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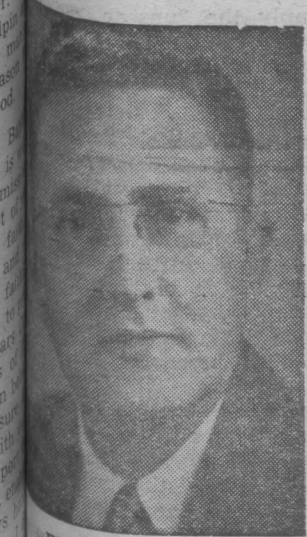
"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20.

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Truly False Notion — Join Calvary Baptists Church Of Your Choice Thank Friends For Grace Contributions

By Roy Mason
Aripeka, Florida

Many times in union revival meetings, the evangelist expresses himself in a burst of "broadness" saying, "I am not trying to get people for a certain church. I want all the converts of this church to join the church of their choice." When people thus choose the church of their choice, the church of their choice is very seldom based on a personal study of the Scriptures or a sober examination of facts that relate to church



Eld. Roy Mason

They usually join a church out of tradition—because their folks belong to that church—or because the evangelist said to that particular church, "I like him." Perhaps it is the other notion, whim, or impulse that leads to the choice of church. The truth is, it is a thing to tell people to join the church of their choice. They should be told to join the church which they believe the Scriptures approve of—the church that is Scriptural in its doctrines and practices.

Questions That Should Help Decide Which Church Is Made

Which Church Did Jesus Join? He certainly didn't start a church and scores of churches have sprung up, holding different doctrines, for "God is the author of confusion." (I

WHY I BELIEVE IN MISSIONS

M. Sheldon said, "I believe in missions because the mission ever known was sent by His only begotten Son into the world to save it. The world will never be brought to Christ until men are brought to Christ. Jesus Himself taught that missions was the only way to the world. I am a disobedient son because I am a disobedient son." (Continued on page 4, column 5)

Cor. 14:33). Jesus started His church during his earthly existence, in Palestine, and promised that it would never go out of existence. (See Matt. 16:18). So then, any church that has been brought into existence since that time, by any other founder, cannot be the one that Jesus started. The Catholic Church started long after Jesus was here, and all Protestant groups are products of the Protestant movement of the 16th century. The various cults and sects of modern times of course can't qualify. Baptists alone date back to the days of Christ, as any careful study of church history will make clear. The question is, why should one belong to a man-founded church when he can belong to the one that Jesus started?

2. Which Church Adheres Strictly To The Scriptures? (See I Tim. 1:13. Also Jude 3). Here again Baptists qualify. They accept the New Testament as their rule of faith and practice. That is, genuine Baptists do. In recent years the denominational conception has grown up among many Baptist churches such that many seem to feel that "The Denomination" owns the churches. Such unscriptural things as "auxiliaries" have grown up through denominational influence. While various religious groups have their "Discipline," and their "Catechisms" and "Confessions" to which they make appeal for their procedure, genuine, old-time Baptists appeal only to the Scriptures.

No man-made document is binding upon any Baptist or upon any Baptist church. A Baptist church can express itself in a

When Brother Crace left for New Guinea, Calvary Baptist Church gave him \$3773.84, which was the amount of money that had come in, in his behalf through our church, and through other churches and friends scattered at



Eld. James Crace

large over the United States. In addition to this, Calvary Baptist Church had already paid his shipping charges on his freight that was sent in advance, which shipping charges amounted to \$409.38. Furthermore, our church had put up a deposit of \$320.00 with the government of New Guinea as a guarantee in behalf of Brother Crace that they would not become a financial burden to the country. This is in accordance

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE ALTAR OF UNHEWN STONE"

"An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon."—Ex. 20:24-26.

Let me remind you at the very outset this evening that God's plan for this universe has been immutable and unchangeable through all ages. I say, beloved, that God's plan for this universe

has never changed one particle from the day that God flung this world into existence down to this present time. He had a plan for this universe and everything has worked according to His plan. I remind you tonight, with emphasis, that God does not change and that God's plans do not change, but rather, beloved, the plan that God started with for this universe is still God Almighty's plan tonight.

I used to wonder why it was that the heavenly bodies didn't strike together, and when I was a boy in grade school and then even in high school, it used to bother me especially as I studied physical geography. It used to bother me as to how it was that the stars and the moon and the

sun and the constellations never did strike together. Then one day I learned that those heavenly bodies revolved each in its own orbit; that back yonder when God started this world, He put every one of those heavenly bodies in its own orbit and there has never been a variation from that time down to this. Those heavenly bodies revolve each one in its own orbit and have been doing so for thousands of years. God's plan has never changed.

Furthermore, I can say that each living organism reproduces after its own kind. Never has there been a change in that respect. If you will read the first chapter of Genesis, you will find that it says ten different times

Proverbs 26:3.

Pride can cause, even a king, like Nebuchadnezzar, to live like, and in the company of wild asses (Dan. 5:18-21).

Do not think ill of me in saying that man is the wild ass in my text needing redemption, when some men think far more of their asses and cattle than they do of the healing of the sick and the salvation of the sinner (as in Lk. 13:10-16; 14:1-5; and sometimes seen in the way they stay away from revival and evangelistic meetings because of their farm stock!).

Do not forget that a wild ass (unbroken! Mk. 11:2) served the

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"And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck; and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem" (Exodus 13:13).

Dear people, my outline is very simple:

- I. YOU ARE THE ASS.
- II. YOU MUST BE REDEEMED WITH A LAMB.
- III. OR YOUR NECK SHALL BE BROKEN.

I. YOU ARE THE ASS.

I know that this is not very complimentary.

But that you and I are the ass here, is seen in that which follows in the text: "Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem . . . and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem." Here a man is no better than an ass. Both are placed on the same level. Both must be redeemed with a lamb, or suffer destruction.

Behold, furthermore, the likeness between the ass and you and me.

We are born like a wild ass's colt (Job 11:12).

Issachar was likened to an ass (Gen. 49:14).

Indeed, the ass is pictured as better than you, if you do not know Jehovah your Creator and Redeemer (Is. 1:3).

Even though you may be a God-inspired prophet, if you go in the path of selfishness and disobedience, an ass may see an angel where you see none, and the ass may speak to your benefit (Num. 22:21-34; 2 Pet. 2:15-16). Of course you may be of that sophisticated number who question God's Word as to an ass speaking to a man, but what am I to think when I hear you, a man, in doubting the Word of God, speaking like an ass!

Again, man, in his unbridled lust is likened to a wild ass, in Jeremiah 2:22-24.

Men, who are fools (and there are many of them; atheists, for instance, Ps. 14:1) are placed in the same category as an ass, in



Eld. Frank Beck

Since this type on this message was set and put in place on this page, your editor has received word from Mrs. Beck as to the homegoing of this great preacher of grace. Bro. Beck slipped away to be with Jesus on July 23. He had been most seriously ill for many months. Now his sufferings are over, his labors are ended, and he is at home with his Lord. May you readers remember Mrs. Beck and her children definitely in prayer.

Savior on His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem (Mk. 11:1-10). Are you as good as that ass? Do you serve the Master?

II. YOU MUST BE REDEEMED WITH A LAMB.

"Every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb."

Thank God, there is redemption for an ass! I know of no redemption for a fallen angel, but there is redemption for an ass! (2 Pet. 2:4).

But God says in Exodus 13:13 that every firstling of an ass was to be redeemed. Not just the rich man's ass, or the poor man's ass, but every first-born ass.

It is so, again, with you and me. We must all be redeemed! Every one of us. You must! It makes no difference who you are. I must. Each of us since Adam has been sold out to the Devil. We are taken captive by the Devil at his will! (2 Tim. 2:26). By nature we are "sold under sin" (Rom. 7:14).

Beloved, because of this we must be bought back, purchased, or redeemed from Satanic slavery, in order to live.

Who will pay the great price of our redemption? Who can buy us back to God? Can we do it? Can the ass redeem itself? Tell

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THERE ARE MANY DISLOYALISTS IN BAPTIST CHURCHES

"For a clergyman to remain within the membership and even the ministry of a church whose doctrines he repudiates, is evidence of a lack of stamina which must fall beneath the contempt of all normal minded men and women. To be willing to take advantage of the opportunity for a hearing offered by such profession and at the same time to use it for the purpose of subverting or destroying the institution to which he ostensibly yields allegiance, is a violation of the tenets of common honesty. It is about time for the rank and file of the churches of this country to rise up and demand that their disloyalists be required to do what honorable men need not be asked to do — get out under their own flag and fight from the side of breastworks on which they belong, rather than seek betrayal of the camp from within. Unless such rebellion is raised, vast injury is sure to be done to the cause of religion within the next few years."—The New Republic.

