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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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## How Heretics Go Wrong On The Church, Baptism, And The Great Commission

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position because they have taken it upon themselves to walk a path of self-will must of necessity wrest the Scriptures in order to have followers. May God grant that all our readers seek first of all to "will to do His will" that our Lord's words may be a reality in your case (John 7:17).

In Matt. 28:19-20 we have the commission. There has long been much discussion as to whom Christ was speaking. Those who do not care for the stand Baptists take always find some way to get away from saying this commission was given to true Baptist Churches. Therefore we have the false theory of the universal church as the receiver of the commission. We also have the equally false theory that Christ gave the commission to all saints. It is mainly the second falsehood that I want to discuss in this article.

We are told that Christ was speaking to His disciples and therefore the commission automatically passes on to each new (Continued on Page 3, column 1)

clearly discerned by the children of God who will to know and do the will of God. Of course those who have reason to prove their

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Stand  
And  
Be  
Counted



Dear Brother Gilpin:

I have just received the November 7 issue of TBE in which you have had the article entitled **STAND AND BE COUNTED**. I wish to say that I enjoy all the articles in **THE BAPTIST EXAMINER**, but sometimes some of them seem to warm my heart just a little more than some others do. This little article struck me as being one that ought to touch the hearts of all Bible believing Baptists and cause them to rally to the support of **THE BAPTIST EXAMINER** with a worthy monetary offering, and to the support of our editor with their prayers and willingness to **STAND UP AND BE COUNTED** for the truth.

Brother Gilpin, you know better than anyone else that there once was a time when I not only could but did support **THE BAPTIST EXAMINER** financially and only God knows how much it has hurt me since being on the mission field to not be able to continue this financial support but we stay in the "red" here all the time as it is, however we mention **THE BAPTIST EXAMINER** and you by name in our prayers every day. We wish that we could send an offering but since we cannot we want you to know that we pray for you and your ministry.

Also we want you to know that we want to stand and (Continued on page three, column one)

## TEN REASONS WHY I AM NOT A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

ELD. D. B. EASTEP  
(My Friend, In Glory)

Hell-Fire is to be taken figuratively.

I BELIEVE GOD'S INTERPRETATION IN PREFERENCE TO ANY MAN'S.

3. Moneys were to be collected by early Christians on this day. I Cor. 16:2.

3. If Christians are required to keep the Seventh Day Sabbath how are they to live in cold climates, Ex. 35:1-3. "And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord; whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath day." This is one proof that it was for Israel.

III. BECAUSE I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SOUL SLEEPS IN THE GRAVE, AS ALL TRUE ADVENTISTS DO. Paul said: "To be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." — 11 Cor. 5:8. The body sleeps — but the soul returns unto God.

VI. BECAUSE I BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD WHICH TEACHES ME THAT I AM SAVED BY GRACE AND NOT BY LAW. Romans 3:2-28; 7:6-8; Galatians 2:16; 3:10, 19-26.

4. John, on the Isle of Patmos, saw the Lord on the Lord's day, and that day was Sunday.

4. Is it the duty of Christians to put to death those who desecrate the seventh day, Numbers 15:32-36. "And while the children of Israel are in the land of Canaan, ye shall observe the Sabbath day, for the Lord your God is saying, In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." (Continued on page 8, column 4)

IV. BECAUSE I HAVE NEVER FOUND IN THE WORD OF GOD ONE SINGLE SENTENCE WHERE PATRIARCH, PROPHET, APOSTLE OR ANYBODY ELSE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT EVER COMMANDED A GENTILE TO KEEP THE LAW OF MOSES.

It is an axiomatic fact that all laws must operate in the realm in which they belong, and ONLY THERE. Now sin is a spiritual disease and the remedy must be spiritual — NOT WORKS.

VII. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN HARMONIZING SOME SCRIPTURES AND THE PRACTICES AND TEACHINGS OF SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

5. If Christians are required to keep the Sabbath day, why do Adventists depart from their dwellings on that day, seeing those to whom the law was given were plainly commanded not to do so? — Ex. 16:29. "Let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."

V. I KNOW THAT SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS QUOTE I Jn. 2:4-6 and Rev. 22:14 AS GROUNDS FOR KEEPING THE LAW OF MOSES, BUT I Jn. 3:22-24 RIGHTLY INTERPRETS THESE TWO PASSAGES, AND

VII. BECAUSE BAPTISTS AND NOT CATHOLICS WERE THE FIRST TO OBSERVE SUNDAY AS THE DAY OF WORSHIP, BECAUSE EARLY CHRISTIANS WERE ALL BAPTISTS.

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2. If they keep one Sabbath, the seventh day, why not keep them all, the seventh year and the year of Jubilee? Who authorized any one to make the distinction in favor of the seventh DAY? Lev. 25:1-22.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### THANKSGIVING MESSAGE: "GOD SAVE AMERICA"

I am sure all of you are familiar with the old song, "God Bless America." Well, instead of singing "God Bless America," it is time for you and me to pray "God save America."

ica a church dies. Right now, locked, mildewed, and slowly disintegrating, stand 60,000 of them."

I need not read further of this report, but may I remind you by statistical survey, that 10,000 towns and villages in America have no religious service in any wise at all, 30,000 more towns are without a resident pastor, and almost two-thirds of the rural population in America has no church affiliation. I tell you, beloved, whenever you pause to consider facts like these, you are brought face to face with this truth—that we are living in a spiritually and morally decadent

America, and it is time for us to say, "God save America."

Another instance of religious decay which comes to my mind, is that which took place less than two months ago. It proves the same truth. Winona Lake School of Theology, located at Winona Lake, Indiana, which is an interdenominational school (and I don't have too much good to say for them; nevertheless, they do preach, and have stood for the doctrine of the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ) voted to revoke their charter agreement with the Fuller Theological (Continued on page 2, column 3)

### THANK GOD FOR A LETTER LIKE THIS!

I have put off writing too long to a real faithful man of God. Deep down in my heart I know that through the years you have stood for the faith once delivered to the saints. I know you have gone through many trials and heartaches. Thank you for your stand. I know God will continue to bless TBE in the future as He has in the past.

I like to think of men such as you as a corner post. In splitting posts we find a cut now and then that you can't split open—that is, one half refuses to split. No amount of wedges will make it split. That half has to be used for a corner post. Usually it has lots of heart and is very knotty, but it will hold the wire tight and support the weaker posts. I like to think of you as one who has been set deep, who is truly holding the faith.

—Pastor E. A. Hammond  
—(Texas)

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## Why Calvary Baptists Ask For Your Regular Support

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Putting off the doing of things we ought to do is one of the weaker points of most of us. We know we should do certain things for the cause of Christ, but somehow we fail to do them. Yes, there are many times that we really intend to do things that will help carry on the work of our Lord, but we just keep putting them off. I am sure this is the case with many of you so far as THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is concerned. You intend to send an offering for the on-going of the paper, but thus far you have put off doing so. Let me urge you to take a few minutes right now and send in that gift you have promised yourself you would send.

Not only are there some of you who have merely put off sending support to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, but also there are those of you who take for granted that there really isn't any need of support. It is terribly easy for us to assume that all is well financially as far as the sending forth of TBE is concerned. Beloved, to assume that there is no real need for your contributions is a vast mistake. I need not remind you of the great cost of living we all feel the weight of in our daily lives. It costs a great deal just to live a moderate life. Each of you know this to be true, if you have any responsibility at all.

The same thing is true so far as publishing TBE is concerned. The paper and other materials cost a lot of money, just the same as the things you and I must buy for our daily living. Labor is expensive in the printing of TBE the same as in other fields of labor. The preparing of TBE for the mail after it has been printed costs money. It is necessary to maintain an up-to-date mailing list in order to get the paper to each of you. There is a constant changing of addresses to contend with. Then there is the cost of mailing TBE to think of. Even with the

obtaining of the cheapest mailing rates available the cost for postage is no small matter. Many of the papers must have postage stamps on them before they can be mailed. Add up all the expenses, and you will no longer assume that TBE does not need your help. Also since this expense goes on week after week, you ought not think you need only send an offering on special occasions, but we need to receive your support on a regular basis as well. In fact, if each of you would help on a regular basis, there would be much less need of having to ask for special offerings. It is only because of the shortage of support that we at times must ask for special assistance. If all our readers would contribute toward the support of TBE regularly, our financial problems would virtually end.

We are thankful that some individuals and churches do send regular support. Yet out of necessity we say there is need for more of you to add us to your regular budget. Yes, beloved, if you assume that your support is not needed, you are greatly mistaken.

There is another group to whom I am sure I am speaking. Satan would love to have you of this group to go on thinking your offering would be too small to amount to anything. I know many of you want to send support to TBE, but you can only afford a small amount, so you think that it wouldn't help any. Beloved, I know it is wrong for you to think thus. It makes no difference how small your support may be. It is the small amounts that add up to large amounts. I tell you, my friends, you ought not hesitate to send your support even though you may think it an insignificant amount. Remember the woman with the two mites! If you will support TBE as much as you are enabled to do, whether it be large or small, Bro. Gilpin, and all the rest of us at Calvary Baptist Church, will be very thankful to our great God for you and for

## Calvary Baptists Enjoy God's Blessing Thanksgiving Day

It is with profound joy and with a deep sense of thankfulness to God, that we tell you about the Thanksgiving services of Calvary Baptist Church.

