand the Bible? How would you know that you were "chosen" of God in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world if it were not for the Bible? You would never learn that from human reasoning. You would never learn that by talking with ordinary individuals who haven't been taught of the Lord. Beloved, I tell you, you only learn doctrine through the Word of God. The Bible is profitable for doctrine.

Also the Bible is profitable for reproof, for correction, and for instruction. Paul says that he wants every man of God to be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. So I say Paul who was a man of the Book, who emphasized the Bible in all of his ministry — this man Paul looked back at the close of his life in substance and said to young Timothy, The Bible is a profitable book. It is a book that is given that we might profit thereby.

IV

THE BIBLE IS TO BE PREACHED.

Paul would teach us that the Bible is to be preached, for he said:

"PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." — II Tim. 4:2, 3.

Notice, Paul says the time is coming when people are not going to endure sound doctrine. Well, I think we came to that place a

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long time ago. In fact, I think we have already reached the place where the majority of people don't want sound doctrine today. The majority of people show that they are not interested in sound doctrine, for the simple reason that they put up with so much in their churches that is not sound doctrine. Paul said the time would come when they wouldn't endure sound doctrine; therefore he urges us to preach the Word.

I tell you, beloved, the Bible is to be preached. Every time in my life that I have taken part in the ordination of a minister I have always tried to emphasize this truth that the Word of God is what the candidate is to preach, and if he doesn't know it, then he has no business to be ordained.

I remember a few years ago a man came up for ordination, and I was present as one of the ordaining council. I was asking the questions of this man, probing him for his doctrinal soundness. Another man spoke up and said, "Does the candidate believe in tithing?" The man said, "Yes, I believe in it." Then the man proceeded with a second question

The House Of God

"Come . . . that my house may be filled"
(Luke 14:23)

The great Jehovah, from His Glorious Throne
Stoops down to make His Love and Mercy known;
And bids the chosen tribes of Israel meet
When He reveals the glories of His feet.

Remember, every time the House of Prayer
To hold communion with the heaven-born race,
Is open for the saints, the Lord is there,
And give them from His fulness, grace for grace.

See! Satan's slaves to scenes of riot go,
By day and night, through rain, or hail, or snow!
And shall some visitor, or worldly care,
Detain believers from the House of Prayer?

Forbid it, Lord revive Thy people's zeal,
The lukewarm plague among Thy children* heal.
Ye heirs of bliss, whom Jesus often meets,
Whene'er His House is open, fill your seats.

Jehovah loves the Temple of His Grace
More than the tents of all His chosen race;
Blest is the man whose seeking spirit waits
On all the means of grace in Zion's gates.

—J. Irons

and said, "Does the candidate practice tithing?" He said, "No, I don't." Then he asked the third question. He asked, "Will the candidate explain how he believes in tithing and yet says that he doesn't practice it, and will he promise to practice it henceforth if he says he believes in it?" The man said, "No, I will not promise to practice it in the future." I said, "Brethren, so far as I am concerned, I step aside from this ordaining council, for any man who says that he believes a portion of the Bible but doesn't try to practice it and will not promise to practice it in the future, I would have no part in his ordination." I took my Bible, walked out, got in my car and drove home.

Beloved, I say to you, the Word of God is to be preached, and if a man doesn't believe it enough that he is going to preach it, and if he doesn't believe it enough that he is going to practice it, he has no business to be ordained. The Bible is to be preached.

V

THE BIBLE BRINGS KNOWLEDGE OF SALVATION.

How is a man going to be saved if he doesn't hear the Word of God. Listen:

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

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation." — Eph. 1:13.

Now when were these Ephesians saved? When did they trust? It was after they had heard the Word of Truth.

"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." — II Thess. 2:13, 14.

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION through faith which is in Christ Jesus." — II Tim. 3:15.

How is a man saved? By the Lord Jesus Christ. How does he learn about Jesus? Through the Word of God. It is the Scriptures that make him wise unto salvation.

