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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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## Jesus Christ--"The Way, The Truth, The Life"

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(Born 1813, died at the age of 29)

**Introduction:** At no time did the heart of Jesus overflow with tenderer and a more sovereign love to His disciples than when He said, "Let not your heart be troubled." They were troubled by many things, and Jesus said, "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." Such words of confiding tenderness were never whispered in this cold world before. And when Thomas asked, "How can we know the way?" Christ answered, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

**1. Christ is the Way.** The whole Bible bears witness that by nature we have no way to the Father. We are by nature full of sin, and God is by nature infinitely holy. Just as a sensitive plant, by its very nature, shrinks away from the touch of a human hand, so God by His very nature



Robert Murray McCheyne

shrinks away from the touch of sin.

Jesus was grieved that we were shut out from the presence of (Continued on page 2, column 2)

## Surrender to Jesus!

There is nothing so sweet to the sinner's soul as to just completely give in to Jesus Christ, surrendering to Him as Saviour!

There is nothing so emptying, so crucifying to the old flesh, as submitting to the Son of God, simply relying upon Him and what He did for salvation.

Talk about peace! Talk about assurance! Talk about an experience! There is no peace, no assurance, no experience that equals this! It will make you feel like a baby to just rely on Jesus and not upon your own works, but that is just what Jesus would have us to do. He said:

*"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 18:3)

Yes, to surrender is to just put yourself into the hands of Christ and be as childishly confident as a little babe upon its mother's breast.

But oh how this is fought against by the old flesh! That old

proud, self-righteous, self-justifying, wicked heart within us all rises up against the humility of surrender. The old flesh draws back from Jesus. It brings up all kinds of excuses or "reasons" for not coming to Christ, not surrendering to Him. It would have us to procrastinate and "put off" Christ until a "more convenient time."

The old flesh says, "Well, when you straighten your life out, when you get out of your present trouble, when you do this and when you do that, then you'll have plenty of time to come to Jesus!"

No, sinner, Jesus doesn't want you that way! He wants you just as you are—as a wretched, ungodly, hell-deserving sinner! He wants to show you how powerful He is, how merciful He is, how gracious He is. He wants to clean you up through His blood; He wants to solve your problems for you: He wants you to come just as you are and just surrender everything to Him. Surrender your sins to His death as your payment for sin; surrender your self to Him, for Him to take and use as He sees fit; surrender your all to Jesus Christ and know

the peace of God in your soul.

You will never find peace anywhere else, or in any other way. "He is our peace" (Ephesians 2:14). During war, surrender means peace, so far as the war is concerned. Likewise, sinner, you have been at war with God; He has been your enemy because you have made Him the object of your rebellion and life of sin. Do you want to come to peace with Him? Well, He invites you to a "peace conference." He says:

*"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool"* (Isaiah 1:18).

God means that, reader. Though you have lifted up your proud heart and rebellious self against God and His law, He stands ready to be at peace with you through the Mediator, Jesus Christ. Christ can be such a Mediator between you and God because God accepts the Son's sacrifice as a sin-payment and will accept you in Christ.

*"To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made"* (Continued on page 8, column 3)

## New Testament Church Government

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"And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." — Mt. 18:17, 18.

In this day in which many Baptists are being governed by associations, boards, conventions, committees, delegates, messengers, deacons, popes, preachers, and women's missionary societies, we certainly need to know something about the government of a New Testament church. In this day of apostasy when there is a great falling away, along with all other doctrines, church government has been affected, too. Just recently in Kansas we noticed a court took a church away from a majority. That has happened a number of times. The Government has no right to go over a New Testament church. The New Testament church in spiritual things is separate, and we ought to obey God rather than man. The highest court and the final authority is in a New Testament church, the

church of the Lord Jesus Christ, following His Word, led by the Spirit.

I want to say first of all that Christ is the governor of a New Testament church.

"For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing." — Eph. 5:23, 24.

"And he is the head of the body, the church." — Col. 1:18.

Christ is the head. He is the only law giver. He has all authority in heaven and earth, and the church must obey Christ in everything. As a wife is to be subject to her husband in everything (which is a good doctrine for the home), the church is to be subject to Christ in everything—that is a wonderful doctrine for the church. The head,

or the governor, of a New Testament church is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Not only is He governor now, but one day the government shall be upon His shoulders when He

### CRUSADE FOR CHRIST IN 1963

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reigns a thousand years upon this earth. Thank God, I believe that glorious doctrine. I believe the government shall be literally upon (Continued on page 2, column 3)

## HOW IS YOUR CHURCH USING ITS MONEY? FOR CHRIST OR . . . ?

There are too many churches, we fear, that have diverted their resources and energies to something other than fulfilling the commission of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19, 20; Mark 16:15, 16). The foremost concern of churches should be the propagation of the Gospel of Christ. Everything else should only be an essential cog in this task. If we are engaged in something other than this great work, we ought to repent and get back to our primary task.

We can think of churches that are spending thousands of dollars

for the beautification and ornamentation of their church buildings and properties which are already beautiful enough as they are. The value of the carpet, chandeliers and landscaping in or around many churches would easily be enough to support scores of missionaries on the mission field.

Then think of the kitchens, kitchen furniture and church furniture that so many churches put into their buildings. How many missionaries could these items support if their value were turned into money for missions? Of course, this is not even to mention all the food and refreshments that are used purely for pleasure in church buildings. In some churches, every little church group must make use of the kitchen and serve refreshments or food. Where is the concern of churches for the Gospel when they cannot give up such extravagances as this for the work of the Gospel? Why consume such things ourselves when millions die in the darkness of unbelief without even hearing the true Gospel one time?

There are other churches supporting non-scriptural works which within themselves are not necessarily wrong. For instance, there are the various religious (Continued on page 8, column 3)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "REWARDS and CHASTISEMENT"

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"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons." — Col. 3:23-25.

This is the only passage that I know of in all the writings of the Apostle Paul where he speaks of both rewards for right-doing and chastisement for wrong-doing in the same breath. In verse 24, he talks about the reward that Christians shall have; in verse 25, he speaks of the chastisement that shall come if we do wrong. As I say, it is the only passage that I know of in the writings of

Paul where he groups both chastisements and rewards in the same Scripture.

I rather doubt if there is any doctrine that you can mention but that there is a lot of misunderstanding concerning it. In fact, I don't think there is any teaching of the Word of God but that there has been a tremendous amount of misunderstanding and false teaching that has gone out into the world. I often say it appears to me that it is remarkable that anybody goes to church today in view of all the false preaching that has gone forth into the world. In fact, I am surprised that anybody would listen to preachers at all in view of all the falsehoods that have been preached from the pulpits in

America. What is true in a general sense of all the doctrines is especially true of the doctrines and teachings of the Bible as to chastisements and rewards. I have been amazed through the years in talking with people — many of whom were Baptists and had been saved for a number of years — who were completely nonplussed concerning the teachings of the Bible as to chastisement and rewards. I say there is a great deal of misunderstanding concerning these two thoughts, and tonight, by God's grace, I'd like to be able to clarify and help you to understand a little as to what the Bible teaches relative to chastisement and rewards.

As a matter of definition, may (Continued on page 5, column 1)

### A DYING THIEF AND A LIVING ONE

A minister conversed with a man who had professed conversion. "Have you united with a church?" he asked. "No, the dying thief never united with the church, and he went to heaven," was the man's answer. "Have you talked to your neighbors about Christ?" "No, the dying thief never did."

"Have you given to missions?" "No, the dying thief did not." "Well, my friend," said the minister, "the difference between you two seems to be that he was a dying thief and you are a living one."

### PRAISES OUR TWO PAPERS

"I see in last issue of TBE you are publishing a new paper, SALVATION, a wonderful title, a glorious endeavor! But you will have to overdo yourself if you improve over TBE! God bless you."

A. A. Hinson, Texas



# Examiner Editorials

## SUMMER TENT MEETINGS—

The Lord seems to be leading me to make plans for conducting some evangelistic tent meetings during the summer. Of course, it remains to be seen if this is the Lord's will because right now there is not a single group or church that has asked me to come to their area. But I thought I would mention this burden to our readers because it could be that God has been working on the "other end of the line" also.