The New Republic is a secular paper. Wise words does it speak to Baptist churches, as well as others. There are three classes of disloyalists in Baptist ranks.

1. The denominational machines are all disloyalists because they put loyalty to a man made program above loyalty to the Bible and the once delivered faith. The test of loyalty for Baptists is the inerrant Word of God. If it is in the Bible, it is Baptist doctrine. If it is Baptist doctrine you can find it in the Bible.

2. Unionists are all disloyalists. No exceptions. Unionists all compromise the truth for pay or popularity. That's what Long of Ashland did in filling the pulpit for the Presbyterians years ago. Willingham (Huntington, Fifth Ave.), had a Jewish Rabbi preach for him on a Sunday night years ago. What unionism! What compromising! What disloyalty! God pity his church. Lots of folks talk about "the truth as I see it." Two fallacies lurk in that. There is but one way to see truth. That (Continued on page 5, column 4)

The money they spend on lodges and clubs ought to be spent on Christ and His church. The love and affection they lavish on their lodges ought to be lavished on Christ and His church. We have never known in our ministry a single lodge Baptist, man or woman, who was always true to Christ and His church. Nor did we ever know a single man, who was a lodge member who was liberal either with Christ or His church. No man can serve two masters. No man can have secret meetings with a concubine and be true to his wife. No person can be true to Christ and His church and divide his heart's love partly on his concubine lodges and partly on his church as the betrothed of Christ. There are no exceptions to this rule. If he loves his lodge he despises and treats contemptuously the Lord Jesus and His church. The command of the Lord Jesus to every lodge man is to "come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing" 2 Cor. 6:17.

Lastly for the present. If a Baptist is buried by his lodge he is buried by his concubine and the first thing he has to meet when he gets to heaven, if he gets there will be with head bowed low in shame because his entrance into heaven was from the presence of a concubine and his last earthly act was to insult the betrothed of the Lord Jesus. Won't that be hard on all lodge Baptists?

"I Should Like to Know"

Readers are invited to send in questions to be answered in this department. However, anonymous questions and those intended as a personal thrust at any person whatsoever will not be considered. Please do not ask or expect personal replies. All correspondence should be addressed The Baptist Examiner, I Should Like to Know.

1. What is the meaning of total depravity?

Total depravity does not mean that man's natural depravity is total in its degree. Men are never as wicked as they might be perhaps, and wicked men are said to wax worse and worse. 2 Tim. 3:13. Total depravity does not mean that men by nature are unable to do things that are good according to human judgment. Depraved man may even render outward obedience to the law.

Total depravity does mean that the natural depravity of the human race is total in its extent. Depravity has reached and affected the whole of man—intellect, emotions, and will. The intellect, has been so affected by depravity that man by nature cannot receive the truth. 1 Cor. 2:14. The emotions have been so dearranged that man loves darkness rather than light. John 3:19. The will has been made so perverse that men left to themselves cannot and will not turn from sin to Christ. Jer. 13:23; John 5:40; 6:65; 12:39.

It would be impossible to give a finer or plainer expression of total depravity than is given in Isa. 1:5, 6. Other passages bearing on total depravity are as follows: Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9; Rom. 8:7; Psa. 58:3; Rom. 3:13; Col. 2:16.

2. How do you interpret Acts 2:38?

First of all, let it be noted that this passage does not speak of baptism as being "for" or "unto" the obtaining of the remission of sins. Whether or not the passage means this depends upon the teaching of Scripture in general. The general teaching of Scripture does not support such a meaning. In fact, Peter himself, the speaker of the words of this passage, makes it clear that he did not teach that baptism is unto the obtaining of the remission of sins. In I Pet. 3:20-21 Peter tells us that baptism saves only in a figure, that is, that it only pictures salvation. This it most certainly does and very beautifully. Peter also says that baptism saves in the same manner that the water of the flood saved Noah and his family. The water of the flood did not save actually, for then the ark would have been useless. The water did not put Noah and others into the ark and did not make them any safer after they had gone in. The water simply bore up the ark and demonstrated the salvation of the occupants. Furthermore Peter tells us that baptism does not wash away the

filth of the flesh, but is the answer of a good conscience toward God. A good conscience, is possession of no man except that have been washed in blood of Christ. Heb. 10:22.

Having ascertained all of we turn to Matt. 3:11 to an explanation of the word "unto" that shows the harmony between Peter's words in Acts and his words in I Pet. 3:20. In Matt. 3:11 we find John describing his baptism as being "unto repentance," and here have for "unto" the same Greek word that occurs in Acts and is translated "for" in K. J. V. and "unto" in the N. I. Not even a Campbellite would contend that baptism is in order that one may repent; for Campbellites place repentance before baptism. And we know that demanded evidence of repentance of those that came to his baptism. The meaning of John's guage is simply that his baptism was in order to the public profession of repentance. Like Peter's words in Acts 2:38 that baptism is in order to public profession of the remission of sins.

3. What is the meaning of Hades in the Bible?

Hades is the word used in Revised Version wherever word occurs in the Greek, being only an Anglicized Greek word. The revisers of this word to eliminate the confusion in the King James version because of the use of word "hell" to translate "Hades" and "Gehenna." Some agree that "Hades" simply the "unseen world," abode of the dead. It is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew "Sheol." That Hades, according to the New Testament, is abode of the righteous as well as the wicked dead, is shown in Acts 2:27, where it is distinctly implied that the spirit of Christ was in Hades (translated in K. J. V.) during the time his body lay in the tomb. That the ancient looked upon Hades as being the abode of the righteous dead is shown by the fact in some of the Greek manuscripts (those relied on mainly by King James translators) it occurs in I Cor. 15:55, where reference is distinctly to the righteous dead and is translated "grave" in K. J. V.

Some may ask how this be when the Bible teaches that the righteous dead are with the Lord. There is no difficulty. Hades is not a place but a conception that exists only in thought. Hades simply covers the realm of human existence which is unseen.

4. Do you believe that a Baptist should commune with a Baptist church other than the one with which he holds membership?

I believe the Lord's supper is not merely a Christian ordinance (Continued on page 8, column 4)

IF YOU ARE A BAPTIST AND A LODGE MAN, READ ABOUT CONCUBINES

In 1 Kings 11:1-3 it is said: "But King Solomon loved many strange women—700 wives, princesses and 300 concubines."

A concubine is a woman that a man lives with or visits regularly to whom he is not legally married. Hagar was Abraham's concubine. Her son, Ishmael, did not inherit with Isaac, the son of Abraham's wife. Concubinage has always been very popular.

In 2 Cor. 11:2 the Bible says: "For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." The Lord Jesus is not married yet: He is only espoused or betrothed. The marriage of the Lamb takes place when His bride is ready. Rev. 19:7. His bride cannot be ready until those who compose His bride are all saved and gathered where He is in heaven. They are only His betrothed until that time.

The Lord Jesus is no polygamist; He has no concubines. Paul in the above passage tells the church at Corinth—a local Baptist church—that he had betrothed them to Christ. There are three essentials for any person being a member of the betrothed of Christ. First, that person must have the Holy Spirit in him. "The Five Foolish Virgins" had no oil. The Holy Spirit was not in them. Rom. 8:9. Second the person who is a member of Christ's betrothed must be a member of a local Baptist church. 2 Cor. 11:2 was not spoken to a crowd of Christians but to the members of a local Baptist church in Corinth. All such expressions as "body of Christ," "Temple of the Holy Spirit," "bride of Christ," "God's building," "Church of God," and such like refer to local Baptist churches such as the church at Corinth. The third essential to being a member of the betrothed of the Lord Jesus is that all such persons must be "chaste virgins." One who is a concubine is not chaste. 2 Cor. 11:2 says the betrothed of Christ must be "chaste virgins." What

does that mean? That means that in addition to being indwelt by the Holy Spirit and being a member of a local Baptist church, a person must be a member of no lodge, no club, no other worldly organization, no secret order of any kind if he would be a part of Christ's betrothed.

