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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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Taught of God A Message To Sinners

By ARTHUR W. PINK
and the Devil.
all Thy children shall be of the Lord" (Isa. 54:13).
our last article upon this we confined ourselves to one namely, who are the members of this favoured family? We they are those whom God ordained to be such, and He predestinated them the adoption of children by Christ to Himself" (Eph. 1:5).
and, they are those whom hath legally obtained by reason, being purchased by the Jesus (Zech. 9:11; John 11:52).
ed, they are those whom hath begotten through remission, creating them anew Holy Spirit (John 3:6; Gal. 3:26).
th, they are those who are as such: by the Father, the Holy Spirit, the angels,

Fifth, they are those who manifest their Divine parentage by evidencing the marks of the Divine likeness.
In our present article we are going to consider what it is that the members of this favoured family are all taught.
1. They are all taught the Bible is a Divine Revelation.
I place this first because it is the foundation on which the Christian faith rests. The Spirit of God ever directs attention to the Word. That is one reason why He is called the Spirit of Truth—"when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). He is the "Spirit of Truth" not only because He is the Author of it, but also because He is the Expounder and Applier of it.
It is by the Word He convicts of sin, showing us our ruined,

guilty, and lost condition.
It is by the Word that He makes known to us the wondrous and merciful provision which God has made for poor sinners.
It is through the Word that He makes known the way back to God. And as He does this, He creates in the heart a realization that it is God who is speaking to us through that Word.
The man who calls into question the Divine Authorship of the Scriptures is yet dead in trespasses and sins. He may be highly educated, a person of great erudition, a scholar of many degrees; but if he regards the Bible as being merely the production of man, that is proof positive that he has never been born again, for it is written "he that hath received His testimony hath set to his seal that God is true" (John 3:33).
Of the saints it is declared, "Ye have an unction from the Holy (Continued on page 3, column 5)

Beginning with this issue, we will carry in every issue a message especially directed to the lost. We ask our preacher brethren and others to help supply us with helpful, evangelistic articles and/or sermons.—Eds.

By GEORGE HENRY
Mobile, Alabama

I. Where do you stand with God?
There are many things taught for salvation. However, salvation is not in a plan, a place, a time, a work, or a finite person, but in the Person of the Son of God.
Not in a plan to bring salvation but one that has already brought salvation. Not what a sinner must do, but what God has already done. I Cor. 15:3-4, "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." Notice the completed work. Died for our sins, was buried, rose the third day.
In Luke 2:30-31 "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the

face of all people." This is speaking of God's prepared salvation, that which has already been done. Not a time or place. 2 Cor. 6:2: "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation."
Not a work. Romans 4:4-5: "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. Not to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."
Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
Not a finite person, but THE PERSON! Acts 4:12 reads, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other (Continued on page 3, column 5)

The New Testament Church

By FRANK B. BECK
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is a true church of Christ earth (Matt. 16:18).
number, there are many churches of Christ's church, and all are "The churches of the living" (Rom. 16:16). These are visible churches. They are not to be despised nor esteemed, for they are churches. Are they not the churches of Christ? These are also referred to in the Scriptures as: "The church of God" (I Cor. 1:2 and I Cor. 1:1); "the house of God, the church of the living" (I Tim. 3:15); and the churches of God are in an exalted position that are spoken of as being "in our Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:1). I repeat: these churches are real, visible churches, and not some imaginary invisible, universal church.
These churches are independent churches bound together only in the fellowship of the Gospel. They are NOT bound together by Presbyteries, General Assemblies, Synods, Associations and Conventions. Each one of these churches is complete in itself as in Christ. These churches are made up of baptized believers of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 18:8 and I Cor. 1:2). To these churches the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper were delivered (1 Cor. 11:2); by these churches missionaries are sent forth (Acts 13:1-4). These churches choose their own officers (Acts 6:1-5), receive their own members (Rom. 14:1) and dismiss their own members

(I Cor. 5:11 and 13). NO OTHER ORGANIZATION EXISTED in the New Testament to do the will and work of God except the churches.
I am blind to everything but the Word of God! I say boldly that the large crop of independent mission boards and Bible schools and radio broadcasts and evangelistic crusades and parties and Bible conferences and youth movements are NOT on New Testament ground, in that they have not been authorized by the New Testament churches and, in many cases, TAKE THE PLACE of the divinely-instituted church of God.
New Testament Evangelists Honored God's Church
Barnabas and Saul were not independent evangelists or Bible teachers for they assembled with

the church in Antioch a whole year and taught the Word (Acts 11:26). Today many of our evangelists and Bible teachers would rather preach in a tabernacle or tent or town hall. I hold in my hand two letters from a very popular radio evangelist concerning the arrangements for a rally. In the one letter his secretary writes: "..... would prefer to hold the rally in a NEUTRAL AUDITORIUM, such as a high school auditorium . . ." In the other letter, she writes: "Mr. did not explain why it was not possible to get the high school auditorium for this rally; but we assume that it was not possible to rent this auditorium; THEREFORE, the rally is being held in the Baptist CHURCH. Usually these rallies are held in NEUTRAL AUDITORIUMS where possible" (capital letters

mine).
Why does this prominent evangelist prefer to ignore the church and preach in a neutral auditorium? Is it to get the unsuspecting to attend who would not otherwise come to the church? Is it to get away from the "churchy" idea? I do not know, but I do know that this is not New Testament evangelism, on the basis of Acts 11:26.
In Acts 13:1-4 Barnabas and Saul were "in the church that was at Antioch." This same evangelist told me himself that some of the missionaries his radio fellowship supports are not members of any church. His reason was that they have been "too busy winning souls." I don't know if that makes them any better than Barnabas and Saul or not, but Barnabas and Saul took time to join the church at Antioch: they were "in the (Continued on page 2, column 3)

YOUNG WEST
MINIAN IS GREATLY
BLESSSED VIA THE
EXAMINER
Dear Brothers:
December I subscribed to BAPTIST EXAMINER by Grandma suggested it. The first issues I received denounced something I thought to be most sacred —
new issue would arouse indignity similarly. Some-
new THE BAPTIST EX-
was right but its doc-
were so different from
I'd been taught (by
Baptists) that my mind
a stew. I prayed and read
searching for the truth.
this spring I went up in
country and spent a week
Uncle Charles who is a
Baptist. He cleared up
questions with Scriptures —
Almighty God revealed
to me I feel I have
saved all over again. The
and joy God has given
these truths (sovereign-
man's depravity, etc.)
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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF PAUL" NUMBER EIGHTEEN: "PAUL AND THE SECOND COMING"

"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." — Heb. 9:28.
This is a marvelous text from the pen of the Apostle Paul. It reminds us both of the first advent, and also of Christ's second advent. This does not tell us that the Lord Jesus Christ died for all indiscriminately, but rather it says that He came to bear the sins of many. That was the purpose of the first coming, the purpose of the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Not only did Jesus come to bear the sins of many, but He is coming back a second time. Notice the words, "shall he appear." The word "appear" means that he shall be seen, so that literally, the latter part of the verse says, "And unto them that look for

him shall he be seen the second time without sin unto salvation."
Beloved, He is coming a second time. The first time He came to die for the sins of many. The second time He is going to come, the thought of sin isn't going to be in His mind, for this text says He shall be seen the second time without sin. He is not coming back to die for sin, as He did the first time, but He is coming at His second advent for His own.
I ask, if the Lord Jesus were to come back to this world today, would He be crucified again? Well, actually the spirit which prompted His crucifixion is just the same today as it was then. The spirit back of the people that crucified Him is the same now as it was two thousand years ago, but the Lord Jesus Christ, if He were to come today, wouldn't

come to be crucified. He came once to die for the sins of many, but when He comes the second time, the thought of sin will not be in His mind. He is coming then without sin unto salvation. Our salvation will then be fully complete, and the old body will then be raised from the grave. Those of us who are alive when He comes will be translated and transformed to look like Him, and the salvation of the body will then be just as complete as the salvation of the soul is today. So His second advent is for this purpose, whereas His first advent was to die for the sins of many.
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THE MEMORIAL SUPPER IS A PROPHECY OF THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD (Continued on page 4, column 4)

CATHOLICS TOLD TO OBEY CHURCH WITHOUT QUESTION

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—A Roman Catholic bishop has criticized racists as "reckless critics of the church" and has urged Catholics to obey church orders without question.
The Most Rev. James J. Navagh, bishop of the Ogdensburg diocese, quoting a Catholic scholar, said Friday, "if you believe something is white and the church says it is black, believe it is black."
He told delegates to the 67th annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus that there were few critics within the church but that they had created much attention recently with "their rush to the wailing wall."
The bishop did not refer directly to three New Orleans segregationists who were excommunicated after they opposed an archbishop's order to integrate Catholic schools.
About 3,000 delegates attended the three-day convention, which ended yesterday.

"FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OR ROME."

Mary's "Miracles"

By CHARLES CHINIQUY

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

Chapter 10

I earnestly desired to be an honest and sincere Roman Catholic. These impressions and thoughts distressed me greatly, inasmuch as I could find nothing in reason to diminish their force. Unfortunately many of the books placed in our hands by our superiors to confirm our faith, form our moral character, and sustain our piety and our confidence in the dogmas of the Church of Rome, had a frightful resemblance to the histories I had read of the gods and goddesses. The miracles attributed to the Virgin Mary often appeared to be only a reproduction of the tricks and deceptions by which the priests of Jupiter, Venus, Minerva, etc., used to obtain their ends and grant the requests of their worshippers. Some of those miracles of the Virgin Mary equalled, if they did not surpass, in absurdity and immorality what mythology taught us among the most hideous accounts of the heathen gods and goddesses.

I could cite hundreds of such miracles which shocked my faith and caused me to blush in secret at the conclusion to which I was forced to come, in comparing the worship of ancient and modern Rome. I will only quote three of these modern miracles, which are found in one of the books the best approved by the Pope, entitled "The Glories of Mary."

First Miracle. The great favour bestowed by the Holy Virgin upon a nun named Beatrix, of the Convent of Frontebraldo, shows how merciful she is to sinners. This fact is related by Ceasus, and by Father Rho. This unfortunate nun, having been possessed by a criminal passion for a young man, determined to leave her convent and elope with him. She was the doorkeeper of the Convent, and having placed the keys of the monastery at the feet of a statue of the Holy Virgin she boldly went out, and then led a life of prostitution during the fifteen years in a far off place.

"One day, accidentally meeting the purveyor of her convent, and thinking she would not be recognized by him, she asked him news of Sister Beatrix. 'I know her well' answered this man; 'she is a holy nun, and is mistress of the novices.'"

"At these words Beatrix was confused; but to understand what it meant she changed her clothing, and going to the convent, enquired after Sister Beatrix.

"The Holy Virgin instantly appeared to her in the form of the statue at whose feet she had placed the keys at her departure. The Divine Mother spoke to her in this wise: 'Know, Beatrix, that in order to preserve your honour

I have taken your place and done your duty since you have left your convent. My daughter, return to God and be penitent, for my Son is still waiting for you. Try, by the holiness of your life, to preserve the good reputation which I have earned you." Having spoken, the Holy Virgin disappeared. Beatrix reentered the monastery, donned her religious dress, and, grateful for the mercies of Mary, she led the life of a saint." ("Glories of Mary" Chapt. 4, Sec. 2.)

Second Miracle. Rev. Father Rierenberg relates that there existed in a city called Aragona a beautiful and noble girl by the name of Alexandra, whom two young men loved passionately. One day, maddened by the jealousy each one had of the other, they fought together, and both were killed. Their parents were so infuriated at the young girl, the author of these calamities, that they killed her, cut her head off, and threw her into a well. A few days after St. Dominic, passing by the place, was inspired to approach the well and to cry out, "Alexandra, come here!" The head of the deceased immediately placed itself upon the edge of the well, and entreated St. Dominic to hear its confession. Having heard it, the Saint gave her the communion in the presence of a great multitude of people, and then he commanded her to tell them why she had received so great a favor.

She answered, that though she was in a state of mortal sin when she was decapitated, yet as she had a habit of reciting the holy rosary, the Virgin had preserved her life.

The head full of life, remained on the edge of the well two days before the eyes of a great many people, and then the soul went to purgatory. But fifteen days after this the soul of Alexandra appeared to St. Dominic, bright and beautiful as a star, and told him that one of the surest means of removing souls from purgatory was the recitation of the rosary in their favour. ("Glories of Mary," chap. 8, sec. 2.)

Third Miracle. "A servant of Mary one day went into one of her churches to pray, without telling her husband of it. Owing to a terrible storm she was prevented from returning home that night. Harassed by the fear that her husband would be angry, she implored Mary's help. But on returning home she found her husband full of kindness. After asking her husband a few questions on the subject she discovered that during that very night the Divine Mother had taken her form and features and had taken her place in all the affairs of the household. She informed her husband of the great miracle, and they both became very much devoted to the Holy Virgin." ("Glories of Mary," Examples of Protection, 40).

Persons who have never studied in a Roman Catholic college will hardly believe that such fables were told us as an appeal for us to become Christians. But God knows, I tell the truth, is it not a profanation of the holy word to say that Christianity is the religion taught the students in Rome's colleges?

After reading the monstrous metamorphoses of the gods of Olympus, the student feels a profound pity for the nations who have lived so long in the darkness of Paganism. He cannot understand how so many millions of men were, for such a long time, deceived by such crude fables. With joy his thoughts are turned to the God of Calvary, there to receive light and life. He feels, as it were, a burning desire to nourish himself with the words of life, fallen from the lips of the "great victim." But here comes the priest of the college, who places himself between the student and Christ, and instead of allowing him to be nourished with the Bread of Life he offers him fables, husks with which to appease his hunger. Instead of allowing him to slake his thirst from the waters which flow from the fountains of eternal life, he offers him a corrupt beverage!

God alone knows what I have suffered during my studies to find myself absolutely deprived of the privilege of eating this bread of life — His Holy Word!

During the last years of my studies my superiors often confided to me the charge of the library. Once it happened that, as the students were taking a holiday, I remained alone in the college, and shutting myself up in the library I began to examine all the books. I was not a little surprised to discover that the books which were the most proper to instruct us stood on the catalogue of the library marked among the forbidden books. I felt an inexpressible shame on seeing with my own eyes that none but the most indifferent books were placed in our hands — that we were permitted to read authors of third rank only (if this expression is suitable to such whose only merit consisted in flattering the Popes, and in concealing or excusing their crimes). Several students more advanced than myself, had already made the observation to me, but I did not believe them. Self-love gave me the hope that I was as well educated as one could be at my age. Until then I had spurned the idea that, with the rest of the students, I was the victim of an incredible system of moral intellectual blindness.

Among the forbidden books of the college I found a splendid Bible. It seemed to be of the same edition as the one whose perusal had made the hours pass away so pleasantly when I was at home with my mother. I seized it with the transports of a miser finding a lost treasure. I lifted it to my lips, and kissed it respectfully. I pressed it against my heart, as one embraces a friend, from whom he has long been separated. This Bible brought back to my memory the most delightful hours of my life. I read in its divine pages till the scholars returned.

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The N. T. Church

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When the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write to the believers in Corinth it was to the "CHURCH OF GOD" which was "at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2, also 2 Cor. 1:1). So also in the letters written to the Galatians (Gal. 1:2); to the Ephesians (Eph. 3:14-21); to the Philippians (Phil. 4:15); to the Colossians (Col. 1:18 and 4:15-16); to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 1:1 and 2 Thess. 1:1); and to the saints scattered throughout Asia (Rev. 1:14 and 22:16; in all these cases it was always to visible CHURCHES in the vicinities. No other work was recognized. No other work should be recognized

"I Should Like to Know"

(THE BAPTIST EXAMINER welcomes questions, to be answered in this column. Please state questions on separate sheet of paper, rather than including them in correspondence which relates to book orders, subscriptions, or some other matter).

1. I have read an argument against women voting in church. It is argued that voting carries with it the right to speak and it is forbidden for women to speak in church. Can you answer this?

It would be rather difficult to prove the idea that voting in a New Testament church automatically carries with it the right to speak in an oral manner. Women may pray—in fact, should pray—in church, yet this in no wise means they have the "right" to pray orally. If you will carefully study the passages which tell how the churches made various decisions, you will find that there is no indication given that women did not or could not vote. For instance, in Acts 15:22 we read, "Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men," etc.