If there is a church or group of Christians who feel the need for such a meeting, I would be delighted to come to your area, as God might lead. It would be a joy to me to preach Christ every night, to perhaps teach Christians in the mornings and then go out into the harvest field (Luke 9:37, 38) and present Christ to those who have never heard and won't come to hear the true Gospel of mercy to the chief of sinners through the work of Christ.

As for the preaching I would do in the night services, it would strictly be to lost sinners. It would be the Gospel of blood redemption, mercy for the sinner in Christ, and related thoughts. As for teaching Christians, I would try to lead God's people to have a greater burden for God's work and try to teach them how God makes us witnesses for Christ. I have never been one to browbeat Christians who aren't witnessing for Christ, thinking that my "skinning" is going to do them good. No, I believe that if people are saved, they can be taught to ask God for a burden and they can be taught some principles upon which to build in seeking to become witnesses for Christ. I'm satisfied most every Christian, if not all, deep down in the heart, would like to witness for Christ, but many realize their weaknesses and helplessness to the extent that they are defeated. Too often their efforts are only fleshly defeats. They need to be taught to look to God, submit to God, and then leave opportunities, ability and results to Him.

If there is a church or group somewhere that wants such a meeting, I urge you to seek God's mind on the matter and let me know as soon as possible if you would want me to come. I say this for several reasons. I must be making my plans as to the tent, chairs, lights, etc. I must arrange a schedule if there are several that would want such a meeting. Then I want to get some advertising out in the areas where I would be going. As for this, I will be depending upon the Christian people to whom I will be going to finance newspaper advertising and to distribute any

literature that I might make available.

I have in mind using our new paper, SALVATION, in connection with such meetings. We can print a special number of copies especially for these meetings, using the back page, or a large portion of it, to advertise the meetings.

Brethren, what time and money and effort we put forth for the Gospel of Christ is time well spent, money well spent, effort well spent. The commission is upon us, the glory of God in our lives is to be reflected, and the souls of men are to be reaped by Gospel preachers, under the power of God's Spirit upon His Word. Let's get busy, as God in His grace gives us the concern and opportunity, to preach the unadulterated Gospel of free grace that others might know Christ.—BLR.

**★ CRITICISM**—It has been observed that no one criticizes a dead person. At funerals, in eulogies, all is but praise. This teaches us a lesson: if you want to avoid criticism, keep your mouth shut; then nobody will say anything bad about you. Corpses and graveyards are not the objects of adverse criticism. So if you don't want any "knocks" and "brick-bats" thrown at you, make like a dead man.

## Jesus Christ

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God, where there is fullness of joy. But how did He open the way? Did He pull aside the veil, that we might steal in secretly and easily? No, He offered Himself, an offering to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God.

Christ says to you, "I am the way." It is a full, free and open way, and it is a way for sinners. Why wait a moment longer? There was once a partition wall between you and God; but Christ has cast it down.

**2. Christ is the Truth.** The whole Bible and the whole of experience bears witness that by nature we are ignorant of the truth. An unconverted man may know many truths, mathematical and everyday, but he cannot be said to know the truth, for Christ is the truth.

a. Christ may be called the keystone of the arch of truth. Take away the keystone and the arch becomes a heap of rubbish, with stones that are fallen, smothered, without order. Just so, without Christ the truths may be there, but they are fallen, without order or coherence.

b. Christ may be called the sun of the system of truth. Take away the sun from our solar system

and every planet would rush into confusion, with orb dashing against orb in endless perplexity. Just so, take Christ away, and the same truths may be in the mind, but they are all conflicting and jarring in inextricable mazes; for "the way of the wicked is as darkness; they know not at what they stumble" (Proverbs 4:19).

But let Christ be revealed to an unconverted soul, and now he knows the truth with regard to himself. Did the Son of God really leave the bosom of the Father to bear wrath in our stead? Then I must be under wrath. Did God freely give up His Son to the death for us all?

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Then, if I believe in Jesus, there is no condemnation to me. God is my Father, and God is love.

**3. Christ is the Life.** The whole Bible bears witness that by nature we are dead in trespasses and sins — as unable to walk holily in the world as a dead man is unable to rise. (See Ezekiel 37:1-10). Is your soul like a dead limb—cold, stiff, motionless, and full of corruption? Cleave to Christ; be joined to Him by faith, and you shall be one spirit; you shall be made warm, and vigorous, and full of activity in God's presence.

Look back over your life. See how you have walked according to the course of this world, like a man swimming with the stream, never against the current. Look into your heart, and see how it has turned against the commandments. You find it impossible to keep your eyes from unlawful desires, your heart from malice and envy, your tongue from words of anger or gossiping or bitterness. To try to keep from these things is like trying to raise the dead. Do you not find a struggle within yourself? How plain that you are dead. "Marvel not that I say unto you, you must be born again."

Be joined to Christ and you will be one spirit. You will find it true that Christ is the life; your life will be hid with Christ in God. You will say, "I live!" For Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

## Church Government

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on His shoulders then. But today He is Lord, He is king, He is Master, He is the head of the church.

It seems as though many times people think they can have a government of the church to do whatever they please apart from the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ. We can't have church authority, or church government, apart from the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is Lord now, and the church must recognize Him as the governor of the church. We must obey Him in everything. He said, "Make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

So Christ is the only law-giver. He has all authority. We are not to obey the pope, nor any association, nor any group of men, nor any one man or organization outside of the church, but the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone. He is the governor of the church.

II

Secondly, I want you to notice

# "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. What Bible did Baptists use before the King James translation?

The following Bibles were available prior to the King James: Wycliffe's, Gutenberg's, Tyndale's, Coverdale's, The Geneva Bible, The Bishops' Bible, and some others. For a study on the history of the Bible, get "All About the Bible" by Sidney Collett (\$2.95).

## 2. I would like to hear from the Examiner editorial sometime something about the American Negro.

From time to time, we try to offer our few comments concerning the Negro and the problems that surround him. We have tried to answer questions in this column, as well as in other articles, on this matter. As for the problem of segregation and integration, we believe you will find W. M. Nevins' book, "Segregation versus Integration" to be a positive, helpful, and kind approach to the subject.

## 3. What is meant by the "light" spoken of in Genesis 1:3 as against Genesis 1:14, referring to the sun and moon as lights.

The light simply means light. In the latter verses, God decreed that the sun and moon and stars would simply be the "dividers" of this light, being night and day. In other words, while God spoke light into existence, He later de-

creed that it would be propagated during the day and the night via the bodies He placed in the firmament. There are other views on this matter, but this is my personal understanding of the matter. Some seem to think there could really be no light without a sun or moon, but in Heaven there will be no sun or moon: the Lamb will be the light thereof (Rev. 21:23).

## 4. Do you believe it is wrong for a Christian to own a TV set or watch it?

I personally don't have one, although I sometimes watch some programs at other places. I have rented sets during illnesses or for special events (such as the political conventions) and I have found that I personally just can't "control" TV. In other words, I find myself watching it so much it is to excess. Furthermore, I find it difficult to keep evil thoughts from my mind when certain things are said and done on some programs. Of course, these same things are true, or could be true, of the radio and newspaper. But I do not find it so easy to get wrapped up in them as I do TV.

While I personally can't make a wholesale condemnation of TV, I do believe it is best for me to keep it out of my home and to (Continued on page 7, column 1)

that Christ has planned a government for the New Testament church and it is to be found only in the New Testament. Baptists believe in the Book. We came from the Book, and we are ruled and governed by the Book. If you are not governed by the Book, don't claim too much about having come from the Book.

The only constitution of a New Testament church, the guide book of faith, is a New Testament—the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."—John 14:15, 21.

"All scripture is given by in-

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

Notice, all Scripture is given for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction. All we need is the New Testament—the Word of God. The guide book, the constitution of the church government is found not in the writings of men, or some man-made creed, or some almanac, but it is to be found in the New Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now someone says, "Well, we are going to vote to have women preachers," or "We are going to vote to do this or that." I don't care how much you vote, if it is not according to the New Testament, it was the vote of the Devil and not of God.

I tell you, a Baptist church can make no new rules, or add to the Book, or take anything away. We can add no new traditions, and thoughts, and ideas, and customs of our own. It is not our place to add to the Word of God. When we put ourselves in that position, we have fallen back to the Roman Catholic church. All of these false ideas of church government come from the Roman Catholic church, visible or invisible—(the Protestant groups are the "invisible" group of the Roman Catholics).