Christ's betrothed is a "chaste virgin." If a man keeps another besides his wife, that other woman is a concubine. If a person belongs to a Baptist church, and to six lodges, then he has six concubines. That is why most lodge members in Baptist churches do nothing for their churches. It takes all their money to support their concubines (lodges and clubs.)

A man who supports another woman besides his wife is supporting or helping to support a concubine. It does not make any difference if she is another man's wife, she is a concubine too—a wife to one man and a concubine to another. If a person is a member of six lodges he has six concubines. Lots of men spend more on their concubines than on their wives. If either has to do without, the wife generally is the one who has to do without. That is true of the church also. In II Cor. 11:2 Paul tells that church: "I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy." In II Cor. 10:22 Paul asks that church: "Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy?" In James 4:5 James asks: "Do ye think that the Scriptures saith in vain, the Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?" In other words the Spirit asks all members of Baptist churches, who belong to lodges and clubs if they think it just vain and idle talk when the Lord Jesus is jealous over their putting money and time and love into their lodges, that ought to be put into His church?

The man or woman who belongs to a lodge is untrue to his church in exactly the same sense a man is untrue to his wife, who has a concubine. The time they give to their lodges ought to be given to Christ and His church.

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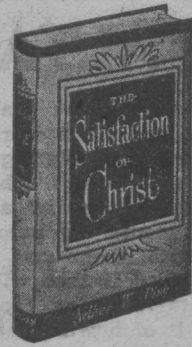
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The Ass

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How much money does an ass have? I have never known any man to carry a single coin, nor would it do them any good if they had! For my text they must be redeemed with silver. The same is true of me. We cannot be redeemed with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). That or we will not be redeemed at all!

Now here you have judgment. "Thou shalt break his neck." It is not a very pretty picture we must here present. "Broken neck theology." But sin is never pretty. Here is judgment. Why must we paint such a dark picture upon the canvas of our preaching? Why must the lowly ass or innocent lamb be cursed? Why must the firstborn of men, yea, all men be redeemed by the sacrificial blood of a greater Lamb—so innocent and sinless? (I Pet. 2:22).

Because when father Adam sinned he pulled down with him every kingdom in this old world. He pulled down the kingdom of man, for he represented us all (Rom. 5:12-21).

He pulled down the next lower kingdom, the kingdom of beast and bug and fish and fowl, for he was related thereto in that he was to have dominion over it, and be served by it (Gen. 1:27-28).

Why should a fallen rebel still be benefited by a staff of perfect servants in his house? That would make the servants greater than their master, and raise the kingdom of lower creatures above the higher. So the kingdom just below man was also brought down!

He pulled down the vegetable kingdom of plant and tree and flower and fruit (Gen. 1:29-31). Why should rebel man enjoy unblemished food on his table and tonical medicine for continued health and unending life? Or how could contaminated and cursed beast and bird eat the leaf or chew the glass of flawless substance, now too rich for its blood and too good for their deserving?

He pulled down the mineral kingdom. Why should an offended God any longer sprinkle the ground with diamonds and jewels for a prince suddenly become an outlaw? Why should pure gold still abound for man in Havilah? Why should bdellium and onyx stone still be there? (Gen. 2:11-12).

He brought down the astronomical system of sun, moon, star, rain and perfect weather. Regulated weather. For from whence comes, since that sorrowful day, the wind out of control with de-

redeemed ass that carried the Savior into Jerusalem. (Mk. 11:1-7). You cannot, I repeat, you cannot serve God unless you have been redeemed with the Lamb! Have you?

III. YOU MUST BE REDEEMED WITH GOD'S LAMB OR BE DESTROYED!

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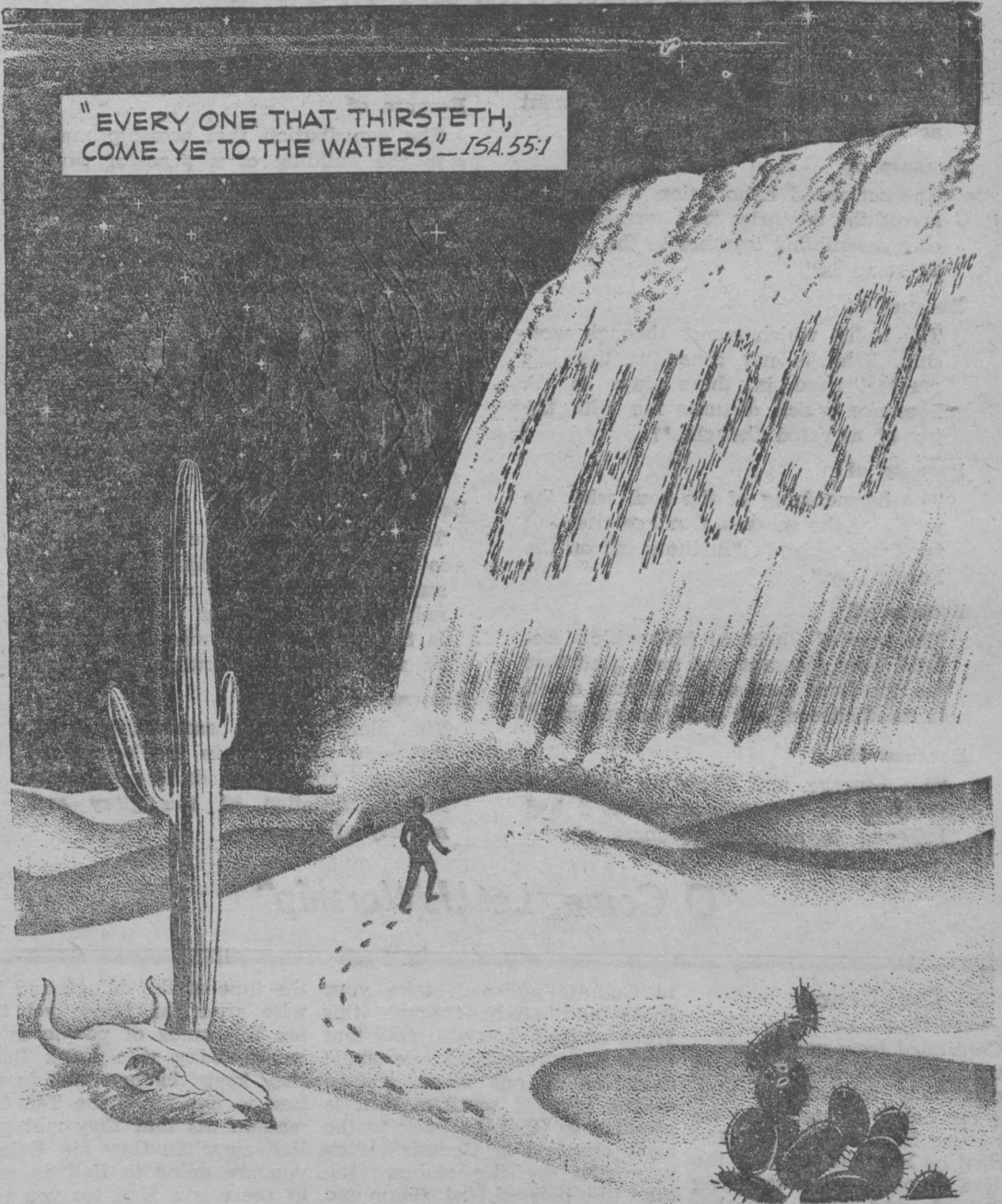
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stroying cyclone and tornado; and the once steady mist of Eden's garden (Gen. 2:6) turned into lashing hurricane and freezing blizzard of snow and ice and sleet? Now why must even the redeemed child of God be protected from the smiting of a now enemy sun by day, and the moon by night? (Ps. 121:6).

So the ass must suffer, or the lamb!

We not only learn from this text of judgment, but that judgment is sudden! To break the neck of the ass demands a swift, instant blow.

How often has the wrath of God against sin in the unredeemed come upon them suddenly!

God has warned us about it. "Because there is wrath, beware! lest He take thee away with His stroke (notice that word), then a great ransom cannot deliver thee"

(Job 36:18).

"He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck (which shall be broken, like an ass's, if it will not bend) shall suddenly be destroyed (shivered, or utterly broken to bits, literally), and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1).

Oh, we have been warned so often, and in so many ways!

When sinners are smugly saying: "At last we have peace and security," then "sudden destruction" will come upon them, and they shall not escape! (I Thess. 5:3).

