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Catholicism Contrary To The Scriptures

All the following questions and answers, under letters R. C. C., are taken from Roman Catholic Catechism No. 2, prepared and approved by order of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore.

ON THE MASS

R. C. C. "What is the Mass? The Mass is the unbloody sacrifice of the body and blood of Christ."

The above Roman Catholic teaching is against God's teaching.

For this He did once (Heb. 7:27). He entered in once (Heb. 9:11-15). But now once (Heb. 9:26). Christ was once offered (Heb. 10:10). The offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Heb. 10:10). He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever (Heb. 10:11, 12). For by one offering (Heb. 10:14). There is no more offering with silver or gold (I Peter 1:18, 19).

ON PURGATORY

R. C. C. "What is Purgatory? Purgatory is a state in which

those suffer for a time who die guilty of venial sins, or without having satisfied for the punishment due to their sins."

The word or description of such a place as Purgatory does not appear in the Bible. In fact, the teaching of Purgatory makes God a liar. "And without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

Consider the thief on the cross. He did not confess his individual sins. There is no Purgatory teaching there. Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:39-43).

There is now no condemnation (Rom. 8:1). Being justified by faith (Gal. 3:11). The just shall live by faith (Gal. 3:11). The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16, 17). Justified freely by His grace (Rom. 6:21-28). The blood cleanseth from all sin (I John 1:7). Justified by His blood (Rom. 5:9).

Confession or The Sacrament of Penance

R. C. C. "How do the priests of the Church exercise the power

of forgiving sins? The priests of the Church exercise the power of forgiving sins by hearing the confession of sins and granting pardon for them as ministers of God and in His Name."

The above is against God's teaching.

Who can forgive sins but God only? (Mark 2:7). Son of man hath power to forgive sins (Mark 2:10). Without shedding of blood is no remission (Heb. 9:22). If any man sin he has an Advocate — Jesus Christ (I John 2:1, 2).

Peter's Confession:

"Thou art the Christ" (Matt. 16:13-19).

If we confess Christ as the Son of the living God, our sins are loosed or forgiven. This is true confession. Jesus said, "Thou art Petros (a stone), and upon this Petra (rock) — the confession that Jesus is the Christ, I will build My church." He does not promise to build His Church upon Peter (a little stone), but upon Himself, as Peter is careful to (Continued on page 2, column 2)

Personal Information As To Halliman And His Work

Of recent date we had an inquiry from a pastor on the west coast relative to the work of Brother Halliman. I wrote Brother Halliman and asked him to reply, furnishing all the information as to his ministry in behalf of this California pastor. Brother Halliman replied direct to this pastor and sent us a carbon copy of his letter. Realizing that Brother Halliman had furnished a great deal of information which should be of help to many brethren, I am publishing his letter herewith although it was not actually prepared for publication.—J.R.G.

Yesterday I received a letter from Brother John R. Gilpin. He mentioned the fact that you all

we could talk about if we were to meet. So the very fact that you write to Brother Gilpin tells me quite a bit about you.

Now let me tell you something about myself and the things that I believe etc. If the Lord lets me live until July of this year I will be 49 years old. I am married to one of the best Christian women that I have ever seen anywhere and we have 5 lovely children, ranging in ages from 15 months to 8½ years. I was "brought up" in Southern Baptist and Methodist churches and made a profession of faith when I was 13 years old, but God did not save me until 15 years ago.

From the day I was saved I began reading and studying God's Word and have never stopped, though I have much to learn yet. I felt the call to preach not too long after I was saved but did not fully surrender to God's call until two years later. This June will make 13 years that I have been preaching, still a novice compared to Brother Gilpin and many others.

I pastored the Macedonia Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois for 7½ years prior to my coming to New Guinea. I have just started my 6th year here in New Guinea. I have been an independent Baptist preacher all of my ministerial life.

As to my doctrinal belief: I preach because I firmly believe, what is commonly called the Five Points of Calvinism. I believe in, hereditary, universal, total depravity; that every Word of the original from Genesis to Revela- (Continued on page 8, column 2)



Eld. Fred Halliman

were praying about a missionary to support and ask me to write to you.

First of all let me say that I am thankful to hear about you folk although I do not know you. Since you wrote to Brother Gilpin and since he has ask me to write to you I feel that we would have more than just a little in common and much that

HOW WATERED DOWN BAPTIST PREACHERS DECEIVE

WILLIAM BENGEE,
New Castle, Indiana

It is an indisputable fact, that many Baptists have gone as far as Arminians of other denominations have gone on several important teachings of the Bible. It is this heretical teaching of Baptist preachers and teachers that we are discussing here and not that of other denominations. We shall let them wash their

We doubt very much that what we say here will convert many, any of these erring brethren sound Bible teaching.

But we do know that there is a great deal of halfbaked, even dangerous things being propagated by some Baptists to the confusion and misleading of far too many.

These teachings are all but universally widespread because Christian Colleges and Seminaries are palming off "preaching" on the churches, who are filled with anti-Biblical and anti-

christian doctrines to such an extent that unsuspecting church members are being led so far from the truth as to be agnostical on many of the truths of the Bible.

All this is actually leading to the hardening of hearts and the stiffening of necks in defiance of God and His revelation to man.

Some of these errors are as follows:

I "MAN IS FREE TO CHOOSE OR REJECT GOD."

This freewillism is nothing more nor less than the exalting of man and the abasing of God down to the level of the ancient heathen gods who were merely supermen, with no eternal sovereignty.