There's the pope of Rome and this idea of bishops and their classes of ministry, and their succession. This is unscriptural. Then the Presbyterians with all of the ruling elders and the teaching elders are wrong. I tell you, our government is found in the Book, the Word of God, the New Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ. We must keep His commandments. We are bound by the Word of God.

III

Thirdly, Christ's executive to carry out His government is the Holy Spirit (John 14:25-26; Acts 1:8). Brother, we can't understand the Word of God apart from the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God reveals the New Testament. (Continued on page 3, column 4)

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## How To Use Gospel Literature In Witnessing of Christ

When I was first saved, I had a great zeal and urgency to try to point other lost souls to the same Christ who redeemed me by His death at Calvary. I found that the use of Gospel tracts and other literature was one way whereby I could help make Christ known.

But as I look back upon my first efforts at this, I can see how my zeal was to a very great degree without knowledge (Romans 10:2). My use of literature was more or less in a helter-skelter manner. I would pass out tracts without thought as to the subject and the need of the person to whom I was giving it; I would not only pass them out face-to-face, but would stick tracts on car windshields, place them on porches, pass them out indiscriminantly to everyone who passed by on the street—just to anyone, anywhere, anyway, anytime, on any Bible subject.

While that helter-skelter method is not necessarily without the blessing of God upon it to some extent, nevertheless I now believe there is a saner, less wasteful, and more practical pattern to follow. While I want God to give me the same zeal and even to increase it, I now try more to follow His leading in this ministry. I'd like to pass along to other tract distributors a few points to take into consideration when making use of a tract.

(1) **Always pray for God to lead you and bless His Word.** If you are not a surrendered Christian in this work, don't expect God to use you as an instrument of blessing. By "surrendered," I mean you recognize that you need His complete control in the effort and you need and depend upon His power for anything to be accomplished. Don't go it on your own! Pray and look to Him.

(2) **Be sure your literature is suitable.** Lost people don't need but one message—the Gospel of Christ! Don't pick on their sins! Don't jump on their cigarette-smoking, picture shows, dancing, drinking, worldliness, immorality, and the like, but present Christ to them, emphasizing their need for redemption from sin (not just quitting sins). To illustrate:

A good brother in Christ whom I love and appreciate—especially his earnest zeal for Christ—was once with me and he saw a man smoking a cigarette. This brother pulled out a little tract on smoking and said, "I think I'll give that fellow this tract." Now I can't condemn this brother's zeal and concern, but I think he had lost sight of the lost man's basic need—Christ as Saviour! That lost man didn't need to quit smoking, he needed to know that Christ saves sinners who will simply rely on Him. After that, the man could begin to straighten out anything in his life that was dishonoring to God.

So be sure you use literature that is suitable. I think our major concern ought to be with the

Gospel and consequently we should basically use literature which presents it. Even for Christians it is suitable! They might be rebuked for their own failure to witness and will start telling others about Christ.

(3) **Don't be "sneaky" about it.** Don't be ashamed or afraid to be identified with what you want others to believe! If possible, let the person know just briefly what the literature is about and tell him that it has blessed your soul to believe the truth it contains. If it is on the Gospel, tell the person that here is something that will tell him how God saves sinners and how you yourself are saved.

When Christian people are "sneaky" about this work, others will get the impression that Christians aren't really serious and dedicated to what they believe. They will also perhaps think that you are trying to condemn them and that you have a "holier-than-thou" attitude. Don't ever leave one with that impression. Frankly tell the person that you are nothing but a hell-deserving wretch, but through Christ you have a sacrifice for your sins and that he can, through relying on Christ, enjoy the same salvation. If you will condemn yourself and get down on the same plane with the lost person, he will be able to realize more that salvation is not by religious works or effort, but wholly through Christ.

Now if you are going to send, say, our new paper, SALVATION, to someone through the mail, why not first of all see the person and give the individual a copy and just tell him that you want to send it to him free if he will just let you. If you can't see the person, do the next best possible thing: call the person by telephone and in the conversation mention what you want to do. Or, if you can't afford that, write the person and ask if there would be any objection to your sending the paper. You could enclose a copy with your letter, too.

There is nothing that can take the place of evident sincerity by the Christian witness. Nothing takes the place of a manifestation of concern, as well as respect, for others. Don't be ashamed of Christ and don't be offensive to others by being sneaky and underhanded in trying to witness for Christ. Take a stand and be identified with what you believe and what you want others to believe!

(4) **Follow your effort up.** After you know the person has had time to read and think awhile about the literature you sent, when you have opportunity and the Lord leads, contact the person and ask if he read the literature, if he understood it, and if he has been led to believe the Gospel. You may have the privilege of adding some enlightenment on the subject and be of help to the person. The person may want to ask some questions but has been backward about doing so until you offered your help.

And you know, here is where our new paper, SALVATION, can be of such a great help. Since it takes the same Gospel message to the person each month, you will have repeated opportunities or occasions for asking a person about his condition. You could say, for instance, "Did you read such-and-such an article in your last copy of SALVATION?" This would open up your opportunity to personally witness for Jesus.

### Conclusion

Whether you will be using our literature or some one else's or something of your own composing, you ought to be witnessing for Jesus in every way possible. If you have been laying down on the job, confess your coldness to God and ask Him to restore a zeal for the cause of Christ. I suppose

## An Open Letter to Pastors

DEAR PASTOR:

As a church, we wonder if your church, or just you as an individual, would be interested in making use of our new paper, SALVATION, as a witnessing effort of your own. Here is how it is already being done by some individuals and churches:

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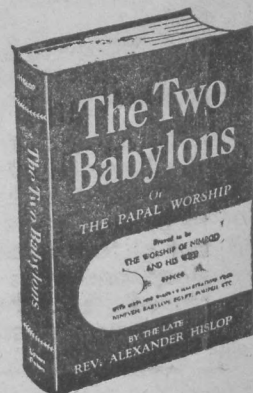
three times, I had not presented by the Holy Spirit of God. Christ to him and told him about our Saviour's mercy. You might find that you will have to do the same. You may not have been faithful to those around you and it might necessitate such a confession to impress upon them your concern and sincerity.

Let us all pray for greater grace, more zeal, more humility, more power, more love for Christ and the souls of men. Surely, God will answer our prayers and bless us in His service.—BLR.

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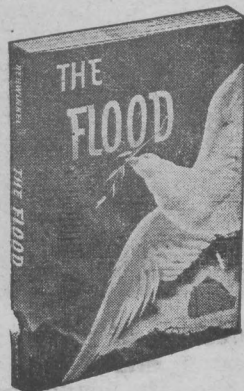
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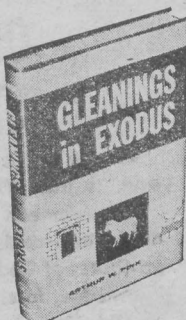
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# New Guinea Photo Story

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**NOTE:** Some time ago I wrote an article about a trip that I made to the Levani Valley. The first six pictures in this series were made while on that trip.

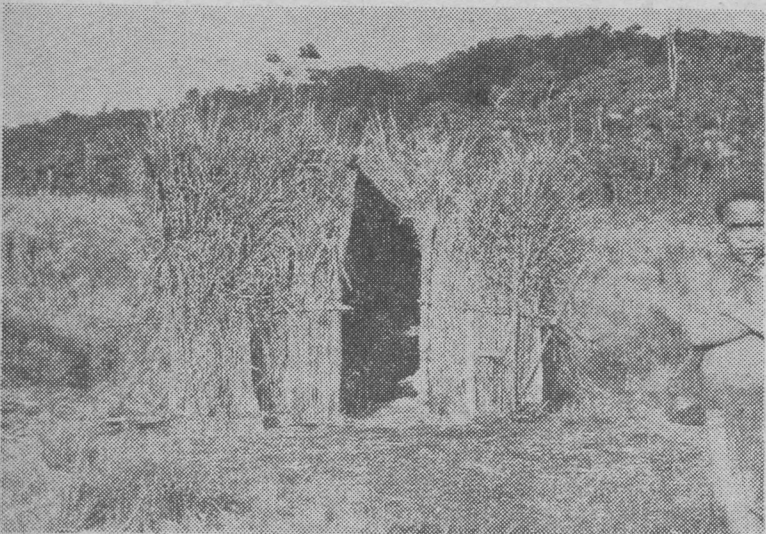


This picture was made in our front yard just before I left for the Levani Valley. Not all, but most of the natives you see in this picture went with me. About a dozen of them went as carriers and some just went along for any excitement the trip might afford. By the time I had reached my first camp site in the valley there were about 30 natives with me.



