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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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Message to Sinners--

A Few Words On Sin And Salvation

Man beings are sinners. The among us are guilty of sin. The Bible and human ex- tence testify to man's sinfulness. The Bible says: "For all have sinned" (Romans, chapter 3:23). There is none righteous, no one who will have to admit to God to ourselves that we are sinners, even though others think we are good. We know our hearts and lives are not in line with the commandments of God. We are sinners.

Sinners Are Condemned

Because men are sinners, they are under a terrible sentence of condemnation. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). As breakers of the law of God we have incurred the penalty of God against sin. Romans 3:10 tells us: "Cursed be the one that continues not to do things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Sinners are condemned because of their sins. God is a holy God and will punish sin according to what it deserves.

Sinners Are Lost

The Bible uses the word "lost"

to describe the awful relationship of the sinner to God (Luke 19:10). The lost are "far off" from God (Ephesians 2:13).

Lost people have a bleak future, not only in eternity but even in life. Their lives are so meaningless. They are not happy. They are dissatisfied with themselves and with others. The only way they know how to enjoy life is to plunge themselves into the sinful pleasures of this life. The Bible, Christ, the church, righteous living — these things have no appeal to the lost person. His heart is hardened to spiritual things. He is dead to God and alive to sin and the world.

Sinners Need Salvation

What is the answer to the sinner's plight? Many have wealth, but are miserable. The famous are not content with the goal they have attained. The beautiful and handsome still have an ugly spiritual condition that plagues them. The strong and the wise are weak and ignorant when the sin problem confronts them. What is the answer to our situation?

We need salvation. We need a spiritual new birth. "Ye must be born again," Christ said, in reference to the need of the sinner. A spiritual renewing to give us new life, new love, new motive, (Continued on page 8, column 5)

The 1962 Bible Conference

From all outward appearances, as well from our inward impressions, the fourth annual Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church held August 31-September 3, was the best conference we have yet experienced. Each year the Conference has improved, and this year's was no exception. We thank our Lord for all His blessings both before and during--yea, even after--the Conference.

Visitors From Far and Near

The Conference attracted guests

from Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Washington, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee and of course from Kentucky.

One of our big problems this year was providing rooms for all the guests, but the Lord saw to it that new doors were opened, and everyone was taken care of.

Good Preaching and Excellent Fellowship

Of course, the main feature of the Conference is preaching. No time is taken up with such organizational matters as you'll find at Conventions, Fellowships, Associations and the like. God's Word has the uppermost place and men of God are given opportunity to proclaim it.

There were some great doctrinal and practical messages preached this year and they will once again be reproduced in the Examiner for the benefit of those of you who could not attend the Conference. Many were the praises that were made with regard to this year's preaching and we believe your cup will run over when you read the sermons in TBE.

As for the fellowship, it could hardly have been better in a gathering such as this. People who had never seen each other before had no trouble striking up conversations, and sharing their spiritual knowledge and experiences with one another. Especially around meal-time the brothers and sisters had opportunity to get acquainted and relate interesting experiences and pass along helpful comments of a spiritual nature. We observed no bickering or strife among the folk, which is sometimes to be expected where controversial subjects are discussed. Of course, there are bound to be some differences amidst such a gathering as this, but we are always pleased when (Continued on page 2, column 3)

A LIVELY DISCUSSION



A common scene at the Conference finds James Hobbs of McDermott, Ohio, Gerald Price of Bristol, Tennessee, and Scott Richardson of Barrackville, West Virginia trying to straighten one another out on some point of doctrine.

The Bride of Christ and Marriage of the Lamb

SERMON PREACHED BY PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN AT 1962 BIBLE CONFERENCE, HELD BY CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY

he saith unto me, Write, and they which are called the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of the Lord. Rev. 19:9.

has truly been a wonderful Conference so far as I am personally concerned, and I thank you very much for the opportunity. It is true that the seats were the hardest, some of the sermons have been the longest, but it has been a glorious audience, and we thank you for your presence here.

I am sure you will agree with me at the very outset that there is no event in life which stirs the emotions, and excites the affections, and stimulates hope, and increases the tempo more than marriage. In my ministry, going back over the past forty years, I have married almost 11,000 couples, which in itself is quite a large number of folk. Multiply 11,000 by 2 and there is a pretty good sized army of 22,000 people, and I imagine some of them by this time are pretty well trained in the matter of combat duty. At any rate, I have married lots of folk through the years, and I have had much experience so far as weddings are concerned. I can say to you truly, I have never known of any event which has excited, and stimulated, and increased the tempo of individuals more than that of matrimony.

When I marry a couple, I always make it a point to tell them to answer "I do" to the question

and Brother Joe Thomas from down at Pensacola, Florida, as they drive home, will talk about the Conference. I imagine that they will say, "You know, this has been a peculiar experience. Now take Brother Bob Ross. He went down the deepest of most anybody I ever heard." Then they will say, "You know that fellow Richardson that preached on Saturday night, stayed down the longest." Then they will say for a summation of it all, "And Brother Gilpin came up the dryest."

I remember some good while ago that I was marrying a couple, and I instructed them in advance to say "I do." When it came time for the fellow to say "I do," he got so excited that he kept saying, "I do, I do, I do, I do, I do." I let him go for ten times, until finally I cut in, and stopped him. I remember another individual who was 53 years old who came to get married. He acted about like a child. I had told him in advance to say "I do," and when I asked him the question, he said, "I do, yeah!"

I remember another couple that I was marrying sometime ago. I had told them in advance that they were to join their right hands when I came to a certain place in the ceremony. When I came to that place and told them to join their right hands, this fellow held his hand up like he was at a courthouse about ready to receive a sentence, as if he were going to swear. Well, actually, he was about to receive a life sentence, but nevertheless I wasn't expecting him to hold up his hand to swear as he would in the courtroom.

I can even remember the day that I was married. There were a few things that were slightly of a stimulated nature on that day. I wasn't married until 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon, but I was fully dressed for the wedding at 12:00 o'clock noon. So far as Mrs. Gilpin was concerned, she was quite excited that day. She was wearing a little two-pieced suit with a pocket

on the side of the jacket. Before we went into the room where we were to be married, I gave the preacher a five dollar bill, and he very kindly and graciously gave it back, saying: "I never accept money from a preacher."

Well, instead of handing it to me, he handed it to Mrs. Gilpin, and she put it down into the pocket of the jacket she was wearing. During the ceremony she got so excited that, with her hand in her pocket, she tore that five dollar bill into shreds. You know, brethren, I made up my mind right then she wasn't a fit subject to handle money, and I have never given her a penny since.

I say these things that I might say it is thus with the marriage of the Lamb. I am sure that there is nothing that thrills my heart concerning the Word of God more than what is out in store for the child of God on that glorious day when the bride of Christ shall be presented to the Son of God, and when the marriage of the Lamb shall take place. To me, the Bible is just one long continuous love story, beginning with the book of Genesis and going all the way through to the book of Revelation. Finally, when you come to this nineteenth chapter, you have the consummation of all the promises of God concerning the marriage supper, when the Bride is presented to the Lord Jesus.

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THE GROOM--JESUS.