2. What did Jesus mean when He said that if a man smite thee on one cheek, turn the other. Did He mean we should not defend ourselves?

In this passage, it is not a matter of "life or death" that is under consideration. Furthermore, it is not a matter pertaining to something like war, burglary, or vicious assault in robbery. Rather, Christ is telling his disciples how to act when they are being persecuted in His service, or for righteousness' sake. If a Christian is persecuted because of His faith, he is not to seek to render vengeance upon His enemies, but rather is to love them and endure even more persecution, if necessary. As saints, we should resort to prayer, leaving such matters in the hands of God.

However, in such cases as war, theft, assault and the like, we believe the Christian should abide by the law and use it for the protection of himself and his

today, apart for the New Testament churches. Why do we not abide by the Word of God?

The apostles, prophets and teachers and evangelists of the New Testament were NOT independent of the local church. They were set by God "in the church" (1 Cor. 12:28). They recognized the authority of the church of God.

I know of NO Christian preacher or worker in the New Testament of whom it can be proved that he was independent of the church. I know of NO INSTITUTION or MINISTRY or CHRISTIAN WORK outside of the local church in the New Testament. Do you? But we have many today! And the people love to have it so.

New Testament Churches Alone Have God's Authority

In the New Testament the local church had its own God-given authority to pass sentence upon matters, select their own officers, send out their own missionaries and support whom they would. Examine the evidence as follows:

1. The church has authority to pass sentence (that is, within Scriptural limits). Christ taught that the highest court of appeal in difficulties between Christian brethren was the ACTION OF THE CHURCH! (Matt. 18:15-18). No synod or Presbytery could be appealed to the reverse the verdict. So the church receives whom it will (Rom. 14:1) and dismisses whom it will (1 Cor. 5:4-5). It is the Christian's court-room (1 Cor. 6:4). Hence in Acts 15:22 the important decision as to whether or not Gentile converts had to be circumcised and keep the law of Moses was decided by the "WHOLE CHURCH" of Jerusalem—not by the apostles alone, or by some council or synod.

2. The New Testament church has authority to select its own

loved ones. In other words, if a thief breaks into your home, call the police and report it. Such one needs to be apprehended.

3. Would you join a church that does not believe election leans to the mourner's bench, does believe that Baptist churches go all the way back to Christ, close communion, and the church ruling in everything?

We couldn't join any church that did not satisfy our conscience as being true to the faith. The church you describe here may be a better church than we might think from just reading your question, but we doubt that we could belong to it. We believe election and do not think the mourner's bench is Scriptural. We probably wouldn't be welcome in such a church as you mention.

4. According to Luke 5:35, Acts 13:2, and Acts 14:23, are not pastors and people supposed to fast?

The practice of fasting is something many people frown upon because of the way some of the "holiness" people have used it; but a stepping-stone to exaltation. Some fast for awhile and then go off telling how long they went without food. This is wrong and contrary to the very spirit involved in fasting. When a person fasts, he is going without food as a result of a deep, heavy burden of a spiritual nature. He is too concerned and burdened to eat. Furthermore, he does not take pride in how long he went without food, for that does not matter.

5. Would it be right for me to send money to support a radio program that is in need, provided that the program is teaching the Truth?

If this program is church authorized and you do not have any objection (Continued on page 7, column 1)

While Peter suggested the election of an apostle to take Judas Iscariot's place, it was the 120 disciples who appointed Matthias (Acts 1:15-26). Peter did not look like much of a pope there! In Acts 6:1-5 it was the "multitude of the disciples" and not the apostles alone who chose the seven deacons of the early church. 1 Cor. 16:1-4 the church at Corinth had the authority to select its own messengers to carry its special offering for the poor saints at Jerusalem, even though apostle Paul had no authority to tell them. These messengers of mercy were "chosen of the CHURCHES" (2 Cor. 8:19 and 23).

3. The New Testament authority only has Scriptural authority to ordain and send forth and support missionaries. I stand square (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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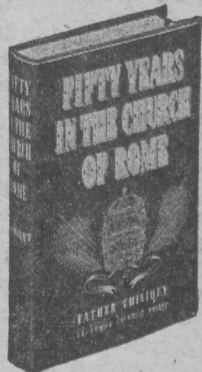
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Dale Moody Again Reveals His Unscriptural, Anti-Baptist Views

at any time to open the New Testament with the prayer that the Holy Spirit who inspired it will lead us to the truth.

Dale Moody

Heretic Moody must be feeling pretty confident these days. Of course, he has believed these heresies for years but only of comparatively recent date has he been so bold in setting forth his views. Evidently he thinks the situation among Southern Baptists is such that he can afford to say what he pleases and get away with it. On this point he is probably right, for Southern Baptists just "ain't what they used to be." Let's notice some of the precious truths of God's Word that Dale Moody takes his stand against:

1. He plainly reveals that he has no use for the teachings called "Landmarkism." He specifically mentions pulpit affiliation (or unionism), Baptist succession, alien immersion, and open communion. Of course, Landmarkism opposes the heresies of unionism, alien immersion and open communion, and stands for the truth of Baptist succession. Heretic Moody manifestly takes an opposite view on these doctrinal positions. In other words, he favors pulpit affiliation of Baptists with other preachers; he accepts alien immersion; he thinks open communion is scriptural; and he of course hates the truth of Baptist succession. In fact, the latter just oozes out of heretic Moody just about everytime he waggles his tongue.

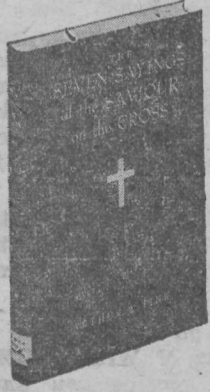
2. Heretic Moody says he is "unable to name a single Baptist historian of the present who would be willing to go on record that he is prepared to defend the theory of Baptist succession." He says "informed men" know better.

Well, that's about what we would expect out of a theological superior like Mr. Moody. After all, he has been overseas to study theology. He has even sat at the feet of such "giants" as Emil Brunner, one of the really "great" higher critics of the Bible. And of course the only really "informed men" or "historians" are those who have bathed in the same light as Moody. The rest of us are still in the dark.

But "us po'r folks" who ain't never seen nor heard Brunner or Barth or their kind don't know any better than to believe what a cluster of Baptist historians of the past and present say about Baptists—and that is that they began with Jesus Christ and have continued through all the ages, just like our Lord said they would. Course, we ain't "informed" and we ain't been to Europe and all that—but these good old Baptist history books we have on our shelves sound mighty good to us. As a matter of fact, we're just somewhat suspicious of what a man who believes in falling out of grace has to say, anyway. If he doesn't know any more about our Lord's salvation than

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to teach that one of God's blood-bought children can fall and go to hell, we just wonder if he is "informed" about much of anything else that pertains to our Lord.

3. Heretic Moody says Baptists had their "birth . . . in the seventeenth century."

Why, even Alexander Campbell knew better than that and he was one of the founders of Campbellism! Historians by the dozens could be quoted to show that Mr. Moody is not very well "informed."

But we're not trying to disprove Moody's statements in this brief article; we are just calling attention to his anti-Baptist views. Southern Baptist reader, this is the kind of heresy you are supporting through the Cooperative Program. We thought you would like to know about it. Or would you?

4. Heretic Moody's closing statement is rather strange, in view of what he has already said. He says, "I stand ready at any time to open the New Testament with the prayer that the Holy Spirit who inspired it will lead us to the truth."

But you know something; Moody would only do that with one who is "informed." He wouldn't waste his precious time with one who wasn't in "on the ground floor." The truth is, heretic Moody hates New Testament truth and, if we are left to judge by his faith and practice, he doesn't know the Holy Spirit as his teacher. He got his from fellows like Brunner and Barth. And those two fellows don't appear to have the Holy Spirit in their corner, either.

Well, you Southern Baptists just keep on feeding the kitty, the Cooperative Program, and before long you may have an "informed" man like Moody for your pastor—that is, if you don't already have one of his seminary graduates as your pastor.