But the God of the Bible is the Eternal Sovereign Deity of earth, heaven, time, hell, and eternity, yea, and the Creator, owner, and controller of all things, seen and unseen.

He is God unchangeable! To believe Him to be less is

blasphemy against Him.

These paragons would have you believe that the lost man makes up his own mind to become a Christian, then comes to God and gives himself to Him.

This is a glaring fallacy. Let us read.

John 6:37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

Here it is plainly stated that God has given them to Christ and because of this they shall come to Christ and not because of what they decide to about it.

John 6:44 "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day."

Now does the sinner make up

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his own mind to come to Christ or does God draw him to Christ and make him willing to receive Christ as his Savior and Lord?

Rom. 3:10-11 "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God."

Not only does the lost one refuse to seek God but he can not seek Him until by His Holy Spirit He shows him his sinfulness and gives him the will, and the desire which enables him to come to Christ in repentance and faith unto salvation.

Do not forget, "salvation is ALL of God."

II "WHOSOEVER MEANS EVERYONE ON THE EARTH."

They claim that **whosoever** is all inclusive and unlimited in its application.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that **whosoever** believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Whosoever here is very much limited since the believer is the

only one to whom it does or can apply because it is so stated, therefore we must conclude that all the **whosoever**s are those whom God has given to Christ and made willing to believe unto salvation.

Rev. 22:17 "And **whosoever** will let him take of the waters of life freely."

Yes, this **whosoever** is limited to those who will take the water of life, but we repeat the **Holy Spirit** has led them to this willingness and enabled them to come and take the water of life because they cannot do it alone.

Salvation is ALL of God, without help from man.

III "GOD CAN NOT SAVE A SINNER UNTIL HE (THE SINNER) OPENS HIS HEART'S DOOR AND LETS GOD SAVE HIM."

This declaration is a twin brother of number I above.

In number I, they are declaring (Continued on page 2, column 4)

TWO BOOKS IN PRINT AGAIN

Calvary Baptist Church is happy to announce that the book "Five Points of Calvinism" by the late Frank B. Beck and our own booklet on the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, are again in print.

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The price of this book by Frank Beck is \$.50 a copy, five copies \$2.25, ten copies \$4.00, and more or more copies .35 each. The "Cooperative Program" is a booklet of 48 pages which has been reproduced by photographic means, and in the main is a compilation of what other editors continued on page 8, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE BITTER MADE SWEET"

"And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them."—Exodus 15:23-25.

This text is taken out of the experience of Moses and the children of Israel as they were going from Egypt toward the

land of Canaan. They are only a very short distance out of Egypt at the time of this text. To be sure, as they had journeyed, they had come to the place of the Red Sea, and the Lord delivered them through the Red Sea, and they had gotten on the other side. Now they are going toward the land of Canaan. I am sure that the events we are reading took place within the first month of their wilderness experience, maybe all within the first week of their experience since they left the land of Egypt. It seems highly conspicuous that the people who just came to the Red Sea and praised God for His deliverance

through the Red Sea, now so shortly afterwards murmur against Moses because they had bitter water to drink, yet I am satisfied that the experience of the children of Israel in this respect is no different to the experience of every one of us. We praise God on Sunday and we murmur against God on Monday. We praise God on the Lord's Day for His goodness to us, and when problems come during the week that follows, we murmur like the children of Israel murmured here.

The Word of God tells us that these waters were so bitter the (Continued on page 4, column 4)

A PROVIDENCE OF THE LORD

This narrative centers around two missionary families who faithfully served the Lord for many years in Africa. Not long ago, one of the families received deportation papers from the African government, and they had to leave. They finally arrived in Long Beach, California, with very little money left. They rented a small unfurnished apartment, and slept on the floor on blankets. They also rented a small hall, had Gospel services in it—and were able to buy bread and lunch meat with the meager offerings that came in. They had no stove on which to prepare their meals, but they continually praised the Lord for the roof over their heads, and the blessings that they had.

One day a large offering of \$300 came to them. The husband said, "Isn't the Lord wonderful; with this we now can buy some (Continued on page 8, Column 1)

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It's been a joy to us to have these articles for printing.

Many of these brethren who have submitted these articles do not agree with us on other doctrines. However, we thank God for their agreement with us on the doctrine of the church and related truths.

We use articles by Spurgeon and Pink on the doctrines of grace. However, we would not print Mr. Spurgeon's position on the Lord's Supper nor on the church. Likewise Bro. Pink repudiated his previous position on the church before his death.

In fact if we waited until we had individuals who agreed with us perfectly and entirely on every doctrine, then we would never have any articles except those that were written by your editor.

It is good to have these articles

on the church, and all related themes, even though some of the authors of them do not agree with us as to the doctrines of grace.

Catholicism

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tell us (I Pet. 2:4-9; Jn. 1:42). And the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it — not Peter — but Peter's confession that Christ is the Rock. If Peter were the Rock as taught by the Roman Catholic Church, then this promise that the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it is untrue, because the gates of Hell did prevail against Peter (see Matt. 16:22, 23). Also Peter denied Jesus thrice before the cock crew twice. Again, he played the hypocrite after Pentecost when Paul rebuked him (Gal. 2:11-14).

