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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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"No, She Wouldn't Be Saved"

The above words were my reply to a man who recently asked me the following question. He said, "I told my wife that if she would pray to God, and be sincere in her heart, and be sorry for her sins, and ask God to forgive her of her sins, then she would be saved. If she did that, wouldn't she be saved?"

My answer was, "No, she wouldn't be saved. If she prayed that prayer she would be rejecting God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. She would be asking for God to save her in some other way than through the redemptive work of Christ. She would be saying, 'Lord, I don't want you to save me through the atonement of Christ, but I want you to save me another way.' If she prayed that prayer she would be saying that she did not want to rely upon what Christ did, but desired something else."

Reader, I wonder if you are looking for another way of salvation, other than by relying upon the death of Christ as your payment for sin?

Some people rely on their praying. They pray hard, and long, with tears of sorrow, and finally they feel like they have been forgiven. But God doesn't forgive men that way, regardless of how well they pray. The truth is, God can't forgive men that way. Sin must be paid for; Christ came to pay for it; if men will not rely

solely upon Him as their Saviour, then they have no payment for sin, regardless of their prayers.

Others rely upon being baptized and joining the church and living a religious life. But God can't forgive men because they do this. Forgiveness of sins is not a by-passing of sin because of a person's religious deeds; rather, forgiveness comes to the sinner because he has a payment for his sins in Jesus Christ the Saviour. "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 13:38).

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

The redemption that a believing sinner has through Christ is redemption from the penalty of sin. Christ bore that penalty and so the sinner who takes Christ as Saviour is free, redeemed, no longer condemned. No amount of religious works, regardless of how earnest and sincere a person might be, can pay for a single sin. If you are relying in any wise upon your efforts, then you have never relied upon Christ as your Redeemer.

Others are looking for a feeling, thinking that this is salvation. No one ever yet was saved by a feeling. Feelings can't pay the sin-debt. Feelings can't redeem. Feelings can't atone. Fur-

thermore, feelings won't satisfy your heart. One day you might feel good and think, "Oh, how wonderful; I'm saved." Then you might get down in the dumps and then you say, "I wonder if I'm saved; I'm probably lost."

But when a sinner relies on Christ, not on feelings or prayers or works, he has a PERFECT salvation that cannot be effected by any human changes or failures. The Bible tells us that He "obtained eternal redemption" (Hebrews 9:12). Yes, the believing sinner, relying on Christ alone, has eternal redemption regardless of his feelings. He has his joy in his Saviour, through faith in Him, not in how he feels.

Reader, if you will simply rely on Christ for your redemption from sin, it is yours. He has promised salvation to every one who will believe (rely) on Him as Redeemer. Listen to His own (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Should I Get A Divorce?

By BOB L. ROSS

So you think your marriage has failed. You think you can no longer bear with your contracted mate. You want a divorce or perhaps are thinking in that direction. Before you make your final decision, will you just take time enough to read this little message through and consider carefully the things presented? Please do so; we believe you might be helped, if you really want to be helped.

Why Has Your Marriage Failed?

There are a lot of difficulties, scrapes and manifestations of bitterness that go along with divorce. You might name a hundred such things in your own case. But let's get down to rock bottom rather than think about the "fruits" of the "root."

Let's just go right to the heart of your problem: it revolves around a Person by the name of Jesus Christ! He is really the "third Person" of all your problems.

"But what has Jesus done to bring about my problems?" you might ask.

Nothing! Absolutely nothing! That's the whole problem. Either you or your mate—and in most divorce cases, both mates—have given little or no place to Christ in their lives. If you and your mate had given place to Christ, do you think you would be in the situation in which you now find yourself?

You might say, "Oh, we were just misfits from the beginning. Our marriage wasn't right from the start."

Without Christ in both of your (Continued on page 6, column 5)

Christian Forbearance

God has set a pattern for forbearing. He has been longsuffering and forbearing toward us, although we have lived rebellious, ungodly lives. Yea, His "goodness and forbearance and longsuffering" even led us to repentance (Rom. 2:4). Through His forbearance we now enjoy the remission of sins by the work of Christ (Romans 3:25).

one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:2, 3).

A pastor recently told me that

God Blesses Our Thanksgiving Service

It is with deep humility that we bow our heads to thank God for His goodness to us at the recent Thanksgiving season.

Thanksgiving has always been a great season in the life of your Editor. It was at the Thanksgiving season in 1924 that I preached my first sermon, and from then on Thanksgiving has always occupied a big place in my life each year. In our church we emphasize it much. I do not feel that we can thank God sufficiently for His goodness to us. Cer-

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he had found his marriage to be one in which love has developed through bearing and forbearing. How true! And how true it is in the church body. We all have our faults and personality differences, but we are to forbear in love! If Christ loved that brother, that sister, why can't I! Am I more holy than Christ? God forbid the thought!

Forbearing Is Not Compromising

Some people with sincere intentions confuse forbearance with compromise. But the two are certainly different. Compromise is selfishness. A person compromises because of a selfish motive. Forbearance seeks not its own, but the brother's good.

Let's take an example. Some of my brethren smoke cigarettes or cigars or pipes. I don't think it is for the glory of Christ. I don't believe our bodies should be harmed by smoking. I don't think we should let this be used by the unsaved as a stumbling-block. But should I just separate myself from smoking Christians? Should I chase them from my door? No, I should forbear with them and seek to help them. A soft tongue will break them quicker than a holier-than-thou attitude or something to its equivalent.

Also, some brethren do not see eye-to-eye with me doctrinally. They are Christians, I'm sure. They love Christ and have a desire to serve Him. Yet I think they are wrong on some points. What should I do? Will I be (Continued on page 6, column 5)

PASTOR HAS PRAISE FOR TBE

God has been blessing me so greatly this last week, and I have such an overflowing heart! Since you two are partly to blame, I thought you'd like to know. Two of the men in my church went down to your Labor Day Conference and really came back enthused. One of them, Brother Bob Butler, had given me a sub to TBE this spring. Well, Brother (Continued on page 8, column 4)

The Bible--God's Own Word

By C. W. BRONSON

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With this article I hope to begin a series of articles, based, for the most part, upon the statement of faith I published some time ago in TBE. I feel this will be helpful, to those who are interested in supporting me as a missionary, to set forth more fully



C. W. BRONSON

Pastor Says TBE "Is Heart Warming"

I do enjoy the 'Baptist Examiner' so very much. The material is not only doctrinally sound, but also heart warming and challenging.

It is clear, concise, convicting and convincing. Thank you for sending me these back copies.

Enclosed find check for \$2.00 for my subscription. In Calvary's Bonds, Rom. 1:16. —M. K. McIver

the things I believe. If there is no other virtue, at least I hope to be plain enough so none need guess at my beliefs.

One of the basic doctrines, and one which is attacked by the emissaries of Satan most violently, is the inspiration of the Word of God. Most important to the one who would be sound in the faith is to first have the matter settled as to the inspiration of God's Word and the preservation of the same through the ages. It seems to me to be useless to (Continued on page 4, column 5)

How snappy we are, in contrast to God! How eager to bite another's head off if he is not just exactly what we think he should be! How easy we find it to see the sawdust in our brother's eye, yet overlook the saw-log in our own! May God give us more love and forbearance!

Scripture says, "By long forbearing is a prince persuaded, and a soft tongue breaketh the bone" (Prov. 25:15). Yet we usually think it is now or never for a person; we think it is our rough, hard language that will get the bone broken.

Paul says we are to "forbear

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PAUL AND THANKSGIVING"

Number Thirty-Two in "THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF PAUL" — Preached Thanksgiving Day

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."—Phil. 4:6.

I would like to remind you at the very outset that the Apostle Paul was a man of much prayer. I never was so much impressed of this fact as I was when I read through the fourteen epistles that Paul wrote, and the book of the Acts about two months ago just for the purpose of seeing how many times the Apostle Paul prayed, as recorded in the Word of God. I say to you truly, I was amazed at the number of instances of prayer in the life of the Apostle Paul.

Not only was the Apostle Paul a man of much prayer, but he was

also a man of much thanksgiving. That naturally goes together, for if a man prays to God and asks things of God, he in turn then ought to thank God for the blessings that he receives from the Lord.

So I can say this morning at the very outset that the Apostle Paul was a man of much prayer and thanksgiving, and I think it might be well for us to read without comment some verses from the Word of God that we might see how much the Apostle Paul thanked God for the blessings that he had from day to day.

"Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons THANKS may be given by many on our behalf."

—II Cor. 1:11.

"For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the THANKSGIVING of many redound to the glory of God."—II Cor. 4:15.

"But THANKS be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you."—II Cor. 8:16.

"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us THANKSGIVING to God."—II Cor. 9:11.

"Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with THANKSGIVING."—Col. 2:7.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also (Continued on page 2, column 2)

Without A Vision

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18). Who perishes when there is no concern, no burden, on the part of God's people and churches for the Gospel of Christ and the souls of sinners?

First, Sinners Perish.