The N. T. Church

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on Acts 13:1-4 for this statement. It was the church at Antioch that sent forth Barnabas and Saul, and to that church later they made their report of "all that God had done with them" (14:27).

I have said it to the face of two directors of Bible conferences and they have both agreed with me that their Bible conferences have NO SCRIPTURAL RIGHT to send out and support missionaries, that it is the work of the church. STILL THEY do it! Well then how will these missionaries be supported? Let them be supported by the same way pastors are supported and our own Baptist missionaries are supported and the same way the apostle PAUL was supported, by the gifts of the CHURCHES. Give your tithes and offerings through the local church of which you are a member. The church at Philippi sent once and again to Paul's support (Phil. 4:15-16). Of course this will mean that these independent evangelists and missionaries will have to give the churches financial reports and also declare their faith and become "denominational."

Yes, they are independent. They are not "tied down" by any church. Neither are they like the New Testament evangelists and teachers who were SERVANTS of the churches (Rom. 16:1). They are not limited like Barnabas, who went to Antioch by the authority of the church at Jerusalem to see how God had wrought among the Gentiles (Acts 11:22); or like Paul and Barnabas, who went down from Antioch to Jerusalem to discuss circumcision and the law of Moses, by the authority of the church at Antioch (see Acts 14:26-15:4).

I beseech you, do not be carried away with men and great numbers and sensational noise. Oh, I beg you, be bound to the Word of God and become "followers of the churches of God which . . . are in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 2:14). Amen!

HOW TEDIOUS AND TASTELESS THE HOURS

How tedious and tasteless the hours
When Jesus no longer I see!
Sweet prospects, sweet birds, and sweet flowers,
Have all lost their sweetness to me.

The midsummer sun shines but dim;
The fields strive in vain to look gay;
But when I am happy in Him,
December's as pleasant as May.

His name yields the richest perfume,
And sweeter than music His voice;
His presence disperses my gloom,
And makes all within me rejoice.

I should, were He always thus nigh,
Have nothing to wish or to fear;
No mortal so happy as I;
My summer would last all the year.

—JOHN NEWTON

A Message To Sinners

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name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

II. Man's condition before God.

A man stands before God dead (spiritually), and helpless in his sins, if he be lost.

Romans 5:12: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned."

Ephesians 2:1: "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

These verses of Scripture teach us that the lost person, is actually a living dead person. Physically alive to the world, but spiritually dead to God and condemned already because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18: "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

The belief Jesus is speaking of here is not merely within the mind of a person. There are few who will deny the fact that Jesus Christ actually came and dwelled among men here on earth. History teaches this fact, and most people learn this in school. The kind of belief Christ is speaking of is in John 3:16, and is within the heart of born-again sinners. "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."

We read in Romans 10:9 that when men are saved they must believe with their heart and not merely within their mind. "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." Notice the emphasis placed on the heart in Verse 10. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

This is to say, not to just recognize the fact that Jesus Christ was the Son of God but to really by faith rely upon Him as Saviour. All people are sinful and lost until saved by God's Grace. Rom. 3:23: "For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God."

III. God's love for His children.

John 3:16, "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."

We believe God loved his children so much that He gave, of His own accord, His Son so that His chosen people might have eternal life. I John 4:9-10: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Here we have it again how that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was

made to bear and suffer death for our sins.

Romans 5:8: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Notice how that God commendeth His love toward us.

IV. Do you have God in this world?

Ephesians 2:12: "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world."

If you be in this group, without God, in this life, then your only destination will be a devil's hell!

The Bible teaches, "It is appointed unto men once to die and then the judgment." If any man dies without Christ's blood for his redemption, then, because of his sin, his judgment will be an everlasting hell.

V. Man's only hope is in the Blood!

The Word of God teaches that redemption is only in the flowing (shedding) grace of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:22: "And without the shedding of blood is no remission." Ephesians 1:7: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace."

The blood of Jesus Christ is the only hope people have for redemption. Colossians 1:14: "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Those who are lost and without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ in the world today have no hope.

Ephesians 2:12: "Having no hope, and without God in the world."

Taught of God

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One, and ye know all things" (1 John 2:20).

Therefore the "agnostic" (one who "knows not") no matter, though he call himself a Christian, is devoid of such Divine "unction."

On the other hand, the Christian may be one who possesses little of the learning obtained in human schools, yet as he reads the Bible he perceives that it is a message from his Father; he (Continued on page 4, column 3)

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New Guinea Photo Story

By FRED T. HALLIMAN

NOTE: Recently I sent in an article telling of our meeting house. These pictures will tell you something of the building of it, and while there is no picture to show its completion, one does show the building almost complete.



First of all the material, (most of it) is brought to the site where the building is to go up. In this picture can be seen poles and small trees scattered about the ground, also the women folk help in the building by bringing some of the material. Here the women are bringing large loads of grass for the roof and the gable ends.

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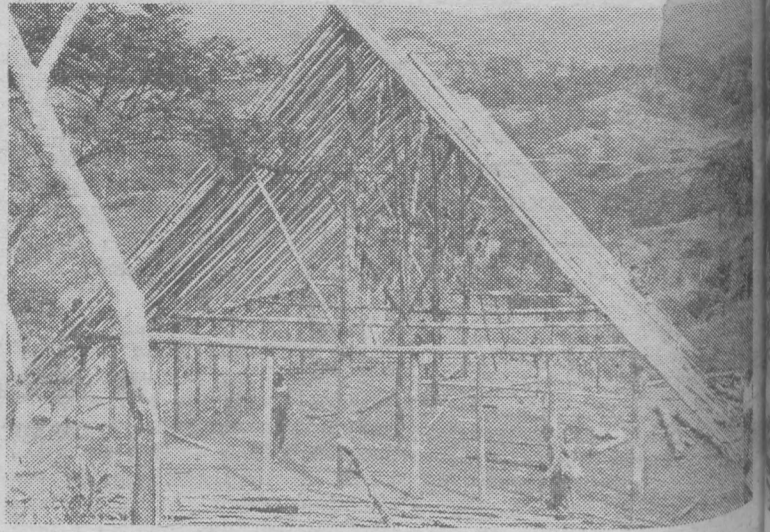
(Continued from page 3) realizes in his heart that he is listening to a voice that is Divine. God's children are all taught that the Scriptures are "holy," that is, separated from all other writings: different not only in degree, but in kind. They are taught that the Bible is infallible, and therefore trustworthy. In resting upon its teachings, they know that they have a "thus saith the Lord" to go upon. They know the Scriptures are Divine because their language has a pungency and power which no other book possesses. They know that the Scriptures are Divine because there is a sweetness and preciousness in their contents which no other writings have for them. Because they know the Scriptures are Divine, the Bible is to them the Final Court of appeal; they bow to its authority.

2. They are taught that by nature they are lost and hell-deserving sinners.

By their natural birth God's children are no better and no different from the children of the Devil. They were "shapen in iniquity and conceived in sin" (Psa. 51:5). They were born into this world "having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts" (Eph. 4:18). They were born with their faces toward Hell. Because of this, they followed the evil desires of their wicked heart; they turned "every one to his own way" (Isa. 53:6). The fear of God was not before their eyes; for the honour of God they had no concern; His glory they sought not. Before regeneration, their lives were wholly sinful in thought, word, and deed. Their sins were more in number than the hairs of their heads.

But they were completely unconscious of this. They knew not the fearfulness of their condition. They were "by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:3). They were "dead in trespasses and sins," and therefore quite insensible to the awfulness of their state. Then it was that God in His wondrous, sovereign grace, sent the Holy Spirit and opened their eyes so that they saw their ruined and guilty condition. The Spirit convicted them of sin, made them conscious of their vileness, revealed to them their unfitness to dwell with the thrice holy God. He brought them to a state of despair, so that they saw there was no help in themselves. He stripped them of their own self-righteousness and made them mourn before God.