In God's providence, He saw to it that we had the largest crowd in attendance we have ever had in the history of our church, with guests coming from as far away as Louisville, Kentucky, Charleston, West Virginia, and Cleveland, and Middletown, Ohio. What a joy it was to have these folk in our fellowship!

The sermon which appears in this issue was preached on Thanksgiving morning and it is your editor's sincere prayer that as it goes forth in its printed form it will prove to be a distinct blessing to those who read it just as it was to those who heard it when first delivered.

Brother Willard Willis, of Middletown, Ohio, whom we consider as having no superior, sang for us to the spiritual edification of our congregation. Brother Willis has been our friend and supporter of this paper ever since he was a wee lad, and it was indeed encouraging to have him take part in our services, along with other preacher brethren who were present.

Thanksgiving was a beautiful day, and that along with the crowd which we had, and the spiritual impact of the service, as well as the offering, causes all of us to rejoice. Accordingly Calvary Baptist Church is thanking God and taking courage as we face the future.

your offering.

It has been my observance that most of us whom God has saved come in the category of having to say we can only send a small amount. We ought not be ashamed if we are doing the best we can for the cause of Christ! I urge you to help TBE all you can, regardless of whether it be large or small. None of us here in Ashland will have anything but the highest of regard for each of you the Lord is pleased to use in keeping THE BAPTIST EXAMINER going forth each week.

If nothing else, why not send in a number of new subscriptions right now while we are attempting to increase substantially our mailing list. There was a special subscription blank in a very recent issue of this paper. We urge you to use it today.

May God bless you and grant you grace to help support TBE!



## "God Save America"

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Seminary of Pasadena, California. Now you understand that that school at Winona Lake was the summer division of Fuller Theological Seminary. I might say that when they voted to revoke their connection with the Fuller Seminary, one reason which they stated was the gradual deterioration of Fuller's doctrine of the Scriptures; and the fact that several members of the faculty at Fuller Seminary recently signed a statement of faith with mental reservations. I tell you, beloved, it is a sad situation when a school like Fuller Theological Seminary loses its bearings and slips away from all Biblical standards.

Then, beloved, I remember reading just a short time ago an editorial that was prepared by an outstanding news agency, in which they said:

"The 116 million churchgoers in the U. S. are more than ever — an increase of 30% in the last ten years. BUT, in the same period, illegitimacy has increased 300 per cent."

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## "I Should Like to Know"

1. Is it right for one of our Baptist Women's Colleges to announce the picture shows and then take all who will go?

No. It is worldly and wicked. God's Word classes all such friends of the world as enemies of God. James 4:4.

2. Please explain Deut. 23:2.

That has no reference to the salvation and has no bearing on the present age. It applied only to the days when certain classes were ceremonially unclean and had reference only to the days of ceremonial restrictions on attendance at the sanctuary.

This was a report put out by the United States Government saying that church going has increased 30%, but that illegitimacy has increased 300%. It also said in the same report that pornography, which is the printing of nude and licentious literature, has become, in America, a 500-million-dollar a year business. This editorial also said that our crime bill is 20 billion dollars a year, and that crime is increasing four times faster than the population, and that juvenile crime is increasing five times faster. It said that for every dollar our nation spends on churches, the nation also spends \$12,000 on crime. It said also that we have 5 million alcoholics in America, 3 1/2 million problem drinkers, and that we have 175,000 more taverns and liquor outlets than all houses of worship combined. I tell you, beloved, when I come face to face with facts like these, I insist it is time for us to say, "God save America."

I would remind you of that which makes a nation strong. If commerce would have made a nation strong, then Tyre would never have fallen. If political organization would do it, then Rome would never have failed. If military power could make a nation strong, then Germany would never have fallen. Beloved, the only thing that can make a nation strong is for a nation to have a definite, positive, everyday dependence upon Almighty God, and it is that which we don't have in America today. May "God save America."

I was impressed a short time ago when a Presbyterian magazine sent out a questionnaire to 500 active ministers of the Presbyterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Congregational, and Baptist churches as to their beliefs. Of those 500 active ministers who were thus interrogated, 13% of them rejected the distinguishing doctrine of the church which is the Trinity; 48% rejected the Scriptural account of creation of the world by God;

3. Should you make your boy go to Sunday School when they teach them everything but the Bible?

No, a thousand times no. Teach them the Bible at home.

4. What is the difference between fornication and adultery?

The Greek words for the two are different, and are never interchangeable in the New Testament. By that I mean the word for fornication is never translated adultery, and vice versa. Thayer defines the word adultery: "Having unlawful intercourse with another man's wife." That is the word the Master used when He talked about divorced people marrying. That is strong language. But the Son of God said that a man, who is divorced for any other reason except for fornication, if he marries again, is guilty of having "unlawful" intercourse with another man's wife." See Matt. 5:32, 19:9; Mark 10:11.

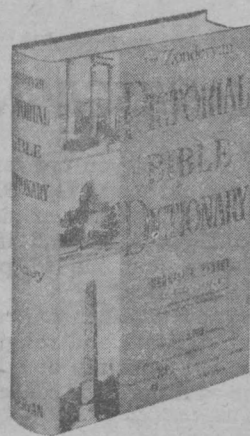
The word translated fornication is defined by Thayer: "Illicit sexual intercourse in general." The word is also translated whores, monger and harlot, in its male and female forms. It is a significant fact that the Master said of woman untrue to her husband that she is no better than a harlot. The same is true of a husband untrue to his wife. He doesn't say adultery, but fornication, when He speaks of the Scriptural ground of divorce. Study, with the definitions of these words, I Cor. 6:16 and you will see why He uses a different word, for what seems like the same offense. When a married man has sinned with a harlot, it says they are "one body" — "one flesh" now.

33% said that they no longer believed that there was a Deity; 43% rejected the verbal plenary inspiration of the Scriptures; 24% rejected the atonement of Christ; 33% said they did not believe in the resurrection of the body. Beloved, "God save America," if that is a true report from 500 leading ministers of the various evangelical denominations in America.

A short time ago I read the teacher of theology in Princeton Theological Seminary said that few intelligent people were still holding the idea that the Bible is an infallible book. He said that the existence of thousands of variations of texts makes it impossible to hold the doctrine of the Book verbally infallible.

Beloved, I believe it is infallible, and I hold it as the Word of God, without any question mark about any portion of it. When I read how the outstanding leader of the most outstanding theological seminary of America (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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## Stand And Be Counted

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counted, as being on God's side. Not that we fear that you anyone else might question our stand for the truth but we would like for all to know as we reaffirm that we want to: **stand and be counted**, with all those that believe in salvation grace; with all that believe in unconditional election; that the elect of God must and will hear the gospel. We wish to **stand and be counted** with all who believe that Christ instituted His church while He was still here on this earth; that He gave the great commission to His church as a corporate body and not to individuals as such; that baptism can be administered only upon the authority of the Lord's church; that only the Lord's churches are authorized to carry out the great commission, and that individuals and man made churches attempt to do so are usurping the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and His church and are under direct, immediate, everlasting censorship from our Lord so long as they continue to rebel against Him. I wish to, **stand and be counted**, with all that believe in the perpetuity of the Lord's church; that only Baptist churches and not all of them could fit the category of being one of the Lord's churches. I want you to know that I wish to, **stand and be counted**, with all those that believe the doctrinal teachings as to God's Word, as is weekly set forth in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In closing the article you ask the question, "Whose side are you on?" I want you to know that I am on God's side, and the side of those who stand for the above mentioned truths. I take issue with no one because of their person or position, but because of their stand for the truth of God's Word, and so as you stand for the truth and proclaim it as you do I shall count it a privilege to **STAND AND BE COUNTED WITH YOU**, both now and in the hereafter. May the Lord bless you.

Sincerely, Fred T. Halliman

## Heretics Go Wrong

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Scripture as they become children of God. This, the heretics say, is explanation as to how Christ said His words when He said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the world (age)." Found in Matt. 28:20. Now, I would have you note carefully that He is commissioned in this passage. There is the command to the disciples. Then there is the command to baptize those who are saved. And there is the command to teach those thus saved and baptized to observe all the things Christ has commanded. With your eyes now turned to the text I want you to reason with me as follows. If the commission to baptize was given to disciples as individuals how could Paul say "I have not sent you to baptize"? Was it without doubt a discipline? Anti-Baptists tell us they believe the commission was given to the disciples as individuals. I ask you how it is that Paul claimed he had not sent him to baptize? If the deniers of Baptist church authority are right it would have been impossible for Paul to have claimed no authority from Christ to baptize. You will also notice that Paul did claim to have been sent by Christ to preach the gospel. Paul had been referring to that commission in Matt. 28 he could have claimed a part of that commission and rejected the other, namely authority to baptize. What, then, was Paul referring to? Beloved, he was speaking of the call from God to be a preacher. There are still some whom God calls to preach His word. I experienced that call and so did the rest of those men whom God has been pleased to make

preachers of righteousness. Involved in this call is only the call to preach. Authority to baptize is not included in this call. Neither is the performing of any of the other functions which rightly belong only to that which received the commission given in Matt. 28. Before I go further let me hasten to say that neither does the call to preach relieve that called preacher of the responsibility of being a member of, and in subjection to, that which was commissioned in Matt. 28. That is, a Scriptural Baptist Church.