God has ordained to save His people through the use of the Gospel (Mark 16:15, Rom. 1:16, I Cor. 1:21). The Gospel is of power simply because God's Spirit is sent to bless it (I Thess. 1:5). Therefore, where God's servants are not burdened for preaching the Gospel, sinners are naturally perishing and will continue to perish. This is not saying that God's work depends upon the flesh, it is simply stating a fact: if there is no burden from the Lord for Gospel preaching, souls are perishing.

Second, Preachers Perish.

How dry and withered the soul of the preacher who is not concerned with preaching the Gospel! He is "perishing." That doesn't mean a saved man is going to hell; it simply means he is withered in his spiritual life and will continue to wither.

There are preachers who make the Gospel a mere sideline, rather than dedicating themselves to its cause. By "sideline" I don't mean a case where a preacher perhaps has to do secular work; Paul on occasion had to make tents, you recall, but that wasn't his chief concern. His burden was the Gospel; his sideline was making tents to support himself in his work.

But many "full time" preachers don't even do a half time job of Gospel preaching. They are wrapped up in so many other things that preaching the Gospel—if they preach it at all—is a sideline. Oh, for a shaking in the souls of God's men who have lapsed into this state of lethargy! I know what it is to lapse into that state, but praise God I also have enjoyed a shaking in my soul to get back to the task. Preacher, if you have lapsed, ask God to restore your first love, to refresh your Gospel vision, to shake your soul and loose you from your lethargy.

Thirdly, Churches Perish.

The individuals within the churches and the churches as whole bodies spiritually dry up and wither without a Gospel vision, without a love for souls, without a concern for missions.

Many churches that appear to be sound in the faith are like the Ephesian church (Rev. 2:1-4).

That church was a good church in most all respects, yet it had left its first love—Christ and His Gospel. It loved its works and doctrine and endurance more.

Go to the root of most church trouble and what do you find? No concern for the Gospel and the souls of men! A love for the

Gospel will cover a multitude of sins; a concern for missions and the souls of men will cause us to have forbearance and to be longsuffering. But just let us sit down and get a bad case of religious measles, with our religion just going in and not out, it won't be long until we'll all see faults sticking out all over everybody but ourselves!

It's hard for a Christian in an unconcerned church body to maintain his zeal for Christ. He most likely will lose some of his fervency and compassion, if not all of it. He will therefore "perish" where there is no vision on the part of the church body.

Where Does It Begin?

The vision begins in the individual's heart! It must work out in his own personal life from there! If God has given him a vision and he is surrendered and the Lord works in him, then maybe others will be aroused and pray for God to make their lives right. It may affect a whole church, even sometimes a whole nation.

God knows that most of us, our churches, and certainly our nation, need to have grace to affect us. Let us pray for a vision lest we all wither!—BLR.

Life and Ministry of Paul

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ye are called in one body; and BE YE THANKFUL."—Col. 3:15.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of Lord Jesus, GIVING THANKS to God and the Father by him."—Col. 3:17.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with THANKSGIVING."—Col. 4:2.

Now I have purposely read these verses from the book of II Corinthians and from the book of Colossians. I might have read them from many other Scriptures written by the Apostle Paul, but I chose to read them from these two books for a particular purpose. First of all, the Corinthian church was a worldly church. It was the most worldly church that the Apostle Paul had anything at all to do with. It was located in a town that was given over to vice of the worst type. Accordingly, the immorality and vice in the city of Corinth rubbed off on the church, to the extent that the Corinthian church was a worldly organization.

Then the church at Colosse, while it wasn't a worldly church, was a church that was on the threshold of going into apostasy. The reason though that I have read to you from this book of Colossians was not because this church was on the verge of going into apostasy, but because the

Apostle Paul was writing them from jail.

Now look at these two books. Corinthians was written to a church that was given over to worldliness, but Paul had lots to thank God for in spite of the worldliness of the city of Corinth. Colossians was written while Paul was in jail, but even though the Apostle Paul was in jail, he found a lot for which to thank God. So, beloved, I have read these exhortations from the Apostle Paul by way of thanksgiving—exhortations that he gave to a worldly church that they should be thankful in spite of their worldliness—exhortations to a church that was on the verge of apostasy—exhortations were written when Paul himself was in jail, exhorting them to be thankful for the blessings that they had to enjoy.

Now I think the experience of the Apostle Paul should be of help to us. Certainly churches today are worldly. Churches are given over to the world in the main. Certainly we have many difficulties just like Paul when he was in jail. In spite of all this, the Apostle Paul wrote to Corinth and Colosse and urged them to be thankful before the Lord.

Now let's notice some of the things that the Apostle Paul found, during his life, to be thankful for in all of his writings.

I.

THE REPUTATION OF THE CHURCH AT ROME.

Paul particularly was thankful for the reputation of Rome and certain other churches. Concerning the church at Rome, we read:

"First, I THANK my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that YOUR FAITH IS SPOKEN OF throughout the whole world."—Rom. 1:8.

I suppose the church at Rome in Paul's day was about the best church that Paul had anything to do with. I am satisfied it was the soundest and the most doctrinal. I am sure it was, in all probability, established more in the faith than any other church. Therefore the Apostle Paul thanked God for the reputation of this church at Rome, in that they were known throughout the whole world, and their faith was spoken of throughout the whole earth.

I rather imagine if the Apostle Paul were here today he would change his message considerably in this respect, for what he said to the church at Rome then, he surely wouldn't say to the church of Rome today. When you consider the Ecumenical Conference that is now in progress in Rome, remember that what is taking place in Rome today is by the successor of the same group to whom the Apostle Paul wrote in the year 60 A. D. In other words, this group that is now trying to revise and revamp theology and theological differences, to the extent that all folk can come together is successor to the church to which Paul wrote. Literally, that is an attempt for the lion and the lamb to lie down together, which literally means the Baptist lamb on the inside of the Roman Catholic lion. In view of a situation like this, I don't think the Apostle Paul would thank God for the church of Rome today. However, in Paul's day, Rome's faith was a faith that was recognized throughout the world, and Paul thanked God for the reputation of this church at Rome.

The same was true of the church at Ephesus, for we read:

"Wherefore I also, AFTER I HEARD of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to GIVE THANKS for you, making mention of you in my prayers."—Eph. 1:15, 16.

Also when Paul wrote to the church at Philippi it was the same, for he said:

"I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU. Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."—Phil. 1:3-5.

Then when he wrote to the church at Thessalonica he said:

"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. Do you believe it is wrong for the Christian to go to movies?

There are two things to consider about this question: (1) Will the movie be of help or of harm to me? (2) What effect will it have in the minds of others to see a professing Christian at the movies?

As for the first question, there are few films that would probably be of no harm to a Christian and only a very few would be of help in anyway. As for the second question, certainly it will not add any weight to our testimony as a Christian to participate in any questionable form of worldliness. Of course, the Bible tells us that whatsoever we do, in word or deed, is to be done for the glory of God, in Christ's name (I Cor. 10:31, Colossians 3:17). I personally have not yet found how I could go to the movies with these objectives.

2. Do you have anything on how the Holy Spirit moved? I have been very interested in this and I don't know where I can get any information on it.

There is a good book on the Holy Spirit by E. H. Bickersteth which should be a satisfactory study on His Person and Work. It can be ordered from us for \$2.95.

3. Is sickness always from the devil, like faith healers teach?

While sickness is a result of sin being in us, it is not always due to some specific sin. In other words, a person does not necessarily get sick when he sins nor because he has sinned. Paul was a man of many physical afflictions, (II Cor. 10:9, 10), yet he lived as godly as any man ever lived. Timothy was a man of

"often infirmities" (I Tim. 5:23). Paul said he gloried in his infirmities, "that the power of Christ may rest upon me." He once prayed for the "thorn" to be taken away from his flesh, but God would not do it. This "messenger of Satan" was left in Paul in order that God's grace could shine through him, as he was enabled to bear up under it.

As for the "faith healers," they are nothing but fake healers and will twist any verse to suit their own wicked designs. It is true that God sometimes makes use of a physical affliction in chastening His children, but certainly the fake healers are wrong in their attitude toward such. They just flatly tell you that you are sick because the devil has a hold upon you, which is not necessarily the case. In fact, I would rather have a bad case of disease than to be as spiritually sick as these fake healers.

4. Please explain Matthew 8:22 "Let the dead bury the dead."

This refers to the spiritually dead burying the physically dead. In the context, a disciple had said, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father." Jesus said, "Let the dead bury the dead;" in other words, let the unsaved take care of that matter, for there is something more important for you to do at this time. Jesus was showing that we are not to let earthly concern hinder us in the more important spiritual affairs. His does not mean that a Christian is not to bury the dead, but it means that if there is something more important in the work of God at the time of a relative's or friend's death, then he is to put God's work first, not the funeral.

"We are bound to THANK GOD ALWAYS for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth: So that WE OURSELVES GLORY IN YOU IN THE CHURCHES of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure." — II Thess. 1:3, 4.