Beloved, I can't read verses like these without the realization

that it is the Bible that brings knowledge of salvation. The why it is that I believe in the Word of God. I tell you, brother, nobody in New Guinea can be saved unless he hears the Word of God. These verses indicate that to us. That is why I believe in sending THE BAPTIST EXAMINER every week. That is why that I believe in our radio ministry. I tell you, I believe in preaching of the Word of God, as the Word of God preached, it is the Word that brings the knowledge of salvation.

VI

THE BIBLE MAKES SOUND.

Paul makes it clear that the Bible that makes men sound. Listen:

"For there are many unlearned and vain talkers and deceivers, who will not stop at the Word of God." (Continued on page 7, column 2)

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any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a DISCERNER of the thoughts and intents of the heart." — Heb. 4:12.

Paul says that the Word of God is quick and powerful, and that the Bible is a "discerner" of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Now the word "discerner" means "a critic." This verse then declares that the Bible is a living, powerful critic, or it is a lively critic.

We are living in a day when we hear a great deal about higher criticism. For the last 25 or 30 years modernism has become more and more prominent in our churches, and as a result our churches have become less and less doctrinally inclined. Many, many preachers refer to what they say against the Bible as higher criticism of the Bible. Well, what those individuals need is not to criticize the Bible, but to stand still and let the Bible criticize them, for this text says that the Bible is a living, powerful critic, or a discernor of the heart. I tell you, instead of men criticizing the Bible, they need to pause, and read, and meditate, and let the Bible criticize them.

—Bethune

Paul And The Word"

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they of the circumcision: their mouths must be stopped, they shall be brought into subjection, and they shall obey the law of Christ. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that THEY MAY BE SOUND in the faith." — Titus 1:13.

Paul tells us that there are false preachers in the world, and these preachers are teaching that they ought not to

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and they are subverting the houses. He says that if you stop them, there is only one way to do it, and that is to rebuke them sharply that they be sound in the faith.

Paul has often been called to my attention by even my own friends. Sometimes we lose people as a result of rebuking them through the BAPTIST EXAMINER. It is said, "Now if you rebuke an individual, you'll just drive him away from you and you'll never be able to reach him." Well, that may be so in some cases, but I believe to believe this: In the light of this Scripture, if you rebuke him, he is going to come farther and farther from the truth, and furthermore, even though he may come in error — even though he may get mad as a result of the rebuke and may continue on in error away from the things of God, there will be many others who will be warned thereby and come to a knowledge of the truth.

I come back to this Paul says that it is the Bible that makes men sound. Believe me when I say that there is nothing that will make a man sound in the faith like a rebuke from the Word of God.

VII THE BIBLE IS A LIVELY

read: the word of God is quick, powerful, and sharper than



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that man was saved. In fact, I don't believe any man is saved who rejects the Word of God, because the Bible says, "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth." Now I don't say that a man has to agree with me in everything that I preach to be saved, but I will say this: I just don't believe any individual is saved who rejects the virgin birth, and the deity, and the blood atonement, and the resurrection, and the inspiration of the Bible, and the truth of the church, and the second coming, and practically all the great teachings of the Word of God. I tell you, beloved, this text says that if they do not believe the truth, they shall be damned.

Listen again:

"Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the WORD OF GOD should first have been spoken to you: but seeing YE PUT IT FROM you, and judge yourselves UNWORTHY OF EVERLASTING LIFE, lo, we turn to the Gentiles." — Acts 13:46.

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Paul was preaching at Antioch in Pisidia and the people had rejected the Word of God. Paul said when they rejected the Word of God, that they judged themselves unworthy of everlasting life.

Beloved, a man isn't saved if he doesn't have everlasting life, so when he rejects the Word of God, he at the same time judges himself unworthy of everlasting life. I tell you, I believe with all my heart that the man who rejects the Bible is on his way to Hell and is as sure of Hell as though he were already roasting in the flames thereof.

IX

THE BIBLE SHOULD BE PREACHED WITH BOLDNESS.