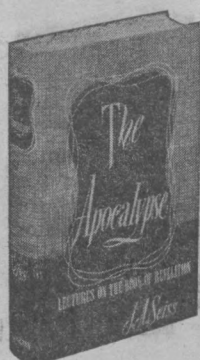
Paul was saying Christ had not given him a commission as an individual to baptize. That is what "sent" refers to here. It refers to a commission or authority. We have the same meaning set forth in Jer. 23:21. We read, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied." Now none should deny that in God's eternal purpose He did "send" these prophets. The reference here is to a positive commission. God is saying He did not send those prophets in the sense of giving them positive authority to go and prophesy. The same thing is meant by Paul. As an individual Paul did not have authority to baptize. This would have indeed been a strange thing to say if the commission were given to individual saints.

But in I Cor. 1:14-16 Paul tells us he did baptize. Are we to believe Paul did this knowing he had not been sent by Christ to do so? No, no, beloved, Paul didn't do that. He did not claim to have no authority to baptize. Rather he only claimed to have no authority from Christ in the sense of an individual authority. Where then did Paul receive authority to baptize? The answer is clearly set forth in Acts

13:1-4 which says, "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus." You will observe that in verse 2 the Holy Ghost told the church to separate Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto He (the Holy Ghost) had called them. In verse 3 we see that the church sent them away. And in verse 4 it is said the Holy Ghost sent them forth. How much plainer can God be in showing that the Holy Spirit does His work through Christ's churches?

Here, then, is the authority on which Paul baptized those saints spoken of in I Cor. 1:14-16. He had been authorized to baptize by a

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Baptist Church. The fact that Paul worked under church authority in Acts 13 shows us that Paul considered this to be the way God has commanded His work to be done. When I see Paul denying that he had been given individual authority to baptize, and then see him obtaining authority from a church to do his missionary work, I don't have any trouble discerning to whom the commission was given in Matt. 28. It was given to Christ's church. There is only one way to do the work of God. That is by having authority from a Scriptural Baptist Church.

Now, the same thing is true of the other cases in the Bible. When I see Phillip baptizing the Eunuch in Acts 8, or Ananias baptizing Paul in Acts 9, or Paul baptizing the jailer in Acts 16, we don't need to be in the dark as to whether or not those men believed in, and practiced, the doctrine of Baptist Church authority. We have the Scriptural pattern set forth and we have no reason to doubt that the men of God in the New Testament walked in obedience to God by having church authority for doing the work of the Lord.

Beloved, it made a difference to Christ as to who baptized Him. He walked some thirty miles to be baptized by John the Baptist. It made a difference to God as to who baptized Paul. It made a difference to God as to who baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch. It ought to make a difference as to who baptizes the saints in these

days. We are told in I Tim. 3:15 that the church is the pillar and ground of the truth. We are told in Eph. 3:21 that God is to be glorified in the church. Don't try to tell me it isn't a glory to God when one is Scripturally baptized. And that being the case, it follows that a true church must authorize the baptism if it is to glorify God.

The same thing must be said of the organizing of a new church. There is no such thing as being Scripturally baptized without becoming a church member. This being true, and the commission to baptize having been given to Baptist Churches, we can only conclude that the establishing of new churches is also involved in the commission. The mission work in the New Testament included the establishing of those saints who received Scriptural baptism, into churches.

Why should you think it an amazing thing that God should give authority to His churches, and commission those churches to disciple, baptize, and teach all the things of the Word of God? Why would you object so vigorously to God's having preserved a link-chain of Baptist Churches since the days of Christ's ministry on earth? Why do you rebel at the thought of the Baptists, and the Baptist only, having any authority to do God's work? There can only be one answer. You don't agree with some of the things the Baptists believe and practice, so you don't want to be a Baptist. Therefore you go about perverting the Scriptures until you come up with a way to justify your own ideas.

When we stand in the presence of our God we will see that Christ started a Baptist Church. We will see that His Baptist Churches, and His Baptist Churches only, have authority to do any of His work. We shall see all baptisms performed by anyone other than true Baptist Churches, renounced and rejected by Almighty God. We shall see that there is, and must be a link-chain of true Baptist Churches. In other words we shall see that a new church must be brought into existence by an already existing Baptist Church, of the lineage of the Baptist Church started in the days of His earthly ministry. Then those of you who now only say you believe "there has always been true churches in the world, but you deny the link-chain idea" will be utterly ashamed for having denied the Bible doctrine of Baptist Church propagation as well as perpetuity.

It is not enough to say you believe in Baptist Church perpetuity. This does not say enough in these days, to teach the truth about Christ's church. We are forced by self-willed men to state plainly that we do believe the "Landmark" teaching. We need to openly declare the truth that Christ started a Baptist Church; that He gave a commission to that church, and that church only; that the doing of all of God's work has been authoritatively put into the hands of true Baptist Churches, and them only; that there is a definite unbroken link-chain of Baptist Churches reaching all the way back to the Baptist Church Jesus started while He was on earth; that no one else has any commission from God in any sense of the word to do the work of God; that all who will not become members of one of the Christ's Baptist Churches is necessarily a disobedient man or

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woman.

Beloved, now as in Jude's day, we need to earnestly contend for the faith. May God grant that we do so.

The Lord bless you all.



## "God Save America"

(Continued from page two) says that you can't hold the Bible as an infallible book, then I say again, "God save America."

When I think of it, I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul when, after speaking about sound words and sound doctrine, wrote to Timothy:

"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to WHOLESOME WORDS, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ," — I Tim. 6:3.

Brother, sister, listen, in the light of all of the variations between the various churches in the world today, and in the light of all the disagreement as to doctrine that exists, and in the light of all the modernism and the atheism that has crept into our various churches, I say to you, "God save America," in view of the fact that men are no longer teaching the wholesome words of God.

A short time ago a young man over East, went to preach in a church one Sunday morning. It was a New England church — and an old church building. As he ascended the steps up to the lofty pulpit (for they said it was a rather high pulpit), his foot went through a step. The next week, the seminary which this man had attended had an article as to how he went through this step in the stairway, and the heading it earned, was: "Dry Rot in Church's Pulpit."

Certainly, beloved, it was well expressed when the editor referred to it as "dry rot" in the church's pulpit. I don't know how (Continued on page 4, column 3)

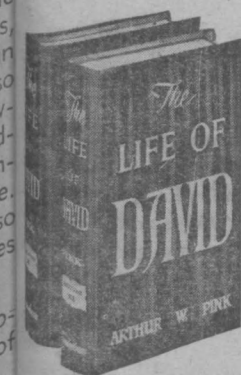
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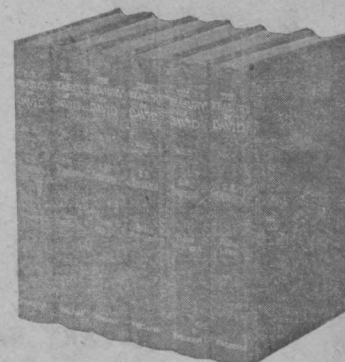
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Between Adam and Moses, were men condemned solely because of the guilt of Adam's original sin, rather than their own personal sins (Rom. 5:12-14)?



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Adam's original sin rather than their own personal sins (Romans 5:12-14)? No, because sin is the transgression of law (1 John 3:4). Any word that God gives is law. Cain and Abel offered sacrifice to God — why? Because somewhere they had been commanded to. Cain refused to offer a blood sacrifice—Why? Because he broke God's law.

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Since we are concerned with Rom. 5:12-14 in connection with this question let us first notice some things to be found in these verses. It was by Adam that sin entered into the world. Death came upon the scene as a result of sin. All men became subject to death because all men sinned. Sin was in the world before the law was written at Sinai. Sin is not imputed, or charged when there is no law. Still people died during the time from Adam to Moses.

It is somewhat puzzling when we say that death is the result of sin, that men died from Adam to Moses and that the law was not written until Moses. Sin (Gr. HAMARTIA) means to miss the mark. It means that we do something that God told us not to do, or that we fail to do something that He told us to do. Either one is missing the mark, and, is therefore sin. We have no trouble in seeing how Adam sinned. He simply did something that God told him not to do. But, we sometimes have difficulty in seeing how the people from Adam to Moses missed the mark if there was no mark there for them to miss. Still verse 12 says they all sinned. Was there some other way for them to sin other than by disobeying either God's positive or His negative commands? I think not. The people during this time had God's laws, His commands and His statutes. They

were not written out until Moses, but they most assuredly had them. In Heb. 11:4 we read, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." And in Rom. 10:17 we learn that "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." How could Abel have faith if he did not have God's Word since it takes God's Word to produce faith? In Gen. 5:24 we are told that Enoch walked with God. How could he walk with God if he did not know how God wanted him to walk? Be assured he did not do it by accident. Then in Gen. 26:5 we read, "Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." Abraham did this some six hundred years before the law was written out at Sinai. Certainly he had to have God's law in order for him to keep it. I am convinced that men from Adam to Moses were condemned because of their own personal sins. They had God's law handed down by word of mouth by faithful witnesses. Adam's sin was different in that he had a direct command from God.

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Between Adam and Moses men were not condemned because of wilful sin of their own, but rather because of the original sin of Adam. In this period death reigned not only over adults, but infants as well. The infant was not guilty of wilful sin, thus proving that they were a part of the fallen race of Adam, and thus involved in the sin of Adam.