I say then, as you notice these words Paul wrote to the church at Rome, to the church at Ephesus, to the church at Philippi, and to the church at Thessalonica,

you can see first of all he thanked God for the reputation of the church.

I don't know anything that ought to make a preacher happier than to hear of some church that is standing for the Word of God. I don't know of anything that ought to make a Christian rejoice more than just to know of a church, here or a church there, that is standing for the Word of God. Beloved, they are so few and far between, and we certainly ought to thank God for the reputation of a true church that is standing for the Book.

II.

WORTHY OF SALVATION.

The Apostle Paul thanked God because God had made him worthy of salvation. Listen:

"GIVING THANKS unto the Father, which hath MADE US MEET TO BE PARTAKERS of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."—Col. 1:12, 13.

You will notice Paul says he is giving thanks to the Father who has made us meet to be partakers. Now the word for "meet" is "worthy." In other words, he is saying that he is thankful God has made him worthy of salvation.

Beloved, do you realize that you are not worthy of salvation in yourselves? Whenever you look at yourself, you must come face to face with the fact and the realization that you are not worthy to have ever been saved.

Years ago, I preached one Sunday night over the radio and in the sermon I said that you'll never be saved until you look yourself in the face and accuse yourself of being a filthy, vile sinner in God's sight. The next morning a man at South Portsmouth was shaving. As he stood there looking in the mirror, my message of the night before came back to him. He said that he

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Examiner Editorials

KEEP OUR PRESSES ROLLING FOR CHRIST

During 1963, we hope that more than ever before you will pray for the printed ministry that is open to us to use for the cause of Christ. It remains to be seen how greatly God would bless us and you, if we all would just give ourselves over to Him more than ever before in the past.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER needs to be in the hands of every born-again Christian. We believe it will do much in helping them in their Christian growth and service for God. It seeks to make a well-balanced presentation of God's Word and during the course of a year's time, TBE covers most of the major doctrines of the Bible.

Our new paper, SALVATION, certainly gives us all a new opportunity for getting the Gospel to the lost. It ought to boost personal witnessing, as well as being used via the mail. By the time this article is printed, our first edition of the paper will be gone and reprints will have been made. The response to the paper has been wonderful.

Then we have our tracts and our books, and we hope to keep pouring out these publications, as God leads and supplies the need. We hope to make available at least one new evangelistic tract each month. It will be a reprint from the new paper.

Our only concern in this printed work is to get out the Gospel and the Truth of God's Word. We urge you to get behind our efforts and the efforts of missionaries that we support. God is going to bless our efforts, we are certain. We are depending upon Him to raise up new friends, to go with our old friends, in fulfilling the work ordained for us to do.

Please pray for us. Ask God to guide us and burden us and to give us just the messages He would have us use. Help keep our presses rolling for God by your prayers and support.

BIBLE CONFERENCES

I have lately been impressed to "sound out" preacher brethren and churches concerning something which I believe would be of great benefit to the cause of Christ. I would like to know your reaction to the following idea:

Do you think it would be of any profit to the work of Christ for a few preachers to get together for a day or two at various churches and hold a Bible institute or conference (or whatever you might like to call it) on the theme, "Evangelism and the Doctrines of Grace"? Certainly, I believe there is a tremendous need for an understanding of this great subject and I believe any church would be blessed by such a meeting.

As for the subjects that could be discussed, consider the following:

"Depravity and the Gospel Call to the Sinner."

"Election No Hindrance, But the Basis of Gospel Preaching."

"The Limited Atonement and the Free Gospel."

"Free Invitations and Restricted Promises."

"Eternal Security and the Believer's Responsibility."

"Witnessing for Christ Under the Sovereign Reign of God."

"The Need for Prayer, Power and Revival."

"How Every Christian Can Be a Witness for Christ and Like It."

I am planting the foregoing "seed-thought" in this editorial column and will just wait to see if the Lord has been perhaps working in the minds of other pastors and churches in regard to the same idea. I would be glad to do what little part I can in advertising and promoting such a

conference and would count it a joy to participate in any way the Lord might lead.—BLR.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A BROADCAST?

We now have three 30-minute radio broadcasts and one 15-minute broadcast. The latter is sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church of McLeansboro, Illinois and is carried over the station at West Frankfort.

The thought has occurred to us that perhaps there are other churches or individuals who might like to finance a radio program, either the 30-minute program or the 15-minute program. We will be happy to furnish you our tape recordings each week. You can have your own announcements broadcast by local announcers either before or after the program.

If anyone is interested in this, investigate the times that are available on Sunday mornings between 7:30 and 9:00 and what the cost would be. Then let us know and plans can be completed.

You will not have to pay us a penny. We count it a privilege to have the opportunity provided to preach the Gospel of Christ and other doctrines of the Word of God.

GRAHAM AND ROMANISTS

Billy Graham was quoted in the Denver Post, Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1962, concerning his recent Brazil crusade, "I have seldom had such a warm welcome as I did here from all sorts of Brazilians, including many Roman Catholics. I had a courtesy visit from a bishop of the Catholic Church."—Blu Print.

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lifted his finger and pointed it at himself and said, "You ought to go to Hell if you got your just desserts." As a result, conviction took hold on that man's soul and ultimately God saved him.

I tell you, my brother, my sister, that man wasn't worthy of salvation. I wasn't worthy of salvation, and neither were you, who are saved, worthy of ever having been saved. The only reason you are a child of God this morning, and the only reason that you, like Paul, have been delivered from the power of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son, is because God hath made you worthy to be saved. If it had remained for you and me to make ourselves worthy with our own good or morality, or our own righteousness, or our own righteous living, not one of us would ever have been saved. But thanks be unto God, we have been made worthy of salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

I often think of the woman who

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said to me years ago, "But, Brother Gilpin, God will think twice before He will damn a man that is as good as my husband." Oh, how that woman needed to read the Word of God! How anybody thinks himself worthy, or thinks anybody else worthy of being saved, or thinks as a result of his goodness that he should be saved—how such an individual needs to read the Word of God! Listen:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:23.

"But the scripture hath concluded ALL UNDER SIN, that the promise of faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."—Gal. 3:22.

"There is NONE THAT UNDERSTANDETH, there is none that seeketh after God, They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."—Rom. 3:11, 12.

Beloved, I tell you this morning, you and I, like Paul, should thank God, for He has made us worthy to be saved.

III.

APPOINTED HIM TO THE MINISTRY.

The Apostle Paul thanked God that He had appointed him to the ministry. Listen:

"And I THANK CHRIST Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, PUTTING ME INTO THE MINISTRY."—I Tim. 1:12.

Paul didn't want to preach. He wasn't candidating for a pulpit the day the Lord knocked him down on the roadway to Damascus. There isn't any doubt in my mind but that the Apostle Paul would rather have done anything else than preach. As he went toward the city of Damascus, a light shone above the brightness of the noonday sun, and when it had passed, Paul was seen lying on the ground. The effect of that light had blinded him, and had stricken him down, and as he got up, he arose speaking unto God, calling Him Lord. Beloved, God appointed Paul to the ministry, and Paul thanked God because of it.

I think today of so many people who are in the ministry, who are not there because of an appointment of God. I think of that man who is in the ministry just because his mother desired to have a preacher boy in the family so badly. Or I think of the man who is in the ministry just because the ministry had been the occupation of the father, and perhaps the grandfather, and he wanted to continue in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Or I think of the man who is in the ministry just because it offers an opportunity perhaps for a little easier livelihood. He can loaf and people don't know about it. At least he doesn't have to punch a timeclock. At least nobody looks down his shoulder five days a week to see whether or not he is working. Or I think of that individual who is in the ministry because it offers a better position in life. There are plenty of such individuals.

Beloved, in contrast, Paul wasn't in the ministry for any of these reasons. Paul was in the ministry because God had appointed him. Woe to the man who is a preacher who hasn't been appointed of God! Woe to the flock over which he is overseer! Woe be to that man himself and his influence if he hasn't been appointed of God! I tell you, beloved, the man who is in the ministry today ought to be able to thank God because of God's appointment. He ought to be able to thank God because God has appointed him and put him into the ministry. Like Paul, he ought to say, "Woe unto me if I preach not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I go back to the day when I first entered the ministry. I tell you truly, I didn't want to be a preacher. I wanted to be anything and everything else but a preacher. I can remember before I ever went to school the first day—I can remember before they ever

cut my curls for the first time (I used to have curly hair that hung down to my shoulders)—I knew God had called me to preach. If anybody had ever asked me if I were called of God, I would have said definitely that God had called me to preach, but I didn't want to preach. If you had gone around over Boone County, Ky., looking for a candidate for the ministry, you would have chosen everybody else first before you would have chosen me. But, beloved, I am in the ministry because God called me. Forty years ago this morning I preached my first sermon as a minister. I am in the ministry just because I have an appointment from God.

IV.

GOD SUPPLIED HIS BODILY NEEDS.

Paul was thankful that God supplied his bodily needs. We read:

"Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from MEATS, which God had created to be RECEIVED WITH THANKSGIVING off them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with THANKSGIVING."—I Tim. 4:3, 4.