Christ is the Rock and Head of the Church. That Rock was Christ (I Cor. 10:4). Chief cornerstone (I Peter 2:6-8). Jesus Christ... chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20). A stumbling stone (to the unbeliever) (Rom. 9:32-33). A stumbling block (I Cor. 1:23, 24). The Head... to the Church (Eph. 1:22, 23).

Christ crucified is the Rock — smitten that the Spirit of life may flow from Him to all who will drink (Exod 17:6; I Cor. 10:4; John 4:13, 14; 7:37-39); to the Church, the foundation and chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20); to the unbelievers, a stumbling stone (Rom. 9:32, 33; I Cor. 1:23).

The Pope

He is called, "Our Holy Father." (See Holy Bible, Douay Version; encyclical letter of Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII.) He is also called, Our Most Holy Lord, Pope Pius X." (See Cardinal's Oath.)

Call no man your father (Matt. 23:9). Jesus Christ, He is Lord of all (Acts 10:16).

Peter denies that he was a pope. "Who am also an elder" (I Peter 5:1-4). An elder was a pastor of a church. John was an elder (II John 1), the elder to the elect lady. Peter says, "Neither as being lords over God's

WORK IS STARTED ON WEST COAST OF FLORIDA



ELD. HOWARD SHEPPARD

Elder Howard Sheppard has established a mission, which meets at 2025 - 9th Street, Sarasota, Florida. This mission is known as Bible Baptist Chapel, and has its slogan "Independent, Missionary, Premillennial, Biblical and Baptist." It is sponsored by the Davidson Memorial Baptist Church.

In view of the fact that this mission is now sending a tithe of its offerings as support of The Baptist Examiner, you may know where they stand doctrinally.

We would certainly urge all of our friends who live within going distance to seek out Bible Baptist Chapel and Brother Sheppard and worship with them. May it please God to bless this work which has just begun.

heritage." He was not a Roman Catholic but a Christian, for he says in I Peter 4:16, "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." There were no Roman Catholics in Peter's time.

Disciples were called Christians (Acts 11:26).

Prayers to Mary and The Saints

Does the Catholic Church suggest prayer to Mary? "Sweet heart of Mary be my salvation." Pope Pius IX, September 30, 1852, granted 300 days Indulgence each time the above prayer is repeated.

This prayer is unscriptural because God teaches that salvation comes through Jesus' Name and through none other (Acts 4:12). There is no other name.

R. C. C. "Why do we believe that the saints will help us? Because both they and we are members of the same Church, and they love us as their brethren."

The above is against God's teaching!

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (I Tim. 2:5).

Jesus is the Son of God and therefore He is everywhere. He is equal with God and can hear our prayers. Not so with the saints or Mary.

"He ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). Advocate with the Father (I John 2:1). Maketh intercession for us (Rom. 8:34). "Who is My mother?" (Matt. 12:46-50).

The Infallible Scriptures

We cannot add or take away from God's Word!

Thou shalt not add (Deut. 12:32). If any shall add (Rev. 22:18).

Dear Friend, may you deserve the praise of Paul who said about the Bereans: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scrip-

"I Should Like to Know"

1. Is it right for a Christian to belong to the Kiwanis, Rotary or Lions Club?

No, since they all teach social reform, universal Fatherhood of God and are made up of unbelievers. God's Word is: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord."—II Cor. 6:17. And again: "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"—I Cor. 6:14.

2. Should women shout in church?

No, the Holy Spirit does not contradict Himself. He tells women to keep silent in the church (I Cor. 14:34; I Tim. 2:12). Another thing, the shouting crowd claims they do not know what they are doing when shouting. Yet the Scriptures declare we are sound minded. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."—II Tim. 1:7. And again: "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness

quietness and assurance ever."—Isaiah 32:17. No, shouting does not make fools of people.

3. Is it right for a Christian to attend the movies or to allow his children to do so?

No, it is wrong for Christians to attend the movies. For of all, it takes time that should be spent in the study of God's Word. Also it helps to support the ungodly crowd. They create the Lord's day and fill the minds of folk with foolishness. "The thought of foolishness sin."—Prov. 24:9. "Abstain from all appearance of evil."—I Th. 5:22.

4. Is it Baptistic to have a regular business meeting on the Lord's day or to meet and call a pastor on Sunday?

I think so. There is no Bible Saturday meeting. Prayer meeting night is better. I think town and city churches. But it is as much Scripture for calling a pastor on Sunday as for calling a pastor on Saturday. That is under the Scripture which says: "All things are lawful, but all things are expedient."

tures daily, whether those things were so" Acts 17:11. Do you read the Scriptures daily? Search the Scriptures daily whether those things you believe are true or false. — The Convert

Watered Down

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what man can do but in number III they are declaring what God cannot do.

Wise and learned are they in their own conceit.

These men made theories are so prevalent among Christians including numerous "Baptists" as to be taken as a matter of course.

This misteaching they base on: **Rev. 3:20** "Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."

To apply this verse to the lost is to misconstrue it's meaning and a failure to rightly divide the Word of God because chapters two and three of Revelation are written unreservedly to the seven churches of Asia.

If this verse includes lost people, then why does not all of chapters two and three include them also? If they do include the lost, then what is the difference between the saved and the lost?

The "fallers-from-grace" glory in this interpretation of the verse and many "Baptists" go along with them.

The Bible tells us that God opened Lydia's heart, **Acts 16:14**. Does He do less for others?

IV "ONE MAY TRY TO COME TO GOD AFTER IT IS TOO LATE."