When I analyzed the marriage

of the Lamb from the standpoint of marriages that we know about in this life, I said that if you are going to have a marriage you have to have a groom. It would be an impossibility to think of a marriage without a groom.

I am satisfied this morning that there is nobody here that would argue with me as to whom the groom is in this marriage that I am speaking of today. Of course when I get a little further along and talk to you about who makes up the bride, I expect to see some sparks flying in the audience, but just now I am satisfied that we are in perfect agreement. I am sure that all of you will agree with me that the groom is none other than the Lord Jesus Himself. Listen:

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for HIS SON." -- Mt. 22:2.

The son that is thus referred to is Jesus Christ Himself.

Notice again:

"Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease." -- John 3:28-30.

This definitely shows that John the Baptist recognized the Lord Jesus Christ as being the Bridegroom.

In the parable of the virgins, we read:

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special arrangements are made for their continuation.

CONFERENCE ORGANIST



Don Heche of Cleveland, Ohio.

SINGERS FROM MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY



Pastor Marshall Martin, Mrs. Martin and son.

KENTUCKY NEWLYWEDS



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gooch of Crab Orchard, Kentucky. They were married at the Conference.

1962 Bible Conference

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of the messages brought, while there were perhaps errors and mistakes that had been prevented, we did not hear anyone criticizing the food. The food was prepared by the ladies of our church, with some from various other ladies in the surrounding churches. Truly the Conference was given a feast over Labor Day Week-end. A variety of meats, vegetables, pies, cakes, desserts and numerous side-dishes were sufficient to satisfy the appetite of our robust visitors. It takes a deal of food--as well as time to prepare it--to feed a conference of this size, but we are glad we are able to do it. It is so much for all the people to eat rather than having to make up at various homes or restaurants. With all the meals on Brother Gilpin's back, with seating supplied under the tent, people have a better opportunity to get to know each other and talk things over.

Brother Lee Hawkins of Ozark, Missouri very thoughtfully made a contribution in behalf of the purchase of next year's food and it has already been used. If this gives our readers any ideas of their own, we have no objection to their doing likewise.

Wedding Performed

There is usually something special or unusual that takes place at the Bible Conference. Once we ordained some preachers. At other times we have baptized. This year there was a wedding. A Baptist preacher--Brother Clyde Gooch of Crab Orchard, Kentucky and his bride were united in marriage, with Brother Gilpin performing the ceremony.

Next Year

If the Lord does not return for His children before Labor Day of 1963, we hope to have another Bible Conference and hope it will be even better than the recent one. It is never too early to start making plans to attend, so why not check the calendar right now and work out your vacation so as to include the Conference. You won't regret it.--BLR.

"The Bride Of Christ"

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"Behold, the BRIDEGROOM COMETH. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the SON OF MAN COMETH." -- Mt. 25:6, 13.

Surely the bridegroom at this glorious wedding that we are all looking forward to is none other than Jesus Christ Himself.

As Paul said:

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to ONE HUSBAND, that I may present you as a CHASTE VIRGIN TO CHRIST." --II Cor. 11:2.

I am sure, beloved, from these verses you will agree with me that the bridegroom at this wedding is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

II

THE BRIDE.

I'd like first of all to sort of ruffle a few feathers by just saying that the bride will not be composed of all the redeemed of all ages. Now all you Scofieldites (and I am one of them, for I have used a Scofield Bible since 1925) and all of you individuals who believe that all the saved of the world will make up the bride, get ready to think for a moment's time. I am not saying that I'll convince anyone this morning, but I'll have a good time talking to you, hoping that I will provoke you to think a little in this respect.

I believe that Jesus Christ, when He was here in the days of His flesh, established a Baptist church. I do not have time to prove that this morning, but I ask you to believe this with me. I believe that He gave His commission unto that church, and I am satisfied that there is not another organization on the top side of God Almighty's earth that has the authority to baptize, to send out missionaries, and to observe the (Continued on page 4, column 3)

HEAD DISH-WASHER



Mr. "Bud" Fullerton of Ashland. Needless to say, as No. 1 dish-washer, this fellow was kept busy throughout the Conference.

PATIO WORKER



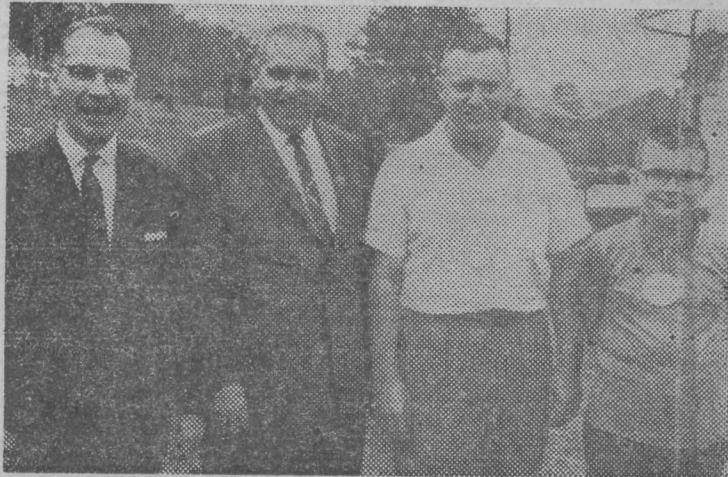
Paul Holstein of Kopperston, West Virginia (a loved member of our church) helped out a lot in the work around the patio where much of the cooking and dish-washing were done.

AIRMEN AT THE CONFERENCE



John S. Morris and Bobby Overton, Air Force boys from Dover, Delaware.

FROM SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI CHURCH



Perry Lamb, Wayne Lemmons, Lee and Ronnie Hawkins, all of the Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.

CONFERENCE GUESTS FROM FLORIDA



Clifford McTaggart with son Ronnie McTaggart and Ronnie's wife, Connie. They are from Melbourne, Florida

MOBILE, ALABAMA COUPLES



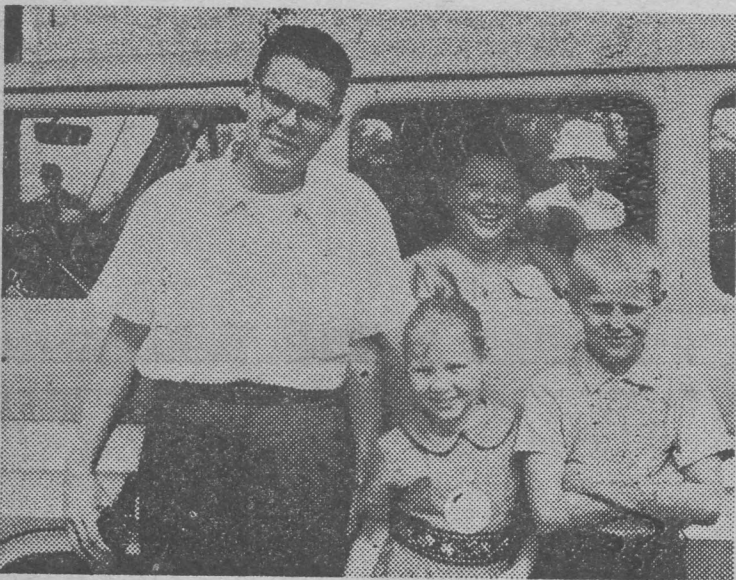
Mr. and Mrs. George Henry with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Ard.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA GROUP



Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stephens

A FLOCK OF CROWS



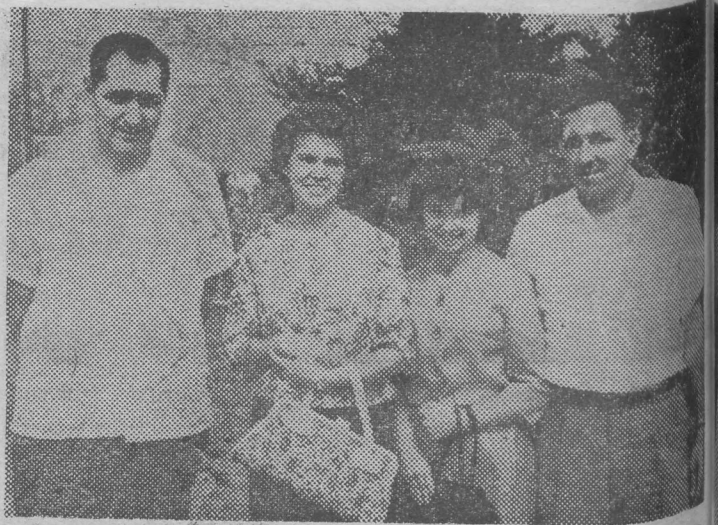
Elder Wayne Crow and family from Dover, Delaware. Brother Crow brought a devotional message at the Conference.

THE COLONEL AND THE GOOD WIFE



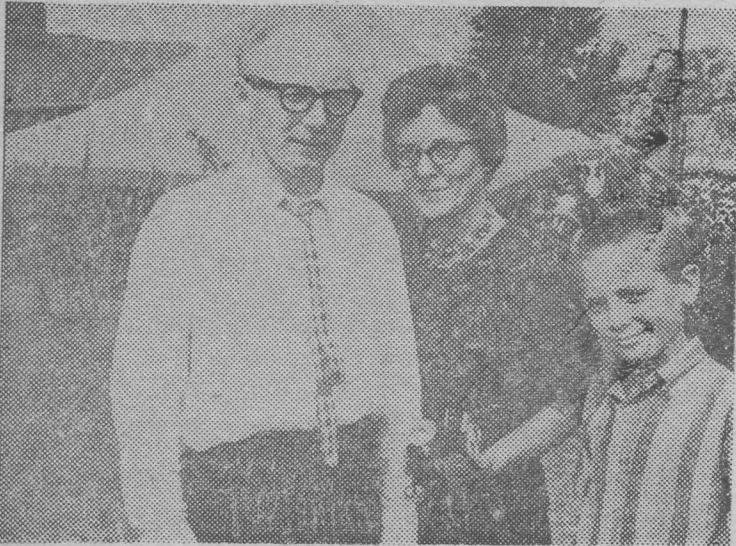
This is the "official" representative of TBE in West Virginia, Colonel Guy Mountse and his wife Virginia of St. Albans, West Virginia.

FROM THE BUCKEYE STATE



Brother Eltham Teetzel of Brunswick, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Howard and daughter Sandra.

MICHIGAN PASTOR, WIFE AND SON



Pastor Henry Hall and wife from Gladwin, Michigan. Johnny, their son, sang and Brother Hall preached at the Conference.

TARHEELS



Brother Joe Wilson with his two boys, Joe, Jr. and Sam.

SOME MORE BUCKEYES



The Brownings from Washington Courthouse, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Browning and Family

FLORIDA PASTOR AND FAMILY



Bro. Wilton W. Wilkerson and family of Tampa, Florida. Brother Wilkerson was one of the speakers.

ALL THE WAY FROM SEATTLE



Bro. Douglas Dolly drove his midget-size car all the way from Seattle, Washington for the Conference. He preferred our Conference to the World's Fair.

BRISTOL, TENNESSEE FAMILY



Oscar Manuel, Jr., Oscar Manuel, Sr., Elizabeth Manuel and Mrs. Oscar Manuel.

TENNESSEANS



Bro. and Mrs. Virgil Richardson of Bristol, Tennessee.

CHICAGO PASTOR AND WIFE



Elder and Mrs. Lloyd Wyrick and son. Brother Wyrick preached on New Testament Missions.

"The Bride Of Christ"

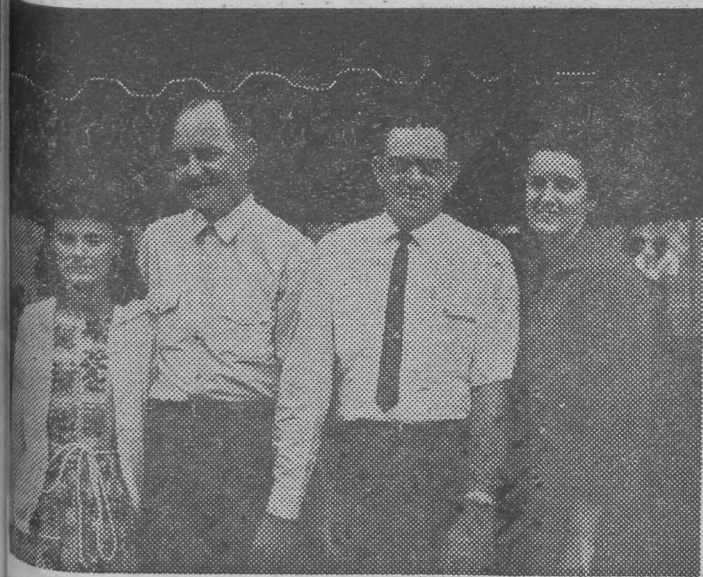
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Lord's Supper other than a Missionary Baptist Church. I contend that He gave that authority unto His church; therefore I do not accept alien immersion. I do not believe that the immersion that is performed by other organizations other than by a Baptist church is valid baptism.

Furthermore, so far as the Lord's Supper is concerned, I do not think we have any right at any time to invite everybody in this world to come to the Lord's table even though he may claim to be saved. Beloved, I'll tell you how close I am on close communion. I believe it ought to be just one local Baptist church. If Calvary Baptist Church were to observe the Lord's Supper this morning, and if all of our members were here, there would be 41 of us to take the Lord's Supper and there would be about 450 of

you who are here that we would have to ask to sit by and observe what we were doing. We don't want to be unkind, but we want to be scriptural. You know, it is a whole lot easier to be sentimental than it is to be scriptural, but I

try to be scriptural in my practice. Therefore, regardless of how much we might think of you, and we love you, as individual Christians and fellow Baptists, we could not invite you who are not members of our church to take the Lord's

FROM PENSACOLA, FLORIDA



Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Burrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas.

PENNSYLVANIANS



and Mrs. Howard Downing, Titusville, Penna., and Brother W. R. Shawl of Townville, Penna. Bro. Shawl was baptized at our 1960 Conference.

THESE CAME BY AIR



and Mrs. James Thompson and daughter of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Brother Thompson flew his airplane down for the conference.