Paul is giving us the signs of the latter days and he says one sign is that there will be people who will command to abstain from meats. He tells us not to believe them, but just remember meat is good, and that God has created it to be received with thanksgiving. In other words, every creature of God is good and nothing is to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving. If you can thank God over your food, eat it. If you can thank God over your drink, drink it. Whatever God gives you by the way of food and drink that you can truly thank God for, receive it, and accept it of the Lord.

I think of that experience of Paul's when he was being taken as a prisoner to Rome. The Word of God tells us how the storm which the Bible calls Euroclydon swept down upon the ship, with the result the ship was being driven to and fro, hither and yon, for fourteen days without a star appearing by night or the sun by day. All hope that they would be saved, was taken away. Finally Paul stood up before the crowd and said to them, "Brethren, you need not worry. I have been talking with the Lord, and I have a message for you. There isn't going to be a man on board this vessel that is going to die. Everybody is going to be saved." Then we read:

"And when he had thus spoken, he took BREAD, and GAVE THANKS TO GOD in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat."—Acts 27:35.

Notice, even out there in the storm when it looked like they all might go to the depths of the sea, before they dared to take a bite of food, Paul thanked God for the supply of his bodily needs.

I ask you, where did you get the strength that you have? Most

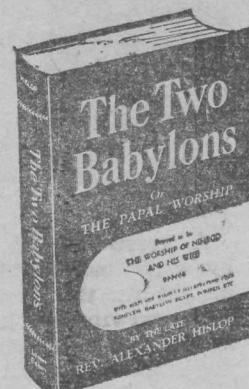
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Yet how slothful and unconcerned and sleepy-eyed we are about the whole matter! How ungrateful to our Saviour and how lacking in zeal for Him! How cold-hearted, dead, and unaffected we are toward lost souls!

Our hearts should be broken for souls! Our hearts should be burdened for Christ's Gospel! Our zeal should be a flame to spread the Heavenly Good News of free pardon to the very chief of sinners through Him!

It is a wonder God does not spue us out of His mouth. But no, He is kind, tender, loving, long-suffering and merciful, all the more revealing how gracious He is toward us wretches. Oh, that He would burden us for His work until we could think of nothing else! That we would spend for nothing else! That we would be satisfied with doing nothing else!

May God in His grace give us the burden and concern that we ought to have for His Gospel and the souls of men. May He not let us be dead, cold, unconcerned recipients of His mercy, but living, warm, compassionate servants who love Him because He first loved us.

every man says, "What I have, I earned because of the strength of my right arm." God says, "Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth."—Deut. 8:18. Beloved, you need to remember that every blessing you have is of the Lord. When you pull up your chair to a table today, regardless of what is on it, it is from the Lord. Believe me when I say we should thank God because He supplies our bodily needs.

V.

THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION.

The Apostle Paul thanked God for the glorious doctrine of election. Listen:

"But we are bound to give THANKS always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning CHOSEN YOU to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."

Notice, Paul is thanking God for election, and I am thankful for it, too. Where would I be if God hadn't chosen me? I'll tell you where I'd be. I'd be where every Arminian sinner is this morning. If God hadn't chosen me, I never would have chosen Him.

What man is there that would have ever chosen the Lord. You say, "But, Brother Gilpin, I remember the day and the hour when I chose the Lord." Yes, beloved, you made a little, feeble choice that was merely the ratification of Almighty God's eternal choice. Listen:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."—John 15:16.

Yes, beloved, Paul thanked God for the doctrine of election, and whenever I think of my salvation, I go down on my knees and I say, "Thank you, Lord, not only for the fact that back yonder when I was sixteen years old the Lord saved a wayward boy; not only for the fact that (Continued on page 4, column 1)

THE YEAR of JUBILEE

(Isaiah 61:1)

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me: because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

The allusion in these words is to the Jewish year of Jubilee.

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The Jewish Jubilee commenced at the close of the day of atonement. This is a true type of the way in which spiritual blessings are exclusively introduced to mankind. There could be no Jubilee for us, a race of lost guilty sinners, unless an all-prevalent atonement had previously purchased our pardon.

Peace and hope and joy for renovated man can come in happy Jubilee only from the atonement of Christ.

Because of His death there is proclaimed in all the world the acceptable year of the Lord. The Jubilee brought rest from exhausting labour. In a sense, is not rest for the weary just what we want? The Saviour's most gracious invitation, addressed to a world of heavy laden, contains within it a promise of rest.

The Jewish Jubilee brought the restoration of alienated property. We alienated our inheritance by sin. God's favour was turned away: God's fellowship was interrupted: God's image was defaced. Christ has rescued this forfeited inheritance, and will not refuse to enrich any man who comes to Him.

The Jewish Jubilee brought freedom to the slave. Christ has come to bring liberty to the captives. From the strongest chains Christ can deliver. "If the Son make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Are you going to listen to the voice of the Gospel trumpet? Or are you shutting your ears?

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Jesus Christ two thousand years ago died on the cross of Calvary for my sins; not only for the fact that God knew me from all eternity, but I go down on my knees and I say, "Thank you, Lord, because before you ever laid down a single rock or ever caused a of the soil, you had already chosen me, so that I am older than creation, spiritually speaking. Therefore, when God looks at me, He sees me as chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. I am older than creation in the sight of God. I thank God today for this glorious doctrine of election."

VI.

THE TRIUMPH OF THE GOSPEL.

Paul thanked God for the triumph of the Gospel. We read:

"Now THANKS be unto God, which always CAUSETH US TO TRIUMPH IN CHRIST, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place."—II Cor. 2:14.

I am not worried one particle about any of God's elect going to Hell. I am not worried about the outcome of the Gospel ministry. I am not worried one particle as to what is going to be the final result. I tell you, every

table and every chair and every mansion that God prepared in eternity past is going to have an occupant out yonder. Listen:

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me."—John 6:37.

Beloved, there is not going to be any failure. You say, "Well, the Lord seems like He is trying so hard to save people." No, beloved, God isn't trying to save people. God isn't trying to do anything. The fact of the matter is, God never tries to do anything. God just isn't in the trying business. God saves His elect. God never has tried to do anything—God just does what He wants done. He is a sovereign, omnipotent God, and He does that which pleaseth Him.

Whenever I think of this — whenever I realize that God is sovereign — whenever I realize that He does exactly what He wants to do, and is doing and accomplishing His will in the army of Heaven and among the sons of men — whenever I realize this, I come with Paul and I say, "Thank you, Lord, for the triumph of the Gospel."

Don't think for one moment's time that we are fighting a losing battle. You may lose a skirmish now and then, but I learned a long time ago that skirmishes don't mean much. Every once in a while when we have had some big problem — and we have gone through some really big difficulties — we have lost a few skirmishes, but, you know, the skirmish doesn't mean much. Father, it is the big battle that counts. I'll tell you one thing, I am not fighting a losing battle. The old Gospel of Jesus Christ is going to prevail. It is going to win. It is going to triumph. Yes, everyone that God chose unto Himself shall come to Christ.

VIII

THE RECEPTION AND THE EFFECTUAL WORKING OF THE WORD OF GOD IN OTHERS.

Paul thanked God for the reception and the effectual working of God in others. Listen:

"For this cause also THANK WE GOD without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which EFFECTUALLY WORKETH also in you that believe." — I Thess. 2:13.

Notice, Paul says these folk at Thessalonica not only received the Word of God, but it effectually worked in them.

Then when Paul wrote to the church at Rome he made a similar statement, for we read:

"But God be THANKED, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." — Rom. 6:17.

Now what is he saying? He is thankful for the reception and the effectual working of the Word of God.

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All the questions in this series come from a writer who lives at Louisa, Kentucky. Should you have questions that you would like to have answered, concerning me and my family or any phase of this work, I will be glad to try to answer them either in a private letter, in TBE, or both.

1. Are you near to any Americans, Missionaries or Otherwise?

No. While there are many Americans in the Territory of New Guinea, to my knowledge there are none in the Southern Highlands (other than 2 or 3 Roman Catholic Priests).

2. Am I correct that your Mission Station is in a rather remote region?

Yes, that is correct. The Southern Highlands comprises an area of 7,000 square miles and as yet there is no European population in the District, outside of Administration personnel and the staffs of the Mission stations. You probably have noticed the map that

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appears in TBE occasionally showing the location of the Mission station that we occupy. It will be noted on this map that we are very near the center of the island. There is no access to the Southern Highlands other than by air; however, there are some roads being built within the District itself. It is doubtful that a more remote and isolated place could have been found anywhere, even if we had been looking for such.

3. What do you do for medical help or hospitalization in case of serious sickness or injury.

As of yet we have not had to cross that bridge for we have had neither serious sickness nor injury. While we were at Bulolo I worked at the native hospital for some time and was able to gain a limited knowledge of medicines and their uses, the diagnosis of common ailments, and how to perform some types of surgery only in case there would be no other way out.

