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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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## A Moment Ago . . .

## DEATH INTERRUPTS

This little paper came to you. Do not throw it away. It is a brief message; yet, it may be the most far-reaching one you will ever receive in your life. Are you ready to live? You answer, "I have been born in this world, and have warm, blood flowing through my veins, and I am very much alive." Yes, you have natural life for which you would spend a fortune to keep, or even prolong a few days. But, have you given consideration to spiritual life? We know that physical life is in the blood. God's Word tells us that spiritual life comes through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:14)

We inherit a sinful nature through our natural birth, and are condemned to a physical spiritual death. "Wherefore saith one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned." (Romans 5:12).

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23).

Since a holy and righteous God will not permit sinful beings to enter Heaven, nor would He be just and righteous if He did, He has revealed divine love in providing redemption for our sin.

"For God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10).

Sin has to be atoned for (paid for) and God's only plan is by blood. He will not accept any man-made plan of reformation or ritual! His Divine Son was the only perfect sin offering.

"For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, . . . But with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet. 1:18, 19).

"For the wages of sin is death (eternal death) but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 6:23).

So you are not truly ready to live until you have received the gift of eternal life. If Christ has never been revealed to you, may you hear His message, "Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." (John 6:47).

## WHAT IS "RALLY DAY"?

By Bob L. Ross

Excluding divinely given spiritual blessings, I believe the greatest thing in life is SATISFACTION. Not wealth, not fame, not health (for many dissatisfied people have these) — but SATISFACTION.

A young child, with a stick for his pistol and an imagination to take him anywhere and to make him Buffalo Bill, Billy the Kid, (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Death interrupts life, plans, himself, saying "What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?" And he said, "This will I do: I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

The rich man said to his soul, "Eat, drink and be merry." He laughs for a minute of life; then weeps for eternity! God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul is required." Any man is a fool to go into eternity lost. A man's a fool to neglect salvation, the fold of safety, the love of Jesus; yet not saved!

God said, "this night! this night you die!" No more time to repent and prepare for the billions of eons in eternity! When death comes then you will be face to face with God—it may happen today.

A few weeks before I wrote this I was talking with a man about the uncertainty of life. I told him of the flight of time and brevity of life. Two days after that he was burned to death in a fire. He went into eternity unsaved!

Jesus tells us a similar story in Luke 12:16-21:

"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, the ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and he thought within

"So is he that layeth up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

This was not an old man. He was healthy, yet suddenly he died. He knew there was a God, yet was not ready to die. Pride goes before a fall. He planned to live a long while yet. "I will tear down my barns," etc., but you have no assurance of the future! Sinners are very slow and apt to linger. This man put off salvation too long.

The Bible says, "Awake thou that sleepest and Christ will give thee light." (Ephesians 5:14.)

Men are sleeping on the brink of an eternal hell, a lake of fire and brimstone, yet blind to it. Christ will give you light, eternal life, salvation, peace with God, if you will come to Him!

## THE THREE CLASSES OF PROFESSING CHRISTIANS

amid the much confusion and today as to the meaning of the word Christian, it is well to have an idea clear in our mind, is not to ignore the wide range one person takes, and narrow, although Scriptural, involved in the other. In fact it may be said that there are three classes of Christians, according to the phraseology of the National.

Are you a Christian?"

Do you think I am a heathen, Jew, or a Mohammedan, or that I belong to a Christian (England, Scotland, America, etc.). I am a member of the 'Church of England', was named as a baby, go occasionally to church, and hope to rest among Christian in the quiet churchyard."

Early indicating the mental difference between a follower of Jesus or Mohammed and of Christ, however nominal that assumption may be. Such can safely be named as a National Christian, according to the usage of to-day, whether or not such a designation can be found in the Scripture of Truth.

It is certainly better than being a heathen, and carries with it a greater responsibility, but it is little indeed if it means at all, as a salvation here, or heaven hereafter. Such should be reckoned among the "unborn" and sought after, and for, and borne on the cross, till won for Christ.

Nominal.

Are you a Christian?"

Well, I go to Church, say my prayers, try to live a decent life, occasionally read the Bible, look for the Mercy of God

very numerous class in civil countries today, and one

of the hardest to reach. Decent, respectable, meaning well, at times very like a Christian, they are dupes of the Devil, having got a policy instead of a Person, religion instead of the Redeemer, the shell instead of the kernel. We judge that many church members are of this class, and not a few in evangelical and other halls. Ask them are they saved? (Acts 16:31); Do they know anything of being "born again?" (John 3:3, 7). When and where were they converted? And you will realize that all they have got is the "normal" or "formal", and not the real.

"Of some have compassion, making a difference" (Jude 22) applies here. Pity them, bear with (Continued on page 8, column 2)

## SINFUL SINGING

By JACK JONES  
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There is no substitute for good, old-fashioned congregational singing. It gives us a feeling of "togetherness" as each one makes his or her contribution, feeble though it might be, toward making a joyful noise unto the Lord. Singing gives everyone an opportunity to join actively into the worship service.

Singing is also an educational experience. It teaches us many wonderful facts about the doc-

trines of God's Word. Many people learn about God through singing, who would never have learned about Him through reading the Bible. In fact, it may be fairly said, that some people have had their interest in God's Word deepened through singing the hymns of the church.

Again, singing warms our hearts and prepares us to listen attentively to the preaching of God's Word. Singing has always had an important part in the worship of God. We read in 1 Kings 4:32 concerning Solomon

that ". . . he spake three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five."

Singing is the language of Heaven. Throughout all eternity we who are saved by the grace of God will praise Him in song.

### Sinful Singing

And yet, we must face the fact that some singing done in our churches is sinful! It would sound better, no doubt, to tone that statement down a bit and say, "Some singing done in our churches is not too good"; but honesty demands that we adhere to the original statement, for there is no other word to describe some singing other than the word "sinful."

When does singing in church become sinful? It becomes sinful when the song's message is anti-Biblical. Anything, even a song sung in church, is sinful if it contradicts the doctrines of the Word of God and gives the lie to the teachings of Jesus Christ!

A song is sinful if it teaches salvation from sin by human works. A song is sinful if it teaches the God-dishonoring doctrine of "falling from grace" or losing one's salvation after one has been truly saved by God's grace.

### Examples

Listed below are some songs, taken from the book WORLD WIDE CHURCH SONGS, which teach directly or by implication, doctrines which are untrue, anti-Biblical and which slander Jesus Christ and bring shame and dishonor upon His precious name. Such songs, you will agree, cannot be sung. (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "TWENTIETH CENTURY FALSE PREACHERS"

(Read II Peter 2).