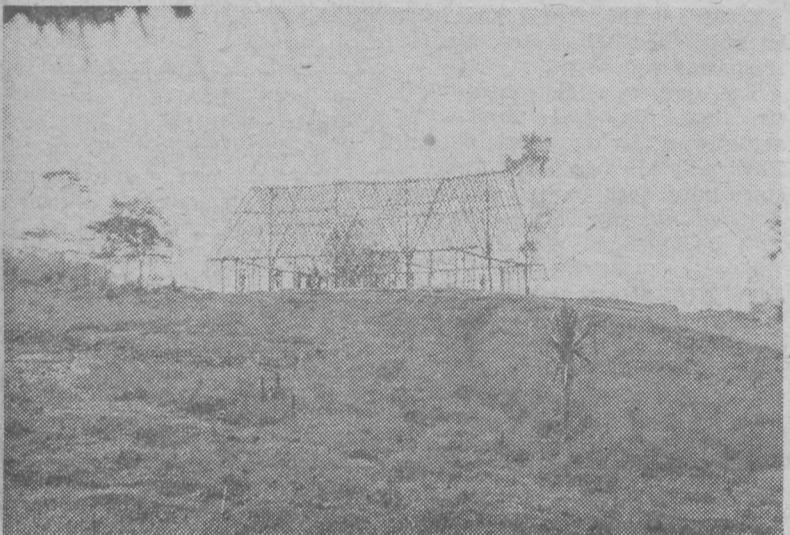
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This is an end view of the building and shows some of the country in the background.



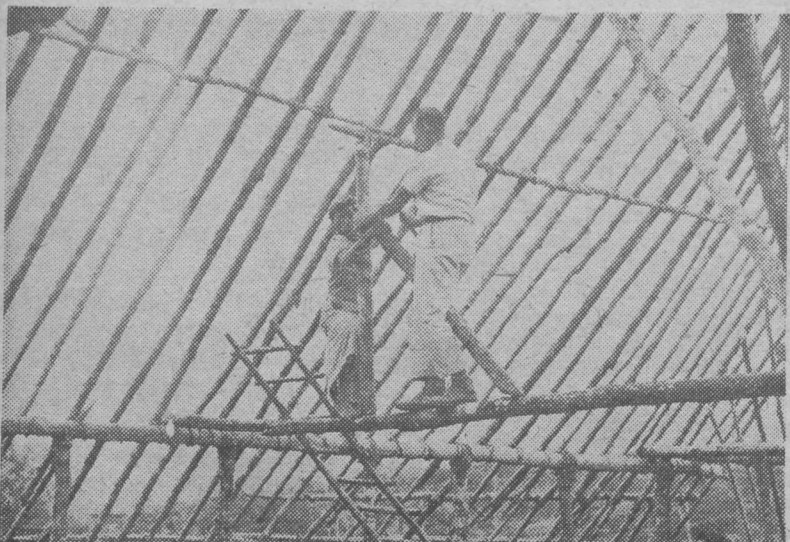
This picture shows the top almost complete and the grass being applied to one of the gable ends.



This picture was made from the front steps of our house and shows the building in its infancy. The building is about 300 yards from our house and sits on top of a hill.



Most of the actual work on a building of this type is done by the natives under supervision, but there are certain jobs like putting up braces and supports that they have not the least idea about and cannot follow instructions on them. Their buildings are small and very low, hence no need of braces and supports. I have to do practically all of this work as is seen in these pictures.



Here the building is nearly complete insofar as the superstructure and the top are concerned. A few days later we started having services in the building.

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"Life and Ministry of Paul"

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JESUS CHRIST.

"After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."—I Cor. 11: 25, 26.

Notice those three words, "till he come." Every observance of the Memorial Supper is a silent testimony—a silent sermon relative to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. When the bread is broken and the wine is poured, the remembrance of the death of Christ is presented in emblem. As you see it, you are reminded that Jesus Himself, through the Apostle Paul, said we were to do this until he comes again. So I say, beloved, every time we observe the Memorial Supper we have a silent prophecy of the return of Jesus Christ to this world.

To be sure, there's lot of testimony—that Jesus is coming. I like to think of His own words, when He said:

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:3.

I like to think of the message of the angels when the disciples

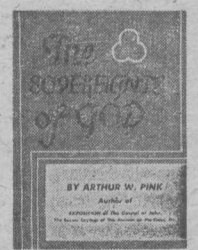
stood on the Mount of Olives and looked up into the sky until Jesus disappeared as a speck into the heavens. They said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

I think doubtlessly the greatest prophecy we have as to the return of Jesus to this world is the prophecy of the broken bread and the poured wine. It tells me that Christ's body was broken. It tells me that His body was mutilated. It tells me that His blood was spilled. It tells me that Jesus died for my sins. But it goes beyond that. Everytime we

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These pictures were made on one of the mission trips that I have made since being in here. The man that you see preparing over is preparing fire to heat rocks to cook a sweet potato with. I watched them prepare the sweet potatoes while the rocks were heating. The sweet potato was peeled and then a hole dug in the ground; this was lined with grass and leaves, then the rocks were put in, more leaves and grass; then the sweet potato, more leaves after this to cover the potatoes, then more hot rocks and leaves. All this was then covered with dirt, and after about an hour the potatoes were ready to eat.



The man with the bone in his nose was our guide on this trip. He is a head man of his tribe and a good friend of mine.



The picture where the natives are standing around the house was a rest stop for us. The box has some of my supplies and other supplies. Lying beside the box is my bed (the sleeping bag that Bro. Gilpin sent to me). The supplies and carriers are to the left on this picture and cannot be seen.

second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is going to affect both the sleeping dead and the living righteous ones. I am sure when Jesus comes there will be some saints here within the world. I know that modernism is sweeping through the land. I know that ecumenicalism, unionism, and other heresies are sweeping many away from the truth, yet when Jesus Christ comes back to this world, there are going to be some of His own who are still alive, in the flesh, looking for Him, and waiting for His return.

These verses tell us that when He comes, His coming is going to affect both those dead ones in Christ, and the living ones as well. This truth was most forcibly impressed upon me, when, as a result of having preached from this Scripture over the radio, a man who heard me, called me the next day and had me come to the mill where he worked. He brought an electric magnet along about six inches from the ground. When he did so, I saw all the particles of rust and iron and small pieces that had fallen off the scrap, and, seemingly, they just leaped and caught hold of that magnet. Then as he lowered that magnet so that it was just above the surface of the ground, it seemed like the ground was moving, for there were lots of little pieces of iron and steel filings that had gotten mashed down into the dust, and the power of that magnet caused those steel filings to come up out of the dust and they, too, reached up and caught hold of the magnet.

Beloved, to me, that was a silent testimony as to the meaning of this Scripture, for when our Lord comes, He is going to reach down and bring out of the grave every sleeping saint, and He is going to take hold of every one of us who are alive and lift us up. We are going to be caught away by the Lord Jesus Christ and lifted up into the skies.

Yes, there is going to be a tremendous change in these old cemeteries one of these days. There is going to be a tremendous change where our loved ones have been buried. There is a time coming when our Lord Jesus Christ will put in His appearance with a shout, with a voice of an archangel, and when He comes, all of those graves are going to be broken open. Every saved one that is in the ground is coming out to be with the Lord, and every living saint is going to be changed in a moment's time. We are all going to be caught up to be with the Lord, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Beloved, this is not going to last just for a little while. It is not going to be of a temporary



The man in this picture works for me every day. This picture was made the day that he buried his wife. She was at services one Sunday, then took sick on the way home. I went to see her on Tuesday and on Friday she died. She had heard the gospel many times but as far as we know she had never received Christ as Saviour.



The picture where all the people are mingling about shows part of about 400 people that came to the dead woman's funeral. We can be seen in the right-center of the picture, standing by an object that resembles a little house, viewing the body. This was actually her grave. The dead body was lying on top of the ground, inside this "house." The body was more or less stuffed down in this would-be grave. She was in a half-lying, half-sitting position, eyes open and nearly covered with green flies. She had given birth to a baby on Wednesday before she died; the baby died also. They were both buried in the same grave, the mother on top of the baby.

nature. It is not going to be just for a little season, but that change that is going to come whereby all the dead saints and all the living saints are caught up to be with Him, is going to be of an eternal nature, and we shall ever be with the Lord.

AND SAFETY; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." — I Thess. 5: 2, 3.