As for the natives, up to now, we have been unable to get any of them to leave the Tanggi area for medical treatment, therefore we do what we can to help them when they need medical aid. Pulling teeth is a common thing now with me. Suffice it to say that I have had to do many things in the way of medical attention that I had never done before I came here, nor would I expect to do them if I were not in a place like this, but there are times in a place like this that the laws of ethics are broken and soon forgotten.

As for my family, thus far I have been able to administer to our medical needs. The nearest hospital and doctor is at Tari which is about 40 miles from us. This is only a native hospital and would be used for Europeans only in case there was not time to get them to Goroka. Should any member of my family need an emergency operation, I would attempt to get them to Tari. If there were plenty of time I would take them to Goroka. If it were a matter of life and death within a couple of hours, I would do what I could. We are not tempting, but trusting God to prevent such happening to any of us. You might like to talk to the Lord about our needs along this line when you pray for us. I assure you we would be most grateful.

4. Are there people near you doing mission work under the sponsorship of any of the so-called Protestant Churches, or Roman Catholics?

Yes. There is a Brethren Mission at the Koroba air-strip, 15 miles from our house. There is a Catholic Mission at Koroba, 13 miles from our house. And there is a Wesleyan Mission (off-shoot of the Methodist) about 6 and one half miles, or half-way between Koroba and our house. The Wesleyans are in the process of erecting a meeting house within about 40 minutes walk from our station. New Guinea has more missionaries, so-called, for its population, than any place in the world.

5. Would there be certain items of foods (canned or otherwise) that friends of yours in America might send to you and your family?

Yes, most foods can be imported into New Guinea; however, there are certain types that cannot. For instance, no pork is allowed into the Territory unless it has been cooked or special import license has been obtained. Anything with uncooked nuts in it is not supposed to enter the Territory, however, in some cases they do let them through. If anyone is really interested in sending things along that line and is in doubt as to what can be sent, a letter to the office of the Australian Consulate General, 636 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. would bring you information as to what could or could not be imported into the Territory.

6. When you are away in your work, and your wife and children are left behind alone, do any of the natives stay with them, or would they be of any real help?

If you mean, "Do any of the natives stay in the same house with them," the answer is no. There are some natives that work and live in the Mission grounds all the time. Your question is not quite clear to me as to just what you mean by "would they be of any real help?" If you mean, would they be of any help to the family in case of an attack by other natives, the answer would be no, for they would be the first to run; but if you mean, would they be of any real help in carrying on the normal duties of the household or other work around the mission, the answer would be yes. While they need very close supervision and that frequently, some of them are quite efficient in their work.

7. Are there any specific needs or wants of you or your family that friends in America might try to provide?

At present our "specific" needs are being taken care of. Not too long ago we sent Bro. Gilpin a list of several things we needed and he is attempting to secure part or all of them for us. If any of you would like to help him in the financial end of these things I feel sure he could use the assistance. A letter to him would advise you how you could help. As to our general needs they are great and like Jesus said about the poor, they are with us always. It takes just about double the amount to live here as it does on the coast. I sometimes feel re-



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luctant to name things that we need due to the fact that folk back in America don't fully understand the conditions here and wouldn't understand why we would need certain items; so to avoid lengthy explanations and possible misunderstandings we have felt, generally, that it would be best for the Lord's people to send us the money and let us buy the things that we see that we have need of. Also in that manner we do not accumulate a lot of things we don't need and are able to put the Lord's money to the best possible use.

8. I have prayed much over your wife's being alone with the children when you are away: Are they in any real danger from the natives who might molest them in some manner?

Personally we have no fear of the native people and do not believe they would harm the family either in my presence or my absence. However, we try to never forget that these folk are savages, were born in savagery and have lived that way no doubt ever since they have been on this island and that the present generation will most likely die that way. Therefore, we try to move among them without fear, but cautious and ever mindful of the fact that only a few short years have elapsed since they were fierce tribal warriors killing and raiding just to have something to do and that just as certain wild beasts can be partially tamed but never fully trusted, we try to take every precaution that we would do nothing that would cause these people to turn on us in their savagery and kill as they once did. These people are the most temperamental of any that I have seen in New Guinea and it takes keen discernment and quick action even now to avoid trouble with them at times. I try to make Hebrews 4:16 my daily motto. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Beloved, my needs are always great but God's grace is greater, always greater, than all of my needs and all my sins. Praise Him for His matchless grace.

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try to refute the pratings of the enemies of God's Word. It is degrading and unedifying to wade through the fire of their vile objections and thus besmirch ourselves and our readers.

From a positive standpoint, I believe the Bible to be literally the Word of God. From the account of creation to the promise of Christ's coming; from the "in the beginning" to the last "amen," I believe every word, of every book of the Bible, to be of God and not merely the word of man. There are some accounts given in the Bible which are objectionable to men. The account of the Tower of Babel, the account of the sun standing still, (Continued on page 5, column 4)

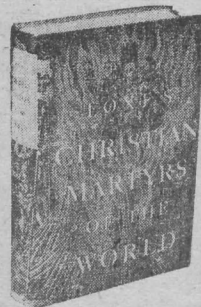
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me message and the contrasted effect it will have on these two individuals. Years ago, I preached one Sunday morning when a woman and a girl who worked in her home attended the services. After the services were over and they were walking home, this woman, thrilled by the message that I had preached, said to this girl, "Wasn't that a great message that God gave Brother Gilpin this morning?" What do you suppose the girl said? She said, "To tell you the truth, I was almost bored to tears."

I ask you, how do you account for the fact that the message was blessing, and encouragement, and cheer to one individual, and to the other she was "bored to tears?" I'll tell you, beloved, how it is. The Word of God effectively worked in the life of one, whereas the Word of God did not effectively work in the life of the other. I learned a long time ago that no two people accept the Word in the same manner. They can only receive it as the Holy Spirit applies it to their hearts.

As Paul looked back over his ministry he thanked God because of the reception and the effectual working of the Word of God in others, and I thank God, too, that the Word of God effectively enters and works in the lives of individuals.

IX

ALL OF LIFE'S EVENTS.

Paul thanked God for all of life's events. I suspect, though, he had a hard time thanking God when those 199 strokes fell upon his back. It wasn't a bit pleasant when they walked away from him one time and left him for dead, after having stoned him. I suspect that Paul had a hard time saying, "Thank you, Lord, for the stones." However, when Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus he said:

"GIVING THANKS always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." — Eph. 5:20.

Paul made a similar statement when he said:

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"In EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — I Thess. 5:18.

Look backward over your life with all the problems, all the difficulties, all the joys, all the burdens, all the sunshine, all the rain, all the pain, all the health, when it looked like, all things were against you. Paul said, "Giving thanks always for all things." Paul knew that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28). Beloved, all the burdens that you have had—this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. All the hardships and headaches that you have had is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

I tell you, it puts me to shame when I think how I complain and fret and grumble about the things that take place in the world. I am reminded of the poem which says:

"When the weather is wet, we must not fret,
When the weather is warm, we must not storm;
When the weather is cold, we must not scold,
But be thankful together, whatever the weather."

Yes, beloved, regardless of what comes, we are to thank God for it. Paul thanked God for all the events of his life.

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FRIENDS.

Paul thanked God for his friends. Listen:

"Whom when Paul saw, he THANKED GOD, and took courage." — Acts 28:15.

This is the end of that journey that I referred to a moment ago which resulted in a shipwreck. After some months on the island of Melita they got a ship and went on towards Rome. When they arrived at Appii forum, some few miles out of Rome, the Word of God says friends heard of his coming, and came out to meet him. Then Paul saw them, he thanked God for them.

I don't know of anything, humanly speaking, that ought to make a man thank God for more, than for his friends. I think I have had my share of both enemies and friends.

Years ago, I was in a hospital one night making a call. I was talking to one of the nurses who was a member of the church of which I was then pastor. The superintendent of nurses saw me speaking with her and later said to this lady, "Brother Gilpin must be well liked, for he visits here in the hospital so much." The lady's answer was, "You don't know the half of it." She said, "To tell you frankly, nobody likes Brother Gilpin. They either love

him or they hate him."

What could mean more to the Apostle Paul than this experience! He had been several days on the vessel when it looked like they were going to the bottom of the sea. They had been several weeks on the island of Melita when they were waiting for a ship to go to Rome. Now as he hears Rome friends hear of his coming and they come out to meet him. What could be more encouraging after a season on the sea and on a desert isle? What could have been more encouraging than to have friends come out and meet him as far as Appii forum? No wonder he thanked God and took courage.

Beloved, you and I ought to be thankful for the friends that we have in Christ Jesus, for after all, they are the only friends that amount to anything.

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THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Paul was thankful for the Lord Jesus Christ. He said:

"THANKS be unto God for his UNSPEAKABLE GIFT." — II Cor. 9:15.