I take you to the fire falling from heaven suddenly upon sinful Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19). I take you to the earth suddenly separating beneath the feet of Korah and his rebels against the Almighty's ministers (Num. 16). I bring you to the mighty Belshazzar and his Babylonian kingdom fallen in one night (Dan. 5). And time would fail me to tell you of the sudden "broken neck" destruction of the rich but fool farmer who passed away suddenly in the night (Lk. 12); of Ananias and Sapphira, cut off instantly within the same hour (Acts 5), up to those of the present hour who are snatched away in judgment in their sins.

Finally, you will see that this judgment is complete. "Thou shalt break his neck."

What else can that mean but death? Even that wrath is come to the uttermost and will come upon those who resist the Gospel. The word means "completely," or "for ever"! (I Thess. 2:16).

Therefore in the great day of judgment the whole man shall be thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15). The resurrected body as well as the spirit and soul!

Unsaved man or woman or boy or girl, hear me! it is either the ass or the lamb! It is either Christ the Lamb suffering on the cross for you (Rom. 5:8) and for your sins (I Cor. 15:3), or you "suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7). Again, the sinners of Sodom and Gomorrah are your "examples" here! Do not be blind to it! Now which will it be? The ass or the Lamb?

The Holy Ghost quicken and make you alive now with God-given repentance over your many sins and cause you to know and

believe that the dear Lamb of God with broken neck and heart over your crimes against heaven—took your place on Calvary's cross and redeemed you forever to God! May it be now, this very moment! Amen.

"The Altar"

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that everything is to reproduce "after his kind." Beloved, God never has changed. There is not one case on record of a transmutation of the specie. There is not one single instance where that one specie ever evolved or changed into another specie. Why, beloved? Because God had a plan for this world and that plan included this very fact, that everything was to reproduce after its own kind.

I'll go further and remind you that man has dominion over every living creature. It was that way the day God made this world. It is that way today.

I saw sometime ago a woman who was a snake charmer. She had dominion over that snake. As she walked out from one corner of the stage to the center of it, that snake started crawling from its corner so that the two met at the center of the stage. That snake slowly wound itself around her body until it brought its head up over her head and stuck out its tongue at the audience. Then at a given signal from her, that snake unwound itself and crawled back to its corner. She had dominion over it.

Man has dominion over every creature that has been put into this world. It was that way in the book of Genesis. It is that way tonight. Beloved, it will be that way ten million years from tonight because God has a plan and that plan never changes.

I tell you, beloved, it thrills my heart whenever I realize that God's plan for this universe has

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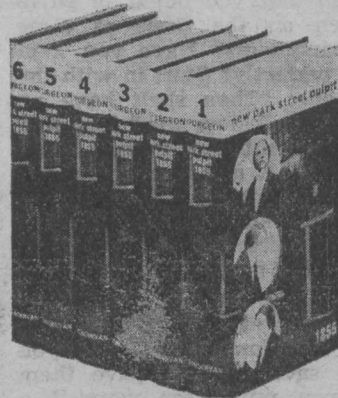
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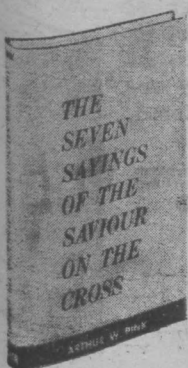
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PAGE THREE

WHY WORSHIP REGULARLY!

Because of

The example of our Lord. "He went as his custom was."

Because of

The scriptural exhortation that echoes across the centuries "not forsaking our own assembling together as the custom of some is."

Because of

The uplift which comes through worship. Who is not conscious that his greatest need in these days is "A Presence which disturbs me with the joy of elevated thoughts"?

Because of

The harmonizing of the soul with the music of the spheres. Our age cries out for those who are "in the spirit on the Lord's Day."

Because of

The joys of Christian fellowship. "Behold, how pleasant and how good that we, the Lord confessing, together dwell in brotherhood, our unity expressing."

Because of

The courage and Christian optimism received. "I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the

Lord in the land of the living."

Because of

The contribution that worship makes to the building of a peaceful world. "The rich and the poor meet together. The Lord is the Maker of them all." World brotherhood can be realized only as it finds its source in our hearts, our homes, our communities, our nation.

Because of

The development of a sensitive conscience. It is when we see "the Lord high and lifted up" that we cry "Woe is me for I am undone, for I am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

Because of

The acquiring of a passion to serve. It is the love of God nourished in the sanctuary which leads us to "love our neighbor as ourselves" and to serve in the spirit of Him "who came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

Because of

The glory worship ascribes to God. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Our age needs to recover its lost appreciation of the glory and majesty of God.

"O Come, Let Us Worship"

Bro. Crace

(Continued from page one) with their law. This money will be eventually returned to him.

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"The Altar"

(Continued from page 3) always been immutable and unchangeable and will always be just as it was when God spoke this universe into existence.

Go out in the pasture field and see a little calf that has just made its appearance into this world. The mother will stand there beside that calf and lick it with her tongue until the calf has dried, but before the calf's hair is fully dry that calf will know where to get its dinner for the next six months unless somebody robs him of it. Nobody told that calf. No human being has to come and take hold of the calf and guide him to the "cafeteria." God put the instinct into the calf. Beloved, from the day that God created this world, calves have been reacting just like that.

I tell you, beloved, God has a definite plan for everything within this world. He has never changed it, but that plan, in an immutable manner, has continued from the time that God spoke and the world came into existence, and that plan shall continue until time shall be no more.

Beloved, what is true concerning this universe and natural world is just as true in the spiritual realm, for there has never been a deviation in the type of sacrifice that is pleasing

to God. If you will take your Bible and study through this Word of God, you will find that there has never been one single deviation or one single change in the type of sacrifice that is pleasing to God. Go back to the early chapters of Genesis to the very first sacrifice and see the kind that pleased God. Adam and Eve came out one day with new clothes — clothes made of fig leaves. They were displeasing to God. Immediately God tore those fig leaf garments from their bodies and killed a lamb, and from the skin of that lamb He made a covering for that man and wife. Beloved, Adam and Eve were saved the day that innocent lamb gave its blood and life and died that they might be covered with the skin thereof. That is the kind of sacrifice that pleased God in the book of Genesis — the very first sacrifice that the world knows anything about. God has never changed as to the type of sacrifice that is pleasing to Him. He has never accepted any sacrifice except a blood sacrifice.

When Cain and Abel brought their offerings unto the Lord, Cain brought an offering by way of what he had produced within his garden — a sheaf of grain or vegetables, whereas Abel brought of the firstlings of the flock — a bloody lamb that he offered as a sacrifice to God. God spurned the offering of Cain but God had respect to the offering of Abel. Why? Abel's offering was the kind of offering that God had ordained — it was a blood sacrifice.

I say to you tonight, beloved, if you want to see the smile of God and if you want to behold how God is pleased with what man does, behold in the Bible the blood sacrifices and every time you see a blood sacrifice, you will see the smile of God resting upon the worshipper.

I say then that God has a plan for this world, not only for this universe and material world, but God has a plan for spiritual worship; and, beloved, there has never been a deviation from God's plan from the day that God spoke this world into existence down to this present time, and neither shall there ever be.

Some people today say that God gave the Ten Commandments for people to be saved. Beloved, God was in the saving business hundreds of years before the Ten Commandments were given. God Almighty had saved souls all through the book of Genesis and all through the pages of Exodus, hundreds and thousands of people, both before

the time of the deluge and likewise after the flood; yet there are thousands of people in this world today who think that if they keep the law and do their best to live up to the Ten Commandments that they will go to Heaven when they die. Beloved, you are going to Hell as surely as there is a Hell for you to go to. God has never said one thing about a man being saved by keeping the law. God has never said that if you obey the law you will live. Instead, from the very first chapter of Genesis He has given to us, both by teaching and by example, whereby we can see on the part of others, how men have always been saved, not by keeping the law, but by blood sacrifice. God didn't give these commandments for you to be saved by, rather He gave you these commandments that you might be condemned by them. He gave you these commandments in order to show you what a dirty, filthy, rotten, immoral, contemptible, no-good low-down, ornery person you are. Beloved, whenever you read these Ten Commandments you might soon find out what kind of a person you are.