Paul indicates that we are to preach the Bible with much boldness, for he says:

"But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention." — I Thess. 2:2.

Let me remind you of this truth that the Word of God is not to be compromised, but is to be preached with boldness. Believe me when I insist that we are not to compromise it, and we are not to back up in regard to it. Instead we are to preach it boldly at all times.

I have known preachers that if they were to look out in the audience and see me sitting there they were just as bold as a lion, but if they would look out and see Dr. Slippery Eel sitting there, they would preach it just as soft as milk toast. I know one preacher that if he were to see me in the congregation, he would preach as strong a sermon as you could expect any man to preach, and

if I weren't there and he noticed some heretic sitting there, he would preach a sermon that wouldn't offend him at all.

Beloved, somehow or other I am just not made that way. I come back to what Paul says — that we are to preach the Word of God with all boldness. I have no business to compromise or to water it down. Rather, I am to preach the Word of God with boldness.

Just recently I was working in my garage making a rack to use on our truck. In order to do so, I had to take a hatchet and do some trimming, and as I did, the chips were flying in every direction. I said, "This is like the old boy back in the country who said, 'We are hewing to the line and letting the chips fall where they may.'"

Beloved, I tell you, that is exactly how the Word of God is to be preached. We are to "hew to the line." We are to follow what the Book says, and let the chips fall where they may.

X

THE BIBLE GIVES COMFORT.

We read:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and COMFORT OF THE SCRIPTURES might have hope." — Rom. 15:4.

Beloved, if you want something to comfort your heart in an hour of trial, read the Bible.

Through the years when I have visited in the hospitals I have carried with me a small portion of the Bible, usually the Gospel of John, and have handed out multiplied thousands of these. You ask me why. Because there is nothing that will comfort an individual like the Word of God.

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"Paul And The Word"

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I remember a few years ago there was a lady here in Ashland whom I thought very highly of. She was a fine high type Christian woman. She had had an operation and was in the hospital and I went to see her. She was very much disturbed and I wanted to do something to be of help to her. I knew if I were to talk to her about buying a Bible under those circumstances that she would say that she couldn't afford it. It so happened that I had bought a new Scofield Bible a short time before for another friend, and this friend had died before I got to deliver the Bible. Since I had already paid for the Bible and had it left on my hands, I wrote this lady's name in it and took it with me when I went to see her in the hospital. I left it there in her room without even telling her that I was leaving it for her. She found it after I had gone, and sent out to get a nurse to call me, and tell me that I had left my Bible. However, when she opened it up, she saw that I had written her name on the inside as a gift to her from me. Then she realized that I had left it purposely for her. I tell you all this just to tell you this one thing: Just as soon as she got home from the hospital the first thing she did was to have her husband call me. He said, "Brother Gilpin, my wife wants to talk to you." I wondered why she would be calling me so soon. She said, "Brother Gilpin, you are the first person I have called since I have gotten home from the hospital, but I have called not only to thank you for the Bible, but to tell you what a comfort it brought to me these last few days that I was in the hospital."

Beloved, I say to you, there is nothing that will give comfort like the Word of God. How many times I have seen a family torn to shreds as a result of trouble, yet as I have sat down and read to them from the Word of God, I have seen them blessed thereby. I tell you, the Bible is a comforting book. This great Apostle Paul would teach us that the Bible is a book that will give comfort.

XI

THE BIBLE IS NOT TO BE BLASPHEMED BY LACK OF CHRISTIAN LIVING.

Paul tells us that the Bible is not to be blasphemed by a lack of Christian living on our part. In other words, Paul is strong for Christian living, as Christians ought to live, and he says that if we believe the Bible and are

saved, that we ought to live in such a way that our life doesn't blaspheme the Word of God. Listen:

"The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their husbands, THAT THE WORD OF GOD BE NOT BLASPHEMED."