Why was Jesus described as the "unspeakable gift"? Beloved, He was unspeakable. Paul nor no one else could describe the Lord Jesus Christ fully. I might tell you the sun is shining, but I couldn't tell you how it is shining. I couldn't tell you how beautiful it is. It is unspeakable. It is beyond words to compare. I might tell you that the moon is beautiful and might describe it for you, but I couldn't tell you how beautiful. It is beyond my ability and my vocabulary to tell you how beautiful it is. Beloved, Paul couldn't find the words to describe the Lord Jesus Christ. He referred to Him as "God's gift." He said, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Beloved, when I remember that I am a saved man and on my way to Heaven, that I am pastor of a church that thrills my heart to be the pastor of, when I remember that I am surrounded by friends and loved ones who love the

"LOVE AND GRACE"

As I walk along life's weary way,
I shall pray for more of his Love and Grace,
In order that I might run the race.
When that race has been run,
He will say, "Well done, my son,
Enter into thy rest."

—Bobby Dash

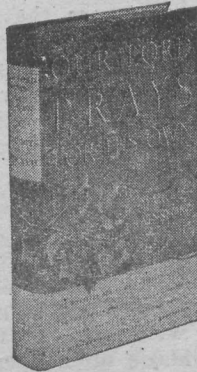
Lord, when I recall that ultimately, after while, I am going to be with Jesus, when I realize that it has all been made possible because of Jesus Christ, I say, like Paul, "Thank you, Lord, for your unspeakable gift."

I ask you, what do you have for which to thank God? I know one thing. Regardless of what you may thank God for today, the one that you should thank Him most for is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, might it please God that as you leave this place you might go out realizing that Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was God's gift to you, and that you are saved, and you only have a hope for Heaven because of this "unspeakable Gift."

May God bless you!

OUR LORD PRAYS FOR HIS OWN



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The sub-title of this volume is "Thoughts on John 17." The reader will find herein some marvelous, inspiring comments on one of the most precious portions of God's Word.



This is Rhoda, our little girl, with her two dolls in the midst of several natives. Some of the natives showed signs of being afraid of the dolls. All were curious and many of them followed her around for quite awhile. Our children used to be afraid of the natives but now they walk around in their midst without any fear.—Fred Halliman.

The Bible

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the account of the fish swallowing Jonah and anything miraculous in the Bible is rejected by many. I believe the Bible to be true from beginning to end. It alone is infallible, of all the books the world can offer.

I believe that the King James version, though not perfect may be considered as God's gift to English-speaking people and that the Holy Spirit has seen fit to place in the hearts of His people the approbation of this translation. Of all the English versions that exist, this particular version has withstood the ravages of time and holds first place in the hearts of God's people. This would come under the subject of the **preservation** of God's Word. **Inspiration** is another thing.

"Inspiration extends only to the original text, as it came from the pens of the writers, not to any translations ever made by man, however aged, venerable or good; and only in so far as any of these adhere to the original—neither adding to nor omitting from it one particle—are they of any real value, for, to the extent that they vary from the original, the doctrine of verbal inspiration is lost, so far as that version is concerned."

I believe the Word, as it came from the pens of such men as Moses and Paul, indeed all of the writers of the Bible, was breathed out by the Spirit of God and every jot and tittle, every single syllable, were God-breathed and consequently infallible. But this brings to mind another question: Do we have the original Word, as it came from the pens of the writers? No one knows where the original autographs are except God. It would seem that it has not pleased Him to preserve them. However, He gave His Word that we might have it and profit by it.

Therefore, I believe that the manuscripts from which our King James version is translated are the Word of God which has been handed down as a precious heritage or heirloom. We cannot place any confidence in the critics with all of their "textual criticism;" we are confused by their various renderings; it is bewildering to hear that this passage or that passage is "spurious;" therefore we can only accept by faith, with-

out question, the twin doctrines of verbal inspiration and preservation of the Word of God. This we find to be most edifying. Any other ground is sinking sand; a mere cheat subtly set forth by the arch-deceiver.

The Bible has much to say for itself concerning inspiration. We will consider some of the main passages. First, we are bound to think of Paul's commendation of Scripture to Timothy:

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

This is applicable, first of all, to the Old Testament Scriptures, as at that time the New Testament had not been completed. Paul is recommending the Law and Prophets to Timothy. However, it is equally applicable to the New Testament. Indeed, Peter ranks the epistles of Paul with the "other scriptures." Paul says the Scriptures are "given by inspiration of God."—II Peter 3:15-16.

A literal translation of the word here is "God-inspired" or "God-breathed." The Holy Spirit so preserved the writers from error that they are allowed to retain their own personality and to use their own vocabulary, yet the words are God's words and the thoughts God's thoughts. Paul sets forth the usefulness of the Scriptures as possessing the unique faculty of thoroughly equipping the man of God. This could not truthfully be said of any work of man.

Peter sets forth most clearly the doctrine of verbal inspiration: "The prophecy came not in old (Continued on page 6, column 1)

"EKKLESIA"-- THE CHURCH

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"FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME"—

Romish "God" Is Dropped Into A "Slop Pail"

BY CHARLES CHINIQUY

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

About the middle of March, 1839, I had one of the most unfortunate days of my Roman Catholic priestly life. At about two o'clock in the afternoon, a poor Irishman had come in haste from beyond the high mountains, between Lake Beauport and the River Morency, to ask me to go and anoint a dying woman. It took me ten minutes to run to the church, put the "good god" in the little silver box, shut the whole in my vest pocket and jump into the Irishman's rough sleigh. The roads were exceedingly bad, and we had to go very slowly. At 7 p. m. we were yet more than three miles from the sick woman's house. It was very dark, and the horse was so exhausted that it was impossible to go any further through the gloomy forest. I determined to pass the night at a poor Irish

cabin which was near the road. I knocked at the door, asked hospitality, and was welcomed with that warmhearted demonstration of respect which the Roman Catholic Irishman knows, better than any other man, how to pay to his priests.

The shanty, twenty-four feet long by sixteen wide, was built with round logs, between which a liberal supply of clay, instead of mortar, had been thrown, to prevent the wind and cold from entering. Six fat, though not absolutely well - washed, healthy boys and girls, half naked, presented themselves around their good parents, as the living witnesses that this cabin, in spite of its ugly appearance, was really a happy home for its dwellers.

Besides the eight human beings sheltered beneath that hospitable roof, I saw, at one end, a magnificent cow, with her new-born calf, and two fine pigs. These last two boarders were separated from the rest of the family only by a branch partition two or three feet high.

"Please your reverence," said the good woman, after she had prepared the supper, "excuse our poverty, but be sure that we feel happy and much honored to have you in our humble dwelling for the night. My only regret is that we have only potatoes, milk and butter to give you for your supper. In these backwoods, tea, sugar and wheat flour are unknown luxuries."

I thanked that good woman for her hospitality, and caused her to rejoice not a little by assuring her that good potatoes, fresh butter and milk, were the best delicacies which could be offered to me in any place. I sat at the table, and ate one of the most delicious suppers of my life. The potatoes were exceedingly well cooked — the butter, cream and milk of the best quality, and my appetite was not a little sharpened by the long journey over the steep mountains.

I had not told these good people, nor even my driver, that I had "Le Bon Dieu," the good god, with me in my vest pocket. It would have made them too uneasy, and would have added too much to my other difficulties. When the time of sleeping arrived I went to bed with all my clothing, and I slept well; for I was very tired by the tedious and broken roads from Beauport to these distant mountains.

Next morning, before breakfast and the dawn of day, I was up, and as soon as we had a glimpse of light to see our way, I left for the house of the sick woman after offering a silent prayer.

I had not traveled a quarter

of a mile when I put my hand into my vest pocket, and to my indescribable dismay I found that the little silver box, containing the "good god," was missing. A cold sweat ran through my frame. I told my driver to stop and turn back immediately, that I had lost something which might be found in the bed where I had slept. It did not take five minutes to retrace our way.

Opening the door I found the poor woman and her husband almost beside themselves, and distressed beyond measure. They were pale and trembling as criminals who expected to be condemned.

"Did you not find a little silver box after I left," I said.

"Oh my God!" answered the desolate woman; "yes, I have found it, but would to God I had never seen it. There it is."

"But why do you regret finding it, when I am so happy to find it here, safe in your hands!" I replied.

"Ah, your reverence, you do not know what a terrible misfortune has just happened to me, not more than half a minute before you knocked at the door."

"What misfortune can have fallen upon you in so short a time," I answered.

"Well, please your reverence, open the little box and you will understand me."

I opened it but the "good god" was not in it! Looking in the face of the poor distressed woman, I asked her, "What does this mean? It is empty!"

"It means," answered she, "that I am the most unfortunate of women! Not more than five minutes after you had left the house, I went to your bed and found that little box. Not knowing what it was I showed it to my children and to my husband. I asked him to open it, but he refused to do it. I then turned it on every side, trying to guess what it could contain; till the devil tempted me so much that I determined to open it. I came to this corner, where this pale lamp is used to remain on that little shelf, and I opened it. But, oh my God! I do not dare tell the rest."

At those words she fell on the floor in a fit of nervous excitement — her cries were piercing, the mouth was foaming. She was cruelly tearing her hair with her own hands. The shrieks and lamentations of the children were so distressing that I could hardly prevent myself from crying also.