Is there anyone here tonight that wants to save himself by these Ten Commandments? Is there anyone here tonight that thinks that he or she is good enough that you ought to go to Heaven on the basis of these commandments? Have you kept them perfectly? Start in with the first one: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Has that always been true with you? What is a god? A god is what a man thinks the most of. Has Jehovah always been first with you? Brother, sister, you know you have failed by the very first commandment.

I say that God didn't give these Ten Commandments for you to be saved by. He gave them that you might see yourself a sinner in order that you might realize you are lost and in need of salvation which is ours by a blood sacrifice. Just as soon as God gave this law, then immediately God said to Israel, "When you violate the law and when you break it and when you sin, in order to get back to me you have to have an altar," and He tells us about that altar in my text.

I

THIS ALTAR WAS NOT AN ALTAR OF PRAYER.

It doesn't say one thing about praying to get back to God. That may be revolutionary to some of you, for some of you have been brought up on the husks of

Arminianism and have been taught that if you are going to be saved, you have to pray and beg God in order to get back to God. It is a lie. I challenge you to find in the Bible anywhere that it tells a lost sinner to pray to get back to God. This isn't an altar of prayer that He is talking about. The fact of the matter is, beloved, you will read this Bible in vain to find any mention of an altar of prayer. You will find the altar mentioned. It is mentioned here within my text and it is mentioned hundreds of times in the Old and New Testaments, but you will never find it called an altar of prayer. It is always an altar of sacrifice and not an altar of prayer.

Some months ago I announced that I would give a liberal reward to anyone that would find a mourner's bench or an altar of prayer in the Bible. I had many to talk with me but I never had a man to bring a "thus saith the Lord"—a chapter and verse that would indicate that there was such a thing as an altar of prayer in the Bible. Listen, sinner friends, you don't need to pray. You need to receive God's gift, which is Jesus Christ. Listen:

"For the wages of sin is death; but THE GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.

God offers you salvation as a gift. You don't have to beg for a gift. If I offered to give you something I certainly would count it the height of ingratitude on your part, and I surely would consider it an insult if you would get down on your knees and beg me for what I have already offered to give you. Beloved, God offers salvation as a gift. You don't have to beg Him for it. You don't have to tease Him to get Him in the notion to save you. You don't have to ask Him to do anything to save you. The Word of God says, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Do you want to be saved? Do you want eternal life? You get it in Jesus Christ. And how do you get Jesus Christ? As a gift. You don't beg for a gift, you receive it.

Beloved, I say tonight that this altar that Moses spoke of whereby he told these Israelites that when they violated the law of God and wanted to get back to God to come by the way of the altar, this altar was not an altar of prayer.

II

THIS ALTAR REQUIRED NO HUMAN WORKMANSHIP TO ERECT IT.

Notice that God says, "If thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it." This altar on which the Jew was to offer his blood sacrifice

required no human workmanship in order to erect it. They were merely to pick up the stones in the field. They were to take those stones up as an altar and offer their sacrifices thereon. I tell you, beloved, when you go that over into the spiritual realm and into the New Testament, you can see that as God provided those stones for the altar there and as the Jews were to take those stones in their native state, without engraving or hewing them at all, so God provided the plan of salvation. God's plan of salvation is exactly like that altar which the Jew was to offer his sacrifice on. It didn't require any human workmanship to erect it. They merely used unhewn stones. Beloved, the plan of salvation is that Jesus Christ died for our sins. Since Christ died for our sins, we don't need human workmanship in order to perfect or bring into existence God's salvation for our souls.

Suppose one of those who builds an altar and as he goes, he says, "I know that I said to build it out of unhewn stone. I realize that that is God's command, but it will look better if I would dress these stones." Whenever you lift your hand against one of those stones which I have provided, you have polluted the altar.

Here is a sinner in this house of God tonight who knows he is a sinner, who knows he stands guilty before God. God says that there is only one way to be saved. You don't need any workmanship to erect an altar to get back to God. He has already given you the plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

Missions

(Continued from page one) believer of Jesus if I do not obey His command when He said, "Go."

"Because if salvation is everything to me, I cannot be happy unless I share it with others."

"Because a Christian who does not believe in Missions is a narrow and loses his vision."

"Because the missionary is the greatest hope of the world in present historical crises."

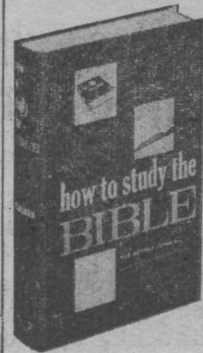
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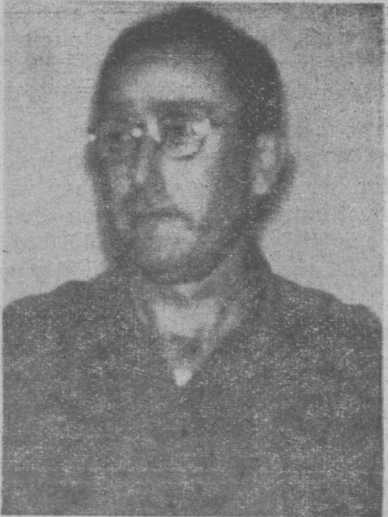
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Bro. Malcolm Wood

We have many visitors to come our way and nearly always we feel drawn closer to God as a result of their visit. Somehow, there was just a little extra blessing for us when Bro. Malcolm Wood of Dalton, Kentucky visited in our home a short time ago. God's blessings on him who was a blessing to us!

put it upon that altar of unhewn stone, as he did so, he looked at that altar and the sacrifice and looked forward to the time when Jesus was going to die for his sins. Just as we stand down here in this twentieth century and look back at Calvary and see that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for our sins, the Jew looked forward to His death. It is the same looking to the blood sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You say, "That sounds all right, but, Brother Gilpin, if I would quit my meanness and watch my tongue, and if I would turn over a new leaf, and if I would stay away from a lot of things which I have been doing, I believe it will help the Lord out in the realm of my salvation." Listen, beloved, who is the Saviour in that case, you or the Lord? If you are going to help the Lord out, you are going to have to praise yourself for your part in your salvation, because part of it depended upon you. Beloved, when we get to glory we are not going to praise ourselves, for the Word of God tells us that we are going to sing the praise of our Redeemer. If we sing the praise of our Redeemer then certainly we won't be able to sing our own praise. Listen:

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."—Rev. 5:13, 14.

Beloved, when the day of all days comes in eternity, when we stand as the redeemed throng of God, with white robes on and palms in our hands and with songs in our voices, it will be because Jesus Christ paid the sin debt in full at Calvary.

Beloved, listen: In the Old Testament when that Jew built his altar upon which to offer his sacrifice, he built it with unhewn stone, with no human workmanship to go into his sacrifice, with no human workmanship to enter in upon his salvation. The only way that any man can ever be saved is just like the Jew of the Old Testament — by a blood sacrifice — the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, without any human work-

DID CHRIST DIE FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL?

If Christ died for you, you can never be lost. God will not punish twice for one thing. If God punished Christ for your sins He will not punish you. "Payment God's justice cannot twice demand, first, at the bleeding Saviour's hand, and then again at mine." How can God be just if He punishes Christ, the substitute, and then man himself afterwards? . . . Spurgeon

manship on your part or mine.

III

THIS ALTAR REQUIRED NO
HUMAN EFFORT TO AP-
PROACH IT.

When the Jew built his altar of sacrifice, he didn't put any steps up to it. There was no human workmanship to build it and there was no human effort to climb up to it. Listen, sinner friend, there isn't one single human step you have to take in order to be saved. Suppose that Jew had had a long flight of stairs up to his altar. It would have meant labor for him to put his sacrifice upon his back and carry it up those steps, and when he came up he might have said, "Through my efforts in bringing my sacrifice up these many stairs I am able to appease the wrath of God and through what I do in coming up these stairs I am going to find the peace of God." Beloved, it wasn't thus. All that the Jew had to do was to walk up to the altar and lay his sacrifice on it. There were no steps up to the altar.

Beloved, come with me to Calvary and stand there where Jesus died and see Him. Notice as He gripped the nails that held Him to the Cross and as the pain

leaped along the arteries of His body and as the Son of God bled on the Cross, He died for your sins and for mine. You don't have to take a single step in order to meet Jesus at the killing place (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Disloyalists

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is as the Bible reveals it. If you don't see it the Bible way, you just don't see and don't love the truth. Compromising the truth is like a woman compromising her virtue. The woman who compromises, loses all. The Baptist who compromises loses all.