It is my desire to give to you a simple exposition of this second chapter of II Peter in the light of modern day experiences. I recognize that this is the one passage that all the "falling from grace" crowd use as a proof text. In fact, many times through the years gone by, some heretical preacher or individual who has sought to teach "falling from grace" has cited this passage to me. Usually he has brought up the last three or four verses which tell how these individuals have turned from righteousness after they had known it, and it is usually quoted in the light of the

last verse that by their turning back they were just the same as a dog that has turned to his vomit, or a sow that was washed and has turned back to her wallowing in the mire. As I say, it is one of the favorite proof passages of all the Bible for those who believe "falling from grace."

I remember several years ago talking with a preacher of another denominational persuasion, who believed in "falling from grace." He said, "I can give to you three examples in the Bible that you can't answer: Judas, the five foolish virgins, and the sow and the dog."

Well, I can answer them, be-

loved, and I'll briefly say this: a man who falls back on Judas, the five foolish virgins, a sow and a dog is indeed hard-pressed to prove his point, for he is actually falling back upon the devil, five foolish women, a sow and a dog to prove "falling from grace." If I couldn't muster any more Scriptures, or if I didn't have any better proof than an individual can be saved and then lost again, I think, to use a common expression, "I'd shut up."

However, I would like to give to you an exposition of this second chapter of II Peter.

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Living each moment with His face in view  
Than shrink from my path-way and fail to go thru."

Here again, the last phrase of the stanza is a dead give-away to the false theology of the writer and clearly and unmistakably teaches that we are kept saved by our hardships and good works. But what does the Bible say about all this? I Peter 1:3-5 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR YOU, WHO ARE KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

The Bible says that we are kept saved by God's power. This song says we are kept by our own works. Which will you believe? Would you say that a song which calls God a liar is not a sinful song? Do you think such a song is fit to be in the house of the Lord?

Now notice the chorus of this song:

"I'm going thru, yes, I'm going thru;  
I'll pay the price, whatever others do,  
I'll take the way with the Lord's despised few,  
I'm going thru, Jesus, I'm going thru."

Note especially the second line: "I'll pay the price, whatever others do,"

Pay the price for what? Why, the price of "going thru" or staying saved! What is that price according to this song? It is to "keep pace" (stanza two), it is to endure hardship (stanza three), it is not to "shrink from the path-way" (stanza three). In other words, to stay saved, we must work very hard. Otherwise we will fail to go thru."

But the Bible says in the words of Jesus Himself as found in John 10:27-30: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them Eternal life; (How long is 'eternal?'), and THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH (How long is 'never?'), neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."

Jesus says that He has saved us and He will keep us. This song says we must meet certain requirements in order to stay saved. This song calls Jesus a liar. Is such a song book worthy of a place in the house of the Lord?

This same false doctrine, that our final salvation depends upon our faithfulness rather than upon the faithfulness of God, is seen in song number 59, stanza four:

"When your journey is completed,  
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"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).

In what languages was the Bible first written?  
Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.

Where are the original copies of the Bible?

The original manuscripts of the Hebrew Old Testament and of the Greek Gospels and Epistles, etc., probably have all been worn out and discarded long ago. Copies were made by hand, used, recopied and discarded over and over again.

But in 1947 the entire book of Isaiah, with the exception of two very small breaks, was discovered in a cave northwest of the Dead Sea. The parchment had been hidden in an earthenware jar, wrapped in yards of cloth and covered with pitch. It is considered by experts to have been written during the first century B. C., fully 1,000 years before the oldest previously known Hebrew manuscript of a book of the Bible. The evidence points to the fact that this manuscript of Isaiah was undoubtedly in use when Christ was living. A few manuscripts since discovered may be even older.

The oldest Greek manuscripts of larger parts of the Bible are the Codex Sinaiticus, now in the British Museum, and the Codex Vaticanus, now in the Vatican. These were probably written in the fourth century and contain the Greek text of nearly the whole Bible. Old papyrus fragments exist in Greek.

How did the Bible get into English?

By the work of Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, and others, translating it from the original languages into English.

Wycliffe's Bible, 1383, the first English Bible, was written by hand.

Tyndale's New Testament, 1525, was the first printed English New Testament.

Coverdale's Bible, 1535, was the first printed English Bible.

The King James Bible, appeared in 1611. It was revised in England in 1885 and in the United States in 1901.

What were the date and place of the first printed Bible?

Between 1450-56 at Mainz, Germany, from the type devised by Johann Gutenberg. The Bible was in Latin, being printed from a contemporary manuscript of the Vulgate. There are between forty and fifty copies of the Bible known to be in existence. One copy is owned by the Congressional Library, Washington, D.C. This is said to be one of the three perfect copies and one of several printed on vellum. The cost of the Congressional Library copy was over \$300,000.

When was the first Bible printed in America?

The first Bible was printed in America in 1663 by the Indians of Massachusetts in their language. It was translated into the Massachusetts Indian language by John Eliot, a missionary.

What was the first Bible to be printed in America in European language?

A German Bible, printed by Christopher Saur in Germantown, Pennsylvania, in 1743.

When was the first English Bible printed in this country?

The English Bible was first printed in this country in 1782 by Robert Aitken in Philadelphia, with the approval and recommendation of the Congress.

How many verses, chapters and books are there in the Bible?

	Old Testament	New Testament	Total
Verses	23,214	7,959	31,173
Chapters	929	260	1,189
Books	39	27	66

The Bible was divided into chapters by Cardinal Hugo de Sancto-Caro about 1250.

The Greek New Testament was divided into verses by Robert Stephens, a French printer, in 1551, who is supposed to have done this work while riding on horseback between Paris and Lyons.

The first English Bible which carried both chapters and verse numbers was the Geneva Bible, published in 1560. The Bibles published today still use the same divisions for chapters and verses.

Into how many languages has some whole part of the Bible been translated and published?

The American Bible Society says that the Bible has been put into 1,181 languages as of December 31, 1900. The entire Bible has been published in 226 languages; complete Testament in 281 additional languages; and at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published in 674 languages. New languages are added to the list at the rate of about one a month.

How many languages and dialects are there in the world?

The French Academy lists 2,796. It is impossible to make an accurate list because of the difficulty of determining the distinction between dialects and because of various factors. It has been estimated that there may be about a thousand languages and dialects in which some parts of the Scriptures should still be translated and published.