After a few moments of the most agonizing anxiety, seeing that the poor woman was becoming calm, I addressed myself to the husband, and said: "Please give me the explanation of these strange things?" He could hardly speak at first, but as I was very pressing he told me with trembling voice; "Please your reverence; look into that vessel which the children use, and you can perhaps understand our desolation! When my wife opened the little silver box she did not observe the vessel was there, just beneath her hands. In the opening, what was in the silver box fell into that vase, and sank! We were all filled with consternation when you knocked at the door and entered."

I felt struck with such unspeakable horror at the thought that the body, blood, soul and divinity of my Saviour, Jesus Christ, was there, sunk into that vase, that I remained speechless, and for a long time did not know what to do. At first it came into my mind to plunge my hands into the vase and try to get my Saviour out of that sepulchre of ignominy. But I could not muster courage to do so.

At last I requested the poor desolate family to dig a hole three feet deep in the ground, and deposit it, with its contents, and I left the house after I had forbidden them from ever saying a word about that awful calamity.

In one of the most sacred books of the laws and regulations of the Church of Rome (Missale Ro-

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

I Shall Not Want

I SHALL NOT WANT REST.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

I SHALL NOT WANT REFRESHMENT.

He leadeth me beside the still water.

I SHALL NOT WANT FORGIVENESS.

He restoreth my soul.

I SHALL NOT WANT GUIDANCE.

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

I SHALL NOT WANT COMPANIONSHIP.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me.

I SHALL NOT WANT COMFORT.

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

I SHALL NOT WANT FOOD.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

I SHALL NOT WANT JOY.

Thou anointest my head with oil.

I SHALL NOT WANT ANYTHING.

My cup runneth over.

I SHALL NOT WANT ANYTHING IN THIS LIFE.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

I SHALL NOT WANT ANYTHING IN ETERNITY.

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Bible

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time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." —II Peter 1:21. Nothing could be plainer than the fact that the Bible claims to be of God and not of the will of man. This should be sufficient for the honest inquirer. However, the carnal man would not be satisfied with any proof. No matter how much proof one might offer, he would not believe. It is no difficult matter for the Spirit-enlightened believer to accept the fact of the Bible's inspiration.

We might inquire as to what the benefits of accepting the Bible as the Word of God would be. What better place could we seek such information than the Bible itself?

First, the Bible is used in the conversion of the soul of man: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." — Psalm 19:7. "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." — James 1:18. We are saved by faith and "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." — Romans 1:17. Those who are saved are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." — I Peter 1:23.

Again, the Bible is used for instruction: "the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7. It is "profitable for instruction in righteousness." "The holy scriptures" are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." — II Timothy 3:15-16.

Believing the Bible and resting on its promises brings joy to the heart: "The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart." — Psalm 19:8.

Many other things could be said of the Bible. It "enlightens the eyes," "reproves," "corrects," "thoroughly furnishes unto all good works" and is "sweeter than honey and more to be desired than gold." As David said of Goliath's sword, so may we say of the Bible, "There is no other like it." When trials fall and our souls waver, we may rest safely upon our Father's promises, which He has given us in the volume of His grace. This is our Guidebook, therefore it is no wonder that the Enemy would try to deprive us of the Word of God, or mar its message by using depraved men as his tools. We will trust in God's Word, by simple faith. After the works of men decay and the earth and the works therein are burned up, God's Word shall "live and abide forever."

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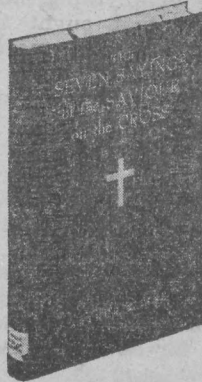
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Forbearance

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compromising my stand to fellowship with them? No, I will simply be forbearing with them in their error, praying for their truth. Yes, I would be compromising if I simply did this for selfish ends, for my own benefit, but if I do it for their sake and in the interest of the cause of Christ, I am forbearing.

Some brethren are not clear on every doctrine; I must forbear. Some belong to unscriptural religious movements; I must forbear. Some may be Masons or something else; I must forbear. I will never back down on what I believe, I will never cease standing for my convictions, but there are times when I must forbear with others.

The man who is seeking those with whom he can be in absolute agreement will soon find himself curled up in his own shell. The church that refuses to have fellowship with other churches that are generally sound in the faith will find itself "the only church the Lord has." The man who refuses to read a book which he doesn't agree with will be without a library.

Brethren, let's pray for the Lord to lead us in this matter of forbearing with one another. We all could stand a bit more of His grace, I'm sure.—BLR.

Divorce

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lives, that is true! No marriage is right without Him! At least, it will not be as blessed, although the married couple might live together until death. Christ is what makes marriage the happy experience that it can be. If your marriage has failed—or is failing—it is because Christ has not had the

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Report On Korean Missions

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Divorce

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in your married life that He
d have!

Mutual Faults

There is no person living who
not have his or her faults.
goes for you, too, if you will.
be honest. Notice this verse:
I have sinned, and come
of the glory of God" (Rom.
There is none righteous, no
one" (Rom. 3:10).

You see, while you might be
to point your finger at your
and rightly accuse that
of sin or some personality
you just take a look in the
sometime and see if you
point the finger at yourself

on a few points!

Wake up! There are no mar-
riages without difficulties! It
takes some bearing and forbear-
ing to "get along" lots of times!
If you divorce your present part-
ner and seek another, you'll find
faults again! Just look at the ex-
periences of others and see that
those who have tried a second
time or even more times have
found no perfect mate. Chances
are, the mate you now have is
just as good as any other you'll
find. You two just need Christ in
your home and have things re-
volve around Him!

The Bible

Of course, I guess you know
that God frowns upon divorce,
except when there is definitely
a Scriptural basis for it, and even
then the Christian mate is urged

to stick with the other mate, if at
all possible. Listen to the Bible:

"The woman which hath an
husband that believeth not (un-
saved) and if he be pleased to
dwell with her, let her not leave
him" (I Cor. 7:13).

"If any brother hath a wife
that believeth not, and she be
pleased to dwell with him, let
him not put her away" (I Cor.
7:12).

You may be a Christian; if so,
what is your responsibility in a
case where your mate is pleased
to dwell with you? You are not
to seek a divorce! If that mate
just habitually is guilty of adul-
tery and will not be pleased to
dwell with you, then there is cer-
tainly grounds for a divorce
(Matt. 5:32, 19:9). Or if that mate
deserts you, refusing to live with
you in the marriage contract, de-
spite your willingness to stay
with the mate, then you are "not
under bondage in such a case"
(I Cor. 7:15).

But is this really your problem?
Have you, as a Christian husband
or wife, gone to your mate and
said, "I love you and I want to
live with you as long as you will
live with me. I do not want a
divorce. That will be your deci-
sion, if it comes to that." Have
you done this, or had this atti-
tude?

Wives

Here is something from God's
Word that you, as a wife, need to
read very carefully before you
make any decision. In I Peter
3:1, 2:

"Likewise, ye wives, be in sub-
jection to your own husbands;
that, if any obey not the word,
they also may without the word
be won by the conversion (the
life) of the wives; while they be-
hold your chaste conversation
(your life) coupled with fear."

Dear wife, have you been liv-
ing in the light of this Scripture?
Have you even tried to? If not,
who is to blame for your trouble?
Certainly, your husband can't
shoulder all the blame if you
have not tried to live in the light
of the foregoing verses.

Also we read: "Wives, submit
yourselves unto your own hus-
bands, as unto the Lord. 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 everything" (Eph. 5:22-24).

The verse calls for you to be
"in subjection." You are to live
a chaste life, a reverent life. Your
unbelieving husband might be
won through such a life.

You might say, "I know I've
failed; but it's too late."

No, it's not too late if you will
just trust Christ as your Saviour
and ask Him to straighten things
out! There's nothing He can't
cure, not even your marriage
problems! Try Him and see!

Husbands

Now for you husbands, what
does the Bible say? We read in
Ephesians 5:25:

"Husbands, love your wives,
even as Christ also loved the
church, and gave himself for it."

Husband, have you loved your
wife? Christ went unto death to
show His love for the church;
have you gone that far to show
your love for your wife?

"But she does this and she does
that and—"

Wait a minute! This verse
doesn't say, "Love your wife if
she does everything just right."
No, it says you are to love your
wife as Christ loved the church!

Do you know what kind of
people it was for whom Christ
died? SINNERS! "Christ died for
the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6). If your
wife qualifies as a sinner, then
she is just like the people for
whom Christ died! Have you lov-
ed her as Christ loved those for
whom He died?

What Next?

Are you willing to admit that
you at least have not been fully
right, as judged by the Bible?
Will you admit that in the light
of the Bible you can't honestly
say you have been exactly what
God would have you to be as a
wife or husband? If you will ad-
mit this, then your marriage
might be saved and eventually
turn out to be a happy one.