This is another hand down from Arminianism that has been seized on to and propagated by watered down Baptists.

The persistent sinner has no days of Spiritual grace to sin away.

He knows nothing about Spiritual things and when he speaks

of the Spirit he is usually falsefieri.

Did Pharaoh, Judas, Golias and many others sin away their days of grace?

You had better prove by "thus saith the Word," that or anyone else did so before you shout it from the house tops.

God did not look upon Pharaoh as having sinned away any of Spiritual grace.

Exodus 9:16 "And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth."

No, Pharaoh sinned away his days of Spiritual grace because God predestinated and raised him up to do just what he did.

The same can be said of Judas. **Jude 4**. "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of God into lasciviousness, and denying the Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ."

This group comes under same category as Pharaoh and others.

God carries out His own will in heaven and in earth as He tells us below.

Isaiah 55:11 "So shall my word be that goeth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

God saves all whom He sends to save.

His Word does all that He sends it to do.

Please, stop twisting His Word. **"GOD REFUSED TO HEAR CHRIST'S PRAYERS."**

This actually should not require any discussion for its truth is so patent that the unbeliever can detect it.

But when educated agnostics and self appointed babblers forth their blatant errors, the truth must be blazed out. (Continued on page 3, column 2)

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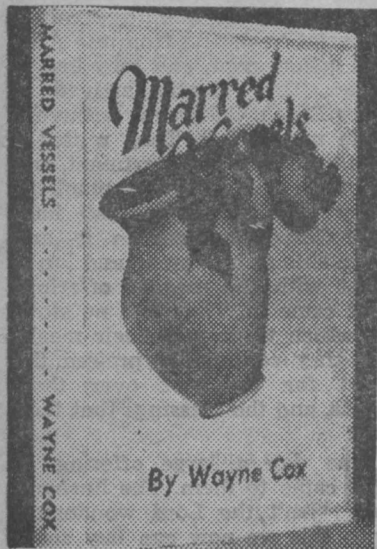
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most vehemently, that the people may hear and believe it. When Jesus healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, turned the water into wine, calmed the sea and raised the dead to life had God deserted Him then? Did God refuse to hear Him then? Just when would you say that God refused to hear Christ pray? In **Matthew 7:13**, God said; "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." In **Mark 9:7**, God said; "This is my beloved Son: hear Him." Would God refuse to hear any one pray, who pleased Him as Jesus Christ did? Would God ask people to hear one whom He, Himself, refused to hear? Preposterous indeed is such be-

But if the above Scriptures are not enough to prove that God did hear Christ's prayers then let us read the following Scripture and bow our heads and hearts in believing it.

In **John 11:41b-42a**, Jesus said; "Father I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I know that thou hearest me always." There are those who say that God did not hear Christ's prayers. Christ said that God heard Him always.

Which will you believe?

VI "THE BIBLE IS NOT THE WORD OF GOD, IT JUST CONTAINS IT."

What a shame that churches will call men who propagate such hellishness, as pastors and hold on to them for many years in many instances.

They "preach" what they want to "preach" and ignore, flout, and dispute that which they do not believe.

These false prophets deliberately mislead their congregations by teaching that portions of the Bible are doubtful, that other portions have been copied incorrectly, and that some Scriptures are historically inaccurate.

As a result some Baptist laymen refuse to believe much that Paul wrote.

This is the gang that wants to modernize the Holy Word of God!

Too many, far too many, "Christian" Colleges and Seminaries are sending out unbelievers who are destroying the faith and marring the hope of multitudes of unsuspecting Christians. This is an attempt to destroy man's faith in God, and sad to say it is taking deep root in numbers of churches.

These leaders know nothing about the work of the Holy Spirit or His inspiration of the Bible.

Fifteen hundred years before Christ came to earth Job said; **Job 32:8**, "But there is a spirit slightly giveth them understanding."

This crowd has substituted evolution for inspiration and in adoration go so far as to deny God's creation of all things.

They are followers of Huxley, Darwin, Wells, and others who

WAIT TIL YOU HEAR THIS!

"Old heretic, have you heard that those Baptists have another Bible Conference coming up this Labor Day Weekend? That will be another blow to our heresies, that's for sure."



sneer at Jesus Christ and openly dispute His Sonship.

Can men such as these know what is God's Word and what is not?

A Bible fully endorsed by them would be of all books the most damnable and would lead people straight to hell.

They may boast of their manhood and nerve in standing up for what they believe, but whatever of manhood and nerve they may still retain will get indescribably hot in the lake of fire. **Rev. 20:14-15.**

II Timothy 3:16 "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

Yes, God inspired the Bible and woe be to him who doubts, denies, disputes, or changes its meaning in the very least.

VII "GENESIS WAS NOT WRITTEN FOR MANY CENTURIES AFTER ITS EVENTS OCCURRED. THEREFORE IT MAY CONTAIN ERRORS."

Here again they are doubting, even disputing God's inspiration of the Bible, impugning His veracity, insulting His sovereignty, denying His omnipotence and all that He is.

Read again **II Timothy 3:16.**

Such "preachers" do not believe the Bible or its inspiration, nor do they believe in God according to His Word because God's Holy Spirit does not lead any of His own to doubt or dispute the least iota of His Word.

We may well be convinced that they do not believe God's Word, neither have they been brought to Christ for salvation because Christ said in **John 6:44**; "No man can come to me except my Father which hath sent me draw him and I will raise him up at the last day."