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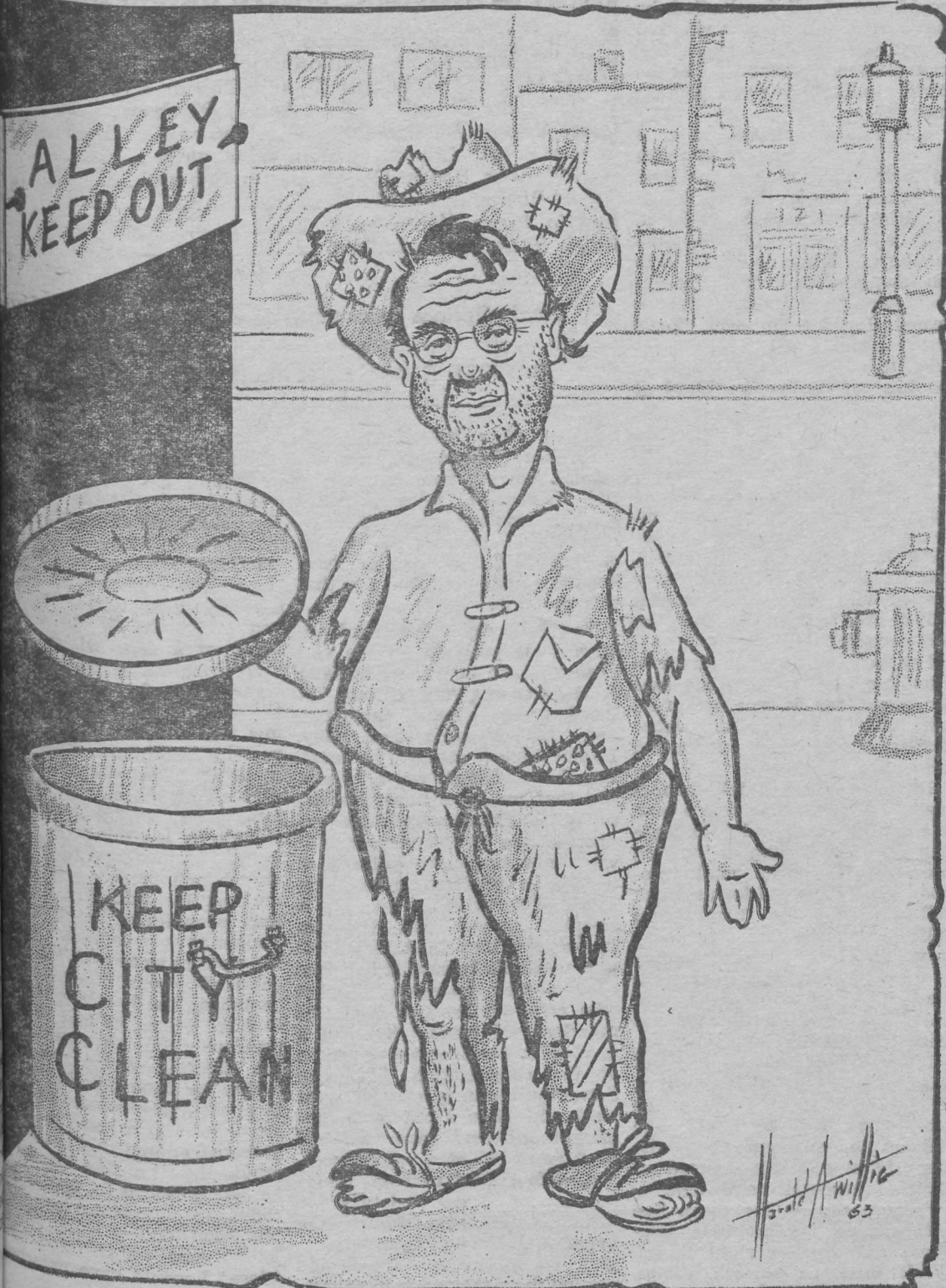
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AS ONE OF OUR READERS WISHES TO SEE US



"I hope to see you when your toes stick out the end of your shoes, your pants are ready to fall off, and you eat your food from the city garbage pails," so writes one of our readers.

Well, now, dear reader, you had better get a good look now, for I just don't believe you'll ever see it except in this picture. Has not the Psalmist said, "I have been young and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalm 37:25). Remember, I'm a "child of the King" and I believe He will care for His children—even for me. Do you remember Jesus said concerning food, drink and clothing, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mt. 6:33)?

Even if such should come to pass, hasn't He promised grace for every trial? I confess that during the depression in the early thirties I preached with holes in my shoes. My business, then and now, was to be faithful, and that I have tried to be. How wonderfully He has cared for me!—J.R.G.

Sinful Singing

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to God you have been true, and bright the home in glory, your enraptured soul will view!"

Notice that your chances of getting to Heaven depend not on God's faithfulness as the Bible teaches, but upon the question of your faithfulness! Your final salvation has been made to depend on your teaching of this song) on your faithfulness in God's

price. This be true, just who has been faithful enough to "deserve" Heaven when this life is over? If our final salvation depends upon our being "true" to God, then none of us will ever get that blessed place! This is because God demands a perfect righteousness and we are sinners by nature and by choice. Only the righteousness of Christ is perfect and therefore, those depending entirely on their own righteousness, will have the necessity of a righteousness to enter Heaven.

song number 82 "Can He Deliver You"? Stanza two says: "I arose from the grave on the third day, and I will arise again to disclose;

Go preach the gospel, all who will may hear, thru Him be free from all fear; Bid them believe, to repent and obey . . ."

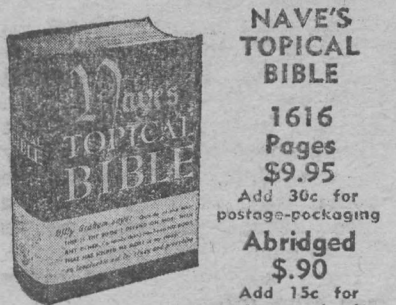
This is pure Campbellite doctrine. Paul said in I Corinthians 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; . . . how that

Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

These are the facts of the Gospel. This is the only gospel God ever had. How would a person "obey" the death, burial and resurrection of Christ? You cannot "obey" it but you can and must BELIEVE it to be saved. In this song, obedience is made a part of the Gospel for the simple reason that this song was intended to teach salvation by human works.

Furthermore, the Bible IN NO PLACE teaches that repentance comes after and follows faith in Christ. When the two are mentioned together, faith ALWAYS follows and is preceded by repentance. That repentance follows faith is one of the primary doctrines of the church founded by Alexander Campbell. Faith means to "believe in" or "rely upon," while repentance means to "turn from." Therefore, if repentance follows faith then a man must believe in Christ and then turn from that belief and repudiate that faith!

Do you think a song-book which teaches any such heresy is



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the book from which Baptists should sing?

Song 227, "My Soul, Be On Thy Guard," Stanza one says: "My soul be on thy guard, Ten thousand foes arise;

The hosts of sin are pressing hard To draw thee from the skies."