In this picture can be seen some of the natives clearing a spot to make camp where we stayed the first night. Cane and jungle growth was very tall and thick here, and while it was hard to clear away it afforded material for the sides of my house and material for a house for the carriers. Also it furnished good protection for the natives from the cold winds at night. We were very high up the side of a mountain which we were crossing and since the natives wear little to keep them warm, they seek out places like this when they are crossing such mountains.

Apart from the lack of room in this combination, cane and tarpaulin house, it is usually comfortable enough, however on this trip there was little in the way of comfort. The ground is never dry in this valley and due to the high altitude, 7,000 feet, it is cold most of the time. My camp site was near a fairly large lake here, which afforded me some fresh meat by way of wild ducks.



This picture is an end view of my second camp-site in the Levani. We were even higher here than at the other place. Ordinarily, the sleeping bag that Brother Gilpin sent to me keeps me plenty warm in ordinary sleeping clothes, but at this place I was cold to such a point I could hardly sleep, and I was fully dressed with a jacket on both nights I stayed there. The natives had to keep a fire going all night, and they slept some during the day.

## Church Government

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commands of Christ. The Spirit and the words of Christ and His inspired writers are in complete agreement.

IV.

Christ's Church is His administrative body and has been given His authority to carry out His government on earth (Matt. 16:16-19, Matt. 18:15-18, Matt. 28:18-20, II Cor. 2:6-7).

Christ's authority has been placed in His true, local, visible, independent, Scripturally organized New Testament churches. These churches are not legislative bodies to add to the law of Christ or to take away from His law, but to administer His commandments and ordinances as found in the precepts, practices and principles of the New Testament. This form of government is congregational; that is, the majority rules, as long as they are in accord with the law of Christ.

The New Testament churches called and ordained pastors, chose and ordained deacons, ordained and sent out missionaries who gave reports of their work to the church, and received and excluded members, and if they repented, restored them into membership again. They made their decisions according to the teachings and principles of God's Word under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

V.

Christ's ministers are to preach His government as found in the New Testament, charge the church and lead in the carrying out of His government (Acts 20:28, I Tim. 3:4-5, I Tim. 5:17, I Peter 5:2, I Thess. 5:12).

God-called pastors are responsible for the government of a New Testament church. They must contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. They

## "CALVARY'S CROSS"

As I think of my Saviour on the cross  
How he suffered, and paid it all,  
How then we ought to love and serve  
one another more,  
For He conquered sin and death for us all.

—Bobby Dash

are God's shepherds, overseers, and leaders of the flock. When they preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, you had better listen to them and follow their leadership. You are greatly blessed if God has sent a faithful minister to your church, but you have been cursed and left desolate if you have a hen-pecked pastor, ruled by his wife, or a fence-straddling pastor who is ruled by the congregation.

The true pastor is preaching to you God's Word, and not his own. He is binding you with the commandments of Christ and not his own. He is not a lord over God's heritage, but he is under the Lordship of Christ and wants you to follow him as he follows Christ.

We are living in a day when many church members are unruly (I Thess. 5:14) and despise government (II Peter 2:10) and say we will not have this man Christ to rule over us. Thank God for the faithful who are ruled by Christ now and will reign with Him and be rewarded some day.

I believe that the government of Baptist churches had a large part and greatly influenced the forming of the government of our country. May God help us to be faithful to the Lordship of Christ.

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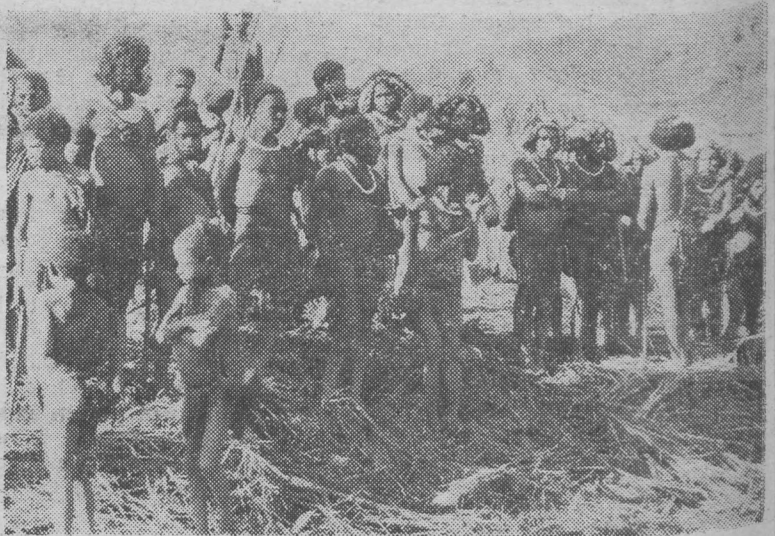


This picture will give you some idea of what the valley looks like. Should you have been standing where I was when this picture was made and made a complete turn you would have seen almost exactly what you see here in any direction you looked. Where the clouds are hanging low around the mountains is almost the exact spot where I descended down into the valley. The entire valley is completely walled in by high mountains. Around the base of this mountain range that you see in this picture are many lakes. At least one river (the Humbuda) is known to make its way underground and come out on the other side of this mountain range. It comes out on the other side not too far from our house.



Should you be wondering what you are supposed to be looking at in this picture, it is a hog being prepared to be cooked. As the natives have no way of heating water to loosen the hide on the hogs, instead of scraping the hair as we do, they simply burn it off and that is what is taking place here. Neither do they "stick" a hog to release the blood, as we do, for the blood of a hog to them is almost the equivalent to what the blood of Christ means to us.

(End of Levani series)



The two above pictures are of people that I have preached to on several occasions, and if they were placed end to end with the men on the left, would form almost a perfect duplicate of the original scene except that all the people are not visible in these pictures. As mentioned in other issues of the paper, the men and women will not sit together and while the women are expected to sit, it is hard to get the men to sit at any time. These two pictures will tell you more than I can explain about the situation.





This picture was made at a place where I frequently hold services and the house on the right is where I sleep when I visit these people.



This picture was made at a pig feast. The men can here be seen cutting the pigs up. After they are cut up they are laid out on the ground and divided up. Some are cooked there and some they take home with them. This picture was made within a few yards from our house, so it will tell you what we live in the midst of.



The four main characters that you see in this picture hear the gospel regularly. The wigs that you see in this and other pictures are removeable, though they are seldom ever removed. If the individual on the extreme left had his wig removed he would prove to be a boy of about 18, but here he looks much older.

Who cares for these ignorant heathen that you see in these pictures? God cares for He **"Gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."** I care, and while I could never give as much as God has given, I have left my home, country, family, friends, and fellowship in an effort to preach to these folk that some of them might be saved.

The price for the souls of men is high; in the first instance it costs a tremendous amount to live in a place like this where everything but the air one breathes has to be air-freighted to us; and in this you could have a part.

Do you care enough for these benighted heathen to have a part in helping to keep me here that I might preach the Gospel to them? If so, send your offering to the **Macedonia Baptist Church, 2501 N. Maplewood Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.** and the church will see that this work gets every cent you send. No mission boards, secretaries, phone calls and a host of other things are paid for out of your mission money when you support this mission work. Every cent that you send reaches the mission field.

## "Life and Ministry of Paul"

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I remind you that chastisement just simply means this — that God whips us when we do wrong. Over and over again throughout all the Bible, this is taught. It is especially called to our attention by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews 12 and I Corinthians 11. In contrast, rewards mean that God "pays us" for all we do that is good and right and Scriptural after we are saved.

## I GOD CHASTENS ONLY THE SAVED.

We read:

"And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?" — Heb. 12:5-7.

You will notice that Paul is speaking about a father dealing with his son, or, in other words, God the Father dealing with His children. God does not chasten the unsaved, but rather God chastens the saved. He chastens His children.

Well, you can see from the human point of view why that would be true. You don't go around chastening other people's children. You have a great task to do if you whip your own children occasionally when they do wrong. At least you never think that it is your duty to chasten your neighbor's child.