3. Women's organizations are nearly if not quite, all disloyalists. They are confessedly disloyal to the Bible. Their leaders admit that they can not be loyal to the W.M.U. and B.Y.P.U. programs without being disloyal to the Bible prohibitions in I Cor. 14:32-37, I Tim. 2:8-13, Rev. 2:20-22. No woman can be loyal to the W.M.U. without being disloyal to the Bible. Then they are disloyal to their churches. They put the W.M.U. above the church. They give through the W. M. U.

instead of through the church and to the glory of the W.M.U. instead of to the glory of the church and the Lord Jesus, Who is the Head of each church. He is not the head of the W.M.U. Neither is He the Head of the B.T.U. Most W.M.U.'s. are also disloyalists in denying the headship of their husbands and the headship of the men over the women in the churches. We know that to most Baptists this is old-fashioned and old-fogey; but it is Bible all the same and Baptists can neither thrive nor prosper except as they stay with the Book.

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"The idea of woman's subjection to her husband is not well received in these days. The thought is all out of joint with present day thinking. Today we are hearing of 'woman's equality' and 'woman's emancipation.' Many ministers now leave the word 'obey' out of the marriage ceremony and it is not unusual to hear a young woman say 'I'll never obey any man.' Some enthusiastic idealists regard these signs as indications that woman is coming into her own. But they are rather indications of woman's (Continued on page 6, column 3)

STOP

How do you happen to be looking through this paper?

Did a friend lend you a copy?

Did you pick it up in a lobby or office?

Or did it just happen to be where you were—when you had nothing better to read?

How ever you came upon it, you're likely to call this chance-glance at it "pure circumstance"

But is it actually circumstance?

Take a second thought . . . this is strange material for you to be reading under any circumstance.

Strange material . . . the kind that shouldn't attract you at all; the kind of paper that, normally, you'd never see; never bother with . . .

Yet you go on thumbing through it; reading phrases here and there. And then, half with amusement; half with annoyance you've begun this. (Continued on Page six, column 1)

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Stop

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little article meant specially for you.

THE WORD OF GOD SPEAKS

This is what God says about you:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."—I John 1:8. "There is none righteous, no, not one: 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."—Romans 3:10-12.

This is what God did for you:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God."—I Peter 3:18.

This is what God says to you:

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."—Isaiah 1:18.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

This is what God demands of you:

"God commandeth all men everywhere to repent."—Acts 17:30.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."—Acts 16:31.

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

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near."—Isa. 55:6.



A False Notion

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confession of faith, but that confession is not binding upon any other church. If a thing is in the Scriptures, it is Baptist; if it is not, it is not Baptist.

3. Which Church Adheres to the Right Doctrine Concerning Salvation and Baptism? What is the right — the Scriptural teaching concerning these matters? It is that salvation is wholly "by grace through faith in Christ." (Ephes. 2:8). It is that baptism is the immersion in water of a genuinely saved person, with the motive of obedience to Christ and with the immersion authorized by a Scriptural church. (See Matt. 28: 19-20; Acts 2:41).

Other of the great denominations, mix works and grace in the matter of salvation, and either pervert the form of baptism, or the purpose of it.

All that is needed to make a Baptist is a genuine case of conversion, and a New Testament. We have seen person after person become a Baptist, sometimes at great cost, as a result of a personal study of the New Testa-

ment.

Samples Of Sentimental Bosh

We have often heard people justify their choice of a church with such remarks as these: "My people are all such and such." In other words, that was the church of family tradition, and the truth played no part. Another remark: "I was raised in such and such a church." That is, they were brought up attending that church.

Pure sentiment, and again, the truth plays no part. Mohammedans are what they are for the same reason. "My ma and my grandma belonged to that church." Sentiment again. So important a thing as church membership should be settled after study of the Scriptures. Prejudice, tradition and sentiment ought to be thrown aside, and God's will should be sought and obeyed no matter what the cost.

Disloyalists

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rebellion against the gracious will of God."

When women get to be loyalists — loyal to the Bible and loyal to their husbands, they will vote no more. Equal suffrage is based on equal rights and both are against the Bible from Genesis 3:16 to Rev. 2:20. There are many disloyalists among deacons and S. S. officers and teachers, to whom the words of The New Republic apply: To Denominational Machines, W.M.U.'s and B.T.U.'s, the term "Disloyalists" can be almost, if not quite, universally applied.

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What Makes Grunion Run?

Why do those crazy California fish pile up by the score on Pacific beaches? Perhaps it's the same impulse that drives the salmon upstream. Some say, however, that the grunion have their own peculiar brand of madness.

The grunion is a joke nature plays on Californians each spring. At that time of year, thousands of little, smelt-like fish march up the waves to the beaches and flounder about on land long enough to lay and fertilize eggs. Visitors see them then, quivering and fluttering on the sand and actually burrowing down into it.

During April and May, when the fish are running hardest, California law protects them from lazy fishermen who might otherwise pick up hundreds of the creatures by their tails and consider them fairly caught. Some Californians (mostly teenagers) think the grunion run is "romantic." They like to wander out to the beach, boy and girl and hand-in-hand, stand close beneath a big moon and watch the fish flop.

Professional and even amateur zoologists can predict the arrival of the grunion each year within ten minutes. But how do the fish know the date and time of day? They are so regular that they seldom disappoint people waiting for them on the beach. From year to year, times for the run vary only slightly, although location may shift up and down shore as much as several hundred yards.

What happens when the fish start to roll in? They choose a strong wave with a stretch of clean hard sand

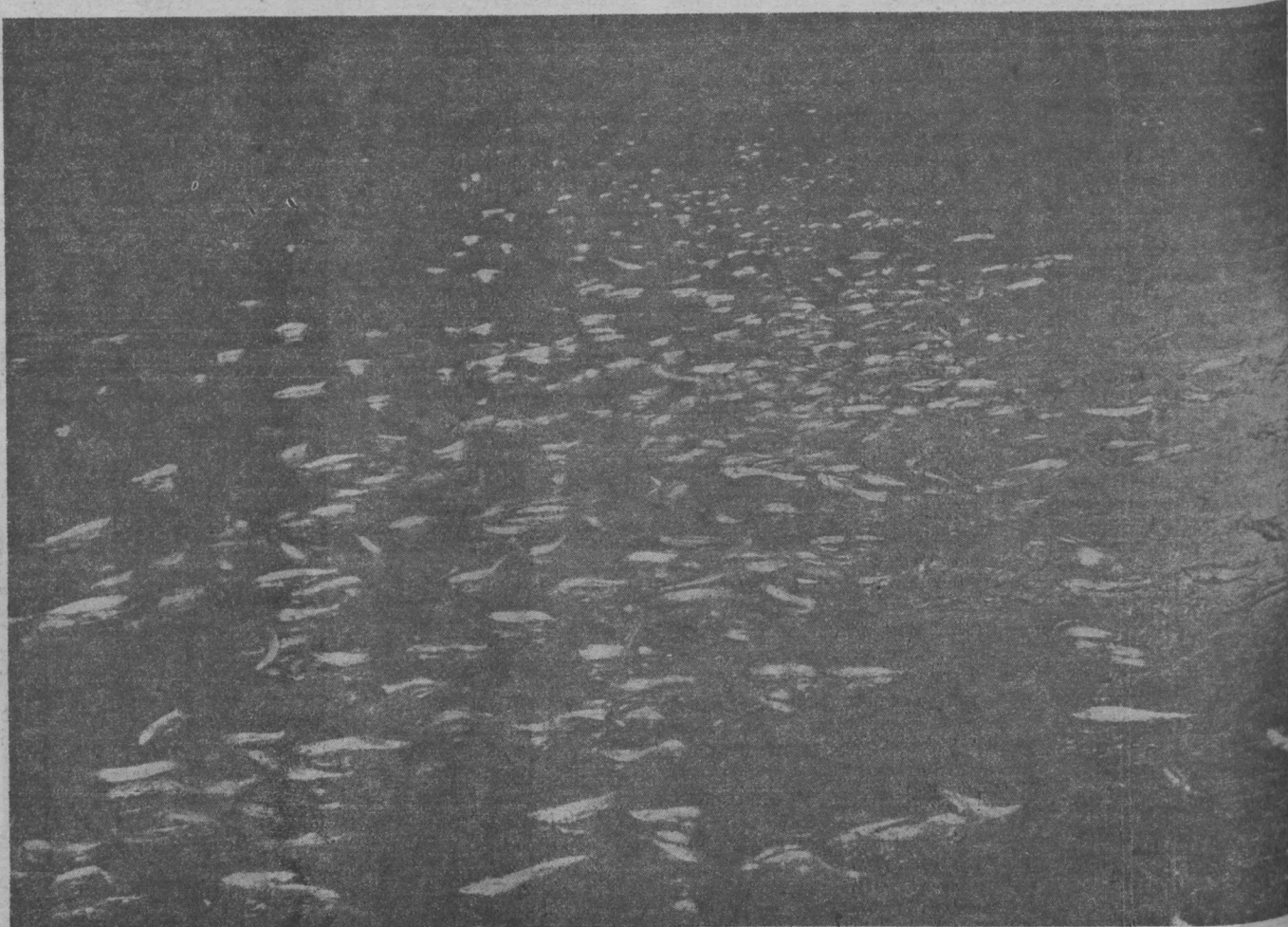
ahead. Riding in on it, the female, convoyed by the males of her breed, lands high and dry up on the shore, and keeps right on swimming out of water just to keep from being drawn back by the wash of the wave. When she is safe, she digs in, arching and wriggling in something like a dance.