If this doesn't teach that the Devil has the power to take away the salvation of the careless Christian and prevent him from entering Heaven when he dies, then the English language has no meaning at all. "To draw thee from the skies" is not talking about the loss of rewards, it is talking about the loss of salvation. God has promised to keep His children. Is the Devil stronger than God? According to this song he is. Do you believe this?

Song number 117, "The Last Mile Of The Way," stanzas one and two say:

"If I walk in the path-way of duty,  
If I work till the close of the day;  
I shall see the great King in His beauty  
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

the way."

This song teaches salvation by human works so clearly that a child can see it. Here we see salvation to be dependent not on what Christ did for us but rather on what we do for Christ. When Jesus died on the Cross, He said, "It is finished" meaning the entire work of redemption was completed. Jesus paid the full price for our sins. There need be nothing added to His precious blood. In the words of a far nobler song:

"Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe.  
Sin has left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow."

And yet, we learn from this song ("The Last Mile Of The Way") that Jesus must have been mistaken—He did not finish the work of redemption at all! But, the song continues, We can do by our feeble, sinful works what the Son of God could not do with His perfect righteousness and sacrificial death! What blasphemy! What utter rot! What a reproach on the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour!

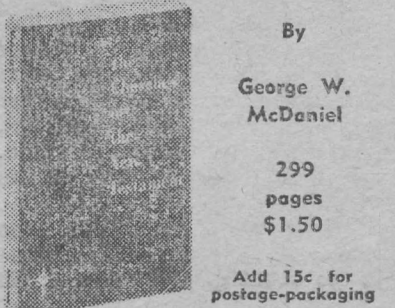
"If I walk", "If I work", "If I seek", If, If, If,—For what purpose did Christ die? If our salvation depends on what we do, then He died in vain. Let us learn the truth of God's Word in I John 1:7 which says ". . . the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL SIN."

Salvation by works is "another gospel"—an error to be shunned by all who would honor God and His full, free, and complete salvation.

Paul said in Galatians 1:6-9, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

The judgment of God will surely fall upon those who twist and pervert His Holy Word. It is to no avail to praise and honor God in our preaching if we slander Him in our singing.

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If it pleases the Lord to so direct you, may you send us your contribution at once. Especially, may we ask that you really remember us at this Rally Day season. Last year, at this season, God gave us a little better than \$5000.00 by way of offering. We need that much, and more too, this year, to meet our pressing obligations.

## MAY WE COUNT ON YOU THIS RALLY DAY?

### "False Preachers"

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#### THERE WERE FALSE PROPHETS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

We have many references to false prophets in the Word of God. For example, God sent Amos to the city of Bethel to deliver His message, and when Amos had delivered the message of God in the city of Bethel, the priest—the preacher—the religious leader in the city of Bethel came out and rebuked Amos, saying:

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any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court."—Amos 7:12, 13.

You will notice in the light of this verse that there were false prophets in the Old Testament, for when Amos delivered a message that he had received specifically from the Lord, that message was challenged by the religious leader in the town, where God had him deliver the message. I say, beloved, there was a false prophet in the day of Amos.

If you will go back to the days when Micaiah was the true prophet of God, you will find that he came into contact with false prophets as well? Do you remember the time as is recorded in the book of I Kings, when Jehoshaphat and Ahab united their forces for battle? Jehoshaphat, who was the king of the southern two tribes, and Ahab, who was king of the northern ten tribes, got together to oppose the Syrians at Ramoth-gilead. Immediately after they had made their alliance, Jehoshaphat said, "We had better pray about the matter."

Isn't that pretty much human nature? The time to have prayed was before they got together. The time to have prayed was before they made their plans to go out to war against Syria. But after they had already made their plans, then it was that Jehoshaphat said, "Well, I think we had better pray."

This reminds me of the time sometime ago when a fellow came to see about getting married. He said, "We have decided to get married and we want you to pray to see whether or not it is the Lord's will." I said, "Man, there is not a bit of use of me praying. If you have decided to get married, all the praying in this world that I'd do would never stop you."

I remember a woman who came to me one day and asked me if I would pray with her about how

she ought to be baptized, whether she ought to be sprinkled or immersed. I said, "No, sister, I would not at all insult God by asking Him to show you whether or not you should be sprinkled or immersed, because God in the Bible has already given you the answer."

You know, beloved, it is a simple thing for people to make up their minds to do something, and then run to the Lord and ask Him if it is right to do it. That is the story in this 22nd chapter of I Kings so far as Ahab the king of Israel, and Jehoshaphat, the king of Judah were concerned. Jehoshaphat said, "Let's pray," after he had already decided to go out to battle against the king of Syria. The Word of God tells us how all the prophets came around and said, "That is the thing to do. You go on to battle." One fellow by the name of Zedekiah made a pair of horns and put them upon his head, and he ran around pushing against posts and trees and individuals, and he said, "Just like I have pushed with these horns, so you will be able to push the Moabites, and destroy them."

I suppose all that fan play was interesting so far as Ahab was concerned, for he was not at all spiritually inclined, but Jehoshaphat wasn't fully persuaded yet.

In other words, Jehoshaphat realized that Micaiah was a man of God. But Ahab said, "No, there is no need in calling in that old preacher. He never would prophesy anything good for us. Don't call him." However, Micaiah was called in, and he gave a prophecy in which he said, "You are going to utter destruction and sure defeat." Then all those false prophets rose up and "hooted" at Micaiah's prophecy.

Beloved, there were plenty of false prophets in Micaiah's day. In fact, all down through the years there have been men who claimed to represent God, who were false prophets, instead of God's representatives. Listen:

"Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, PROPHECY DECEITS." — Isa. 30:10.

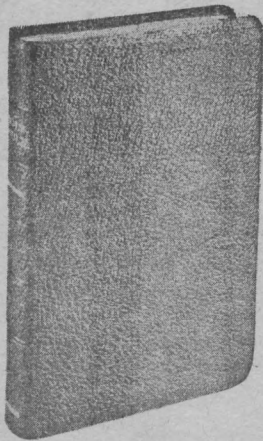
You can naturally imagine that if the people of the Old Testament asked for smooth things, and for deceits to be prophesied unto them, and asked that right things not be prophesied—you can be certain that doubtlessly there were plenty of preachers and prophets that acceded to their request, and prophesied exactly as the people wanted them to prophesy. Jeremiah said:

"The PROPHETS PROPHECY FALSELY, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so." — Jer. 5:31.

Why is it that the prophets prophesied falsely? Simply because people that were supposed to be God's people loved to have it that way.

I say then, they had plenty of false prophets back in the Old Testament. I could read to you

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instance after instance, and I could multiply example after example, showing you that in the Old Testament, false prophets were a common ordinary crop. However, I have read to you enough from these two or three instances that you can see that this was true.