Well, beloved, that is exactly true so far as God is concerned. God chastens His children. He doesn't chasten the Devil's children. He doesn't chasten the unsaved. He doesn't chasten the people of this world. He doesn't chasten those who do not belong to Him on the basis of redemption. He chastens only His children. Only the saved are chastened of the Lord.

## II GOD DOESN'T CHASTEN UNSAVED CHURCH MEMBERS.

We read:

"But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." — Heb. 12:8.

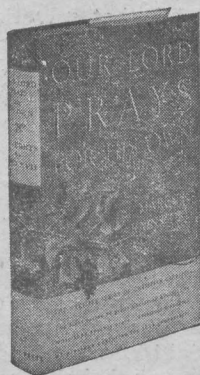
This would tell us that if a person is a professing Christian and God doesn't whip him when he sins, it is proof positive that he is an unsaved church member, and that he is, what God calls, a spiritual bastard. He is a spiritual illegitimate. He has never been born of the Spirit of the Lord. Now this is pretty strong language and it is pretty plain language. It is language that everybody can understand. God just literally tells us that if a man is a professing Christian and does wrong, yet God doesn't chasten him, then it is proof positive that he is not one of the Lord's—that he is a spiritual illegitimate, and has never been born of the Spirit of God.

I think of some professing Christians whom I have dealt with through the years, who more or less boasted of their lives as being completely contaminated by the world and completely given over to sin. I think of those individuals and I would remind you that those individuals, in the light of this Scripture, proved to me that they are not God's children. They are merely professors but not possessors. If a man is a possessor of the Lord Jesus Christ and does wrong, God is going to chasten him for what he has done that is wrong.

Take the Holiness group as a good example. They boast of their sinless perfection. They tell you how long it has been since they have sinned in word, thought, or deed. They will tell you that they are living a life of positive holiness. Now, beloved, there is one thing certain, if God whips them, it proves that they sin, and if God doesn't whip them, it just proves that they are spiritual illegimates. It just proves that they are unsaved church members and have never been born of the Spirit of God.

This Scripture tells us that if you are without chastisement,

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The word for "power" in the above verse is the Greek word "dunamis," the equivalent to our word "dynamite." So the verse is plainly saying that the Gospel is God's dynamite for the blasting free of souls steeped in sin.

Look at the souls set free through the Gospel! Drunkards, murderers, harlots, criminals, thieves—all kinds of sinners, even the very chief of sinners, have found freedom from the curse of God against sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Only the Gospel — the message of peace with God through Jesus — can give sinners this freedom.

Exhortations to morality will not do any good. Reformation cannot do it. All the sorrow of one's heart cannot pay for a single sin and set one free. But through the Gospel, that old, old story of the sacrifice of God's Son to pay the believing sinner's debt to the broken law of God, men are

transformed, given an eternal hope and spiritual life.

## Why Not Preach It!

But how paradoxical that we Christians who know the value of this Gospel to our own souls do not seem to have any confidence in it when it goes forth to others! How foolish we are to try anything else in our efforts to help needy sinners!

It is the Gospel that God is going to bless. It is the Gospel upon which His power rests in the calling of His lost sheep. He has not said anything about blessing anything else! It is the Gospel He has ordained for the salvation of souls, leading them to rely on the Sacrifice He has provided, Jesus Christ.

Why, then, don't we believe God and preach the Gospel! Why hesitate, why draw back, why all our doubt and unbelief! Why do we lack confidence in that message which did us so much good! Can't God bless it again? Can't other sinners find the same joy in it that we have found?

May God burden our hearts for the Gospel and give us confidence in Him that He will bless this message of mercy. May He make us realize that we have a stick of dynamite in our hands!—B.L.R.

then are ye bastards and not sons, and in between the first part of this verse and the last part he uses these words, "whereof all are partakers." In other words, all saved people are partakers of the chastisement of God. Therefore if you haven't partaken of chastisement when you do wrong, if you don't feel that God has chastened you as a result of your sins, then it is proof positive that you are a spiritual illegitimate and have never been born of God's Holy Spirit.

## III CHASTISEMENT IS FOR OUR PROFIT.

God doesn't whip us for His pleasure, but He chastens us for our profit. That is what my mother used to tell me when I was little. I had a hard time understanding it. I am still not certain she always told the truth, because I think she vented her anger occasionally on me. I think the same thing it true of the majority of parents today. I don't think you can truthfully say that it is always for the child's profit, and not for your pleasure, that you chasten them, for I am of the opinion that the majority of parents work off a good deal of anger at the same time they chasten their children. But be that as it may, God is different from a parent, for the simple reason that chastisement is not for God's pleasure but for our profit. Listen:

"For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." — Heb. 12:10.

In other words, God chastens us for our profit. He wants us to profit from it. You can be certain of one thing, if sickness comes your way, if you lose your job, or if you have misfortunes and troubles and burdens and difficulties one on top of another, you can be certain of this fact, that it is for your profit that God is allowing these things to come to pass.

Now we can't understand it. In fact, in the majority of instances we just don't understand how these things can be for our profit. You sit down beside one of your loved ones who is ill, or maybe you sit beside a casket in your own home, or maybe you look at your declining income and your increasing expenditures and you wonder, how can these things be for my profit? Beloved, I can't tell you and neither can you understand, but there is one

thing certain, the chastening hand of God, as it falls upon us, is always for our profit that we might be partakers of His holiness.

## IV THERE IS NOTHING PLEASANT ABOUT CHASTISEMENT NOW.

We read:

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." — Heb. 12:11.

Now Paul says in these verses that there isn't anything pleasant about it when God is chastening you, but after it is over, those chastisements have drawn you closer to the Lord. He tells us that we don't enjoy the chastisement when it is taking place, but we will enjoy the fruit of the chastisement, after the chastisement has come to an end.

I am sure that would be true so far as you and I are concerned, even from the human point of view. Whenever a child is chastened by his parents because of something that that child has done, I am sure there isn't any pleasure about it for the child. I can remember a few times when I have been on the receiving end of the line from the standpoint of my parents. I know there wasn't any pleasure about it. I know there wasn't anything pleasant about it so far as I was concerned at the time when I was going through it, yet I am sure of this one fact, that those chastisements drew me closer unto my parents.

Likewise, beloved, the same thing is true so far as God is concerned. Listen:

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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And a hope that grows more bright.

Before this coming year has gone,  
Some wistful dusk, some misty dawn  
Or burning noon, my Lord may come  
For all of us, and take us Home!

O, I've read about my Lord  
In the pages of His Word,  
And I've learned about His ways  
As He ordered all my days;

I have leaned upon His arm  
As He shielded me from harm,  
And I've even heard Him speak  
When I was afraid, or weak.

Yes, my cup is running o'er,  
Yet I yearn for more and more  
Of His riches and His grace  
This year I may see His Face!

### "Life and Ministry of Paul"

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learn thy statutes."—Psa. 119: 67, 71.

We go astray as a result of sinning and God chastens us, and when we are chastened we learn to keep His Word, and we learn the statutes of the Lord. So we can see this to be true, that while there is nothing pleasant in our experience when we are being chastened, at the same time, after the chastisement is over, it draws us closer unto the Lord.

I have noticed this, as a result of a statement I heard a preacher make a long time ago. He said when he was a little boy, when his parents would whip him, he learned that the closer he got to his parents the less power they could put into the paddling. He learned that by drawing near to them it shortened the stroke and lightened the paddling. Beloved, the same thing is true of the Lord. The nearer we draw to Him, the shorter the stroke becomes, and the less we are chastened of the Lord.

### V CHASTISEMENTS MAY BE AVOIDED.

The Word of God tells us whereby we can avoid the chastening of God from even falling upon us. Listen:

"For this cause many are weak

and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."—I Cor. 11:30-32.

If you will study this closely you will find that the Apostle Paul is talking about how the church at Corinth was abusing the Lord's Supper. He says that some of them had been chastened with sickness and some of them had died. In other words, God had chastened some of them with sickness and some of them had actually been killed because they had abused the Lord's Supper. Then he says, "If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged." In other words, if these Corinthian Christians had looked into the Word of God and had studied what they were doing in the light of the teaching that Paul had given them concerning the Lord's Supper, and if they had judged themselves in regard to what they were doing that was wrong, then God wouldn't have had to judge them.