Persistent, willful doubters and disputers of God's Word can in no wise be God's children, for by their doubting and disputing His truth they make Him to be a liar. It is believe or burn.

VIII "PAUL WROTE I COR. 14:34-38 AND I TIM. 2:9-12 NINETEEN HUNDRED YEARS AGO THEY DO NOT APPLY TO OUR

CHURCHES TODAY."

One might be led to believe that their god is not more than forty years of age and has just finished a "theological" course at one of their atheistic seminaries and now has appeared to revise and modernize this "too ancient word."

Well can we believe that their god has come for just such a purpose for there are a multiplicity of spurious gods and false christs walking up and down the earth today.

This modernism of which they boast, and this antichrist which they follow had already raised their ugly heads during the first century of the Christian era.

I John 2:18 "Little children it is the last time and ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now there are many antichrists whereby we may know that it is the last time."

There were many antichrists then but there are many times more of them now than there were then.

This accounts for our facing so much accursed teaching today.

These spiritually benighted leaders want to revise and modernize the whole of the Bible to their own liking and God, only, knows how far they may go, but rest assured that God's word shall

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stand and not one jot nor one tittle of it shall fail. **Matthew 5:18.**

IX "GOD LOVES ALL INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING THE LOST EVEN AFTER THEY GO TO HELL."

This blundering and misleading conception of God toward man confuses Christians, helps to confirm sinners in their wickedness and misrepresents God, for the Bible has somewhat to say about this very subject.

This writer heard a Baptist preacher declare from the pulpit that God loves all, even the worst of sinners on and on through this life and still loves them after they go to hell.

It is no wonder then that a Baptist said, "We shall have a thousand years in which to repent after death."

If possible this is worse than the doctrines of man because this is a direct and brazen lie from the devil, himself.

Now let's go to the Word.

Psalm 5:5 "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight; thou (God) hatest all workers of iniquity."

Psalm 7:11 "God judgeth the

righteous, and God is angry with the wicked everyday."

Psalm 11:5 "The Lord trieth the righteous; but the wicked and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth."

Malachi 1:2b-3 "Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob and I hated Esau and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

Ezra 8:22b "The hand of God is upon all of them for good that seek him, but his power and his wrath is against them that forsake him." See **Isaiah 10:5-6.**

Rom. 9:13 "As it is written Jacob have I loved but Esau have I hated."

John 3:36 "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Heb. 3:11 "So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest."

The above Scriptures are to the point and need no defense, for God's Word is perfect.

If any one does not believe them or does not agree with them, his unbelief is directed against God and his dispute is with the Lord.

God hates iniquity and its doers as intensely as He loves righteousness and its doers.

If not, why did He create the lake of fire?

X "GOD ELECTED ONLY THOSE WHOM HE KNEW WOULD BELIEVE ON HIM."

Oh, yes, we know how you feel about election and predestination because we were bred in Arminianism and born in ignorance concerning God's election and predestination, and for many years did not know the difference between the words, Arminianism and Calvinism.

We are also aware of the fact that the modern scholarship of the world vehemently opposes the Bible doctrine that God elected or chose His people before the foundation of the world.

The teaching that God elected those whom He knew would believe on Him anyway is anotherism that strikes at God's veracity, sovereignty, and ignores the Holy Spirit's work.

Their teaching puts the power of coming to God into the hands of lost, godless, and depraved man leaving God and His Son standing helplessly by wringing

their hands and begging the lost men to open their hearts and let Them come in and save them.

How powerful they picture man but how weak they present God and His Son.

Now read.

Ephesians 1:4 "According as he hath chosen (or elected) us in him (Christ) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

Acts 13:48 "When the Gentiles heard this they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord and as many were ordained to eternal life believed."

When were these Gentiles ordained to eternal life? Read **Eph. 1:4** again because the ordaining and choosing or electing took place at one and the same time, that is before the foundation of the world.

The Amplified New Testament defines ordained as **destined or appointed.**

Strong's Greek Dictionary defines ordained as **assigned to a certain position or lot, to set, appoint, or determine.**

So we see that God had before determined or destined these Gentiles to salvation.

Rom. 9:11 "For the children being yet unborn neither having done anything good or evil, that the purpose of God through election might stand not of works but of him that calleth."

All whom God elected to salvation He giveth to Jesus Christ and All of these shall come to Him and be saved. **John 6:37.**

God does ALL the seeking and ALL the saving because man will not and can not come to Christ by himself, for all that man gets in salvation he receives from God. This is grace.

God purposed to save those whom He saves according to election and all who are not in or under God's saving purpose are lost.

Honoring or pleasing God by works comes after salvation, not before. **Ephesians 2:10.**

It is just as surely true, that God chose or elected ALL whom He should save as it is that there is a Bible!