Paul is writing to Titus and he is telling him to preach the things that become sound doctrine. He says, "Tell the old women what to do. Tell them to live in such a way that the Word of God is not blasphemed," as if to say to us that we are to watch our step, we are to be careful how we walk, and how we talk, and as to what we do lest we blaspheme the Word of God with our lives.

As I said in the beginning, Paul, was a man of the Book. He preached the Book and nothing but the Book. The Book was everything in his life. One of the things that he says concerning the Book is that it is not to be blasphemed by a lack of Christian living on our part.

Would to God that every one of us who are saved might take this to heart and that tomorrow we might seek to live in such a way that we wouldn't be a blasphemer of the Word of God.

XII

THE BIBLE IS OF NO VALUE WITHOUT FAITH.

Great book as the Bible is, and greatly emphasized as it was by the Apostle Paul, Paul says that the Bible is of no value unless it be mixed with faith. Listen:

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached DID NOT PROFIT THEM, not BEING MIXED WITH FAITH in them that heard it." — Heb. 4:2.

This would tell us that you might listen to the Word of God, but if you don't exercise faith, it is worthless so far as you are concerned. It is of no value if you don't mix your faith with the Word.

Let's look at it from this standpoint. I preach the Bible to you tonight. Brother Bob preached it to you this morning. You hear the Word of God as we have given it to you, and you go out and don't believe it. You don't believe in Jesus Christ — the Christ that the Bible talks about. You don't believe in the Bible that presents Christ. You don't believe in the Christ that is presented in the Bible. You reject the Son of God that is spoken of in the scriptures, and when you go out, you don't mix your faith with the Word of God. What is the result? Paul says that the Word preached did not profit them; the Word of God is of no value without faith.

May I say to you who are unsaved, the Word of God is a worthless Book to you, and will be a worthless Book until Jesus Christ becomes your Saviour. May God help you that your faith shall be mixed with the Word of God, and that the Word of God shall prove to be a tremendous blessing in your life.

CONCLUSION

I want you to notice my text as a closing thought. Listen:

"But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God DECEIT-

FULLY; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." — II Cor. 4:2.

Paul says that we are not to handle the Word of God deceitfully. I have preached it to you firmly, fairly, and squarely in its entirety, and you have listened to it. I haven't handled it deceitfully as I have preached it to you. Now don't you handle it deceitfully when you go out from here tonight. Rather, make the Word of God a real testimony so far as your life is concerned.

May God save you who are lost, and add you to this body; and May God help you to live for Him from day to day.

May God bless you!

Christ and His Church

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framed together is a temple of the Lord. (Eph. 2:21,22).

2. Christ Died for the Church.

Notice the words of Ephesians 5:25.

"Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it."

The word "church" is here used in the abstract sense. That is, the apostle does make a specific reference to a particular church.

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However, in Acts 20:28, the same apostle does bring this truth into the concrete or particular sense, for he says to the elders of the Ephesian church:

"Feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood."

This He said with specific reference to the Ephesian assembly, for it was this assembly over which the Spirit had made the elders "over-seers."

The church is the only institution for which Christ died. There are several "institutions," as we call them, in the world: The family is one, as is marriage. Human government is an institution; work is an institution; and the Sabbath is an institution. But Christ died for none of these institutions. He died for the church, the assembly which He built, the assembly that has Christ as its Foundation.

3. Christ Commissioned His Church.

Notice the familiar words of Matthew 28:19,20:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the World. Amen."

This was Christ's own assembly which He commissioned. John the Baptist had made ready the people for Christ, and when the Saviour went forth, He called out a number as His assembly. This assembly had had baptism and had Christ as "pastor." To His assembly He gave the commission.

No body of men has the commission of Christ, unless they are

a New Testament church. It doesn't matter who they are or what they have done, be they Gideons, the Y.M.C.A., the C.B.M.C., Youth for Christ, Young Life, or any other modern-day outfit, they have no authority from Christ to do anything by way of fulfilling the commission. Only a New Testament church has the commission of Christ.