Furthermore, he tells us that when God judges us we are chastened of the Lord, as if to say to us that if we would judge ourselves and confess our sins to God, God wouldn't chasten us, but when we go on in our sins, and when we continue going contrary to the will of the Lord, God has to judge us, and when God judges us, God lays the lash on

us.

I think I can understand that from a human point of view. Suppose your child does wrong. Suppose he has done that which, if you knew about it, you would literally "wear him out" as a result of what he has done. But that child comes to you and says, "Daddy, I have done wrong, and I am sorry for what I have done." When that child judges himself and asks for forgiveness, there isn't one parent in a thousand that would whip his child. The same is true so far as God is concerned.

Now suppose that child doesn't confess what he has done that is wrong. Some three or four days, or maybe a week, goes by and the parent finds out about it, and he calls the child up and the child tries to lie out of it, and finally as a last resort admits that he has done that which was wrong. The father has had to judge him. The father has had to go through a roundabout process of getting the truth out of him. The result is that the father, if he is a good father, will lay him across a chair and blister him where the son sits. If that child had confessed to his father the thing that was wrong, the father would have forgiven him immediately.

I say to you, beloved, that is exactly true so far as God the Father is concerned. Many, many times God has to chasten us. Many, many times there comes sickness, and there comes death, and there comes into our lives misfortunes of one type or another, all because we have gone contrary to the revealed will of God and because we have refused to confess to God that which we have done that is wrong.

I am sure there is not a person here who is saved, but who knows the meaning of chastisement so far as his own personal spiritual experience is concerned. Well, I'll say this, if you don't know the meaning of it—if you don't know what it is to be chastened of the Lord, I would very seriously doubt whether you have been saved. If I were a church member and God never had whipped me for the things that I do that are wrong, I certainly would question whether or not I knew the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

### VI

#### DISTINCTION BETWEEN SALVATION AND REWARDS.

Paul makes a very definite distinction between salvation and rewards. He says:

"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."—Eph. 2:8, 9.

This is what Paul says by inspiration about salvation. Now what does he say about rewards? Listen:

"Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."—I Cor. 3:8, 9.

In Ephesians 2:8, 9 he tells us that we are saved by grace as a result of the gift of faith that God gives us, and that it is not of works, lest any man should boast. Then in I Corinthians 3:8 he says that we are to be rewarded according to our own labor. You see then, beloved, that salvation is a matter of grace, whereas rewards is a matter of works.

What a distinction! And that is the distinction that 99 per cent of the professing Christians of this world have never seen. I couldn't begin to tell you how many people I have dealt with in life who have an idea that after we make a profession of faith, what we do wrong goes on God's blackboard against us, and what we do right goes on God's blackboard in our behalf, and when we come down to the end of the way God is going to draw a line underneath the bad and add up the bad, and He is going to draw a line underneath the good and is going to add up the

## The Gospel First!

Too many of us Christians are in the habit of getting the cart before the horse when it comes to the lost sinner's need. I was talking to a man the other day and he brought up the subject of predestination. I said to him, "I don't care if you never believe predestination; I want you to trust Christ as your Saviour. If you never see predestination, I pray that you will come to see Christ as your need."

And so it is with all lost sinners and every other doctrine in the Bible! Christ first, then other things later.

There is no need trying to reform a sinner's life or urging him to do so, if he is without Christ. There is no need trying to convince him that immersion is baptism, not sprinkling, when

he needs the Christ that baptism symbolizes. There is no need trying to reason with him about some plain doctrine of the Bible when he is blind to the Christ of the Bible. Paul said that the Lord didn't send him to baptize, but to preach the Gospel! Yes, to Paul did tell people to be baptized, but that was not his basic concern. He put Christ first and secondary things second. He was faithful to the whole truth in its proper place.

Are we getting the cart before the horse? Any more, I never discuss a difference with a man until I first understand his hope of salvation. If he knows the Gospel, then I'll talk to him about some doctrinal difference; but if he is not clear on the Gospel, I'm not talking to him about anything else but that.—B.L.R.

good, and whichever is the greater will determine the place you are going, and how you are going to spend your eternity.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, could that?" I tell you, beloved, there are multiplied thousands of Baptists today who believe exactly that. The first time I ever heard it a woman who had been a Catholic came to me one day after a sermon I had preached, and she said, "Brother Gilpin, you have completely shattered everything that I ever have believed." When I talked to her she gave me this thought of the blackboard. She said, "All my life since I have been a member of this Baptist church — ever since I left Catholicism, I have been taught that what we do wrong goes down in the book against us, and what we do right goes down in the book in our behalf, and when we come to the end of the way, God is going to balance the account and whichever one is the greater will determine where we are going to be in eternity."

Beloved, there is not a word of truth in it. We are saved by grace, but we are rewarded by works. What a contrast between salvation and rewards! God saved us as a gift. He gives us salvation; then He pays us, or rewards us for everything we do thereafter that is pleasing in His sight. Why is it that people can't see the simple statements of God's Word? "By grace are ye saved through faith." That is salvation. "Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." That is rewards. God gives us salvation and then God pays us for what we do that is right after we have been saved.

### VII

#### NO REWARDS PRIOR TO CONVERSION.

God doesn't begin to reward people until after they have been saved. Listen:

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which

is Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 3:11.

You will notice that first of all there has to be a foundation for your life, and that foundation is the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no reward for any man until that individual first of all receives Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

The same truth is presented to us in the Old Testament when Solomon says:

"For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out."—Prov. 24:20.

Notice, there is no reward prior to a man's conversion.

Suppose a man is worth \$100,000. He decides that he is going to spend that \$100,000 in the name of the Lord. He sends out missionaries, he builds churches, and he endows Christian institutions. He uses his money for the glory of God, and God's people are benefitted thereby. For the next fifty years that man spends his money in the name of the Lord Jesus, yet all the time that man is unsaved. He has never believed on Jesus Christ. He never has received the Son of God as his Saviour. One minute before that man dies, a preacher sits down beside him and reads to him the Word of God, which says, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of your selves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." That man sees the truth that salvation is by grace, and he receives the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. He sees the truth that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin, and like a drowning man grasping at a straw, he lays hold on the Son of God and is saved in the last minute that he has on this earth. I ask you, what reward will that man have? Beloved, he will have a reward for one minute's time in the service of Jesus Christ.

I tell you, there will be no reward for the wicked man. There will be no pay for that man on the side of Jesus Christ. There will be no reward for that man who hasn't first of all put in the proper foundation for his life, which is the Son of God Himself. There is no reward for any man until that man is first of all right with the Son of God as his Saviour.

### VIII NO REWARDS UNTIL JESUS COMES AGAIN.

There will be no rewards for any of us until the Lord Jesus Christ comes again. How many times have you read in the paper about an individual who had died and the editor, in writing the story, said that he had "passed on to his reward?" I have heard of preachers, in preaching a funeral sermon, say that the individual had "passed to his reward." Beloved, the Apostle Paul hasn't gotten any reward yet. Isaiah hasn't gotten any reward yet. Jeremiah hasn't gotten any reward yet. The Apostle Peter and all the balance of the apostles and martyrs through the past (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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## Should Like To Know"

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visit elsewhere with my rela-  
or friends when I want to  
certain programs. Then I  
of my children: I certainly  
d try to want them to grow up  
about all the things that flow  
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before it better that way.—B.L.R.

## Life and Ministry of Paul

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centuries, and all those  
have lived and died in  
as Christ in the Old Testament  
still without reward. Below  
there will not be any reward  
of the time of the second com-  
of the Lord Jesus. Listen:

Henceforth there is laid up for  
a crown of righteousness,  
the Lord, the righteous  
ge, shall give me at that day:  
not to me only, but unto all  
also that love his appear-  
—II Tim. 4:8.

When are we going to get our  
wards? We will get those re-  
s when we stand at the judg-  
seat of Christ, and that will  
be when Jesus Christ comes  
to this world for His own.  
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time of the second coming.

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ies, himself shall be saved; yet so  
e himby fire.—I Cor. 3:15.

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gift of is intact, but their works  
y manldn't stand the test.

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n whos message in THE BAPTIST  
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whicis that I am speaking about. I  
There, sure that he knows what he  
unlgt to do, but he will never  
t with it. In my opinion, he will live  
d die in that heretical denom-  
ation, and when he comes up  
the judgment bar of God, if  
is saved, and I think he is,  
will come there a saved man  
right, but he will not have  
thing in this world for which  
be rewarded.