FROM DIXIELAND



Pastor and Mrs. R. C. Vaughn from Amory, Mississippi

I might say that I am not a Baptist because my parents were established a Baptist church believing that Baptists have authority to baptize and observe the ordinances, and believe that the ordinances observed by anyone else are alien and therefore invalid — believing that, I take our stand for these things that are dearly bought convictions, and during those seventy years I incur the wrath of all the people of the world that are not Baptists — as well as that of a lot of Baptists. I have caused every Protestant to say that Gilpin is a narrow minded bigot. I have caused them to say I should be fried in oil — that I am a Hardshell — that I ought to be hung up by my toes, and so on. Suppose I live here in this world for seventy years and people hate me for what I stand for, and what I contend for, but I go on contending for it regardless. Suppose at the end of seventy years I die, my enemies die, and all these Protestant people who are saved but have had alien immersion, and have had union meetings, and have been observing the Lord's Supper by way of open communion, die and they come up to Heaven. I ask you, will all these redeemed that I have mentioned make up the bride of Christ? Beloved, I would be the biggest

FATHER AND SON



Bro. Bruce McMillan and son Steven, Mechanicsburg, Penna.

FLORIDIAN



Mrs. W. B. Davidson, wife of the late Pastor W. B. Davidson, Tampa, Florida.

PREACHER'S FATHER



Bro. Charles Pyle, father of Pastor Willard Pyle, one of our speakers.

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FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE



Pastor and Mrs. John Hendrix of Pensacola, Florida

TENNESSEE COUPLE



Bro. and Mrs. Daniel Phillips of Bristol, Tennessee.

YOUNG COUPLE FROM CINCINNATI



Mr. and Mrs. James W. Rayls

PENNSYLVANIA COUPLE



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sutherland of Chester, Pennsylvania. They have attended our Conference four years in succession.

fool in this world to contend for I am the biggest fool in this seventy years for the truth if, world — I am an idiot — I am when I die, I am going to live worse than an idiot if I contend for things in this life and then come down to the end of the way and we forget all about what we have stood for, and in Heaven it doesn't mean a thing for a man and her ordinances, I say to you, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

The Pope's Ecumenical Council

Much is in the news these days about the so-called Ecumenical Council that is to be conducted by the Pope. The most significant features of this Council is the participation of Protestant leaders as "observers." One of the chief points of interest in the Council is the matter of the re-union of Rome's harlot daughters, the Protestant churches, with the old whore (Revelation 17). We believe this is the first major step toward the formation of the coming One World Church, dominated by the Pope of Rome.

Baptists for years have been telling people that Revelation 17 foretells of the re-union of Rome and her harlot daughters. Now steps are being taken before our very eyes for this to come to pass. Ever so often we read in the papers about some Protestant leader paying a visit to the Pope. Such was unheard of a few years ago. But things are happening quicker than one would expect. Things are worse than we thought.

Keep your eye on the Pope's Council and the news that will surround it. Observe the fulfillment of prophecy before your very eyes! Who could doubt the verbally inspired Word of God, in view of such minute fulfillments of prophecy?—BLR.



"The Bride Of Christ"

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to have been a Baptist and to have been faithful to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I say, beloved, if it doesn't mean anything up there, then we ought not make it mean anything down here, but if it means anything down here for a man to be honest and loyal to the Word of God, you can rest assured it will mean something up there when you stand in the presence of the God who wrote the Bible, and who gave to us a commission, and who told us what we were to stand for unto the end of the day.

From the standpoint of human reasoning, I could not in any wise believe that all the redeemed of all ages will be a part of the bride. And now, I'll turn to the Word of God and show you from it that all the redeemed will not be in the bride.

"The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold. She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework: **THE VIRGINS HER COMPANIONS** that follow her shall be brought unto thee."—Psa. 45:13, 14.

Notice, there is just one bride, but she has many companions. I haven't time to give you a detailed exegesis of this Scripture, but I'll call it to your attention and let you study it at your convenience when you go home. How-

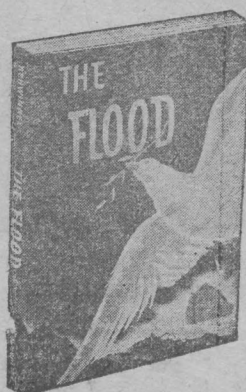
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ever, you will find one bride, and that one bride has many companions for her wedding.

Notice again:

"There are **THREESCORE QUEENS, and FOURSORE CONCUBINES, and VIRGINS WITHOUT NUMBER.** My dove, my undefiled is but **ONE**; she is the only one of her mother, she is the choice one of her that bare her. The daughters saw her, and blessed her; yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her."—Song of Sol. 6:8, 9.

Talk about the number of the redeemed that is going to be saved! You can bring on your adding machines, and your calculating machines, and your posting machines. Bring on all your clerks, and your secretaries, and your bookkeepers, and your accountants. Nobody will be able to count the number of that crowd that is going to be the saved and in Glory, for it says, "There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines, and virgins without number."

Again I say, I haven't time to give to you an exposition of this Scripture, but I call this to your attention, there is just one bride, but there are many attendants of this bride.

Listen again:

"Write, **Blessed are they which are CALLED unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.**"—Rev. 19:9.

Last night a man handed me an amplified New Testament. I had never seen one before. He was talking to me about this very subject since he couldn't be here today. I told him of this Scripture and we read it in the amplified New Testament. Beloved, it proved the very thing that I am wanting to prove to you now. In our Bible it says, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb," and in the amplified New Testament it uses the word "invited." It says, "Blessed are they which are invited unto the marriage supper of the Lamb."

Beloved, there is going to be a wedding someday. The Lord Jesus Christ is going to be the bridegroom. There will be a bride, but the bride is not going to be all the redeemed. There are going to be a lot of invited guests that will stand on the sidelines and do some wishing for an opportunity to do a lot of things differently to what they did heretofore. They will be saved all right, but they will stand as invited guests at the wedding.

I'll go further and say to you that there won't be anybody in the bride but Baptists. The bride will be a choice group. There will be many guests, but there will be nobody in the bride but Baptists, and I'll prove it to you in just a moment.

First, let me say that not all Baptists will be in the bride. Now, beloved, if I made some of you angry when I said that nobody but Baptists would be in the bride, maybe I can rub a little ointment into the sore by saying that not all Baptists will be in the bride.

The fact of the matter is, I am thinking that in the average community the word "Baptist" smells to high heaven. If I am not badly mistaken, the majority of so-called Baptist churches don't deserve the name Baptist. There is many a Baptist church and many a Baptist preacher today that is a definite disgrace to the name Baptist. The Baptists that have lived in the years gone by would hang their heads in shame if they were introduced to the average modern Twentieth Century Baptist of today.

Beloved, I am contending this morning that there are a lot of preachers in Baptist churches who have compromised especially on church truth. There is many a Baptist preacher this morning who knows a whole lot more than he is preaching today. I am satisfied that there is many a Baptist preacher who knows a lot about the church, but he is keeping still a lot about the church also. I am sure that there is many a Baptist preacher who knows a great deal about baptism, but he

is keeping still about it. In other words, many preachers are compromising for the sake of popularity.