It is no wonder that the Apostle Paul finished the exhortation of this Scripture by saying, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Sometime along the way you have lost a loved one. Sometime along the way you have seen someone who was near and dear to you put down beneath the sod. Sometime along the way you have turned away from a grave with a broken heart. The Apostle Paul says, "I have comfort for you; that loved one is going to come out of the ground. If you are alive, you are going to go up, and that dead loved one is going to go up, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord." What a comfort! What a blessing! What joy for a child of God!

Haven't you heard all your life that war and rumors of wars was a sign of the second coming of Christ? When I was a boy I was brought up on the idea that war and rumors of wars was one of the signs of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then one day I read where H. G. Wells, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

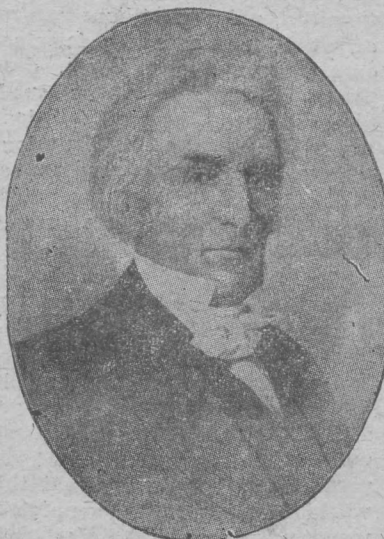
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the second coming will take place when everyone is talking about peace.

"COME UNTO ME"

Hark! 'tis Jesus who is calling,
Low and sweet His tones are falling,
On the ear of the distressed;
Like the murmur of the river,
Flowing from the throne for ever,
Like the liquid notes that quiver,
On the harp-strings of the blessed;
O my Saviour, I would hear Thee,
Softly saying, "Come, ye weary,
Tempted, doubting, sinful, dreary,
Come away, and do not fear Me
Come to Me, and be at rest."

O thou Prince of love and meekness,
Lo, I come, in want and weakness,
Faint with sorrow, sad with sin,
Canst Thou, wilt Thou, Lord, receive me?
Hold me fast, and never leave me?
Thou wilt surely not deceive me;
Spread Thine arms and take me in.
Yes, ah! yes, e'en now I hear Thee,
Softly saying, "Come, ye weary,
Tempted, doubting, sinful, dreary,
Come away, and do not fear Me
Come to Me, and be at rest."

Gracious Lord, in love still draw me,
To Thyself, and walk before me,
In the way that I should go;
Lord, I cannot do without Thee,
For Thou knowest all about me,
Prone to wander, and to doubt Thee,
Full of weakness, full of woe.
Speak again, Lord, let me hear Thee,
Softly saying, "Come, ye weary,
Tempted, doubting, sinful, dreary,
Come away, and do not fear Me,
Come to Me, and be at rest."

E. A. TYDEMAN

"Life And Ministry Of The Apostle Paul"

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the English infidel historian, said that in six thousand years of earth's history, there had only been 226 years of peace. I got to thinking, if H. G. Wells was telling the truth—and he proved it from history—then wars and rumors of wars can't be a sign of the second coming of our Lord.
We read:
"and ye shall hear of WARS AND RUMORS OF WARS; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but THE END IS NOT YET."—Mat. 24:6.

Jesus plainly and specifically tells us that wars and rumors of wars do not constitute a sign or an indication of His near return. Rather He says that you are going to hear of wars and all kinds of trouble, but you are not to be troubled by these, because the end is not yet.

What is the sign of the second coming? Paul says, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." In other words, the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is going to take place when people are talking about peace and safety.

What is going on today in the international world? I ask you if we aren't hearing a lot about peace and safety—peaceful co-existence. This is an expression that was coined by the Russians some ten years ago, and it is an expression that has gripped the world, and everybody is thinking about peaceful co-existence within the world. So far as the Russians are concerned, I think that peaceful co-existence means something like the lion and the lamb lying down together with the lamb on the inside of the lion, but nevertheless, today, all over the world, the cry is, "We are civilized. We have passed the barbaric stage. We have come to the place now that we can outlaw war. There is no need of having these wars every twenty or thirty years whereby that millions of our people are killed off. We have to peacefully coexist within the world."

Beloved, I say to you, the greatest sign of the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is the sign of the talking of peace and safety and coexistence within the world. I insist that there is no greater sign of the second coming than the fact that other nations of the world are talking about how they can exist together without war.

They tell me if war were to break out, that one nation might be able to completely annihilate another nation from the face of the earth. It is said that with perhaps just one or two bombs being dropped, a whole nation might be completely obliterated. Because of that, we are told we had better have peace and safety—that it would be better to get along together than it would be to have warfare where-by we might be completely annihilated in a moment's time.

Beloved, the Apostle Paul says that when the time comes that the nations of the world are talking peace and safety, watch out, for the second coming is close at hand.

THE SECOND COMING WILL BRING CHRIST INTO HIS GLORY.

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among you was believed) in that day."—II Thess. 1:10.

"When the Son of man shall COME IN HIS GLORY, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory."—Mt. 25:31.

The one event that is going to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ is the second coming. To me, the great event of the future is when Jesus comes—when all the redeemed of all ages sing glory around His throne. Go back to the day of Adam and come along through the ages and count every man that has ever been saved in the last six thousand years. I tell you, beloved, it is going to be a time of glory for Christ, when all the redeemed praise a Redeemer who has saved them from sin.

We read:

"What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."—Rev. 7:13, 14.

If you will read the preceding verses, you will see how they fall down before Him and sing their praise unto the Lord. Beloved, this takes place as a result of the saints that are saved during the great tribulation period. However, before the tribulation period, all the redeemed of God are going to join together in one hallelujah chorus, to praise the one whose blood has redeemed them from all sin.

Just think what it is going to be like to see and hear the saints of God, who don't praise themselves, but praise Him; to see the angels of God, how they point to Him; to see all the martyrs of all ages, how they point to Him; and how everybody shall point to Jesus. Even the man who has never been saved is going to acknowledge Him and give praise to God. Even though it is too late for his salvation, he is going to give praise to God, that what God has done is righteous. Beloved, the second coming is going to bring glory to the Lord Jesus Christ, for the Word of God tells us that He is coming to be admired of all them that believe.

We can't begin to imagine what it will be like when our Lord is admired that day. Here is a man who has been saved from the depths of sin. Here is an individual who has been saved from his morality. Here is an individual who has been saved from his immorality. Here is an individual who has been saved out of the darkest portion of Africa. All of them look to Him, and praise Him, and glorify Him, and admire Him because of the salvation that has come through Jesus Christ. That is going to take place at the time of the second coming.

THE SECOND COMING SHALL FOLLOW GREAT APOSTASY.

"This know also, that in the LAST DAYS PERILOUS TIMES shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."—II Tim. 3:1-5.

You can't read this without realizing that the Apostle Paul is talking about the last days, just before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. It tells us that in the last days perilous times are going to come. Some people say we are heading into a great revival. Some people say that this world is going to be completely won to the Lord. The Post-millennialists used to say that the time would come when everybody in every community was going

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Of all the false cults in existence today, this one is the most highly fanciful and historically untenable. Based upon the speculative theory that after the ten northern tribes of Israel were carried away into captivity, they became lost and were not found until it was discovered they were really the present nations of England and America.

The basis of this theory is the ridiculously fanciful interpretation linking the first syllable in the term British with the Hebrew "Brith" meaning covenant, and the admitted similarity of the Angelican Book of Common Prayer with Old Testament quotations. With this as a starter, the proponents of this theory proceed to a most strained and fallacious setting forth that the universal empire God promised to the nation Israel is being fulfilled today in these Anglo-Saxon nations.

Distinction is made between the "Jews" who are the renegade and rejected enemies of God and therefore under His just condemnation, and the "Israelites" who

are the obedient and restored tribes and to whom the multitude of promised blessings are to fall.

We could dismiss this wild theory as just another grotesque idea of perverted minds if there were no other implications. But arising from it are some very serious errors. First, it is a thoroughgoing betrayal of the truths of the gospel. The Scriptures teach that all men are lost, and that salvation comes only by means of the finished work of Christ on the cross and not by citizenship in England or America.

British Israelism robs the nation of Israel of its unique and only hope, the personal return of its true King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, the greatest travesty on truth is presented in the righteous Kingdom of God represented under the rather doubtful righteousness of England and America today.