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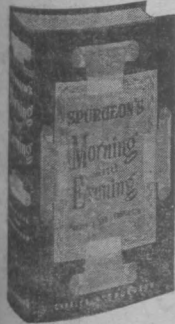
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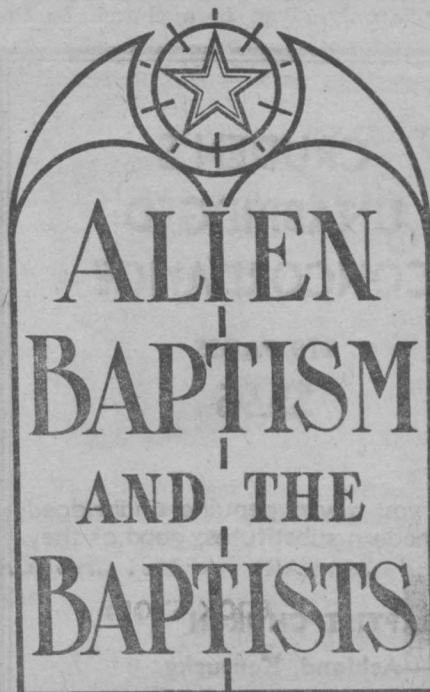
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"Must a church be established only on the consent and authority of another church, as the mother church, or is this only tradition or custom?"

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The commission (Matt. 28:18-20) was given to the mother church. The persecution of the church sent the members elsewhere to fulfill the commission (Acts 8:4).

When Paul had trouble with men who wanted to bring in the law to the churches he had organized he went to the mother church (Acts 15:1-5).

From these Scriptures I am sure we can be safe in saying that a church must be established from a mother church.

Let me also point out that Christ said that He built (edified) His church and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it.—(Matt. 16:18). Obviously if Christ set up His church while He was here on earth and if the church means a local body, there would have to be a succession of churches organized from then until the time that Christ comes to take us to be with Him.

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In Acts 8:26 the angel of the Lord spoke directly to Philip, but in Acts 13:2 the Holy Spirit spoke to the church. Why the difference? In the case of Philip, he was to witness to and to baptize an individual. We have no record of Philip's ever instituting a new church. But as a result of the Holy Spirit's telling the church at Antioch to send out Paul and Barnabas new churches began to spring up throughout Asia, that is, the province of Asia, and over in Europe. Acts 13:2 was not written for their sakes alone, but ours as well. Here is specific, definite, concrete and undeniable proof that all these churches were instituted through the authority of the Antioch Baptist Church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Until someone shows me in the New Testament a specific instance where a New Testament church was instituted without any church authority

(other than the one at Jerusalem) I will contend that the question before us is not even a debatable one. Our Lord's churches are of heavenly origin and they must have heavenly authority in order to remain a heavenly institution. It is a deplorable fact that there are many churches in the world today without a semblance of Scriptural authority. In fact, they are so plentiful they could say with the demons in Lk. 8:30 "We are legion." But, if you could pile them all in one great pile they would not be worth two cents. They are an abomination to Almighty God, and they should be the same in the eyes of His saints.

Men may follow tradition, or custom, and in fact they often do, but our Lord who is head over all things to His church does according to His own will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none can stay His hand, or say, What doest Thou?"

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A church must be established on the consent of another church. It is not merely a tradition or a custom, but rather it is a Scriptural fact.

"Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit"—Acts 8:15-17.

These Samaritans were already saved people, and were baptized by Philip, but they were not a church until the church at Jerusalem sent down Peter and John with authority to organize them into a church.

John the Baptist was given authority from Heaven to baptize, but he did not have authority to establish churches. This was the work of the Head of the church, Jesus Christ. When the Lord left the earth and returned to the Father, He gave authority to the church to make disciples and to baptize them, and to teach them. If one establishes a church without authority from another church, he acts without Scriptural authority. Thus he works in vain, for the Holy Spirit is only given to a church on the

consent of another church, as it was in Samaria.

Paul in his missionary work always worked through a church. "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."—Eph. 3:21.

The glory, or honor of Christ Jesus, is in the church. Therefore no one can work for the honor of Christ outside of the church, since the seat of honor and praise is in the church. For a group of people to meet and say by their coming together, we are a church is to despise the honor that belongs to Christ Jesus in the church. If churches can be established without the consent of another church, as the mother church, what is the purpose, and what responsibility does the church have?

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I certainly think so. In New Testament times there was a definite link between churches. For instance, in Acts 13: we read about how the Holy Spirit designated Paul and Barnabas to be missionaries, but note that the church at Antioch also designated them and ordained them for this work. So they went out thoroughly authorized by that church. Converts were made and baptized (See Acts 14:23) and churches were formed. All of this was done under the authority of the Antioch Church, and to this church report was made when the missionary journey was over. (Acts 14:27).

Watered Down

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churches are being filled today. Some deny the virgin birth of Christ, the saving power of His blood, His Deity and propagate other isms contrary to the Spirit inspired Word.

But you may ask; "Who are some of these false Baptist teachers and preachers?"

We shall not go into personalities but we will say that some independent Baptists, some unconnected Baptists and some organizational Baptists are more or less guilty of propagating one or more of these truths dishonoring errors.

It is my personal opinion, that there are more of these offenders, far more, among the large organized groups than there are among the other Baptists because their so called scholarship is going modernist in both theory and practice.

These modernists in effect repudiate Jesus Christ and flout much of the fundamental truth of the Bible and while they are already legion, their numbers are increasing.

The above doctrines are widespread because some Baptist Colleges and Seminaries are sending out leaders to the churches who know not God and care not for His teachings.

This propagation of anti-Biblical teachings has come from the "top" down ("the big preachers, the 'scholarly divines'") until it is threatening to prostitute the very heart and soul of the churches to the rejecting of God's once delivered faith. See Jude 3.

Do not misunderstand us. We are not opposing educated preachers who dedicate themselves to the glory of God and His cause but we do oppose those who use their education and influence to propagate such heresies as we

have discussed above.