Now Peter says, "Just like there were false prophets in the Old Testament, so shall there be false teachers among you." I think, beloved, we have sense enough to know that we have them today. I don't think it ought to be necessary that I multiply words by saying that we have false teachers today just like they had false prophets in the Old Testament. If it were not tragically pathetic it would be pitifully amusing to speak of a revival, or at least a so-called revival, that has been in progress here in Ashland this past week. To be sure, it has been conducted by a weeping prophet who cried and sobbed when he preached. Of course that had a good influence upon the emotions of the congregation. Then on Saturday morning of this past week, the singers put on a program that would have "wowed" most any kind of a public meeting, with sleight of hand tricks, humor and a real variety show, including a monkey. Of course the name of Christ was mentioned to give it a savory appearance and remind them they were in church. I need not tell you that they had many, many professions.

I am waiting anxiously, after having had my report of the meeting yesterday, to see how many converts are going to be reported as a result of this particular revival meeting.

Now, beloved, you can't tell me that Zedekiah's posterity all died, and that when he died and was buried that his horns were laid aside. You can't tell me that when the priest of Bethel, went down into the grave that all of his posterity died with him. I say to you, there are false preachers today, and false teachers today, just exactly like there were false prophets in the Old Testament.

I ask, who is responsible for all this teaching of a universal, invisible church? Who is responsible for the teaching that women are to be ordained to the ministry, and are to speak out in public assemblies the same as men? Who is responsible for the teaching that the Lord's Supper can be observed with grape juice and crackers just the same as if you were to use the elements that are laid down in the Word of God—namely unleavened bread and pure wine? Beloved, who is responsible for these teachings? I'll tell you. There were false prophets in the Old Testament and there are false teachers today. Just as in the Old Testament false prophets prophesied falsely because the people liked to have it that way, so today we have false teachers just because people like to have it that way.

I am not saying that every man who differs with me is a child of the Devil. I am not saying that every man who believes in the use of grape juice instead of wine is a child of the Devil. I am not saying that every individual who practices the mourner's bench is a child of the Devil.

I am saying this, that every one of those are heresies, and there are a tremendous number

of heretics in this world who made to be taken and destroyed in Hell. I am definitely of conviction, that if the blind, the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

I have told you before of the preacher who went out near-by country church one end to preach. He went home of a man whom known for thirty-five years was very weak spiritually. The preacher talked with the low who was a member of near-by country church. The preacher gathered from him, and that he represented church in his thinking. In the church, the preacher went to church and preached open communion. He told the folks they should practice the Supper as open communion. The services were over, they gathered around him and "mobbed him." It so happened that the fellow he had talked previously didn't represent the thinking of the church. In reality he stood practically in opposition to what he stood for. So when the fellow gathered around this preacher, rebuke him for this heresy. He had preached by way of communion, he said, "Now, I am terribly sorry; I know you wanted it 'close,' I would have preached that way."

I tell you, beloved, the preachers as they do, "my people love to have"

#### THESE FALSE TEACHERS PRIVILY BRING IN DOUBTFUL HERESIES.

False preachers don't stand up boldly and publicly preach their heresies. I want to tell you, beloved, that in his church for three years I was talking with him about the matter. He said, "You know, Brother, I have been here three years and it is just beginning to be spoken against. The people are just now realizing haven't preached one sermon the blood atonement in years' time." What had he brought in? I think I can multiply (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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# Why Wine Is To Be Used In The Lord's Supper

By T. P. SIMMONS

We have three reasons for holding that wine instead of grape juice should be used in the Lord's Supper. They are as follows:

**CHRIST USED WINE IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE SUPPER.** In order to ascertain the point we talked with one informed converted Jew and one Jewish Rabbi. The one is Eld. Henry Singer, while Superintendent of the new Christian Mission of Detroit, Michigan. When asked on point, Mr. Singer replied that the Jews of Christ's day used fermented wine in the Passover. Mr. Singer has a tract on "The Passover and the Lord's Supper," and in this tract he says: "EVERY JEW IN THE NIGHT OF THE PASSOVER MUST TAKE FOUR CUPS OF RED

reference to Prov. 23:31 will tell you what kind of wine "red" is. The other one consulted Abraham Feinstein, Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Feinstein, without hesitancy said that the Jews of Jesus' day used fermented wine in the Passover. When asked if there could be any doubt of this, he replied negative. We also wrote the American Board of Missions to the Jews of Brooklyn, N. Y. on this matter. Our letter was answered by J. Hoffman Cohn, Secretary. He said: "EVERY JEW KNOWS THAT THE PASSOVER SUPPER MUST BE CELEBRATED BY THE DRINKING OF REAL WINE, AND NOT UNFERMENTED GRAPE JUICE. . . YOU WILL NOT ALL THIS FULLY CORROBORATED IF YOU WILL CONSULT THE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, WHICH IS THE MOST DEPENDABLE AND AUTHORITY ON ALL MATTERS JEWISH."

Now there is absolutely no satisfactory reason for assuming that this broke with Jewish usage at this point and used grape juice at this conclusion by reaching a circle. This deprives the conclusion of any force. Also the conclusion is false because the fact that all drinking of wine is wrong is false. This is wrong in the face of the fact that Christ turned the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. A remark of the ruler of the Passover proves that this was real wine and not just grape juice. It is assumed also in the face of the fact that just before His death Christ drank "vinegar" (Matt. 27:48; John 19:30), which, according to Broadus, Hovey and W. H. Inge (the later three being in "An American Commentary on the New Testament") is the sour wine that the soldiers drank. Also we find Paul commanding Timothy to take wine with him (I Tim. 5:23). And the excessive use of

wine that was forbidden to bishops and deacons (I Tim. 3:3, 8; Titus 1:7).

Professor A. T. Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of world-wide reputation as a scholar, said in a letter under the date of Sept. 17, 1927:

"I KNOW NO REASON IN THE WORLD WHY THE WINE MENTIONED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS NOT REAL WINE. THE JEWS USED IT DILUTED WITH WATER (ONE-THIRD WINE, TWO - THIRDS WATER.)"

J. W. Porter, editor of the American Baptist and also of quite a reputation as a scholar, being mentioned in "Who's Who" of America, takes the position that the wine at the marriage of Cana was fermented wine. He said, in a letter under the date of Sept. 17, 1927: "IN JOHN 2:9, 10 THE GOVERNOR OF THE FEAST SAID: 'EVERY MAN AT THE BEGINNING DOETH SET FORTH GOOD WINE, AND WHEN MEN HAVE WELL DRUNK, THEN THAT WHICH IS WORSE; BUT THOU HAST KEPT THE GOOD WINE UNTIL NOW.' HERE THE REFERENCE IS CLEARLY TO THE FACT THAT AFTER MEN HAD DRUNK FREELY OF THE GOOD WINE, THEY WOULD NOT SO EASILY DETECT THE DIFFERENCE, OWING TO THE EFFECT OF THE WINE. GRAPE JUICE DOES NOT STIMULATE, AND WOULD MAKE NO SENSE USED IN THIS CONNECTION."