This theory presents no salvation, no heaven, no hell, no power of grace, no power to live, no return of Christ.

to be saved. Beoved, when I read a Scripture like this, I realize that the time will never come when everybody in every community will be saved. Rather, apostasy is going to become greater, and as the days come and go, we'll find that they will become more and more perilous before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come, except there come A FALLING AWAY first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."—II Thess. 2:2, 3.

In view of this Scripture, how could anybody expect the world to get better, for this tells us that there must be a falling away before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. As time passes by, I expect more and more people to believe in Arminianism than those who believe in sovereign grace. As the days pass, I expect more and more people to believe in feminism, and modernism, and unionism than those that stand for the true teachings of the Word of God. In fact, I am not one bit surprised whenever I hear of somebody who used to stand for the truth, who no longer contends for the Word of God, for I know it is just fulfillment of the Blessed Book. The Word of God tells us that before the second coming, there is going to be

a falling away. It tells us that there shall be days of perilous times before the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the gospel, 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; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."—II Tim. 4:1-4.

This doesn't sound like a revival. This doesn't sound like a time when everybody is saved, a "decision." This doesn't sound like a time when everybody is being saved. This doesn't sound like a time when everybody is talking about how wonderful the Lord is, and when they are praising the Lord Jesus Christ, and when they are saving them. Instead, it tells that people are going to turn their ears from the truth, and are going to turn to somebody who will just give them enough to keep them satisfied.

I think, beloved, that time will come in the majority of churches and pulpits today. I think that a majority of places have fallen into apostasy to the extent that people have turned from the truth and about all the average congregation is hearing is just enough to tickle their ears, and to receive them, and make them feel that everything is all right, whereas, in reality, apostasy is definitely set in.

Did you ever see a person who was hypnotized? Did you ever see a person that was in a state of hypnosis to the extent that he would do what he was told to do? Well, if you have, you have seen this world, the religious world is in a state of mesmerism and hypnotism at the present time. Church members are fast drifting away from God; church members are hearing the truth; they told us that arms and placidly sit by, saying that what they are hearing is the Word of God, whereas it is only a minute portion—a sugar-coated, veneered portion of the Book of Almighty God. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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"Life And Ministry Of Paul"

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VI

HERE IS A SPECIAL REWARD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE SECOND COMING.

Henceforth there is laid up for you a CROWN of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that time and not to me only, but unto them also that LOVE HIS APPEARING."—II Tim. 4:8.

The Bible talks about five different crowns. All laymen can have four crowns, while preachers can have five. There is one that is called a preacher's crown. At the most, there are only four crowns that can be cast at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is an incorruptible crown that comes for clean living, which is spoken of in I Corinthians 9:25. This is the crown of rejoicing, which is the soul winner's crown, which is spoken of in I Thessalonians 2:19. There is the crown of righteousness, which I have just read in II Timothy 4, which is given to those who are looking for and waiting for His coming. There is the crown of life (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10) that comes for those who are faithful. Then there is a crown (I Thess. 2:19) which is especially for preachers — the crown of glory. There are just five crowns, and the crown Paul is talking about in this text is the crown of glory.

How do you get the crown of glory? Beloved, it is given to the man who loves the appearing of the Lord Jesus. I ask you, do you really love the thought of His coming? Do you really love the thought of His return? Sometimes we get to thinking about our problems, and our worries, and our cares, and we say, "Well, I'll be glad to get away from these." But do you really love the thought of His return? Are you more concerned about His return than it will relieve you from the burdens of this life? Or are you more concerned about the fact that you actually will receive a special reward that shall be given to those who love His coming, and that there shall be a crown of rejoicing for all those who love His appearing.

VII

THE SECOND COMING IS HOPE.

Looking for THAT BLESSED HOPE, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." — Titus 2:13.

I was a boy I was brought up with the idea that the grave was the end of a Christian. I was brought up with the thought in my mind that the greatest hope that a Christian could have was to go to heaven and go out to meet the

Lord. But that isn't so. The hope of the Christian is the second coming of Christ.

Who can look for this? Only the man who is saved. Listen:

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for that blessed hope." — Titus 2:11, 13.

This would tell us that the grace of God that brings salvation, teaches us that we are to look for the second coming of Christ.

Beloved, I don't hope to change this world. I have lived in this world fifty-seven years and better, and I am sure I haven't changed the world one particle. I don't know how much longer our Lord will let me stay within this world, and edit THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and do a little preaching, but I am sure that while it may be some little help and blessing to a few people along the way, in the main, I am not going to change the world one particle. I don't have any hope that this world is going to get better.

I hear the Lord Jesus Himself say that as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the time of the coming of the Son of man. Human nature is going to ebb and flow just the same as it has from the days of Noah down to the present time. We are not going to change the world. We may encourage a few of God's saints as we go along the way, but the world at large isn't going to be changed. Our hope is not to change the world, but our hope is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is one thing that you and I ought to look for, and pray for, it is that the Son of God might speed the day of His return back to this world. It is our blessed hope.

VIII

WE ARE TO KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL HE COMES.

"That THOU KEEP THIS COMMANDMENT WITHOUT SPOT, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ." — I Tim. 6:14.

Now what is the commandment to which he refers? The twelfth verse says, "Fight the good fight of faith." What are we to do? This text tells us that until Jesus Christ comes, we are to keep right on fighting.

"Sure I must fight, if I would reign;

Increase my courage, Lord; I'll bear the toil, endure the pain,

Supported by Thy word."

It is so easy for us to sing this when we come to our church services, but the temptation comes sometimes, "What is the use? Why not just give up?" I say, beloved, again and again and again, I have counted the cost, and I have said, "What is the use?" Then I come back to such Scriptures as this one, and I find that He tells us that we are to keep the commandment until the appearing

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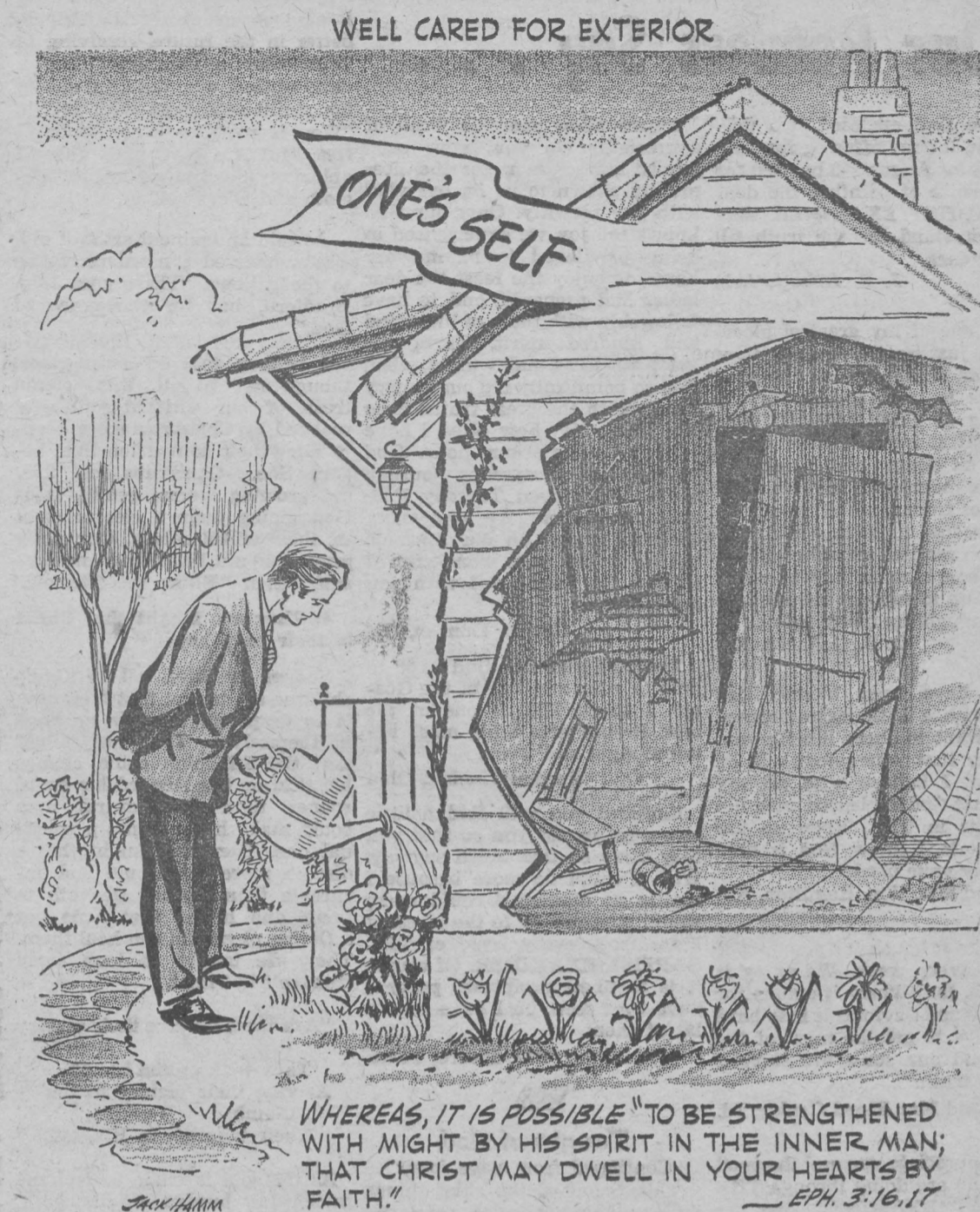
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May God bless each of us that we may be found faithful when Jesus comes again!