To me, there is no solution to the problem of infant disease and the suffering of infants in death other than that they are included in the fall of Adam.

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

"As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin."  
—Rom. 5:12.

Man being condemned by the sin of Adam, there must be a connecting link between Adam and his descendants, which brings about this condemnation. I believe that this link is revealed in Acts 17:26:

"And hath made of ONE BLOOD ALL NATIONS of men to dwell on ALL the face of the earth."

Some how, and in some way,

sin is transmitted to the posterity of Adam through his blood. Thus infants as well as adults are part-takers of the original sin of Adam.

"From the sole of the foot even unto the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrifying sores."  
—Isaiah 1:6.

As we look at the sinner, we do not see any bruises, wounds, and putrifying sores, but they are there for God says so. From the top of our heads to the soles of our feet flow the sinful and corruptible blood of Adam. Thus all have sinned (including babes) and come short of the glory of God.

Between Adam and Moses death reigned though they had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression. The reason was that the sin of Adam was transmitted to his offspring by way of his blood. Therefore men between Adam and Moses were condemned because of the original sin of Adam rather than their own personal sins.

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Verse 13 of this same chapter would seem to indicate this for it says, "For until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed where there is no law." However, I am inclined to think that this statement should be interpreted in the light of Rom. 2:12-14.

## "God Save America"

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rotten the doctrines were in that church, but I know one thing, the majority of churches in America have a lot of "dry rot" so far as their pulpits are concerned. It's time we cried out, "God save America."

I was impressed sometime ago by reading in the Red Book Magazine an article relative to the views of the various young ministers, under the heading, "The Surprising Beliefs of Our Future Ministers," and they summed it up by saying:

"I say a hearty amen to the young men's views on integration, disarmament, capital punishment, automation and labor-management relations as being important subjects for the pulpit. . . (Christ) preached boldly on the red hot public issues of his day, divorce, Jewish-Gentile integration, taxes, national corruption and military conscription. It was the clearest statements of Christ on these public issues that sent him to the Cross."

Beloved, that is a lie in every particular, and is one hundred per cent false in every respect. Jesus Christ went to the Cross because it was foreordained of Almighty God from before the foundation of the world that He should die for the sins of His people. When I think of it this morning, I say, "God save America."

Sometime ago I picked up the "NATIONAL OBSERVER" of December 30, 1963, in which there appeared an article about Martin Luther King. I am sure you know about whom I am talking. I am talking about the Negro down south that J. Edgar Hoover, the other day, said was an unmitigated liar. That wasn't making any new statement, beloved, for everybody in the country ought to have known it before J. Edgar Hoover ever said it. Well Martin Luther King was interviewed sometime ago, and then quoted by the NATIONAL OBSERVER:

"His sermons contain no 'hard' preaching on Heaven and Hell, no preoccupation with sin and salvation. He rejects the idea that men are innately sinners. He rejects the virgin birth of Christ as a literal fact."

Beloved, I say to you, in the light of that, "God save America." I haven't a bit of use for Martin Luther King, though he is looked upon by people of America, both white and black, almost as a saviour of America. He is recognized as an outstanding man in this country, yet Martin Luther King denies the virgin birth. "God save America" from any religious leader who denies the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The most astounding statement that I have read in the last year came from the DAILY MAIL, a London Newspaper of October 2, 1961, when the Archbishop of Canterbury had this to say about Heaven and who is going there:

"Heaven is also not a place to which we humans go in our present bodily state, nor is it a place for Christians only. Those who have led a good life on earth but found themselves unable to believe in God will not be debarred from Heaven. I expect to meet some present-day atheists there."

Would you believe me when I tell you that statement came from the lips of the Archbishop of Canterbury himself, who is the religious leader of the church of England. I say, God save England as well as "God save America."

Then some months ago I preached a sermon on the subject, "The Death of the Pope," in which I made some remarks about where I thought he had gone. When I preached that sermon, people all over America rose up and said things contrary to me. You would have thought that I was a scallywag of the worst caliber to have said anything contrary to Pope John XXIII. Now, beloved, I am just wondering what America is going to do in the light of the fact that in the November 1964 issue of the LADIES HOME JOURNAL there are notes from the spiritual diary of Pope John XXIII. In it, this magazine shows that Pope John XXIII did not believe in repentance, and did not believe in saving faith in Christ, but that his life-long dependence was on his good works. One will read in vain to find that he ever trusted in the grace of God for salvation. The following is one of his statements:

"This evening, when I heard of the death of that fellow parishioner of mine, an inspiration came to me: at the moment of death, shall I be content with my life? If I were as I am now, I should find little to comfort me."

When I think of how the preachers of America are turning away from the things of God — when I think how that Martin Luther King, as an announced leader of American people, has no concept as to the virgin birth of Jesus Christ — when I think about the heresies of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the head of the church of England — and when I think of the sad and lamentable statement of this man who was previously the pope over the Romanists of all the world — when I think of all this, I say to you, "God save America," God save England, and God save the world, in view of the apostasy that is within the world today.

I tell you, beloved, I have a

very, very firm conviction that America needs to turn back to God and to the Bible; that America needs, above everything else, to turn back to the Word of God, which is essential and vital and indispensable; that we need, as a nation, to come back to the requisite things that are laid down within the Word of God. I want to name to you this morning some of those things I consider are beliefs that ought to be held today by the people of America, or else we will be saying "God save America" when it is too late to say it.

## THE PERSONALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.

Would to God that I could impress upon you that the God I preach, and the God that I serve is a personality — a living personality, and that He is a sovereign being. Listen:

"For thus saith the Lord that CREATED THE HEAVENS; God himself THAT FORMED the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord; and there is NONE ELSE." — Isa. 45:18.

I tell you, beloved, I am presenting to you a God who is a personality, and who is absolutely sovereign in every particular.

Then hear Jesus as He gave the commission, saying:

"All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." — Mt. 28:18, 19.

I say to you, all power is in the hand of God. Man has no power at all except the power that is given to him by God who controls the world. I say, He is a sovereign God.

When I think about it, I am reminded — what a contrast between the God that is believed in, and the God that is revealed within the Word of God! What a contrast, I say there is, between the God that the average person believes in, and the God that the Bible talks about! Beloved, the average man has a God that could shut up inside a peanut shell, and then open up the peanut shell, and look at him any time you want to. I say to you the God of the Bible is a God who created Heaven and earth, a God who says Himself, "I am the Lord; and there is none else."

I come to think about Him this morning and I am sure I speak the truth when I say the average person thinks of God as an old, doting grandfather. An old, doting grandfather will allow his grandchildren to do most anything in the world, and get by with it. Lots of young people think of God as a being like that. Beloved, the Bible talks about the God that I preach to you as being sovereign in every particular.

I am reminded of the day in New England, when Jonathan Edwards preached that great sermon entitled, "Sinners in the hands of a merciful God." (Continued on page 5, column 1)

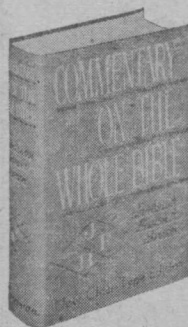
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lands of an Angry God." People  
at the presence of God that day  
such an extent that men  
atched the seats in front of  
em as though they were al-  
ady slipping into the very jaws  
Hell itself. One preacher sat  
ere for about half of the ser-  
on and finally stood up and  
id, "Mr. Edwards, we know that  
true, but isn't it also true that  
is a God of mercy as well?"  
loved, it was burned into their  
y hearts that day that God,  
e God of the Bible, the God  
o created this world, is a God  
o absolute sovereignty, a God  
o is in absolute control of our  
hies and our destinies from day  
day. Unless we come back to  
e place that we believe in a  
vereign God like that, we had  
etter pray this morning, "God  
ve America."

#### II

### THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE.

I asked the average man  
at he believes, he'll quote his  
e essay of beliefs that he holds  
self, and he will tell you that  
e authority has been derived  
m his own thinking, or from  
e statements of some religious  
oder. Beloved, what does the  
ok itself say? Listen:

"All scripture is given by in-  
ation of God, and is profitable  
doctrine, for reproof, for cor-  
tion, for instruction in right-  
ness." — II Tim. 3:16.

For the prophecy came not in  
time by the will of man: but  
hy men of God spake as they  
re moved by the Holy Spirit." —  
II Pet. 1:21.

Beloved, this Book lacks noth-  
Whenver you meet a man  
o tells you that he has a book  
at will help you understand the  
e better, a key to the Scrip-  
es, then you can be certain of  
e thing, you don't need what  
has to offer.

man came into my printing  
p a few days ago, and talked  
me about a job of printing  
ative to a new religion that  
was bringing out. Well, may  
ay to you this morning, that  
s one job that it didn't take  
but just a few minutes to dis-  
e of.

say to you frankly, this Bible  
s nothing. We need no new  
igion. It was composed cen-

turies ago, but is just as modern  
and down-to-date as if it were  
written this morning. It was com-  
posed under the auspices of Ori-  
ental territory. It was composed  
in a land far removed from us,  
yet the message of the Word of  
God, is a message that is world  
wide in its appeal. I tell you,  
we have no need for another, or  
a later revelation. What we need  
is to get back to the place that  
we believe in the authority of the  
Word of God.