This passage in I Corinthians  
d died, tells us that when a man is  
g theved he starts to build a house—  
passed, life's temple — and he can  
heard, out of six differnt kinds  
neral material — wood; hay, and  
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hasn, ticious stone, which are not  
Isaiah, mable and will not burn. The  
y yet, ostle Paul says that every one  
y re, us who are saved are building  
er andhouse.

I tell you, beloved, I imagine  
a man and a woman that I knew

it is a pretty crazy looking house  
that you and I have started over  
on the other side. You have got-  
ten angry — in went some wood,  
hay, and stubble. You got pro-  
voked at somebody — in went  
some more wood, hay, and stub-  
ble. You didn't go to church but  
went off someplace else — some  
wood, hay, and stubble went in.  
You took your tithe that you  
knew belonged to God and spent  
it for yourself — more wood, hay,  
and stubble went into that house.  
It is a mighty crazy looking house  
that you have there. Then you  
come to church on Sunday — you  
put in some gold, silver, and  
precious stones. You pray and  
read your Bible — more gold,  
silver, and precious stones go in.  
Then you get angry again — more  
wood, hay, and stubble go in. I  
ask, would a man of intelligence  
build a house like that? Well,  
that is the kind of life's temple  
that you and I are building. It is  
a patchwork at best, and it sure-  
ly is a sorry looking house.

There is a house in a nearby  
state, that reminds me of this.  
About forty years ago a contrac-  
tor decided he would build a  
house with the leftovers of the  
houses that he had built. He  
would bring home a bucket of  
paint, he would bring home a  
door, he would bring home a win-  
dow, he would bring home some  
brick, he would bring home pieces  
of weatherboarding — and you  
ought to see the house he has.  
It is called the crazy house, not  
because the family that lives there  
is crazy, but because of the ap-  
pearance of the house. I dare say  
that there are twenty-five shades  
of paint on that house. There are  
no two windows in the house  
that look the same. I am satis-  
fied that there are a hundred  
different styles of brick that go  
into the chimney. The weather-  
boarding must have at least ten  
or twelve different patterns in it.  
There is not a single thing about  
the house that is harmonious. It  
is all incongruous in every re-  
spect. They call it the crazy house,  
I say, not because the man who  
lives there is crazy, but because  
of the fact that it has no archi-  
tectural conformity.

I tell you, beloved, I have look-  
ed at that house many times and  
I have said, the old boy that lives  
there built a whole lot better  
house than I have over yonder,  
because the one I have over  
yonder, I imagine, looks a whole  
lot worse. Maybe a little piece of  
gold, silver, and precious stone  
goes in once in a while, but, my,  
how many times do I put in wood,  
hay, and stubble!

The foundation is the Lord  
Jesus. God doesn't test the foun-  
dation, but the part that He tests  
is the house that we have built.  
What happens to the wood, hay,  
and stubble? It burns. What hap-  
pens to the gold, silver, and pre-  
cious stone? It stands. But in the  
case of some people, there is not  
going to be any gold, silver, and  
precious stone. All they can hope  
for, for rewards, is going to be  
smoke and ashes.

I come back to this preacher  
that I referred to a moment ago.  
I know he ought to be a Baptist.  
I am sure that he knows he ought  
to be a Baptist. I am sure that he  
knows that his baptism is abso-  
lutely worthless, and I am sure  
that he knows that the people he  
baptizes receive a worthless bap-  
tism. I am sure that he recognizes  
that he ought to spurn the whole  
thing and repudiate it, but for a  
lack of the grace of God being  
given to him thus far, he has gone  
on for a number of years in this  
false, heretical denomination,  
and probably will die as a mem-  
ber of it. When he comes down  
to the judgment, all the work  
that he has put into this false or-  
ganization is just wood, hay, and  
stubble, and it will be burned  
down to the foundation.

What I am saying to you is  
that there are going to be some  
people in Heaven that won't have  
a single reward. Their works are  
going to be burned. They will be  
saved, but without any rewards  
throughout eternity.

I remember several years ago

were awakened in the middle of  
the night, and realizing that their  
house was on fire, they hurriedly  
leaped out of a window. The only  
things they saved of their earthly  
possessions were the night clothes  
that they were sleeping in. Ev-  
erything they had went up in  
smoke. Everything they possessed  
was burned. They were saved  
from the fire, but everything  
went up in smoke and flame and  
ashes. I have often thought of  
that husband and wife through  
the years and I want to tell you,  
beloved, there's many and many  
an individual who is going to  
come to the judgment bar of God  
and he is going to be left in pre-  
cisely the same way—everything  
is going to be burned. Why? His  
works weren't pleasing to the  
Lord. His works didn't satisfy  
God. His works weren't according  
to the Word of God. He put his  
tithes into a false organization.  
His service went for something  
else besides the cause of Christ  
as revealed in the Bible. When  
he comes down to the end of  
the way, he will be saved, but  
he will be saved so as by fire.

That is why I tell people they  
ought to join the church. That is  
why I tell everyone that he ought  
to be a member of a Baptist  
church, he ought to have Baptist  
baptism, and he ought to let his  
life count for God in a Baptist  
church. I tell you, beloved, when  
you come down to the end of the  
way and see all that you have  
built in these false organizations  
go for nought, you will wish then  
that you had been a member of  
a true church of the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

## REWARDS CAN BE LOST.

Sometimes even after you have  
gotten a reward laid up in Glory,  
that reward can be lost. Listen:  
"Let no man beguile you of  
your reward in a voluntary hu-  
mility and worshipping of an-  
gels."—Col. 2:18.

"Look to yourselves, that we  
lose not those things which we  
have wrought, but that we re-  
ceive a full reward."—II John  
1:8.

This would tell you to be  
mighty careful that you get a  
full reward. You are to be mighty

careful lest you lose your reward.  
Yes, beloved, I think there's  
many a person who will lose his  
reward, even after he has a re-  
ward laid up for himself in Glory.

## GOD NEVER FORGETS YOUR REWARDS.

God never forgets anything  
whereby you should be rewarded.  
Listen:

"For God is not unrighteous  
to forget your work and labour  
of love, which ye have shewed  
toward his name, in that ye have  
ministered to the saints, and do  
minister."—Heb. 6:10.

I forget so badly, and the older  
I get, the more I find myself for-  
getting. I carry a list around with  
me—things that I hope to do. As  
time goes by, that list gets big-  
ger, and I find that sometimes  
I need to write myself a note to  
remember to look on the list. I  
forget so easily, and I am sure  
the same thing is true of you.

Beloved, I want to give you  
the best news in this world. We  
are serving a God that never for-  
gets—a God that knows exactly  
what you and I are doing at all  
times. He is keeping a record of  
it, and He is not unrighteous to  
forget your work and your labor  
of love. You will never do any-  
thing in this world that God will  
overlook. You will never do any-  
thing that is pleasing to the Lord  
that God will forget about. Oh,  
what a blessing and encourage-  
ment this is to me!

I am afraid that many, many  
times the things that we stand  
for aren't appreciated by the  
world. I am afraid that many,  
many times the things that we  
stand for aren't appreciated even  
among lots of Baptists. But, be-  
loved, I am glad for one thing,  
if we are right, if what we stand  
for is right, and I am sure it is,  
God is not going to forget it.  
What a blessing! What an en-  
couragement! How it ought to  
encourage you and how it ought  
to thrill your heart to be a mem-  
ber of a church that is trying to  
stand for the whole counsel of  
Almighty God.

I ask you, are you saved? If you  
are saved you ought to thank  
God from the depths of your  
heart for your salvation, and you

# Leave Results With The Lord

How dissatisfied we are to  
leave results with the Lord! If  
we can't see things take place just  
as we visualize they should, we  
get all frustrated and upset. We  
might even try to take matters  
into our own hands. Then we  
really make a mess of things.

How much more serene to just  
do as Elijah did and leave re-  
sults to God (I Kings 18). How  
much more blessed to have the  
attitude of Paul, confident that  
all things work together for the  
good of God's people.