Out Of The Mail Bag



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"I Should Like To Know"

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away a part of your regular giving, then we believe it would be all right. But if this program is not authorized and under the control of some church, you should not support it.

6. How can we know we are elect?

There are certain evidences of election, which, incidentally, are the same as salvation. A saved man is one of the elect who has been effectually called. God only saves His elect, so if you are saved you know you are one of His chosen ones. Read I Thessalonians 1:4-10 for some of the evidences of election. Faith, love for the brethren, good works, love for the commandments, the witness of the Spirit,—all are evidences of salvation and election.

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T.G. Moore, Texas

Taught of God

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This is one of the chief things which distinguishes the children of the Devil. The ungodly can see no reason why they should be cast into the lake of fire. They may have made "mistakes," they may not be quite all that they should be, but they realize not that they are guilty of anything which merits everlasting woe. But how different with the regenerate! They marvel that they are not in Hell long ago. They know that if they were to receive their personal deserts, that endless weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth are their well-earned portion.

3. They are taught the depravity of their natures.

The Spirit of God not only convicts them of what they have done, but shows them what they are. They are taught the source from which their wickedness comes. They are taught that they are not sinners because they sin, but they sin because they are sinners. They are made to realize that "in the flesh there dwelleth no good thing." They are made to feel that there is "no soundness" (Isa. 1:6) in them. They are brought to see that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9). Because the tree is corrupt the fruit can only be evil. This is something of which the natural man is totally ignorant. He may, occasionally, condemn his ways, but never himself. That is why he

is always vowing that he will do better in the future, resolving to "turn over a new leaf." But a child of God, who has been shown his sinful self, says with Isaiah, "Woe is me! for I am undone" (Isa. 6:5). He says with Job, "I abhor myself, and repent in sackcloth and ashes" (42:6).

As said an eminent saint of old, who witnessed a murderer going to the gallows, "There goes John Bradford, but for the grace of God."

I believe that in most cases, though not in all, this solemn truth of our vitiated nature is realized by Christians more deeply after their conversion than before. Some Christians feel they are growing worse; really, it is God giving them a clearer sight of their sinful selves. Our daily prayer should be, "Show me myself," then "Show me Thyself."

4. They are taught that Christ is their only hope.

Sooner or later, all of God's children are taught that their case is so desperate there is no hope in themselves. They are taught that the Ethiopian could change his skin or the leopard his spots, sooner than the natural man could make himself into a spiritual one. They are taught that a disease more loathsome and incurable than leprosy cleaveth to them, and hence, that none but a Divine physician can heal them. They are taught to look away from self to Christ.

"Ask them whence their victory came,
They with united breath,
Ascribe their victory to the Lamb,
Their triumph to His death."

As the soul is made to feel the intolerable burden of its guilt, they are then given an ear to hear Christ saying, "Come unto Me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). They are made to cry with the repentant and dying thief "Lord, remember me" (Luke 23:42). They exclaim like sinking Peter did, "Lord, save me" (Matt. 14:30).

5. They are taught that their salvation is by grace alone.

The natural man is quite unable to follow a servant of God when he declares that our evil works have just as much to do with our salvation as have our good ones. The truth is that his heart is so full of pride and self-righteousness that he is incapable of appreciating the wondrous grace of God. His desire is to make God his debtor. His determination is to have some ground for boasting. Were salvation offered by God to men as a wage to be earned and a prize to be won, multitudes would compete for it. But because the Lord requires that man shall come to Him as a sinner, empty handed, as a pauper, to receive charity, few take this position before Him; and that few, only as they are "taught" by the Holy Spirit.

Each member of this Divinely-taught and favoured family is brought to see that God is everything, that man is nothing. They rejoice in the declaration that "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" (Eph. 2:8,9).

Therefore our testimony is, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake" (Psa. 115:1).

6. They are all taught the value of Prayer.

God has no dumb children. The Spirit of God, who indwells them, impresses upon their hearts the importance of and their need for prayer. "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him?" (Luke 18:7). The first thing recorded of Saul of Tarsus after his conversion was, "Behold, he prayeth" (Acts 9:11). Just as a living child enters this world with a cry, and continues

The Point of the Matter is . . .

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Tithing Is

- ... the right and serious way to give
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- ... a way to say "Thank You" to God for all of life's blessings.
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THE MAN WHO . . .

KNOWS that God is the most important fact of his life,
FEELS the nearness of God day by day in his life,
SEES the evidence of God's love and blessings all around him
OFFERS himself in gratitude to God.

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"THE TITHE IS THE LORD'S" — LEVITICUS 27:30

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to cry every time it is conscious of its needs: so the spiritual child finds his heart going out to God and unburdens himself to Him. What a word is that in Rev. 8:3: "Another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne!"

But the Christian has to be "taught" the value of prayer; yea, he has to be taught to pray. As it is written, "We know not what we should pray for as we ought" (Rom. 8:26). Therefore do the saints still come to Christ saying, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). It is true that many of us are very slow in responding to what we have been taught. Instead of asking for more light, most of us need to ask God to enable us to walk according to the light which He has already given us. Nevertheless, it remains true that the members of this favoured family are a praying people.

7. They are all taught the necessity of a godly walk.

And this, not as a means to or contribution towards their salvation, but as an evidence that they have been saved. "As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26). It is by bringing forth "much fruit" that their heavenly Father is glorified (John 15:8).

Te members of this favoured family are not only shown the importance of a Christ-honouring walk, but they are also — in varying measure — empowered for such. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). It is written that, "The grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:11,12).

An unrighteous professing Christian is an impostor. "Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" is Christ's searching word to such.

Now, to be "taught" of God means far more than having the mind informed on these points. It means having a personal and experimental acquaintance with them. It is not sufficient for a hearer to say, "I approve of what the preacher is declaring; I cannot gainsay what he advances; I believe that he is sincere, and has the Scriptures on his side." No, though God's servant has preached to you with the precision, plainness, and power of the apostle Paul, yea, with the tongue of an angel; unless a miracle of grace has been wrought within you, unless your life has been revolutionized from center to circum-

ference, unless you now hate the things you once loved and love the things you hated, then his preaching is, to you, only the savor of death unto death."

What avails it that you know God is sovereign, unless you know Him as your God? What avails it you know that Christ is an all-sufficient Saviour, and the only trusting in Him? What avails it that you know God has a favour for those who are sincere? What avails it if you know man is a fallen creature, unless you hate your self and groan before God? What avails it that you subscribe to an orthodox creed, unless you have been born again? What avails it that you have a form of godliness, if you are a stranger to its power? Nothing! It is only like decking out a corpse in fine clothes. Only the Spirit of God search your heart, open your eyes, grant you discernment to know which family you are treading, which family you belong to, which Place you will dwell in forever.

Young West Virginian

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