What the female grunion is doing is burrowing a space for her offspring where they will be fertilized and then float out into the sea. When she has buried herself almost completely, she lays from 1500 to 3500 eggs; then the males make their way over and deposit milt to fertilize them.

The whole performance is so perfectly timed that when the next high wave hits the beach, male and female grunion manage to struggle out of the sand and into the water. They then go back out to sea, their bit for posterity performed in just 30 seconds.

The eggs now lie safe. Because the whole operation takes place at night, both fish and eggs are safe from preying seagulls. The eggs stay in their pods, waiting for still another high wave. When one comes their way, its backwash will draw them back after their parents, snap the egg-pod covers and add a host of new grunion to the world.

How can one note the activity of these grunion and fail to see the hand of God in their every movement! Truly His ways are past finding out.



WHEN AN IMMERSION IS NOT . . .

BAPTISM

Every baptism is an immersion; but every immersion is not a baptism. A man walking a log might fall into the creek and be immersed, but that would not be baptism. Men in hatred of the truth have tried to make baptism a joke and an object of ridicule by all sorts of grotesque immersions; none of them were baptisms, even if blasphemously performed in the name of the Trinity. Men have immersed themselves; but that was not baptism. In Acts 18:1-5 we have an account of twelve men who were baptized for the wrong purpose. They thought the baptism was the main thing. They had not even heard of the Holy Spirit. They were not proper subjects for baptism, for they had not received the Holy Spirit. Paul gets down to the heart of the matter when he asks them: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" (19:2 R. V.). Then when they trusted Christ they were baptized; not re-baptized, but baptized. Immersion can be repeated; baptism cannot. A man who did not receive the Holy Spirit before he was baptized has not been baptized. He may have been immersed in the name of the Trinity, but it does not validate the act, if the subject or de-

sign was wrong. In other words, takes more than immersion to make a baptism. It takes a baptized administrator, a preacher, acting under the authority of a New Testament church, and a right motive design, a love to the Lord and a desire to glorify Him by being buried with Him in likeness of His resurrection.

It takes all these to make scriptural baptism. These men in Acts 19—had the act, but they were not saved, and that voided the performance. It takes more than an immersion to make a baptism. Even Baptist baptism is not baptism, if the man baptized did not receive the Holy Spirit when he was immersed. It was an immersion. That is one thing why the Disciples of Christ, Campbell can't baptize. They immerse folks; but they don't baptize them. They deny the personal, direct work of the Holy Spirit and deny that men receive the Holy Spirit by baptism. Of course they have authority to baptize, except men; but even if they did, (Continued on page 7, col.



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SINGING CONVENTIONS

will sing with the spirit, with the understanding also." (I Corinthians 14:15).

those to whom I preach know I favor music in the worship service. It is a Scriptural way of calling God's people together for worship and of preparing their minds and hearts for worship and praise. I encourage it in the services and refrain from taking a part in it. God used it, including musical instruments, for this purpose (II Chronicles 29:25-30). They did not sing songs like "Zip 'Coon." It was music given to a spirit of devo-

He said that he would sing with the spirit and with the understanding also. That evidently means that songs were intelligible in their wording and capable of being understood. Also, these were songs of the spirit—songs which the spirit of the Lord could enter and praise. In contrast with this, many of today, instead of appealing to the spirit appeal to the flesh. They are of the flesh and

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only. There is no half-position on what is right or wrong. The modern "convention" type of singing is of the flesh and should not be entered into, and promoted by those who intend to show proof of their statement below.

not making an attack on individuals. Many good men, who would not knowingly do wrong, are "carried away" by this modern scheme of singing. He imitates that which he engages in a disguise of piety (II Corinthians 11:16). There was a time when the "convention" songs were good. I have learned better of righteousness and the love of men, especially our young men, who are being deceived by the "convention" prompts me to write

are some of the many reasons why Baptists should not

take part in singing of "convention" type songs:

1. The lyrics or words are either meaningless or heretical, in most cases. Someone, please tell me what is meant in this most popular number: "On the Jericho Road, there is room for just two; no more and no less, just Jesus and you." I have something like normal intelligence and I fail to see the "point" here. But that is my "point," there is no point. It is impossible to sing these songs "with the understanding." Over and over they advocate salvation by works, by morality, disregarding the grace of the Lord in giving life.

2. When the words are Scriptural, as in "He Bore It All," the melody is so perverted with the "swing" of the ballroom, barroom, or "honky-tonk" until it is impossible to sing "with the spirit."

3. The theme of many of the songs is egotistic, glorifying man instead of the Lord, contrary to the command of the Word to do "all" to the glory of the Lord (I Corinthians 10:31)! "I'll Fly Away," "I'd Rather Be A Beggar," "I Dreamed I Searched Heaven for You" "I'm Gonna Rise and Shine," I, I, I, on and on ad infinitum.

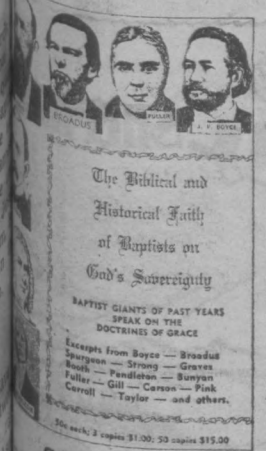
4. This tendency to attract attention to man and glorify him is further seen in the style of music; individual parts are featured calling attention to a "trilling 'alto,'" or a down-in-the-cellar "basso profundo." The glory is in the flesh.

5. This egotistic tendency is further evidenced in the rivalry between directors. The man who can stamp the floor and "get 'em to sing" is "tops." If he is able to ad lib at just the right time, he is sure to get the applause.

6. A good measure of the spirituality of "convention" singing is seen in the crowds it attracts. Lost people like it as well as any of their other sins, perhaps better than some, for it has the cloak of respectability. Lost men are often the leaders. Men who do not profess Christianity, or at least do not depend on Christ for salvation, are prominent on the famous quartets. The flesh likes it.

7. It is evil because it is "interdenominational" or "non-denominational." It has to be to appeal to all faiths and to the lost as well. Most of the writers are "Pedo-Baptists." "One church is

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ridicule the value of it and feign a sorrow for "those preachers who don't like good gospel singing. Don't they know there is going to be singing in Heaven?" I ask, "What kind?"

11. Its advocates are inconsistent. Baptists do not believe in "pulpit affiliation" and will not have a Campbellite or other heretic preach for them, but I am supposed to "hold still" while a Campbellite singer, who does not believe in instrumental music in the church—believes it is a sin—comes in and teaches my own people how to worship the Lord in song — teaching them to SIN according to his own doctrine. Not by my consent. May God give us the grace to get our eyes open!

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* "THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT COMMANDMENT."
— MATTHEW 22:38

ARE YOU A FUNDAMENTALIST OR A BAPTIST?

A fundamentalist is simply a man who believes the Bible.

If you do not believe 2x2 equals 4, you have no right to teach mathematics.

If you do not believe water will freeze at 32 degrees, do not try to make thermometers. If you do not believe 16 ounces make a pound, you have no right to make scales.

If you do not believe the fundamentals of the Scriptures, you have no right to be a preacher. — Tabernacle Baptist.