I learned a long time ago as a boy preacher that the average Baptist preacher is more afraid of the moving van than he is of anything else. I don't think the average Baptist preacher fears God nearly as much as he fears the moving van. Many preachers fear if they preach the truth they are going to have to move on—that the Lord is going to have to lead them to new quarters. I am saying to you this morning, many a Baptist preacher compromises for popularity's sake.

Some Baptists live only for the world, and they unite with worldly organizations such as clubs and lodges. If you are a lodge man, I say to you frankly, I certainly believe you are in the wrong field when you try to be a member of a Baptist Church too. If I were you, I'd either get out of the lodge or else get out of a Baptist church.

A few days ago I read where a Baptist preacher died, and they were having his funeral. They were having the Masons and two or three other lodge organizations to act as pallbearers. They had all of the honors. His church was ignored. When I read it, do you know what came to my mind? You remember the king in the Old Testament, of whom it was said when he died, he was buried by his concubines. Somehow, beloved, that was the way I felt about that preacher, for when that preacher had given all his honor and money and time to glorify lodge organizations and came down to die, the lodges buried him and the church wasn't even mentioned. It sounded a great deal to me like he was being buried by his concubines, and the church, the biggest institution in this world, was being completely ignored and left out.

I say to you, I do not believe that all Baptists will be in the bride. Compromising unionistic Baptists—modernistic Baptists—Arminian Baptists—alien immersion, open communion Baptists—Baptists that are lodge members—worldly Baptists—Baptists that compromise both as to doctrine and practice—and especially universal church Baptists will never be any part of the bride. Rather the bride will be a select number of Baptists. They will all be Baptists that are in the bride, but that bride will be a select number out of all the multitude of Baptists.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, are you going to be in the bride?" I don't know. I look at my life and I think what a terrible sinner I have been. I look at my ministry since I have been saved and I wonder about myself, when I realize how far short I have come of pleasing God. When I think of it, I don't know whether I'll be in the Bride. I don't know who is going to be in the bride. I wouldn't tell you this morning that you are going to be in it, or that I am going to be in it, but I'll say this to you, you Baptists who waste your money on other things besides missions, you Baptists

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Brother, sister, how humbling it is to us this morning to realize the best that we can do looks like a putrid, filthy rag that you wouldn't want to touch. If that be true, then pray tell me, how about your dishonest acts, how about all the sins of your life? If the best there is about you looks like a filthy rag, then pray tell me, what do your sins look like in the sight of a thrice holy God? I say to you, none of us have any righteousness in ourselves. The only way that we could ever be saved is by the imputed right-

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To leave this life, I long to see
The wonders of eternity,
My fear of Death is gone!

—George W. Hipshire

tits who stay in compromising churches just because they call themselves Baptists, you Baptists who support organizations that you know are positively a disgrace to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can't tell me that you have any hope of being a part of the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, our God has a select number to be in the bride.

III

THE BRIDE'S DRESS.

In marriage in this life, the bride gets ready for the wedding. It isn't that the groom makes her ready, but the bride herself gets ready for the wedding. It is thus in the marriage of the Lamb.

Listen:

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and **HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY.** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."—Rev. 19:7, 8.

All the folk who believe that the bride of Christ is going to be made up of all the redeemed say that we have to have the righteousness of Christ to be in the bride. The Scripture doesn't say so, but rather it says that the bride has made herself ready, and that the fine linen she attires herself with is the righteousness of saints.

None of us have any righteousness in ourselves. With a hearty agreement, I say "Amen" to everything that our Brother Fields preached this morning. I, too, believe in depravity. I, too, believe that men are dead. I, too, believe that every man outside of Jesus Christ is just the same as a corpse. In fact, it takes the same power of God to make a man alive in Christ Jesus and save his soul, as it would to take a corpse and raise him from the dead and give him new life. None of us have any righteousness in ourselves.

"And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."—Isa. 64:6.

Listen to me, your righteousness this morning is as repulsive as a dirty, filthy rag. The very best thing you ever did before you were saved is like a dirty, filthy rag in God's sight.

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eousness of Jesus Christ.

"Abraham believed God, and **was COUNTED unto him as righteousness.**"—Rom. 4:3.

"For he hath made him **knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**"—II Cor. 5:21.

What does it say? God took sins and put them on the Lord Jesus Christ. Then God came down and takes the righteousness of Jesus Christ and puts it on us. In other words, God has dressed Jesus just exactly like we ought to have been treated. Now God treats Gilpin just exactly like Jesus Christ ought to have been treated. He bore my sins the cross and I wear His righteousness today. Every man is saved this morning is clothed in the righteousness of the Jesus Himself.

Oh, it thrills my heart to think that when God saves a man, He puts upon him new clothing, fresh clothing, just like the man in the parable clothed the best robe and put it upon the Beloved, I have a better robe than Adam ever had to have. He had a robe of human righteousness, but I have a robe of Christ's divine righteousness. Adam had the righteousness that was clothed upon his obedience, but my righteousness is clothed only upon the eternal grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. As long as the Son of God lives—and He will live eternally—my righteousness shall continue. I say to you, all are born with unrighteousness, but when we are saved, we are clothed in the righteousness of God's Son.

Now, notice the bride has to be ready for the wedding. Revelation 19:7, 8 tells us that the bride made herself ready, and that the fine linen is the righteousness of the righteous deeds, of the saints. Beloved, the bride has something more than the imputed righteousness of Christ. Previously, the bride had no righteousness of her own. Then the day that she was saved, the bride was clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God. Ever, the bride has an additional ornament, and that ornament is the righteousness of the saints.

* Let's notice the story of the first Baptist preacher as he ministered the ordinance of baptism to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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THORNS

are hard, prickly things. The thorny experiences of every one of these "not but grievous" experiences by God to the Christian finite purpose, his spiri- tual perfection. He disciplines, i.e. He disciplines, profit that we might be of His holiness (Heb- 12:11). The Lord will per- fect which concerneth me (138:8).

How about the thorn that is in us? Naturally we pray for its removal. BUT IT STAYS. The Apostle Paul realized that the staying thorn was the will, he at once made it and sought ways to God's glory. And that is the glory of the thorn. So that he said, "The glory of the things which are mine infirmities" (II Cor- 12:30; 12:5).

And in on God's promise, "The glory of the things which are mine infirmities" (II Cor- 12:30; 12:5).

He pressed on to a new Christian living and to ways of spiritual adven- ture, discovery, never dream- ing of unruffled lives.

Was it not so with Joseph when sold by his own brothers into Egypt, a most trying and bitter thorn in Joseph's life?

Ye thought evil against me, said Joseph, But God meant it unto good (Genesis 50:20).

What God means is always too good to be lost and is worth all it costs to learn.

George Matheson, the Scottish preacher who became blind, was gripped with this truth when he said, "My God, I have never thanked Thee for my thorn. I have thanked Thee for my roses, but not once for my thorn. I have never thought of my cross as itself a present glory. Teach me the glory of my cross. Teach me the value of my thorn. Show me that my tears made my rainbow."

Those miserable thorns! What "eternal weights of glory" they may be!