Beloved, do you believe what  
God says in His Book? I ask  
those of you who are here, you  
preacher brethren, you laymen,  
you dear sisters that are here —  
I ask you a question, do you be-  
lieve this Bible? Do you believe  
what God says within it? Is it  
authority so far as your life is  
concerned? Unless we come back  
to a belief in the Word of God  
as to its inerrancy and its au-  
thority, it is going to be too late  
soon to say "God save America."

#### III

### THE DIETY OF CHRIST.

Somebody will say, "Brother  
Gilpin, doesn't everybody believe  
in the Son of God?" Well, I'll an-  
swer it this way, and say, if they  
do, they certainly don't live like  
it. They certainly don't act like  
they believe Jesus Christ is the  
Son of God. We read:

"In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and  
the WORD WAS GOD. The same  
was in the beginning with God.  
All things were made by him;  
and without him was not anything  
made that was made." — John 1:  
1-3.

"Jesus said unto them, Verily,  
verily, I say unto you, Before  
Abraham was, I AM." — John  
8:58.

Beloved, I present Him to you  
this morning — Jesus, my Jesus,  
my Saviour, and I tell you that  
I believe in the diety of the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

If you will go back through  
the ages, you'll find that the  
world has had a great number of  
religious leaders, but Jesus Christ  
is unique in that He is the Son  
of God. Of all the religious lead-  
ers that the world has had, not  
one of them could ever lay claim  
to the fact that he was the Son  
of God. Jesus Christ alone can  
say that He is God in the flesh.

A layman, who has been a dea-  
con in a Baptist church for some  
30 or 40 years, said to me just  
a short time ago that Jesus Christ  
never knew existence until He  
was born in Bethlehem 2,000  
years ago. Can you imagine a  
Baptist believing anything like  
that? Beloved, I say to you, my  
Jesus has existed forever. He has  
had an eternal existence; He has  
always existed, and when He was  
born in Bethlehem, He became  
God in the flesh. Unless we get  
to the place we believe in the  
deity of Jesus, soon it is going to  
be too late to say, "God save  
America."

#### IV

### THE UNIVERSALITY OF SIN.

Sin is not just a little thing.  
The human race is a fallen race.  
It has been in a fallen state ever  
since the day of Adam. Billions  
of people have been born since  
Adam, and every one has been  
born spiritually dead with but  
one exception — Jesus Christ  
Himself alone. All the warfare,  
and the crime, and the tears, and  
the heartaches, and the sickness,  
and the horrors that are in this

world today, have all come from  
the entrance of sin into the hu-  
man family, yet so few people  
believe that man is totally de-  
praved.

I tell you, beloved, every man  
is a sinner. I don't say that you  
are a man who makes mistakes;  
I say you are a sinner. I don't  
say that you have erred, and that  
there are some few things about  
you that are not exactly right; I  
say you are a depraved sinner  
in the sight of God. Listen:

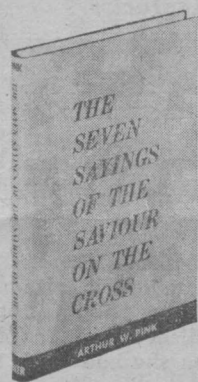
"As it is written, There is  
NONE RIGHTEOUS, no, not one."  
Rom. 3:10.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin  
entered into the world, and death  
by sin; and so death passed upon  
all men, for that ALL HAVE  
SINNED." — Rom. 5:12.

How few people believe that  
sin is a universal fact! For ex-  
ample, some months ago, I heard  
a man over a radio station here  
in Ashland say that man wasn't  
too bad, that there may be a few  
things wrong with him, but that  
every man has a spark of divinity  
on the inside of him, and that all  
we need to do is to get that in-  
dividual into the proper environ-  
ment, and that spark of divinity  
would burst through and blaze,  
and he would live for God. I tell  
you, beloved, that is a lie made  
out of the whole cloth, for there  
is not one spark of divinity —  
there is not one trillionth of an  
ounce of divinity in any individ-  
ual. Every man and woman out-  
side of Jesus Christ is totally de-  
praved before God. Would to God

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that we could believe in the uni-  
versality of sin.

In your home you pick up that  
little child that God has given  
you, and you talk about that  
little babe as being a little an-  
gel. No, no, beloved, that babe is  
not an angel. That babe has a  
vicious nature. That babe has a  
devilish, depraved nature. I don't  
say that child is going to Hell, for  
I believe that every babe that  
dies in infancy will be saved. I  
believe somehow that God has ef-  
fected salvation for that babe, but  
I'll say that babe has in him the  
germ of sin to the extent that  
when he grows, sin is going to  
to manifest itself.

Believe me, my brother, my  
sister, we need to get back to the  
place where we see that men are  
sinners, sinners from the hour of  
birth, sinners from the hour of  
conception.

David said that he was con-  
ceived in sin, for we read:

"Behold, I was shapen in in-  
iquity; and in sin did my mother  
conceive me." — Psalm 51:5.

This is one of the beliefs Ameri-  
ca needs today, or else we need to  
say, "God save America."

#### V

### SALVATION BY THE SUBSTI- TUTIONARY DEATH OF CHRIST.

Sometime ago I happened to be

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## How's Your I. Q.?

There is something wrong with your knowledge of:

BOTANY — if you have never discovered the True  
Vine (John 15:1).

GEOLOGY — if you are still ignorant of the Rock of  
Ages (Deuteronomy 32:4).

CHEMISTRY — if you are unacquainted with the great  
Catalyzer (II Pet. 3:7).

MATHEMATICS — if you have not considered the  
breadth and length, and depth and height of the  
love of Christ Jesus our Lord (Eph. 3:18, 19).

BIOLOGY — unless you can trace life back to its primal  
cause, "In the beginning God" (Gen. 1:1; Jn.  
1:4).

PHYSICS — until you have an experimental knowledge  
of the operation of the Spirit of the Risen Christ  
(Eph. 3:7, 16, 20).

SOCIOLOGY — if you seek any other cure for sin than  
that which God has provided through the blood of  
Jesus Christ His Son (I John 1:9; John 1:29).

ASTRONOMY — unless you are prepared to witness  
the rising of the Bright and Morning Star (Rev.  
22:16):

—A.M.E., In Bible Students Treasure House.

at a funeral home. I was there  
just to pay my respects to the  
deceased. I heard the preacher  
tell why Jesus came to this  
world. He told how Jesus came  
to set us an example, and I guess  
there is some truth in that. He  
told how Jesus came in order to  
teach us better manners, and  
make us more refined and cul-  
tured, and I guess there was some  
truth in that. He told how Jesus  
came into this world that He  
might elevate womankind from a  
position of slavery, and I guess  
there was some truth in that. He  
gave some half dozen reasons why  
Jesus came. Finally, he said, "And  
now I want to come down to the  
last and most important reason  
of all why Jesus came," and my  
ears pricked up. I said, "Now we  
are going to get the real truth.  
All this has just been so much  
froth that he has given us,  
in order that he might get our  
attention. Now he'll say that Jes-  
us came to die for our sins." Be-  
loved, when he came to that last  
point, which he said was the  
most important of all, he said  
that Jesus came to give us an ex-  
ample that we ought to be true to  
our convictions, even if we have  
to die for them. I sat there with  
the realization that that man had  
wasted his opportunity for 30 min-  
utes' time, and had lied—deliber-  
ately lied, concerning my Lord  
Jesus Christ. I'll tell you why He  
came. Listen:

given among men, whereby we  
must be saved." — Acts 4:12.

You say that the life of Jesus  
was beautiful, and I am ready  
to grant that was so. You say  
that His words were peerless, and  
I am ready to grant that is true.  
You say that His deeds were un-  
equaled, and I'll agree with you.  
But, beloved, it wasn't His life, it  
wasn't His words, and it wasn't  
His deeds that save, but it was  
His death that provides salvation  
for us.

You are never saved by getting  
down by your bed, or by an altar  
of prayer to pray: "God, have  
mercy on me a sinner." You have  
never saved by standing in a  
church service and closing your  
eyes and praying, "God, be mer-  
ciful." You are never saved by  
going down into a baptistry to  
have your sins washed away, as  
you may think, in the waters of  
the baptistry. You are never  
saved when you sit down to the  
Lord's table, and eat the bread,  
and drink the wine, which is typi-  
cal or symbolic of the body and  
the blood of our Saviour. Beloved,  
I'll tell you when you are saved:  
when you see Jesus Christ on the  
cross, grasping the nails that held  
Him there, and dying for your  
sins—paying the penalty that you  
ought to have paid in Hell. It is  
then, and then only, that you are  
saved. There is only one way of  
salvation, and that is, Jesus died  
for our sins.

When I think of it, beloved, and  
when I realize how little is  
preached today concerning the  
death of Jesus, and when I real-  
ize that there is so little said  
concerning His death for our sins,  
I say to you, we need to pray,  
"God save America."

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### THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I think we have come to the  
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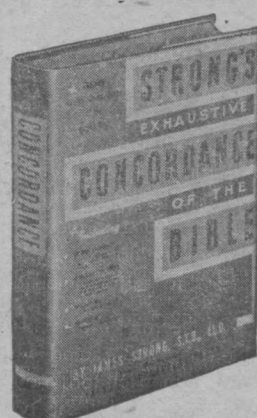
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Now let us hear the answer of the *Civiltà*, the organ of the Pope, to Dr. Newman: "Do you not see that it is only temptation that makes you see everything black? If the holy doctors whom you invoke, Ambrose, Jerome, etc., do not decide the controversy in your way, it is not, as the Protestant *Pall Mall Gazette* fancies, because they will not or cannot interpose, but because they agree with St. Peter and with the petition of the majority. Would you have us make procession in sackcloth and ashes to avert this scourge of the definition of a verity?" (Ibid., p. 271).