Oh, for an abundant supply of educated giants such as, Gill, Spurgeon, Boyce, Broadus, Pendleton, Truitt, Porter (J. W.), and Taylor (H. B. Sr.), to mention a few.

The above mentioned leaders are not often quoted by the "great" present day "ministers." And too often when they are quoted it is taken out of its context, yes, and even misquoted in order to make it fit their own warped opinions.

May the Lord raise up unto Himself preachers who fear God and love His truth.

"God give us men. A time like this demands,

Strong minds, great hearts,
true faith and ready hands."



"Bitter Made Sweet"

(Continued from page one)

children of Israel couldn't drink them. This is rather a unique experience. They have food and they have leadership but the water that God has given to them is so bitter that they cannot drink it.

Then the Word of God tells us how that Moses took a tree and cast that tree into the waters, and the waters that were bitter were made sweet, so that the children of Israel were able to drink them, and their thirst was quenched, and they were satisfied. Now from this, beloved, I want to bring to you a few simple lessons that I believe will be of spiritual blessing and benefit to every one of us.

I

BITTER WATERS.

What made the waters bitter, I do not know; and why the children of Israel were here on their journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan, I do not know. All we know is that in the providence of God when they came to this place, they had nothing but bitter waters to drink.

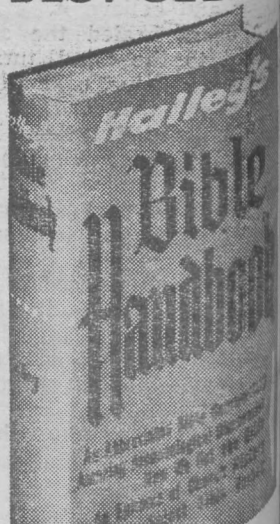
This, as you may note, is in the very first part of the Bible. If you will go over to the last part of the Bible, to the book of Revelation, you will find that there is some more bitter water spoken of there. Listen:

"And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood: and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."—Rev. 8:11.

This is speaking of the time near the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is talking about the time when our Lord is really bathing this world in blood, and when the people of this world, during the time of the anti-christ for the seven years tribulation period, are suffering, and suffering dreadfully. One of the pains that comes upon the people of this world in the period when the anti-christ rules, is that the waters are going to be turned into wormwood, and as a result of these bitter waters, many people are going to die.

Now, beloved, this is found in the last part of the Bible whereas the incident that I have read

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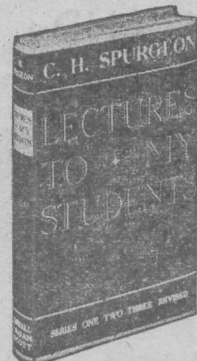
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in our text is found in the chapters of the Word of God might say that we find many other references to bitter waters of God.

Now that is life. As a result of sin, there is bitterness—bitterness, here within this world. I say to you, beloved friends, is nothing more than a picture of life itself. As the waters are bitter, so there is much bitterness so far as your soul is concerned here within this world. I am sure there isn't a person here this morning but what has passed through bitter experience. I am sure these bitter waters are typical of the experiences we have come to your life and since the entrance of sin into human family.

It is not only true of the saved, but it is even true of the child of God, for the child of God has much bitterness as a result of sin. For example, go to the time of the famine in Naomi and her husband and two sons left Bethlehem and went over into the land of Moab. See them as that husband and those two sons die, one after the other. All three of them are dead, and Naomi is left with daughters-in-law. Then notice how Naomi decides to go back home to Bethlehem, the land of Palestine, for she knows that there is food to be had there. When she returned home, the people of Bethlehem gathered around about her, and the Lord of God says that they looked at her and said, "Is this Naomi?" (Continued on page 5, column 2)



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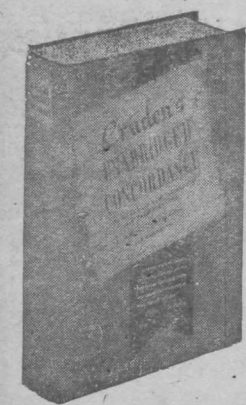
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HE DIED FOR ME

His holy fingers formed the bough
Where grew the thorns that crowned His brow;
The nails which pierced His hands were mined
In secret places He designed.
He made the forest whence there sprung
The tree on which His body hung;
He died upon a cross of wood,
Yet made the hill on which it stood.
The spear which spilt His precious blood,
Was tempered in the fires of God;
The grave in which His body laid
Was hewn in rocks His hands had made.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

"Bitter Made Sweet"

(Continued from page 4)

He answered and said unto
Mara: "Call me not Naomi, call me
Mara: for the Almighty hath
dealt very BITTERLY with me."
—Ruth 1:20.

Notice, beloved friends, the
word "Naomi" means "pleasant,"
and the word "Mara" means bit-
ter. Naomi said, "Don't call me
Naomi anymore, but call me
Mara, for the Lord hath dealt
bitterly with me."

I say to you, these bitter wat-
ers, which are typical of sin, have
caused grief and bitterness in
the lives of people from the days
of Adam down to the present
time. Not only is it true in the
life of the unsaved, but it is
true in the life of the child of
God. Naomi is a good ex-
ample of one who had found
that sin brought bitterness to her

In the violation of physical
laws, and in the execution of
those same physical laws, there
is much bitterness. When any
individual violates the laws of
his own body, he will find that
he is going to experience bitter-
ness.