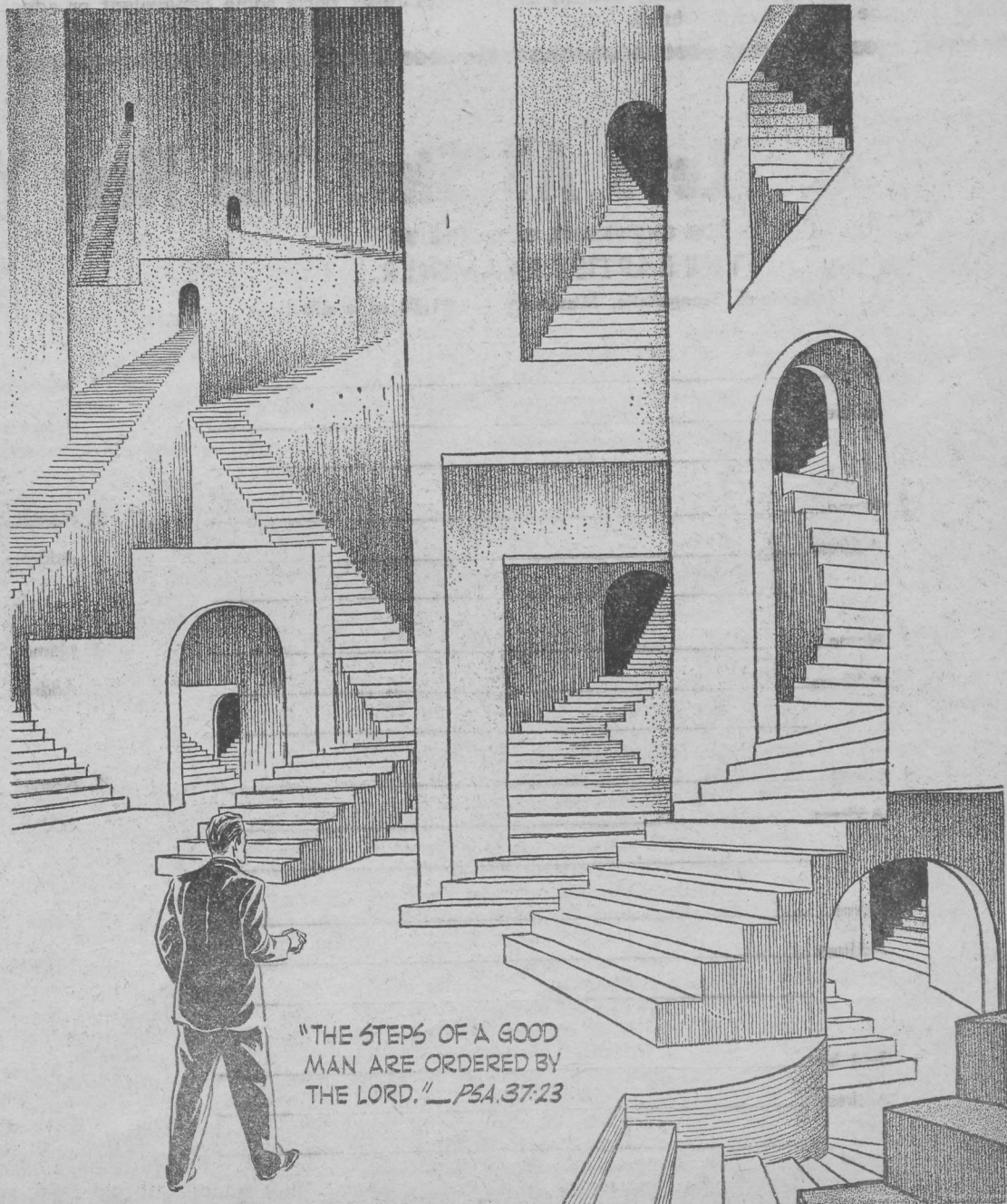
Our chief concern ought to be  
ourselves and our submission to  
the Lord. We ought to be like  
clay in the potter's hand, willing  
to be molded as it seemeth good  
to the potter. Our prayer should  
be, "Lord, just take my life and  
make it what you would have it  
be, regardless of what that is. I  
just want to serve you. I am  
happy doing nothing else. Make  
me submissive to Thee and will-  
ing to do Thy work anywhere,  
anytime, for anyone."

Results belong to the Lord. He  
will honour His Word (Isa. 55:11),  
but this is very seldom our pre-  
conceived idea as to what should  
be done. He will honour our ef-  
fort, but we should be satisfied  
with whatever He does in this  
regard (Luke 17:10).

Let us just seek to be submis-  
sive and we shall find the peace  
that passes understanding.

ought to try, by the grace of God,  
to live for the Lord to the best  
of your ability to avoid the chas-  
tening hand of God, and at the  
same time expect God to reward  
you when you come to the end  
of the way. If you are not saved,  
believe on the Lord Jesus Christ  
and thou shalt be saved.  
May God bless you!

## NEW YEAR LABYRINTH



"THE STEPS OF A GOOD  
MAN ARE ORDERED BY  
THE LORD."—PSA. 37:23



## A New Year's Resolution For Missionary-Minded Christians

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### Surrender to Jesus!

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us accepted in the Beloved (Christ)" (Ephesians 1:7).

"We pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made Him (Christ) to be sin for us, who (Christ) knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" (II Corinthians 5:20, 21).

Yes, God is a merciful God, even to the very chief of sinners. He will be at peace with you, needy sinner, if you just surrender to His Son, Christ Jesus, and take His sacrifice for sins as your own personal sacrifice.

Surrender to Christ, and be at peace with God.

(To be used in SALVATION)

### How Is Your Church . . . ?

(Continued from page one)  
schools, secular and semi-religious educational institutions, orphanages, hospitals and the like which are not necessarily wrong, yet they are not in Christ's commission. We ought to be interested in education and benevolence, but our tithes and church money are not to be diverted from the support of the Gospel of Christ! To the extent that your church supports some benevolent or educational institution, to that extent

your church is misappropriating the Lord's money which should go to the cause of the Gospel. It is not now our aim to explain how these institutions should be carried on and supported, for we did not create them and are not obligated to them. We might offer some suggestions, but that is not our concern at this time; we are concerned that churches get back to their duty to Christ and put the kingdom of God first! If these other things are to be carried on, we believe God will see that somehow they go on; but as churches our first and foremost task is the commission.

If these benevolent and educational organizations cannot go on and exist when churches stand behind the Gospel rather than behind these organizations, then we wonder if the Lord has ever approved of them. If giving to missions destroys certain organizations, we say let them die! Which is more important: the preaching of the Gospel to every creature or the existence of such organizations?

We don't care to hear the various arguments offered to justify these organizations; compared to the Gospel's work they are superfluous. Churches need to examine themselves and get back to home base in our Lord's commission.

### STANDING AT THE PORTAL

Standing at the portal  
Of the opening year,  
Word of comfort meet us  
Hushing every fear,  
Spoken through the silence  
By our Father's voice,  
Tender, strong and faithful,  
Making us rejoice.  
'I, the Lord, am with thee,  
Be thou not afraid;  
I will help and strengthen,  
Be 'thou not dismayed:  
Yea, I will uphold thee  
With my own right hand;  
Thou art called and chosen  
In my sight to stand.  
For the year before us,  
Oh what rich supplies!  
For the poor and needy  
Living streams shall rise.  
For the sad and sinful  
Shall His grace abound;  
For the faint and feeble  
Perfect strength be found.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

### MOUNTAIN MUSINGS

By SIMON MUSE



Zeke Scruggs is one of the beegest cumbermizin preachers in this nek of th' mountains. Whin he ferst came into this sekshun, he preech'd a sarmon which he thawt wood pleeze th' people. He had talk'd with Deacon McCoy an' ask'd him what th' peeple round h'ar believed. Well, Deacon tole'm what Deacon believed, which ain't xactly what mos' fokes round h'ar believes. So old Zeke jest preeched up'a storm an' after it wuz over he wuz cawt in th' middul of th' tornada. Finely Zeke tole the fume'n peeple, "Well now, if'n I had know'd ye believed these docturns th' other way, I wood have preeched them that way an' I will frum now on out." I ain't binn back to lissen to Zeke since. Them kind of cumbermizers irrytates me worse than old Jersey swang'n her tail whin I's milk'n.

Mos evrybody sez they wants to go to Heaven, but they ain't much want'n to die.

In Coon Holler thar is more of these h'ar t.v. sets than thar is bath tubs. So if'n ye happins to pass this way an' gits offind'd by th' h.o., jest lay th' blame fer it on t.v.

(More Musings Next Week)

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