The clergy of France, through their organ *l'Univers* (Vol. II, pp. 31-34), were still more severe and sarcastic. They had just collected 4,000 pounds to help Dr. Newman to pay the enormous expenses lost.

Dr. Newman, as it appears by the article from the pen of the celebrated editor of the *Univers*, had not even had the courtesy to acknowledge the gift, nor the exertions of those who had collected that large sum of money. Now let us see what they thought and said in France about the ex-professor of Oxford whom they called the "Respectable Convict." Speaking of the 4,000 pounds sent from France, Veuillot says: "The respectable convict received it, and was pleased; but he gave no thanks and showed no courtesy. Father Newman ought to be more careful in what he says; everything that is comely demands it of him. But, at any rate, if his Liberal passion carries him away, till he forgets what he owes to us and to himself, what answer must one give him, but that he had better go on as he set out, silently ungrateful." (*l'Univers*, Vol. II, pp. 32-33; Ibid., p. 272).

These public rebukes, addressed from Paris and Rome by the two most popular organs of the Church of Rome, tell us the old story: the services of traitors may be accepted, but they are never trusted. Father Newman had not the confidence of the Roman Catholics. But some will say: "Has not the dignity of the Cardinal, to which he has lately been raised,

proved that the present Pope has the greatest confidence in Dr. Newman?" Had I not been twenty-five years a priest of Rome, I would say "yes!" But I know too much of their tactics for that. The dignity of Cardinal has been given to Drs. Manning and Newman as the bait which the fishermen of Prince Edward Island throw into the sea to attract the mackerels. The Pope, with those long scarlet robes thrown over the shoulders of the two renegades from the Church of England, hopes to catch more English mackerel. Besides that, we all know the remarkable words of St. Paul: "And the members of the body which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour, and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness." (I Cor. 12:23). It is on that principle that the Pope has acted. He knew that Dr. Newman had played the act of a traitor at Oxford, that he had been caught in the very act of conspiracy by the bishops, that he had entirely lost the confidence of the English people. These public facts paralyzed the usefulness of the new convert. He was really a member of the Church of Rome, but he was one of the most uncomely ones; so much so that the last Pope, Pius IX, had left him alone, in a dark corner, for nearly eighteen years. Leo XIII was more shrewd. He felt that Newman might become one of the most powerful agents of Romanism in England, if he were only covering his uncomeliness with the rich red Cardinal robe.

But will the scarlet colors which now clothe Dr. Newman make us forget that, today, he belongs to the most absurd, immoral, abject, and degrading form of idolatry the world has ever seen. Will we forget that Romanism, these last six centuries, is nothing else but old paganism in its most degrading forms, coming back under a Christian name? What is the divinity which is adored in those splendid temples of modern Rome? Is it anything else but the old Jupiter Tonans! Yes, the Pope has stolen the old gods of paganism, and he has sacrilegiously written the adorable name of Jesus in their faces, that the deluded modern nations may have less objections to accept the worship of their pagan ancestors. They adore a Christ in the Church

of Rome; they sing beautiful hymns to His honour; they build Him magnificent temples; they are exceedingly devoted to Him—they make daily enormous sacrifices to extend His power and glory all over the world. But what is that Christ? It is simply an idol of bread, baked every day by the servant-girl of the priest, or neighboring nuns.

I have been twenty-five years one of the most sincere and zealous priests of that Christ. I have made Him with mine own hands, and the help of my servants, for a quarter of a century; I have a right to say that I know Him perfectly well. It is that I may tell what I know of that Christ that the God of the Gospel has taken me by the hand, and granted me to give my testimony before the world. Hundreds of times I have

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said to my servant-girl what Dr. Newman and all the priests of Rome say, every day, to their own servants or their nuns: "please make me some wafers, that I may say mass and give the communion to those who want to receive it." And the dutiful girl took some wheat flour, mixed it with water, and put the dough between these two well-polished and engraved irons, which she had well heated before. In less than I can write it the dough was baked into wafers. Handing them to me, I brought them to the altar, and performed a ceremony which is called "the mass." In the very midst of that mass, I pronounced on that wafer five magic words, "Hoc est enim corpus meum," and had to believe, what Dr. Newman and all the priests of Rome profess to believe, that there were no more wafers, no more bread before me, but that what were wafers, had been turned into the great Eternal God who had created the world. I had to prostrate myself, and ask my people to prostrate themselves before the god I had just made with five words from my lips; and the people, on their knees, bowing their heads, and bringing their faces to the dust, adored the god whom I had just made, with the help of these heated irons and my servant girl. Now, is this not a form of idolatry more degrading, more insulting to the infinite majesty of God than the worship of the gold calf? Where is the difference between the idolatry of Aaron and the idolatry of Dr. Newman adoring the wafer in his temple? The only difference is, that Aaron worshipped a god infinitely more respectable and powerful, in melted gold, than Dr. Newman worshipping his naked dough. The idolatry of Dr. Newman is more degrading than the idolatry of the worshippers of the sun.

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TREATY DURATIONS



"THERE HATH NOT FAILED ONE WORD OF ALL HIS GOOD PROMISE" — 1 KINGS 8:36

rises as a giant, every morning, from behind the horizon, to march over the world and pour everywhere its floods of heat, light and life, cannot be contemplated without feelings of respect, admiration, and awe. Man must raise his eyes up to see that glorious sun—he must take the eagle's wings to follow his giant strides throughout the myriads of worlds which are there, to speak to us of the wisdom, the power, and love of our God. It is easy to understand that poor, fallen, blind men may take that great being for their god. Would not every one perish and die, if the sun would forget to come every day, that we bathe and swim in his ocean of light and life?

Then, when I see the Persian priests of the sun, in their magnificent temples, with censers in their hand, waiting for the appearance of its first rays, to intone their melodious hymns and sing their sublime canticles, I know their error and understand it; I was about to say, I almost excuse it. I feel an immense compassion for these deluded idolaters. However, I feel they are raised above the dust of the earth: their intelligence, their souls cannot but receive some sparks of light and life from the contemplation of that inexhaustible focus of light and life. But is not Dr. Newman with his Roman Catholic people a thousand times more worthy of compassion and our tears, when they are abjectly prostrated before this ignoble wafer—to adore it as their Saviour, their Creator, their God? Is it possible to imagine a spectacle more humiliating, blasphemous, and sacrilegious, than a multitude of men and women prostrating their faces to the dust to adore a god whom the rats and mice have, thousands of times, dragged and eaten in their dark holes? Where

are the rays of light and life coming from that wafer? Instead of being enlarged and elevated at the approach of the ridiculous modern divinity, is not the human intelligence contracted, diminished, paralyzed, chilled, and struck with idiocy and death at his feet?

Can we be surprised that the Roman Catholic nations are so fast falling into the abyss of infidelity and atheism, when they hear their priests telling them that, more than 200,000 times, every day, this contemptible wafer is changed by them into the great God who has created heaven and earth at the beginning, and who has saved this perishing world by sacrificing the body and the blood which He has taken as His tabernacle to show us His eternal love. Come with me and see those multitudes of people with their faces prostrated in dust, adoring their white elephant of Siam. Oh what ignorance and superstition! what blindness and folly you will exclaim. To adore a white elephant as God!

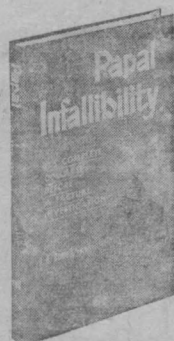
But there is a spectacle more humiliating and more deplorable: there is a superstition, an idolatry below that of the Siamese. It is the idolatry practiced by Dr. Newman and his millions of religionists today. Yes! The elephant god of the Asiatic people is infinitely more respectable than the wafer god of Dr. Newman. That elephant may be taken as the symbol of strength, magnanimity, patience, etc. There is life, motion in that noble animal—he sees with his eyes, he walks with his feet. Let some one attack him, he will protect himself—with his mighty trunk he will throw his enemy high in the air—he will crush him under his feet. But look at this modern divinity of Rome. It has eyes, but does not see; feet,

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place that the majority of preachers and churches are trying to "run the show" without any thought as to whether the Holy Spirit is there or not. We read:

"And I will pray the Father, and he will give you ANOTHER COMFORTER, that he may abide with you for ever."—John 14:16.

"But ye shall receive power. AFTER THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS COME upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

Several years ago a church in West Virginia thought they wanted me to become their pastor. I don't think they did. In fact, I don't think that I would have lasted till sundown of the first Sunday—but they thought they wanted me to become their pastor. They wrote and told me how well they treated their pastor. They told me how many of their members were country folk and how those country people brought chickens and hams to the pastor's home all the time—how their pastor always had a ham in his refrigerator. They told me about the nice hardwood floors they had within the home where the pastor lived, and the fine building that they had just built for the church edifice. They wrote and told me everything they could to induce me to become their pastor. Not a word was said about what they believed, and not a word was said about the Lord being in it, but they gave me all the material advantages that they could to induce me to become their pastor. After giving me some thirty-odd reasons why I should become their pastor, they asked me if I would be kind enough to send them a picture so they could see what I looked like, even before I got there.