Editor Porter said further: "DR. JOHN A. BROADUS, WHO IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST GREEK SCHOLARS, TAKES THE POSITION THAT IT WAS WINE AND NOT GRAPE JUICE. IN FACT, NO ONE, SO FAR AS MY INFORMATION EXTENDS, EVER QUESTIONED THE FACT THAT IT WAS WINE UNTIL IN RECENT YEARS."

Peloubet's Bible Dictionary says: "IT HAS BEEN DISPUTED WHETHER HEBREW WINE WAS FERMENTED; BUT THE IMPRESSION PRODUCED ON THE MIND BY A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE ABOVE NOTICES IS THAT THE HEBREW WORDS INDICATING WINE REFER TO FERMENTED, INTOXICATING WINE." Again: "A GREAT ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO PROVE THE WINE DRUNK AT THE LORD'S SUPPER UNFERMENTED, BY AND FOR THE SAKE OF TEMPERANCE WORKERS OF OUR DAY AND NATION. SUCH ATTEMPTS ARE APT TO DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD, AMONG THOSE FAMILIAR WITH EASTERN CUSTOMS TODAY, OR THE HISTORY OF THOSE NATIONS. BUT THE APOSTLE PAUL HAS STATED THE CASE FOR TOTAL ABSTINENCE IN ROM. 14 IN SUCH A WAY THAT DOES NOT NEED THE TREACHEROUS AID OF DOUBTFUL EXEGESIS FOR ITS SUPPORT."

The writer is a prohibitionist; always has been and always will be. But he will not let the fact so prejudice him as to blind him to scriptural facts and cause him to evade those facts. Prohibition does not need this in its defense. It is today a social necessity because of the abuse that has been made of alcoholic drinks. And had alcoholic drinks always been confined to wine, prohibition would probably never have been necessary. However, the writer is a total abstainer from all alcoholic drinks except for sacred or medical purposes.

**2. THE CHURCH AT CORINTH USED WINE AND RECEIVED NO CORRECTION FROM THE APOSTLE PAUL IN THIS MATTER.** We know that the church

at Corinth used wine because through abuse of the supper some became drunk (I Cor. 11:21). A Greek lexicon will show that the Greek word here means exactly what we commonly understand from the English term "drunken." Other cases of the use of the same Greek word (methuo) will be found in Matt. 24:49; Acts 2:15; I Thess. 5:7. Concerning the word in I Cor. 11:21 we read from "An American (Baptist) Commentary on the New Testament": "THE WORD ITSELF MEANS DRUNK AND NOTHING SOFTER. THE PASSAGE IS CONCLUSIVE AS TO THE WINE USED BY THEM AT THE LORD'S SUPPER." Now the fact that under such circumstances the Apostle Paul did not prohibit the use of wine is a very strong argument indeed for the use of wine. Argument from silence is not always strong or even valid; but in this case it is strikingly both. Surely, if it had been improper to use wine in the Lord's Supper, the apostle would have said so, since some had done such an unseemly and vicious thing as to get drunk on the wine.

It is said today that it ought not to be used because it puts temptation before the weak. Was not Paul as much concerned for the weak as these are? We know from his writing that he was supremely concerned for the weak. Then he must have had some conscientious scruple that prevented his forbidding the use of wine! Marcus Dods says: "ALTHOUGH THE WINE OF HOLY COMMUNION HAD BEEN SO BADLY ABUSED, PAUL DOES NOT PROHIBIT ITS USE IN THE ORDINANCE. HIS MODERATION AND WISDOM HAVE NOT IN THIS RESPECT BEEN UNIVERSALLY FOLLOWED. ON INFINITELY LESS OCCASIONS ALTERATIONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED INTO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ORDINANCE WITH A VIEW TO PREVENTING ITS ABUSE BY RECLAIMED DRUNKARDS, AND ON STILL A SLIGHTER PRETEXT A MORE SWEEPING ALTERATION WAS INTRODUCED MANY CENTURIES AGO BY THE CHURCH OF ROME."

Now, in the face of Paul's failure to forbid the use of wine in the Lord's Supper in the light of the fact that some of the members of the church had actually gotten drunk at the time when the supper was supposed to be celebrated, what shall we say of those today who oppose the use of wine in the Lord's Supper through fear of injuring the weak? Their argument sounds very much like the argument against immersion for baptism on the ground that it is indecent.

**3. THE SYMBOLISM OF THE SUPPER DEMANDS WINE.** On this point we find some very curious reasoning on the part of some in insisting on grape juice for this same reason. We find a Seventh Day Adventist paper thus contending. Also a Sunday school paper for young people published somewhere in the North. And this is the contention of one converted Jewish rabbi to whom we wrote. But that this contention is false and that grape juice does naturally contain leaven (a type of sin and evil) ought to be apparent to any one upon a moment's reflection. If grape juice did not contain leaven, it would not ferment. In answer to our query concerning this matter, Frederic J. Haskin, Director of Information Bureau at Washington, D. C., gave the following significant reply:

"THE BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY OF THE U. S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE SAYS THAT GRAPES NATURALLY CONTAIN A LEAVENING AGENT AND THAT THIS IS PRESENT IN THE JUICE." Does the Bureau of Plant Industry know what it is talking about? We invite proof to the contrary. Then comes the question as to what becomes of the leaven in the process of fermentation. In answer to this, Mr. Haskin continues: "THE LEAVEN IS USED UP IN THE PROCESS OF FERMENTATION SO THAT

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Therefore, we may contend that it takes fermented wine to match unleavened bread, and that the former is as essential as the latter. The fruit of the vine that properly represents the sinless blood of Christ must not have any leaven in it. Therefore, wine should be used.

But someone asks what to do about the vows that many have made when young never to touch any intoxicants. We reply that scriptural consistency and the proper commemoration of the Lord's death should come before a pledge or anything else. It is better to break a pledge than to fail to properly keep this memorial. God does not hold any one responsible for the keeping of a pledge that hinders him in properly honoring Christ. Stick to your pledge in general, for it is a good one; but do not let it come between you and the Bible's teaching regarding observance of The Lord's Supper.

## "False Preachers"

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perience hundreds of times of individuals who privily, subtly, and surreptitiously bring in their heresy. Simon Peter said that was a mark, or a characteristic of false teachers.