And sure—thy life will richer grow,

He grace sufficient will bestow, And in heaven's morn thy joy 'twill be

That, by His thorn, He strengthened thee.

—Claude A. Ries

IV

THE WEDDING SONG.

There is going to be a wedding song. It is not going to be "Oh, Promise Me." It won't be any of the songs that are usually sung at weddings today, but there is going to be some singing. Listen:

"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, ALLELUIA." — Rev. 19:1.

After what things? Beloved, the seventeenth and eighteenth chapters tell us about the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters.

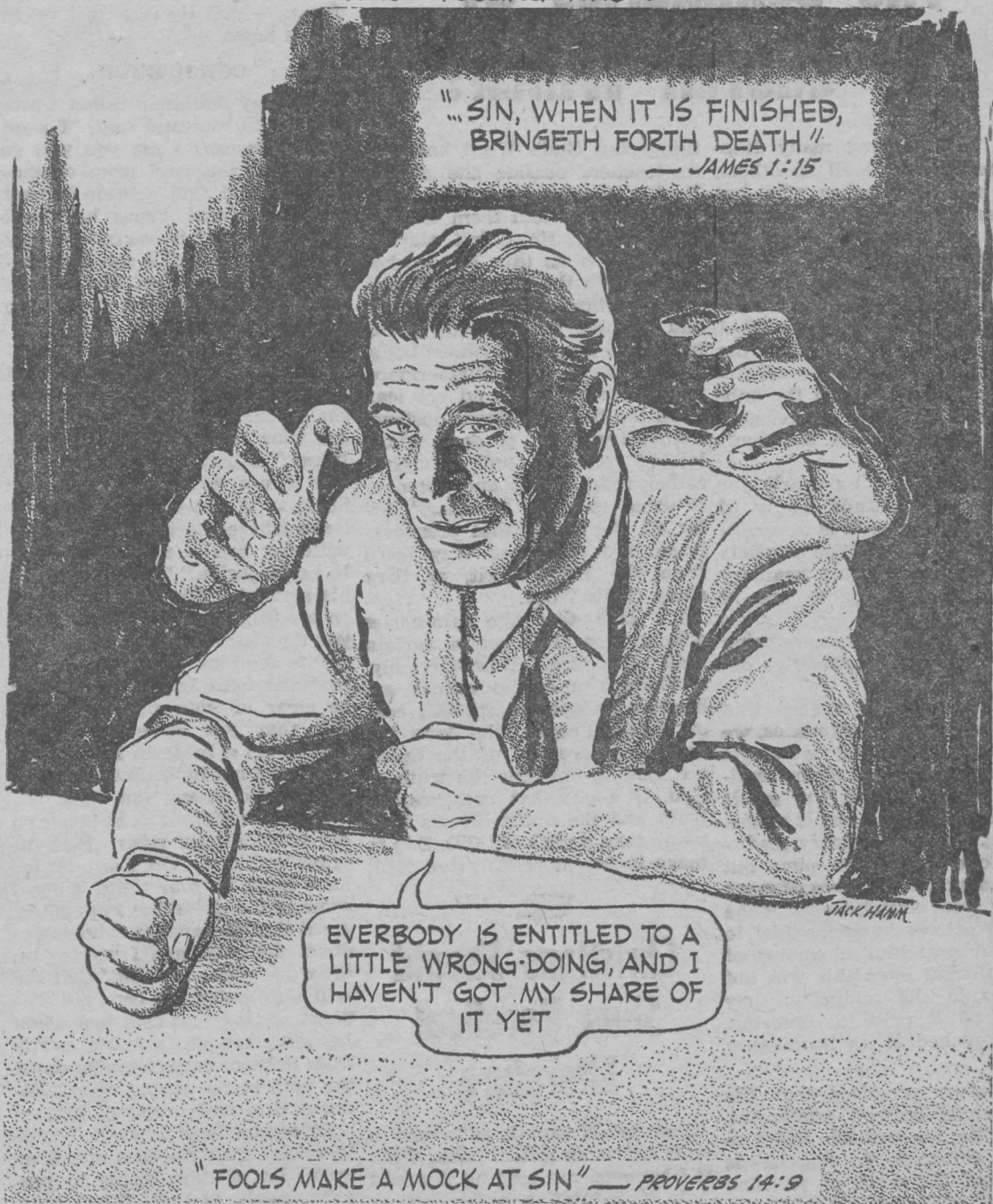
"I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters . . . And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." — Rev. 17:1, 5.

Now beloved, who is the whore and her harlot daughters? That old whore is none other than Roman Catholicism, and the harlot daughters are the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. I make no apology when I say that the old whore represents Roman Catholicism and the Protestant churches are the harlot daughters that have come out of the old whore.

Now Revelation 19:1 says, "And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia" — that is, after the destruction of the old whore and her harlot daughters. Beloved, the first time that Baptists will ever be able to sing — and really sing, will be when the old whore and her harlot daughters are destroyed. It is going to lift a tremendous burden from Baptists in that day when Catholicism and Protestantism is destroyed. I tell you, beloved, a heavy load is going to be lifted, and Baptists are going to sing then.

I know a lot of you can't sing any better than I. One fellow sat beside me sometime ago and listened to me try to sing, and he said that I sounded like a coyote that had bronchitis. I don't doubt but that he told the truth. I listen to some of these brethren who seemingly know how to sing, and it sounds good to me. I listen to them, and I think how wonderful it is going to be to be able someday to sing. Do you know the song I am looking forward to singing? I am looking forward to that day when the old whore isn't anymore. She has given me a lot of trouble these last several years. That old whore of Revelation 17 surely has been a plague to me. She has surely been a splinter under my toe nail. I think about all of those harlot daughters that

WHO'S FOOLING WHO?



Bride Of Christ

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Jesus answering said unto me, Suffer it to be so now: I will become us to fulfil the righteousness. Then he said, -- Mt. 3:15.

And you have the same Revelation 19:8 that you Matthew 3:15. The bride is herself ready. She is in righteous deeds. John and Jesus in conversation brought out this fact that baptism is a righteous deed. It is why I say that there is a saved person in the world who has ignored and rejected baptism, and the Baptists, who only has the right to administer baptism, truths that Baptists have, and contended for, through the centuries.

Now, this may not mean to you today, but it is going to be something when you will realize in that day that there will be a lot of folk that were going to be in the world who do not have on the white ornament that belongs unto the bride.

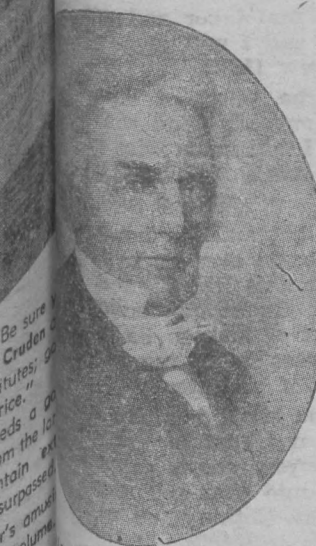
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have come out of her, and they don't help me along either. I tell you, beloved, I am looking forward to that day when the load is lifted.

Then listen to how we are going to sing. Four times the saints of God shout Alleluia over the damnation of the old whore and her harlot daughters.