Well, when I replied, I knew the Lord wasn't in it. A man doesn't have to make a trip of 100 miles each way to find out whether the Lord is in a thing. So when I replied, I took a snapshot that showed me with one sleeve rolled up and the other rolled down, one pants leg up and one pants leg down, and I said, "When you get this, please return it, for this is the only one of its kind that I have." I told them that I appreciated all the offers they had made, but I said, "There is one thing that I want to ask you. You didn't say a thing about the Holy Spirit leading you to write me. You didn't say anything about the Holy Spirit's direction of the church, or that you were depending on Him in any wise at all for the carrying on of the work of your church. I ask you this question: just where does the Holy Spirit fit in so far as your work is concerned?" The man was honest enough to write back to me, and he made this statement: "Brother Gilpin, we never even considered that we needed the Holy Spirit to run our church."

Beloved, I think he was a little more honest than the average Baptist. I think the average Baptist would have evaded the ques-

tion. I don't think the average Baptist would have been quite as honest as this man, for this man said what the average Baptist would have to say—"we don't consider that we need the Holy Spirit in our church."

I say to you this morning, no real work of God is carried on except through His inspiration and His instrumentality, and if the Holy Spirit doesn't lead, there'll never be anything done for God. How few people believe it! How few of the so-called churches in the world believe it! How few Baptists believe it! I say to you, "God save America."

### VII

#### THE REALITY OF THE DEVIL.

Do you believe there is a Devil! The majority of people don't. I baptized three girls years ago when I was pastor in Cincinnati, and after the baptismal service was over, those three modern girls asked me this question: "Brother Gilpin, we have heard you talk about the Devil. Is there really a Devil, or is it just somebody to blame our meanness off onto about like Rip Van Winkle!" I think a lot of people are like those girls, in that they believe the Devil is just a fictitious, allegorical phantasm, but the Word of God says:

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the WILES OF THE DEVIL."—Eph. 6:11.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because YOUR ADVERSARY THE DEVIL, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."—I Peter 5:8.

Listen, beloved, we have an adversary in this world, and that adversary is the Devil. He deceives individuals and he deceives nations, yet in it all, he conceals his identity.

Ask the average individual as to what vision comes in his mind when you talk about the Devil. Beloved, I'll tell you what comes into your mind, right now, when I speak about the Devil. You are seeing horns, and hooves, and forked tail. The majority of people have that idea of the Devil. This is only to conceal his identity. He doesn't want people to know who he is.

Beloved, he is at work. He wants to be worshipped. That is why he got kicked out of Heaven. Isaiah 14:12-14 gives us the five "I wills" of the Devil when he said, "I will, I will, I will, I will, I will be like the Most High." He wants to be worshipped. He was kicked out of Heaven because of a desire to take over the place of God.

Most religions today are under his control. At the present time he is working primarily through the Ecumenical Movement—a movement to put forward the Anti-Christ. Why? So that he can be worshipped thereby.

Would to God you could come to the place that you realized we have an adversary in this world, the old Devil himself, and that he is not walking around with horns and hooves, but he is walking as an angel of light and working mostly through preachers. Listen:

"Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS MINISTERS also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—II Cor. 11:14, 15.

Do you know who the Devil is working through today, primarily? It is through the preachers that preach reform—the preachers that are the head of the reform movements of the world—the preachers who are carrying out all the "goody goody" things to make this world better. I tell you, beloved, the Devil is working through them today. Would to God that we would come back to realize the reality of the Devil before it is too late to say, "God Save America."

### VIII

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF A BAPTIST CHURCH.

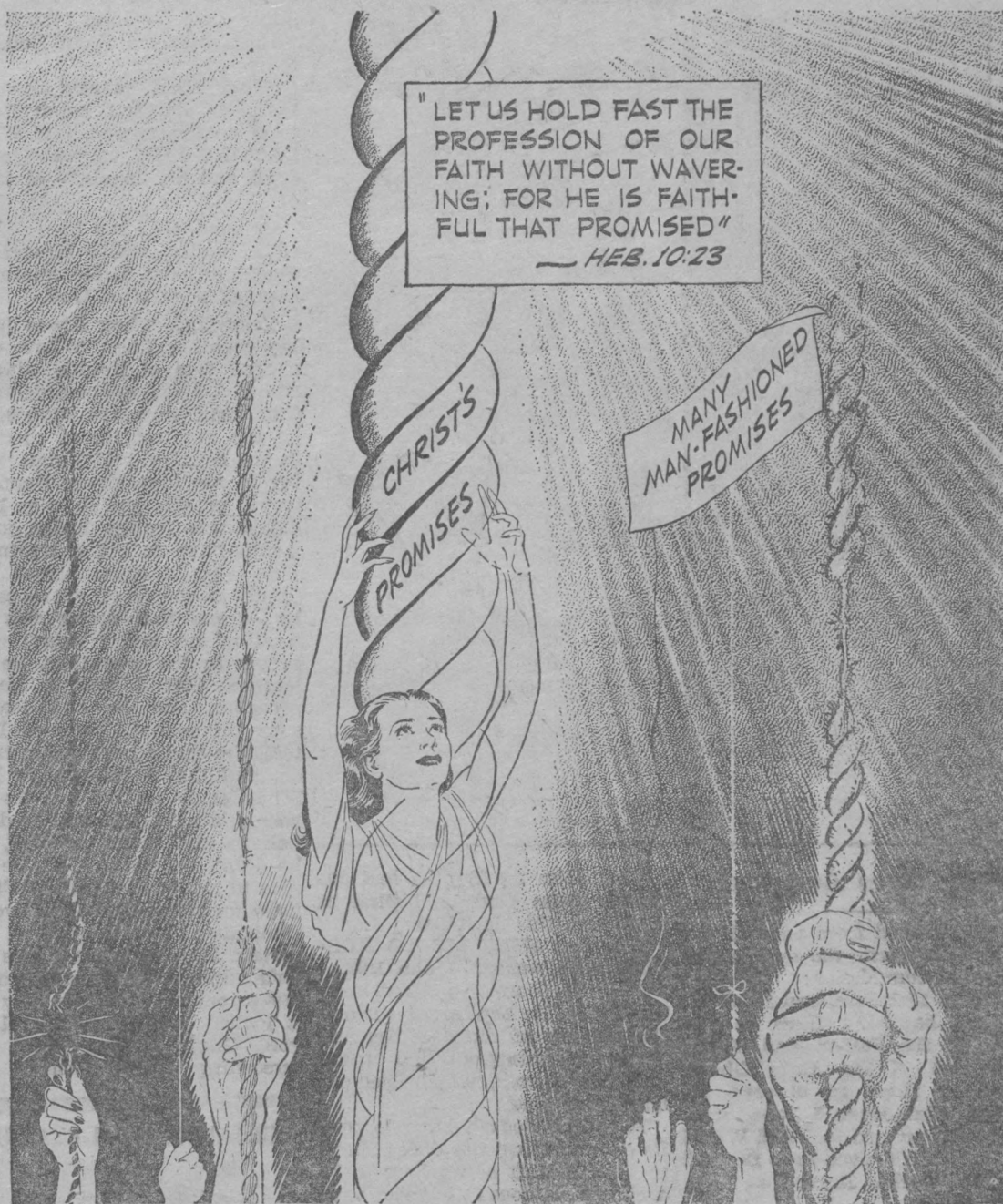
When Jesus was here in the days of His flesh He said, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."—Mat. 16:18.

That His church is to continue through the ages is evident from this Scripture:

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."—Eph. 3:21.

Through this prayer Paul indicates that the church that Jesus built will continue throughout all (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## PROMISE OF PROVIDENCE



Thou not sow the good Gospel seed all over our dear country, through the hands of heroic and martyred fathers? From whence, then, hath thee Popish and idolatrous tares?" And the "Good Master" answers today what He answered eighteen hundred years ago: "While men slept, the enemy came during the night; he has sowed those tares among the wheat, and he went away" (Matt. 13:25).

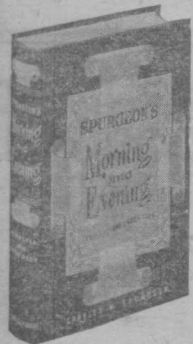
And if you want to know the name of the enemy who has sowed tares, in the night, amongst the wheat, and went away, you have only to read the "Apologia pro vita sua." You will find this confession of Dr. Newman at page 174:

"I cannot disguise from myself that my preaching is not calculated to defend that system of religion which has been received for three hundred years, and of which the Heads of Houses are legitimate maintainers in this place . . . I must allow that I was disposing 'the minds of young men' towards Rome!"

Now, having obtained from the very enemy's lips how he has sowed tares during the night (secretly), read page 282, and you will see how he went away and prostrated himself at the feet of the most implacable enemy of all

the rights and liberties of men, to call him "Most Holy Father." Read how he fell at the knees of the very power which prepared and blessed the Armada destined to cover his native land, England, with desolation, ruin, tears and blood, and enchain those of her people who would not have been slaughtered on the battlefield! See how the enemy, after having sown the tares, went away to the feet of Sergius III, the public lover of Marozia—and to the feet of his bastard, John XI, who was still more debauched than his father—and to the feet of Leo VI, killed by an outraged citizen of Rome, in the act of such an infamous crime that I cannot name it here—to the feet of an Alexander, who seduced his own daughter, and surpassed in cruelty and debauchery Nero and Caligula. Let us see Dr. Newman falling at the feet of these monsters of depravity, to call them, "Most Holy Fathers," "Most Holy Heads of the Church," "Most Holy and Infallible Vicars of Jesus Christ!"