Reject it if you will, but remember, the Pharisees rejected the baptism of John, and thus rejected the counsel of God. John had God's authority to baptize, and only the church has that authority today.

4. Christ Immersed the Church in the Holy Spirit.

We read of this in Acts 2:1-4:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

This was the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, for we later read that those who were converted on Pentecost were "added to the church." This immersion in the Spirit was the promise which Jesus had spoken to the church just before His ascension back to the Father. In Acts 1:8, He had said:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The church was once for all time immersed on Pentecost in the Holy Spirit. Notice that it was not a mere sprinkling or pouring the church received, but an immersion, for the Spirit "filled all the house." Thus, the church was immersed in the Spirit. The Spirit came to be with the church and is still with it. That leads to this next point:

5. Christ, by the Spirit, Indwells the Church and is Head over it.

We read in Ephesians 2:22:

"In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God in the Spirit."

Also in Ephesians, verse 22 of the first chapter, we read:

"... And gave Him to be the Head over all things to the church."

Thus, we see that Christ indwells the church by the Spirit and is the Head over "all things." He is the Head over the church's mission work and everything else. The church is to acknowledge no other but Christ. The church is His body, not the body of an outside group or organization. It is the temple of God; the house of God, and Christ is its sovereign Head. Those who dishonor or lightly esteem the church do the same to Christ the Head of the church.

6. Christ is Espoused to the Church.

That is the teaching of II Cor. 11:2:

"I have espoused you (church) to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

One day in the future Christ shall be "wedded" to His church. We don't know very much about this "wedding," but we are plainly told that it is to be between Christ and His church.

Now, all saved people are in the church, and all saved people are thus not in the church. You will carefully study Scriptures that pertain to "marriage of the Lamb," and find that some of those who will not be in the bride, will not space to go into this. This is called to your attention point out that Christ is espoused to the church, the assembly built, died for, commissioned, baptized, and indwells the Spirit as Head.

If you aren't in the church, the Lord, then be admonished to come into it now, and be of the glorious wedding to

7. Christ Has Made the Church "the Pillar and Ground of the Truth."

We read in I Timothy 3:15: *"But if I tarry long, thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church, the living God, the pillar and of the truth."*

Thank God for this verse, one that many who are members of the church do not at all like. I do not like to think of the church as being the "pillar and ground of the truth." They do not like it. It is said that an assembly "pillar and ground of the truth." Instead, many like the church organized by men. Take the groups for instance, or any other dependent, interdenominational outfit. People glory over these groups. But they lightly esteem the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Yet God has made the church that is, a visible assembly, the pillar and ground of the truth. Where would the truth be had it not been for God's Word through the church? The denominational outfits are junking the Word of God and practically everything. But the church holds these truths up. A folk like to believe a few trines of the Word, but care for the others. The church is for all of them. Some have tism and the Lord's Supper, ing them "minor details." The church has been the pillar and ground of these truths through the ages. It is still that which up the whole truth.

8. Lastly, Christ Has Purchased the Church Through His Blood, and God Has Glorified Her.

Again, we read in Matthew 18:

"Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Christ's church has been in existence since He first built it. Gates of hell notwithstanding, Satan, his demons, and his agents have done much to the church, but they have not prevailed. The church is still today.

"Unto him (God) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." — Ephesians 3:21.

Thank God for the church that receives glory in it by Christ. He has received glory in it through all ages, and shall ever yet.

It is not "unto him be glory in some interdenominational assembly," but "unto him be glory in the church." Why so? Because the church is glorified through Christ and Christ is the Head of the church.

Christ truly loves His church as we see from all that He has done for it. Let us honor Him, just as we love our Father, and not lightly esteem it, so many today. — Ed-in-C.

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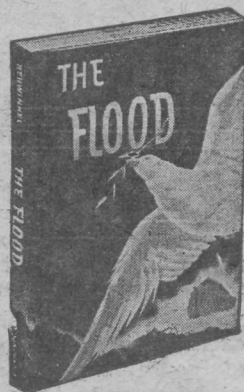
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