"I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, ALLELUIA." — Rev. 19:3.

"And again they said, ALLELUIA. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever." — Rev. 19:3.

"And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; ALLELUIA." — Rev. 19:4.

"And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying ALLELUIA: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." — Rev. 19:6.

What are they singing about? The old whore is gone. The harlot daughters are gone. All these false churches are gone. All these brethren who have claimed to represent the Lord Jesus Christ and said they were sent out by our Lord Jesus Christ and said they were sent out by our Lord, but who never were sent, and who had no authority to baptize, or to observe the Lord's Supper, and who had no authority to do mission work — when all this crowd is destroyed, it lifts a burden from the hearts and minds of the Baptists that have tried to stand for the truth of God through the ages, and four times the saints of God sing and shout Alleluia over the damnation of these lost religious reprobates who finally go to Hell.

This is just what Jesus Himself said:

"Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." — Mt. 15:13.

Beloved, there is a "rooting up" day coming for Catholicism and Protestantism, for they certainly were never planted by God.

"You say, 'Brother Gilpin, can you sing over the damnation of the lost this morning?' No, beloved, I am not in Glory yet.

My business today is to give them the Word of God. My business today is to preach to them the Lord Jesus Christ. But in that day, if I am in the bride, and if you are in the bride, you, too, will lay aside your sentiment that you have for your sainted mother who perhaps was such a good Methodist. You, too, will lay aside your sentiment that you have for some of your friends that are such good Protestants, or who are such good Catholic-neighbors. Beloved, they have a reason for being good friends and neighbors. They have a reason for the goodness that they show to you. Beloved, in that day you will wish you had laid aside your sentiment down here. You will wish in that day that you had stood up for the things of the Lord a little more, and contended a little stronger for the teachings of the Word of God. I tell you, I am looking forward to that glorious day when, if I am in the bride, I shall sing with them and shout over the damnation of lost people who now claim to be the religious leaders of this world, who are accepted by the world, but who were never accepted and chosen of the Lord.

V

A NEW HOME.

A wedding always means a new

home. When my son started to get married, I said, "Where are you going to live?" He answered, "Oh, I guess I'll live here." I said "I guess you won't." I have a feeling, beloved, that whenever a person gets married, he ought to get out and find him a new "roost." I think if a person gets married, he ought to have his own home. It is mighty nice to come see "Pa" and "Ma" once in a while, and take a meal, and maybe spend the night, but when you get married, you should get into your own home. A wedding presupposes a new home.

Beloved, there is going to be a new home. Oh, how it thrills my heart this morning when I think about that new home that is awaiting us after awhile. Jesus said:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 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 14:1-3.

Oh, glorious day when we come into His presence. Glorious day, beloved, when we get to that new home that our Lord is preparing (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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The trend among many Baptist churches, as well as others, is to call a preacher who has had seminary training. In fact, expect for "country churches" and independent churches, it is practically a "disgrace" for a church to have anyone but a seminary graduate as pastor. Most people seem to think that the seminaries have God's Word and Spirit cornered and that the only way for a preacher to get any truth is to go through the seminary mill.

Baptists are paying dearly for this heretical attitude. Many of them are no longer able to recognize heresy and the false prophets who propagate it. This seminary worship, or idolatry, is one of the worst sins among Baptists of this age and churches are being spiritually and doctrinally degraded as a result.

Despite the high regard that many have for the seminaries, we have failed to find a single preacher, coming out of the seminaries, who declared the whole counsel of God as a result of this training. Not one seminary graduate to our knowledge came out proclaiming the doctrines of grace and the great church truths of the Bible. We have known a few to come out preaching a portion of the truth, but even this was not obtained in the seminary; they either had it prior to entering, or else picked it up from other sources.

God never promised that His Spirit would indwell seminaries. Rather, He has sent His Spirit to indwell churches. To churches is committed the work of teaching the Word of God (Matt. 28:19, 20, Eph. 3:10, and I Tim. 3:15). Thus it is no marvel that the seminaries, operated in the energy of fleshly wisdom and human scheming, are so full of heresy. God's Spirit simply does not indwell them. This is not to say that all the teachers are void of the Spirit, but it is to say that the seminaries, as such, do not have the leading of the Lord. Jesus said we could know them by their fruits and the fruits we have observed coming forth from these seminaries do not leave us in doubt.

The place for young preachers to get Bible teaching is in sound churches. God's commission is with these churches and His Spirit indwells them. What do degrees, accreditation, and fancy titles mean in comparison to the breath of the Spirit of God? Who cares how many colleges and seminaries Dr. Fuzzyhead has gone through; can he teach us more than God's Spirit-called, Spirit-taught, Spirit-led teachers and preachers in Spirit-filled churches?

A lot of people think pastors aren't "qualified" to teach God's Word to young preachers. And the strange thing about this is that many pastors think the same

thing! But God's Word knows of no teachers outside the church. Paul, a missionary, taught young preachers and told them to teach others also. He didn't start a seminary to do this, but worked in and with the churches. If pastors of churches are not qualified and capable of teaching young men, they have no business being pastors of churches. Furthermore, young preachers should not lean upon the flesh for divine instruction. They ought to do a whole lot of praying and studying, rather than sitting and listening to some so-called "scholar." After all, the things that preachers learn best are those they learn from the Holy Spirit, as they study God's Word.

It's true that the seminaries will give a preacher a certain kind of "polish." However, only, worldlings and the carnal are keeping an eye out for this coat of polish. People who love the Truth and are led of the Spirit are looking only for the truth of God. If a preacher preaches the truth and the Spirit blesses it, it won't take a pig's tail ("D. D.") to make it any more effective. BLR

Christians Should Shun Heretical Literature

I am asked sometimes to read a heretical or an infidel book. Well, if I believed my reading it would help its refutation, and might be an assistance to others in keeping them out of error, I might do it as a hard matter of duty; but I shall not do it unless I see some good will come from it. I am not going to drag my spirit through a ditch for the sake of having it washed afterward, for it is not my own. It may be that good medicine would restore me if I poisoned myself with putrid meat, but I am not going to try it. I dare not experiment on a mind which no longer belongs to me.

There is a mother and a child, and the child has a book to play with, and a black lead-pencil. It is making drawings and marks upon the book, and the mother takes no notice. It lays down one book and snatches another from the table, and at once the mother rises from her seat, and hurriedly takes the book away, saying: "No, my dear, you must not mark that, for it is not yours."

So with my mind, intellect and spirit; if it belonged to me I might or might not play tomfool with it, and go to hear infidels and such like preach, but as it is not my own I will preserve it from such fooleries, and the pure Word shall not be mingled with the errors of men.

Charles H. Spurgeon

"The Bride Of Christ"

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for us — that He is getting ready for us now.