At the sight of such a fall, what can we do, but say with Isaiah: "The Lord has broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the ruler. . . . How art thou fallen, O Lucifer, Son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground?" (Isa. 15).



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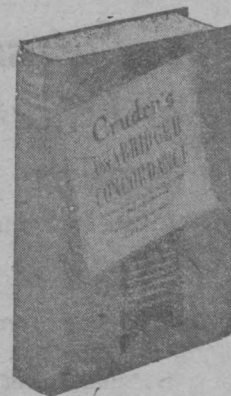
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but does not move; a mouth, but does not speak. There is neither life nor strength in the wafer god of Rome. But the fall of Dr. Newman into the bottomless abyss of the idolatry of Rome is a deplorable fact. There is another fact still more deplorable. How many fervent Christians, how many venerable ministers of Christ everywhere, are, just now, prostrated at the dear Saviour's feet, telling Him with tears: "Didst

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ages. This is also the teaching of the great commission:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world. Amen." — Matt. 28:19-20.

This commission could not have been given to the disciples as individuals, since they would not continue throughout all ages, whereas this commission carried with it a promise that Jesus would be with those who carried out the commission "always." It is because of this we know positively that the commission had to be given to the disciples not as individuals, but to the church, for it was the only organization that should continue "always."

That this church was a Baptist church can be proven without any doubt from even the pages of history. Every historian of any note or reputation has proven that Jesus established a Baptist church in the days of His flesh, and that it has had an unbroken continuity down through the ages. That it will continue through the ages to come is proven by the verses already quoted.

If a Campbellite baptized one, then that individual would be a Campbellite. If a Methodist were to baptize him, then the individual would be a Methodist. If a Holy Roller were to baptize him, he would be a Holy Roller. Well, Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, which means that He and the balance of the disciples who were baptized by John, were Baptists.

That John the Baptist had authority from God to baptize is seen from this Scripture:

"He that SENT ME TO BAPTIZE with water." — John 1:33.

John the Baptist had authority to baptize. He baptized Jesus and the balance of the disciples and Jesus took this group and organized His church, which has existed ever since.

A church doesn't have to own its own building, nor does it have to have a staff of workers to be a church. It doesn't have to have church furniture and musical instruments to be a church. It doesn't have to have a church choir and educational facilities to be a church.

If a church has come into existence, being sponsored by another existing Baptist church, and if it holds the doctrine of salvation by grace, and baptism apart from alien interference, then this is a true Baptist Church and such a church will last forever, and it is time that America recognized this truth, or else we may all be saying "God save America."

### IX

#### THE EXISTENCE OF A HEAVEN AND HELL.

Do you believe there is a Heaven, the kind of heaven that is described in the Bible? I do. The farther I go, the less and less I believe it as being figurative. I think the description that we have of Heaven in the book of Revelation is 90 per cent or better a literal description. I tell you, beloved, I believe in Heaven and I also believe in Hell.

When the Lord Jesus Christ was here, He encouraged His disciples by telling them about Heaven. He said:

"I GO TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto my-

self, that where I am, there ye may be also." — John 14:2, 3.

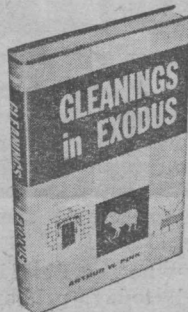
He also talked about Hell. Listen:

"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand: Depart from me, ye cursed, into EVERLASTING FIRE, prepared for the devil and his angels." — Matt. 25: 41.

Beloved, Hell is a terrible, horrible reality, while Heaven, on the other hand, is the comforting hope of a child of God.

Years ago, when I was just a boy preacher, I used to have quite a good deal of trouble with my throat. I heard about a doctor in Cincinnati who was supposed to be the greatest throat specialist in the country, and I started going to see him. Every Sunday I would preach, and then on Monday I was feeling badly, and I would have to get a treatment. Weeks and months passed by — finally a couple of years passed by — and that doctor was still treating me, and I wasn't a bit better. In the meantime, he had learned that I was a Baptist preacher, and he had learned some things that I believed. I had told him that I believed in Heaven, and that I believed in Hell. I had come to find out that he was an atheist, and that he didn't believe in Heaven, or Hell, and he didn't believe in God. He was nice to me, but he just didn't believe anything that I believed. I remember I went to see him on a certain Monday when I was suffering dreadfully. He looked down my throat and told me how bad it looked, and he said, "I'll tell you, Gilpin, if you don't quit screaming about Heaven and

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Hell, you aren't going to have any throat left." Then he said, "I'll tell you the truth, Heaven is just a condition of the mind; when we are happy, we have our heaven; and Hell is just a condition of the mind; when we are sad and morose and downcast, we have our Hell."

Beloved, that is not what my Jesus taught. That is not what the Bible teaches. That is not what this Word of God teaches us today. I hold it up to you this morning, and I tell you that there is a Hell of horror to be shunned, and there is a Heaven of joy and peace and bliss to be gained by the child of God. In view of that fact, unless we come to the place as a nation that we fall back upon these requisite beliefs, it is going to be too late to even say, "God save America."

### CONCLUSION

The Revolutionary War was fought by a group of soldiers who had an individual that they fell back upon for inspiration, and encouragement, and enthusiasm; and the war was won by American troops just because they were inspired and enthused by their leader, General Washington. One day Washington called his lieutenants and captains together and said, "This war will never be ended until we are able to capture Stony Point." He called for

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rael were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day.

And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses."

IF YES, WHO WILL BE THE PUBLIC EXECUTIONER? If 'no' what will you do with Ex. 35:2? "Whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death." If you say that the penalties are abolished, I answer: The passage you use to establish this proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that the LAW was abolished too. If they admit that the penalties are in force, then why not execute the penalty? "Render unto God, etc."

5. Why did not Jesus require the young ruler to keep the Seventh Day Sabbath when enumerating the commandments? Matt. 19:16-29; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-24.

6. If Adventists keep the Seventh Day Sabbath because it was before the law of Moses, why do they not observe circumcision? Because it too was commanded before the law of Moses. Gen. 17: 1-14.

7. If Christians are required to keep the Seventh Day Sabbath, how are we to account for the open violation of the law by Jesus who is our example, unless by saying, THE POWER THAT MADE THE LAW CAN TAKE IT AWAY, AND THAT HE DID IT? Matt. 12:1-8; Jn. 7:23, 24.

8. If early Christians kept the Seventh Day Sabbath, why did they break bread on the first day of the week? Acts 20:7.

9. If Christians are to keep the Seventh Day Sabbath why did not the apostles and N. T. writers

someone who would volunteer to lead a detachment of soldiers up Stony Point, but not a man volunteered. Then Washington said, "If someone will lead this detachment of soldiers, I'll help him to lay the plans." Immediately, a young man by the name of Anthony Wayne, for whom Wayne County, W. Va., was later named, stepped forward, and saluted, and said, "General Washington, I'll go." Washington turned to him and said, "Wayne, you are one of the youngest lieutenants in the Army." He said, "That's right, General Washington, but if you'll lay the plans, I'll storm Hell."

Beloved, God has already given us the plans within His Book. May we come back to these requisite beliefs that are laid down in the Word of God, and may we go out from this place today with a determination that we'll "storm Hell" for Jesus' sake.

May God bless you!

command it? Col. 2:4-23. "And this I say — lest any man should beguile you with enticing words... as ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him... Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit... And you hath he quickened... having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances (the law) that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days:

Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ."

10. Why should we insist on keeping the Seventh Day Sabbath when God himself said that he would cause even Israel's Sabbath to cease? Hosea 2:11.

"I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts."

11. If the Seventh Day Sabbath is to be kept, ought not feast days and new moons to be kept, and solemn feasts such as PASSOVER, PENTECOST and TABERNACLES?

12. If Seventh Day Sabbath is to be kept ought it not be kept according to the law?

(a) Offering of the burnt offering. Num. 28:3-10.

(b) Stay in your homes. Ex. 16:29.

(c) Have no fire in your house on Sabbath. Ex. 35:3.

This should ALL be observed for it is written: "He that offendeth in one point is GUILTY OF ALL." and again: "Cursed is EVERY one that continueth not in ALL things that are written in the law."

IX. BECAUSE SUNDAY HAS A GREATER SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE GOSPEL AGE THAN HAS SATURDAY.

New: Rest (in Christ) then work (because saved).

Old: Work (to be saved) then rest (in a salvation that is not secure). Eph. 2:8; Rom. 11:6.

X. BECAUSE I BELIEVE CHRIST MEANT WHAT HE SAID ON THE CROSS WHEN HE CRIED: "IT IS FINISHED." And I can do nothing to obtain salvation but to receive it.

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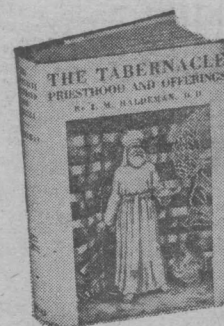
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