I know of a church today that uses grape juice and crackers for the Lord's Supper. I know their pastor well. He is a good man, and in some respect stands for some truth, and I think quite well of him as an individual. But he is definitely wrong on the basis of the Lord's Supper, yet when

he became pastor of that church, he went along with them for three or four years before he ever at all insinuated that he would like to see the Lord's Supper changed from wine to grape juice and from unleavened bread to crackers. There was a reason. He had followed a pastor who stood for the Word of God for years. He privily brought in his heresies.

I often say, "Don't accept what anybody says unless he can give you a 'thus saith the Lord.'" Isaiah said: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not ACCORDING TO THIS WORD it is because there is no light in them." — Isa. 8:20.

Beloved, test every man by the Word of God. Try every preacher by what the Bible says, and if what the preacher says doesn't coincide with the Word of God, then there is no light in the preacher. Would to God that every church would test every sermon in the light of the Bible!

I say to you who are members of this church, if Brother Bob or I preach a sermon and you find something in it that is contrary to the Word of God, you do wrong if you walk out of the service without calling it to our attention in a Christ-like spirit. Beloved, if that were done in all Baptist churches, preachers would not bring in privily their deceivable damnable heresies.

## III

**MANY ARE GOING TO FOLLOW AFTER THESE FALSE HERESIES.**

We read: "And many shall follow their pernicious ways." — II Pet. 2:2.

The fact of the matter is, beloved, the majority will follow the false preachers. Why? Because "people love to have it so."

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"Yes, sir," was the reply, "I was under General Grant."

The questioner then told him that he, himself, had been a Confederate soldier. He related that thirteen years before, while the whole conflict was being waged, he was ordered one night by his commanding officer, because of the accuracy of his aim, to approach the Federal lines and kill the sentinel on duty.

He crawled stealthily toward the sentry and reached the proper point of vantage. He raised the gun and took aim in the bright moonlight at his victim's heart, and was about to pull the trigger, when he heard the soldier singing and the words —

"Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing" came to him. When he heard these words, he was greatly moved by them and could not fire; although he disobeyed orders, he returned to the Confederate lines as quietly as he had left them.

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any who would like to see the use of tobacco for the sake I would suggest: Recognize the use of tobacco as sinful and harmful. I cannot see how you can do otherwise.

Call upon Jesus Christ the Lord to deliver you from tobacco. Sixty years ago babies shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). "The blood of Jesus cleanseth us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:7). Continue to trust Christ until you know the truth.

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would had something to do. As it spots and blemishes. They don't look good, and they aren't beautiful. They don't add to our physical appearance. And these false preachers are just exactly like the spots and blemishes that you and I have. They are the spots and blemishes on Christianity.

## VII THESE FALSE PREACHERS ARE DESCRIBED AS BEING WELLS WITHOUT WATER.

We read: "These are WELLS WITHOUT WATER, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever." —II Pet. 2:17.

Were you ever real thirsty and went to a well and it was dry? Were you ever out in the country, and real thirsty, and went to a spring that you knew the location of and found that it was dry? What a disappointment! I remember we used to have a well back home. It was the best water in the world as long as there was plenty of water, but let the summertime come and the sun beat down on the ground until it was parched, and it would go dry.

Can there be any greater disappointment? There is. It is for a man to go to a supposed-to-be

to hear them preach.

## VIII THESE FALSE PREACHERS SPEAK GREAT SWELLING WORDS OF VANITY.

Notice: "For when they SPEAK GREAT SWELLING WORDS OF VANITY, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error." —II Pet. 2:18.

Beloved, I think I have known a few fellows like this. I remember one fellow that I used to jokingly refer to as Brother Cloudsmasher; he soared so high he could smash the clouds. I know another one that I used to likewise jokingly refer to as Brother Starduster. Beloved, he soared so high he could dust the stars. Words just fell from his lips — great swelling words.

A Negro was explaining to one of his friends that he had a new job. He said, "I'm an orator now." The other said, "Well, what is an orator? What do you do?" He replied, "If I say that two and two am fo', that's not oratory; that is just talk. But if I say, 'When, in the process of human events, you add the numerable of the first part to the numerable of the second part, the result am inevitably and unconditionally fo', that's oratory.'"

Beloved, we have oratory today in many of our pulpits. Many preachers are learned and pretentious; they speak great swelling words.

The last time I attended the Greenup Association a number of years ago a pastor (G. T. Long) of the First Baptist Church of Ashland preached the annual sermon. I think I am of normal intelligence, but I sat there for 45 minutes and I never did know what he was talking about. I think I am a pretty good listener. I like to sit where I can see the speaker, and I like to focus my eyes on him and follow him all the way through. Beloved I sat there for 45 minutes and I never did get even an inclination as to what he was discussing. By the time he got through I wished that I had taken a bag of peanuts along, for if I had, I at least

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was, I didn't have anything. Now I don't mean to say that it wasn't a learned discourse, and I don't mean to say that it wasn't over my head. I don't mean to say that I ducked so it would go over my head. I mean to say that I did everything I could to hear what was being said, but I got nothing from the message, because it was nothing but great swelling words of vanity.

A long time ago on the farm I realized that I should put the fodder down low, where every one of the cattle and sheep could reach it. If I put it down low enough where the smallest could get it, I didn't have to worry whether the biggest could get it. I have tried to do the same so far as my ministry is concerned. I have tried to bring the spiritual fodder down low enough that every one is able to find that which will satisfy his spiritual longing.

## IX THESE FALSE PREACHERS ARE GOING TO HELL.

We read: "Their DAMNATION slumbereth not." —II Pet. 2:3. You don't talk about a man's damnation unless he is on the road to Hell.

Notice again: "To whom the mist of DARKNESS IS RESERVED FOR EVER." —II Pet. 2:17. "And shall UTTERLY PERISH in their own corruption." —II Pet. 2:12. There isn't any doubt but that (Con't. on page 8, column 1)

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house of God to hear a supposed-to-be man of God preach, and when you get there, instead of finding something by way of the water of life that you can drink, and something of the bread of life that you can eat, to fill your hungry, parched soul, you find that he is just as a well without water. If you have a taste for the Word of God, the false preachers—these wells without water—surely deceive you when you go

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## "False Preachers"

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these false preachers are going to Hell. There is not a doubt in my mind but there's many and many a man who has stood in the pulpit, this day, and has preached about the resurrection, and has

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talked glibly about Jesus—there isn't a doubt in my mind but that many who have thus spoken are a child of the Devil and on the road to Hell. The Bible says:

"And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."—Mt. 15:14.