CONCLUSION

One day Abraham called a servant unto him and said, "I want you to swear to me you will go over into the land from whence I came, and find a bride for my son Isaac, and bring her back that she might be married to my son before I die." I see that servant as he says to his master, "But, Master, suppose when I get over there I can't find a bride. Suppose I can't find a girl that is willing to leave Padanaram and come all the way over here. What shall I do? Shall I come back and get your son and take him over there?" Abraham said, "No, if she is not willing to leave her home -- if she is not willing to leave where she is and come live with my son, she is not worthy to be his bride." Then he said to his servant, "You put your hand on my thigh and swear, and then, you do your best. If you can't get a wife for him, you will be clear from this oath, but you will never be clear of your oath until the day that you have done your best to get a bride in Padanaram and bring her here that she might be married to my son Isaac."

I see this servant as he starts on his way. As he rides along he prays and says, "Oh, Lord, let me have favor in your sight. When I come to the place that I am going, grant that the maiden who comes down the path, and I say to her, 'Give me water to drink,' that she will also water my camels." The Word of God says that just when he got through praying pretty little Rebecca came tripping down the path to the spring. Why? Because God had prepared her.

Beloved, a long time ago, I came to realize that Baptists spend an awful lot of time trying to prepare people that the Lord Jesus Christ never did prepare. We spend an awful lot of time trying to make people suitable that the Lord God never did make suitable.

The bride for Isaac came tripping down that path. I can see the servant as he went to her home and made the proposal in the name of Isaac. The father said, "Let her stay here just a little while," and the servant said, "No

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we can't do that. My task requires haste. I must get home." The father said, "Let's call her and ask her." Do you know what her answer was? What bride is there that wouldn't rather be with her own husband than to be even with her own father and mother? She said, "I will go." The Bible does not tell us of the trip from Padanaram to Isaac. However, the Word of God says that when Isaac saw them coming he went out to meet them. You remember that tender embrace. You remember how he took her into his mother's tent and she became his wife. Oh, glorious scene!

Beloved, I like to think of it from another standpoint. Will you tell me who it was who took the initiative in the marriage of Isaac and Rebecca? Certainly it wasn't Rebecca. Surely it wasn't the servant. Surely it wasn't Isaac, for he was forty years old and had never shown any inclination toward the girls. I ask, who was it that took the initiative? Beloved, it was the father Abraham.

I ask you, who was it that took the initiative in your salvation, that you might become a part of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ? It wasn't you, but it was God the Father. Back yonder, before the foundation of the world, God took the initiative, in that he chose us unto His Son. You can look at these rocks and hills of our Kentucky mountains, and wonder how old they are. I don't know, beloved, but I know this, before the foundation of this world was laid, you and I who are saved, were chosen of God in Christ Jesus. Before God ever laid

down a rock — before ever a tiny violet grew out of that soil, God had already made a choice. You and I who are saved this morning are actually spiritually older than creation in the sight of God. Who took the initiative? Abraham the father in the marriage of Isaac. Who took the initiative in our lives? God the Father Himself.

Let's look at that unnamed servant. I am so glad that God didn't name him. I am so glad that we just think of him as a servant, because that is what you and I are. What is the Lord saying to you this morning, Baptist preacher? He is telling you to go look for that bride today. He is telling you to go on and preach the Gospel. He is telling you to go on and find those He has made suitable. You are not to spend your time trying to make suitable the crowd that the Lord never did make suitable Himself, but you are to let Him do the choosing. You are to preach the Word of God, and let Him call in His elect unto Himself.

I see that servant when he got his commission. He said, "But, Abraham, suppose she won't go? Suppose she doesn't want to leave Padanaram and come over here? What will I do? Take your son over there?"

Some people say, "Now, Brother Gilpin, it has gotten to the place that folk just won't believe the Bible. We have to bring the Word down on their level. We have to put Jesus Christ down on their level. We will have 'Decision Day' and we will have cards for people to sign. It makes it so much easier to get people to make decisions and join the church if we just pass out cards and let people sign them." Do you know what you are doing, beloved? You are trying to make suitable the people whom God never has made suitable.

I say to you, your business is to lift high Jesus Christ. Your business is to preach all the Word of God. Your business is to hold up the church that Jesus built, and never compromise that church nor her ordinances in any wise at all. Your business is never to drag the Word of God down to man's level. You are never to drag the Son of God down to the level of the world. You are never to drag the church and the ordinances down so they will be pleasing in the eyes of the world. Rather, you are to hold them high as we exalt the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As this servant found a bride for Isaac, so our Lord Jesus Christ is going to have a bride too. God's purposes will not be defeated.

What a glorious day and marvelous experience is out before us! Some of these days, all the burdens of this life shall be forgotten in the light of that wonderful heritage that shall be ours.

On a cold November day an old Italian was peddling fruit on the streets of New York City. Someone remarked concerning the inclemency of the weather. With this the Italian agreed, and then said, "But by and by tink of dat." He was thinking of the time when he would have enough money to return to Italy. His mind wandered away from that cold November day to sunny Italy, and so the present was lost in prospect of the future. So with the child of God.

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couraged some times. I know readers of our paper have very much supported THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and for that we are grateful. Yet some days when it becomes necessary to scrap the bottom out of the bottom of the barrel — on those days when we have many contributors and but few contributions — n't look like we can keep going — (and there are plenty of days), we often wonder, "What the use?" I asked for a clasp of confidence this past Rally Day yet only about 600 of our readers wrote us. We thank God for those who wrote, the most of who sent offerings, yet we wonder why the rest of our readers failed to write us — failed to give us that encouragement that we needed then, and today.

Well, someday, "Tink of dat." What a day it will be — with all our burdens behind — with only the unlimited before us. Thank God for that blessed day when the marriage of the Lamb takes place. May God grant that each of us shall be worthy to have a place in, and be a part of the Bride. May God bless you.

Sin And Salvation

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new hope, new zeal, a new zeal. Reforming won't do any good. This is only temporary. Sinners who only reform slide back. Sinners need something deeper. They need something stronger and more lasting.

Becoming religious won't help either. Lots of people think they can get right with God by joining the church, being baptized, going to church, and the like, but these experiences are of no value or blessing unless a person first of all has a new heart. First you need salvation, then the other things will be in order.

How?

Sinners, you need Christ. He meets your every need. Believe the Bible, believe those sinners who have trusted Him—He will give you what you need.

"Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3), so those who trust their souls to Him have full payment for their sins.

"Christ Jesus, who of God made unto us . . . righteousness" (I Cor. 1:30), so those who trust Him have a perfect righteousness in Him.

"He is our peace" (Ephesians 2:14), so those who by faith rely upon Him have peace with God and peace in their hearts.

As sinners, we have many fearful doubts and questions in our minds when we are confronted with the Gospel of Christ. We wonder if this message of grace is really for us. Will God really take us unto Himself? Will Christ fully satisfy? Will we be cast out, being so vile as sinners? If we go to Him, will He give us the strength we need for daily life, resisting temptation and the attraction of the world?

Whatever our question, the answer comes back: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Cor. 12:9).

He says to the sinner who realizes his need: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

To the vilest of sinners, He has promised: "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

When?

The biggest blunder a human being could ever make is to live through this life without having trusted Christ as Saviour. The greatest of fools is he who procrastinates with regard to the matter of salvation.

If you know you are a sinner and that Christ is the Saviour, we beg you now to submit yourselves unto Him and receive His blessings. Nothing the world has to offer is worth detaining you for one moment's time from this experience of faith in Christ—BLR.

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