Like lots of other Fundamentalists our brother has made that statement until he believes it; but it isn't so. Many fundamentalists are Unionists; no Unionist believes the Bible. The Editor of the Sunday School Times is a Fundamentalist; but he does not believe the Bible on the subject, design, action or authority for Bible baptism. There was no other kind in Bible days. The Sunday School Times does not believe the Bible on the subject, design, action and authority for the Lord's Supper any more than on baptism. He does not believe the Bible on church policy, church perpetuity, church identity, church name, church membership, church definition, church discipline, church authority, church union, church work or church order. There are a good many other things in the Bible The Sunday School Times does not believe, teach, nor practice. That paper is a Fundamentalist paper; but it neither believes, teaches nor practices the Bible on many subjects. Baptists ought to quit stultifying themselves and perverting the truth about here-

tics. A man, who is not sound on ecclesiology, is as truly a heretic as a man who is heretical on theology. No Fundamentalist believes the Bible if he is content to be called a Fundamentalist. If he believes all the Bible, he would no longer wear the name Fundamentalist; but would be a Baptist. The only name, which stands for the whole Bible, is the name Baptist.

Baptism

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the authority, they could not baptize, because those, whom they immerse, have not received the Holy Spirit. Peter said to the six men, who went with him to the house of Cornelius: "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we?" No Holy Spirit in the heart; no baptism. That is God's order. It does not make any difference who immersed you, you have not been baptized, if you did not receive the Holy Spirit, when you believed and before your baptism. It takes more than an immersion to make a baptism.

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WHEN THOU PASSEST THROUGH THE WATERS

Isaiah 43:2

Is there any heart discouragement as it journeys on its way?

Does there seem to be more darkness than there is of sunny day?

Oh, it's hard to learn the lesson, as we pass beneath the rod,

That the sunshine and shadows serve alike the will of God.

But there comes a word of promise, like the promise of a bow,

That however deep the waters they shall never overflow.

When the flesh is worn and weary, and the spirit is depressed,

And temptations sweep upon it like a storm on ocean's breast;

There's a haven ever open for the tempest-driven bird;

There is shelter for the tempted in the promise of the Word.

For the standard of the Spirit shall be raised against the foe,

And however deep the waters they shall never overflow.

When a sorrow comes upon you that no other soul can share,

And the burden seems too heavy for the human heart to bear;

There is One whose grace can comfort if you'll give Him an abode;

There's a Burden Bearer ready, if you'll trust Him with your load.

For the precious promise reaches to the depths of human woe;

That however deep the waters they shall never overflow.

When the sands of life are ebbing and I near the Jordan's shore,

When I see its waters rising and hear its billows roar,

I will reach my hand to Jesus, in His bosom I will hide.

And 'twill only be a moment till I reach the other side.

It is then the fullest meaning of the promise I shall know:

When thou passest through the waters they shall never overflow.

I Should Like To Know

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nor a demonstrational ordinance, but a local church ordinance. In this ordinance a local New Testament body shows its unity by partaking of the one bread or loaf. I Cor. 10:17. For that reason I partake of the Lord's supper with no church except the one of which I am a member.

5. Don't you think that Baptists would progress faster if they were not so strict?

No, I do not. Facts sustain me. English Baptists, on the whole, are looser than American Baptists; yet American Baptists are stronger. The southern states of our country make up the greatest Baptist stronghold on this planet, and significantly enough, it is these southern states that Baptists have been least affected by Modernism, unionism, and looseness in general. Facts prove that Baptists are strongest where they are strictest. The logic is inexor-

able. If Baptists have no distinctive message to proclaim and contend for, they ought to die, and when they cease to proclaim and defend a distinctive message they do die always and everywhere.

The Altar

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— the altar of sacrifice where the Son of God died.

I say to you tonight, beloved, that altar of the Jew required no human workmanship to erect it and required no human effort to approach it. In like measure, our altar which is Jesus Christ, required no human workmanship to erect it and requires no human effort on your part to approach that you might be saved. Some of you think that by your works you are going to Heaven. Listen to what God says:

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith WITH-

OUT THE DEEDS of the law."
—Rom. 3:28.

"But to him that WORKETH NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."—Rom. 4:5.

"Knowing that a man is NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and NOT BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified."—Gal. 2:16.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8, 9.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."—II Tim. 1:9.

"NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS which we have done but according to his mercy he saved us, by the renewing of the Holy Ghost."—Titus 3:5.

Beloved, the only hope that I have and the only hope that you can have and the only hope that I can offer to any man or woman here in this house of God tonight, is to renounce your own deeds and your doings and your own works and your own human effort and solely fall upon and depend upon Jesus Christ as your Saviour. As the old song says:

"In my hand no price I bring,
Simply to thy Cross I cling."

Beloved, works won't save. It is the finished work of Jesus Christ that provides for your salvation. After you are saved there ought to be works in your life. If you are saved there will be works in your life. If the Lord Jesus Christ has saved you, you will work, not in order to be saved, but because you are saved. The Lord does the saving and you prove that you have



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been saved by the way that you live after He has saved you.

Conclusion

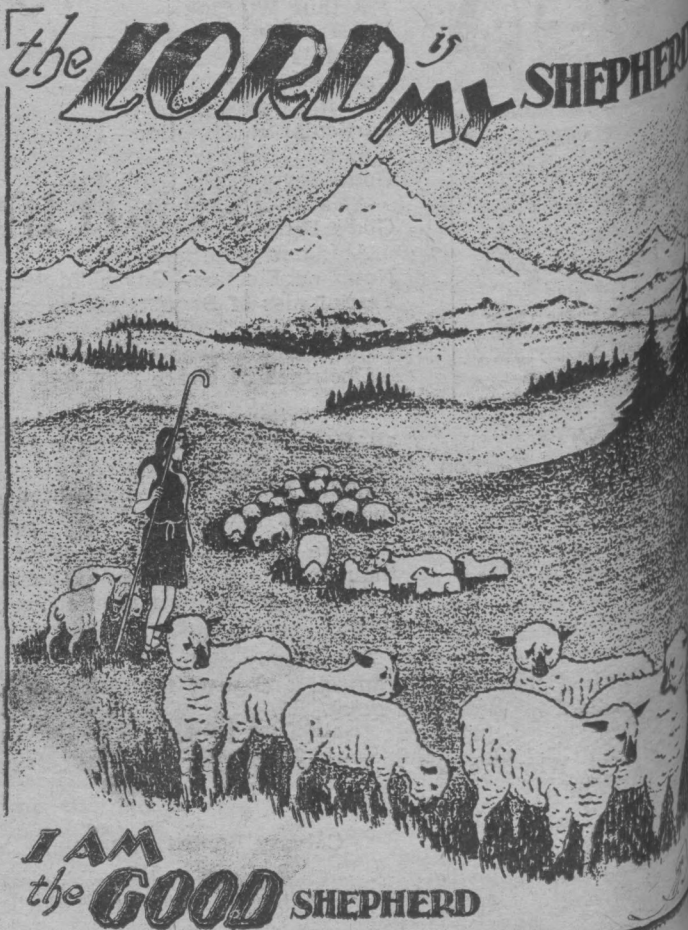
Let me go one step further. Some of you may say, "Brother Gilpin, that may be all right but after I am saved I have to read my Bible and have to go to church and do all these things or I will lose my salvation." Listen, beloved, if you have a salvation that you can lose, you didn't get it from God. You have the kind that you got at a mourner's bench or you have some kind that you got from man. One thing sure, you didn't get it from God. The kind you get from Him is the kind that you can't lose.

Let me offer you this supposition: Suppose that after you have made a profession of faith, suppose you quit coming to church and you quit reading your Bible and you quit tithing

and you quit praying and you quit living like a Christian, I ask you, would you be saved or would you be lost? You say, "Why, Brother Gilpin, I'd be lost." No, brother, you wouldn't be lost. You are ready lost. That just shows that you are depending upon those things for your salvation. That just proves that you are depending upon those things instead of the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

Beloved, I am trying to show you that our salvation does not depend upon anything that we do. It doesn't depend upon human works. It doesn't depend upon our effort. Our salvation depends wholly, solely, and entirely upon Jesus Christ, the Lamb who died on Calvary's Cross for our sins.

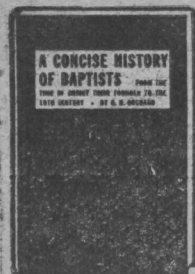
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