In the Bible the largest word to describe Hell is 'a lake. The second largest word to describe Hell is a ditch. Jesus said that it is going to take the second biggest spot for the false preachers.

In the Gospel of Matthew the Lord Jesus Christ tells us of the judgment. He says:

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not PROPHESIED in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I NEVER KNEW YOU; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."—Mt. 7:22, 23.

There are going to be a lot of folk stand up at the judgment and say, "Lord, we have preached big sermons in your name," but He is going to say, "I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you think there are a lot of preachers in that condition?" Yes, I do, for if they believe what they preach, they are as certain of Hell as though they were already there. The man who preaches salvation by works, or salvation by the city's waterworks—the man who preaches falling from grace, the man who denies the Lord Jesus Christ and does despite unto the doctrine of redemption that was wrought out by the Son of God—the individual who thus preaches is as sure of Hell as though he were already there. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am going to tell them 'I never knew you. You may have preached in my name, and you may have said you were honoring me, but I never knew you. Depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'"

### CONCLUSION

I wonder if there is anyone here who has been following a blind leader. I wonder if there is anyone here who realizes that he himself is blind, and that he has been following a blind leader. If so, may God help you, and give you grace to take your stand for the truth, and for the things of God. Life is so short, and there is such a little time left for all of us to serve the Lord. The Bible says that we ought to "redeem the time." Beloved, if I had one year to live, I would want that year to count for my God, and the church that was standing for the truth. If I had a lifetime, I'd want my lifetime to count for God and the church that was standing for the truth. We have too much at stake to go on supporting heresy and that which is wrong. May God help you to no longer be a blind man following a blind leader, but take your stand for the things of God, and stand with us as we try to stand for God's Book.

May God bless you!



## What Is "Rally Day"?

(Continued from page one) and Davy Crockett all rolled into one, is satisfied.

A negro, sitting back in the shade alongside some creek bank, watching his three or four canes, (or sleeping), is satisfied.

A farmer, with all his plowing done and crops planted, trods back to his house, tired but proud of his work and satisfied.

A mother after a hard day, with the children fed, washed and off to bed, is plenty tired, but satisfied.

The periods of satisfaction in the human life are the oases of our existence. They are longed for and should be fully enjoyed

when we have them. Too many of us fail to realize and enjoy them as we should. If the weather is rather cool, then we forget how we longed for a cool day last summer when the temperature was up near 100. If the day is rather hot, we have no recollection of that snowy day last winter when we said, "I'll never complain about hot weather again."

We need to learn to appreciate more of life's experiences and we shall find more satisfaction rather than so much to gripe about.

### We Are Satisfied

Here at our work in Ashland, we are satisfied. We are pleased with the work God has blessed us to do. We enjoy it. This, of course, isn't saying that all is a bed of roses. But why take time to talk about the briars and thorns? There is more that satisfies than that irritates. So we are satisfied.

RALLY DAY is one of the most satisfying days of the year. On this day, when so many write us and send offerings for our work, there is a deep feeling of satisfaction that is ours—like a person who is satisfied with his job. Not only are we satisfied, we are CHALLENGED to greater heights and ENCOURAGED to stick with what we are doing.

And we need that challenge and that encouragement. We don't have any super-charger or miracle-machine that we can resort to. What challenges and encourages us is the response and reaction of God-fearing people. Our spirits revive and surge forward when God's people let us know that they are satisfied with our efforts. And, as I say, we need this. Sometimes this week-after-week "grind" almost gets the best of us and we can't see the bright side of the picture as well as we can see the dark side. In times like this, our satisfaction is not so great.

On this RALLY DAY, we will again be satisfied. We will look back over weeks and months and years of labor that have not been in vain. We will hear from friends who love the same God we love and are interested in our efforts to exalt His name. We will have offerings to help us with the constant financial load that is upon this printed ministry. On this RALLY DAY, there will be a special satisfaction that will be ours.

We hope you will help to contribute to that satisfaction by a letter, an offering, and, if possible, your presence.



## Classes of Christians

(Continued from page one) them, deal faithfully, and God may grant "repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18).

### c. "New Born."

"Are you a Christian?"

"Yes, thank God, I am. When I was 16 years of age I realized I was a lost sinner, in danger of perishing eternally. I heard the invitation of the Saviour, 'Come unto me,' and I will give

you rest.' (Matt. 11:28). I came to Him, and found rest, was saved, made a new creature' (2 Cor. 5:17) and am certain that I shall be in Heaven with Him."

No halting, no dubiety, no hoping about such an answer. It bears the ring of reality and definiteness. Yes, and there are thousands and tens of thousands who bear such a clear-ringing testimony. (I wonder if you are one of them?)

The Bible makes it clear that all are "born in sin" (Rom. 3:26), that all must be "born again" to see or enter Heaven (John 3:3), that "Faith in Christ" is the means whereby anyone is "born of God" (I John 5:1). Neither country, character, creed, family, nor natural birth has to do with salvation. We only become "children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). (The Witness)



## Out Of The Mail Bag



Enclosed is a small check to be used as you see fit, whether it be to send "Salvation" or for funds to keep the Baptist Examiner in print. I do enjoy TBE. It has so many good articles. I am never able to completely get through each paper but it seems so many times just the lesson I need is there. I read to the children from them—of course not nearly enough. My son is off to college next year and I intend to send it to him.

Mrs. John W. Reed, La.

I want to have a part in spreading the truth as taught in the Baptist Examiner. I am sorry about the financial strain the paper is in. I am enclosing \$10.00 to be used in any way you feel impressed to use it.

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Needless to say, we are continuing to enjoy THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and look forward with gratitude each week to receiving the spiritual uplift that it always brings. May I thank you, Bro. Ross, and all that are responsible for getting it out each week and for the generous offer of fifteen subscriptions for one dollar each. I know very little about publishing a paper, but I feel sure that you can not even break even with an offer such as this. However, I feel that your reward is given in the fact that you are able to get the Word of God into even a greater number of homes. Recently we took advantage of this offer, and may I say that I have heard nothing but favorable comments from those who were first introduced to TBE. May I also express my appreciation for the articles written by Bro. C. W. Bronson. As you may know, Bro. Bronson visited with us during the summer as he was on his way to a town in south Georgia. I thank the Lord for this acquaintance.

Pastor Johnny B. Gilmer, Ga.

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Last Sunday we sung what says, "I am bound promis'd land." But struck me, "Wonder fokes sangs this song nevur left out of Egypt be shore ye is out of fore ye gits to sang'n promis'd land.

Melindy Culpepper say'n she ain't got clo to ware to church. How I notic'd she allus haz I to ware to th' county likewise to the county Saturday. Corse, thar fokes like Melindy, shore haz made the cuse one uf his first ch to hell.

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