The first thing you need to do,
however, is not related to your
mate. Your first need is to trust

Christ as your Saviour. Oh, you
could perhaps save your marriage
some way, but what about your
soul? Without Christ as your Sin-
bearer, you must suffer for your
sins in Hell.

"The wages of sin is death"
(Rom. 6:23).

"The wicked shall be turned
into hell" (Psalms 9:17).

If you are lost, you need to
just rely on Christ as your Sin-
bearer and be saved. Until that is
settled, your marriage is really
not so very important. Trust
Christ as your Saviour. The
Scripture promises:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus
Christ and thou shalt be saved"
(Acts 16:31).

"He that believeth on Him is
not condemned: but he that be-
lieveth not is condemned already,
because he hath not believed in
the name of the only begotten
Son of God" (John 3:18).

Have you ever, down deep in
your heart, relied on Christ as
your Sin-bearer? If not, rely on
Him right now and be saved.

Then go to your mate; tell that
mate you have trusted Christ and
try to lead that mate to do the
same. Tell the mate you have not
lived up to the teaching of the
Bible for a wife or a husband.
Tell that mate that you, by the
help of God, will from now on
try to live as God reveals in the
Bible, if that mate will just con-
tinue in the marriage contract.
Of course, if the mate refuses,
you can only resort to prayer,
asking God that He will inter-
vene.

If you are really concerned
about your marriage, and you are
not just wanting a divorce for
your own evil designs, then you
will give the advice in this mes-
sage some consideration.

Be honest with yourself. Be
honest with your mate. Be hon-
est with Jesus Christ! See if this
won't be much better for all con-
cerned than to hold bitterness,
vengeance, enmity, hatred and
malice in your heart. Seek to
make your life and the life of
your mate a happy life.

Note: Lord willing, we hope to
put this message into tract form
for distribution.



Kansas Pastor Calls New Paper "Marvelous Idea"

Comment by

Pastor Ray Schwartz

Temple Baptist Church
Hutchinson, Kansas

I think your paper is a marvelous idea. From the human
point, I think that it ought to do the job. Certainly, I
that the Lord is in it, or you would not go to the trouble
you have. I think that there is a great need for this type
ministry. And my church and I will be more than glad to do
part in seeing that this type of ministry is used in our com-
munity. I must give it more time and more thought and more
care as to how effectively we can use it. But it looks to me
there is a great possibility for this paper to be used in the
ministry of the lost. So count on me for our best, which may not
be very much, but it will be our best.

OTHER REMARKS:

publication and distribution.

Cordially yours,

A reader from Missouri.

P. S. It seems that when our
pastor is especially severe and
wrathful in attacking TBE, then
the Lord just brings a new bless-
ing. This week was the worst
ever and the next morning TBE
arrived with "Salvation."

Doesn't God comfort? Such
causes us to love Him a little
more and makes us desire to
please Him.

I have just read with interest
your plan to print another paper
beginning the first of January.

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and I honestly believe it will do
much good in the world in lead-
ing many to Christ as Saviour.

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tract ministry for some time and
this is the best opportunity I have
come across yet to do so.

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100 per month, and I want to
use many more than that if the
Lord provides for it.

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this apply to individuals? and
would it require the \$5.00 on each
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Lord and

Send the monthly paper, SALVATION, to every
lost person to whom you witness.

Thanksgiving

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tainly we are grateful to Him
for the blessings that He gives
us, and I am happy that once
a year we have the opportunity
of especially thanking Him for
these blessings.

In our local church (Calvary
Baptist Church of Ashland, Ken-
tucky) we had a good offering,
considering the size of our church.
The offering from our church was
\$165.38 for TBE, \$167.00 for Bro.
Crace's transportation to New
Guinea, \$10.00 for Bro. Halliman,
and \$100.00 for the mission work
of Bro. C. W. Bronson of Phillips-
burg, Kansas—a total of \$442.38.
This does not include that which
came to us in behalf of TBE
from other churches and indi-
viduals. This was merely the of-
fering of our own church on
Thanksgiving morning.

The month of November was
the best month of the year for
us, with the exception of June
(Rally Day). Our total offering
for the month was \$3,022.00. For
this we are exceedingly grate-
ful. It eases the burden consid-
erably concerning TBE.

Immediately after Thanksgiv-
ing my secretary became ill, and
we were very slow acknowledg-
ing the contributions. I am not
sure that all of them were ever
acknowledged. We labored un-

der adverse circumstan-
es in this respect, and it could be that
someone's offering was not ac-
knowledged. Please forgive us in
this respect if you have been
sighted in anywise, for it was
not our intention to do so. If
providentially we had been able
to work differently, we would
have acknowledged on time each
contribution with a personal
letter.

We are thankful for God's good-
ness to us in the services we
had on Thanksgiving Day. Con-
sidering the size of our church,
it was a large congregation. Truly
we are grateful for His goodness
to us by way of fellowship with
one another and with Him. The
sermon appearing in this issue
was preached on Thanksgiving
Day.

We rejoice for the many friends
that God has given us. Your
prayers and gifts in behalf of
this ministry have truly been a
great blessing to us. We just trust
that God will continue to bur-
den you for this work. Truly,
it is a wonderful privilege that
both you and we have in putting
forth the Word of God via the
printed page!

However, during December, we
fear many of you let the Devil
get hold of your pocketbook and
you spent your money for Christ-
mas instead of for Christ. As a
result, our work has not gone
forward as it would have other-

wise. We just pray that God will
move you to see the urgency of
spending for Christ instead of
the flesh and that you will come
to the aid of this printed minis-
try, helping to meet its needs and
further its work.

We just wish that there would
be enough churches and individ-
uals who would be burdened by
the Lord for this work so that
they would determine to pray and
give to this ministry in such a
manner we would never have to
ask for even one cent in this
work's behalf. Would you pray
for God to do this?

tion, or are you going to look in
some other direction? Well, after
you have tried your prayers, your
works, your feelings, or what-
have-you, you just remember that
the old, old Gospel still says:

"Look unto me, and be ye
saved, all the ends of the earth:
for I am God, and there is none
else" (Isaiah 45:22).

"I am the way, the truth, and
the life: no man cometh unto the
Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

"Come unto me, all ye that
labor and are heavy laden, and
I will give you rest" (Matthew
11:28).

(To be used in SALVATION)

Praise For TBE

(Continued from page one)
Gilpin, I thought you were pretty
"rank" and "way out." (I still
don't agree with all you hold
yet!) Through reading your pa-
per, and studying the Word, I
have come to realize as never be-
fore that Baptists are not "just
like other Christians." Boy, how
this used to rankle me—"Baptists
are right, etc." Well, I see it
now, praise God.

Your paper must be of inestim-
able worth to the man who will
frankly and fairly judge what he
believes by the Word of God—I
have found it so. I realize that I
have a long way to go, for I find
it necessary to re-examine all that
I believe, checking it by the Bi-
ble. Thanks be to our God, "Who
works in (us) both to will and to

CHRISTIAN GROWTH THROUGH TBE

TBE has been a blessing in our home for several years.
We have grown in grace and knowledge as we have read this
paper week after week. We know it has meant much to every
home it has entered. May God bless you and your staff in your
work for Him. You are brought often to our minds for prayer.

—Mr. and Mrs. Mendell Arnett, W. Va.

"No, She Wouldn't . . ."

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words:

"He that believeth on the Son
is not condemned" (John 3:18).

"He that believeth on the Son
hath everlasting life" (John 3:
36).

What about it, reader? Will you
look to Christ for your redemp-

do of his good pleasure." — Phil.
2:13. Keep on sounding out the
truth and we will pray God to
bless you and make all grace to
abound toward you.

In passing, I really enjoyed
"Mountain Musings," and really
think that I will be turning here
first, from now on.

Yours in the Saviour,
Pastor Bob DeVilbiss, Pa.

I heerd a moddurnist preech
on th' radio say that thars
littell good in all men. Well,
jest may be rite, but I'm afeer
that that littell good is speer-
chally good fer nuthin'.

Lots uf this h'ar religion wh
sez it is th' ginuwine ole-fas-
shuned stuff is jest as new-fan-
led as next week's hare-dooos.

Jethroe ("I loves to fuss") Mu-
ligan kornur'd me at th' ginu-
store an' ask me a question o
election. He sed, "Simon, I kno
ye believes election, but ain't
sumthin' like this: God votes f
ye, th' devil votes agin ye, a
yoursef brakes th' tie?" I se
"Jethroe, ye've bin liss'nin to t
much uf that thar talk what go
on up in th' kourtyard at t
county seet. Th' truth is, when t
Lord choze, thar wuzn't no ma
'round to vote an' th' devil ain
never bin a registur'd voter."

Ye ort to'v see'd that beed
mouthed preecher what held
meet'n over at Polecat Creek
Why, that feller's mouth wuz s
beeg that he cood swaller th
whale that swallered ol' Jony an
still have plenty uf room fer
catfish dinner. Howsom'ever, h
ain't preeched no Bible yit.
(More Musings Next Week)

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