I often think how Charles Had-
daway, the great preacher, sup-
posedly the Apostle Paul, was given
to the same vice that the
majority of preachers are given
to—namely, that of being
glutton. The result was that
Haddaway himself suffered, and
suffered greatly, with the gout,
because of his violation of
physical laws.

Then I think of other individ-
uals. I think how no individual
is able to be a drunkard and
escape the penalty of the viola-
tion of this physical law, for we

"Who hath woe? who hath sor-
row? who hath contentions? who
hath babbling? who hath wounds
without cause? who hath redness
of eyes? They that tarry long
at the wine; they that go to seek
mixed wine. Look not thou upon
the wine when it is red, when
it giveth his colour in the cup,
when it moveth itself aright. At
the last IT BITETH LIKE A
SERPENT, and stingeth like an
adder."—Prov. 23:29-32.

The same is true in the execu-
tion of the laws of the land. Lots
of bitterness comes as a result of
the laws of the land, and the
execution thereof. What individ-
ual is there who has gone into
the court, and paid even a dollar,
by way of a fine for over-park-
ing, but what has felt in the
execution of the law of the land,
there is a certain amount of bit-
terness? Certainly, beloved, the
same is true regardless of what
the sin may be.

Look at Achan—how that
Achan sinned! The Word of God
tells us in those early chapters
of the conquest of the land of
Canaan that Achan saw a wedge
of gold, a wedge of silver, and a
goodly Babylonian garment, and
since he coveted these, he took
them home and hid them, think-
ing that nobody would know any-
thing about it. Actually, beloved,
I presume that nobody did know
what he had done—nobody but
God, but the all-seeing God—the
God of all eye sight, looked
down upon Achan and saw not
only what he had done, but the
motive behind it. The Word of
God tells us that Achan was
uncovered in his sin, and the
people gathered around and
stoned Achan and his family, and
his possessions, and all that he
had. As you look out in the field,
and see that great pile of stones
that cover them over, you can
see the result of the violation of
the laws of the land.

Tell me there wasn't bitterness
in the life of Achan as they be-
gan to pelt him with those stones.
Tell me there wasn't bitterness
in his life when he saw his wife
and children fall as a result of
the stones that were cast at them.
Tell me as those stones piled up
over the unconscious, insensible
bodies to become their grave—to
become a warning so far as
sin is concerned—tell me that
it wasn't a time of bitterness in
the life of Achan.

Just as those waters at Mara
were bitter, so life is the same.
As a result of sin there is lots
of bitterness here within this
world, for in the violation and
in the execution of physical laws
there is much bitterness, and in
the violation and in the execu-
tion of the laws of the land there
is much bitterness.

In the violation and the exe-
cution of God Almighty's laws
certainly there is lots of bitter-
ness. Listen:

"Behold, all souls are mine; as
the soul of the father, so also the
soul of the son is mine; the soul
that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE."—
Ezek. 18:4.

"For the WAGES OF SIN IS
DEATH; but the gift of God is
eternal life through Jesus Christ
our Lord."—Rom. 6:23.

"The same shall drink of the
wine of the wrath of God, which
is poured out without mixture
into the cup of his indignation;
and he shall be TORMENTED
WITH FIRE and brimstone in the
presence of the holy angels,
and in the presence of the Lamb."

—Rev. 14:10, 11.

"And whosoever was not found
written in the book of life was
cast INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE."

—Rev. 20:15.

Notice, it is not the church
record book that counts, nor is
it any of the "trappings" of re-
ligion that are taken into con-
sideration, but rather, the only
thing that is considered is the
Lamb's Book of Life. The man
who doesn't have his name in the
Lamb's Book of Life goes into a
lake of fire.

I say, beloved, in the viola-
tion and the execution of phys-
ical laws there is bitterness, in
the violation and the execution
of the laws of the land there is
bitterness, and in the violation
and the execution of God's law
there is not only bitterness, but
an eternal bitterness for the in-
dividual that dies and goes into
Hell.

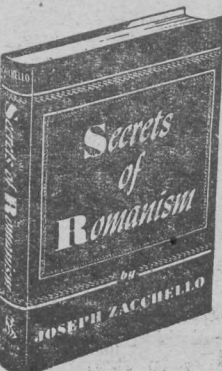
So I say that these bitter wat-
ers which the children of Israel
found in their pathway are cer-
tainly to us a picture of life.
There is sin in the lives of every
one of us, and as a result of sin,
there is bitterness—much bit-
terness, in the lives of both the
saved and the unsaved.

II

THE TREE.

The Word of God tells us how
Moses took a tree and dropped
it down into the water and those
bitter waters were sweetened
thereby. May I say, beloved, that
tree is highly typical of Calvary
itself. It is a type of Calvary.

You'll notice that the tree was



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completely submerged in waters,
for the Word of God says that
they put that tree down into the
waters. I would remind you that
this is highly typical of Christ,
because the Son of God Him-
self was baptized with the sins
of all the elect of God from the
first man that was ever saved
in this world, to the last man
that shall be saved. All the sins
of the elect of God went over
the Lord Jesus Christ when he
came to Calvary. Listen:

"But Jesus said unto them, Ye
know not what ye ask: can ye
drink of the cup that I drink of?
and be baptized with the bap-
tism that I am baptized with?
And they said unto him, We can.
And Jesus said unto them, Ye
shall indeed drink of the cup
that I drink of; and with the
baptism that I am baptized withal
shall ye be baptized."—Mark 10:
38, 39.

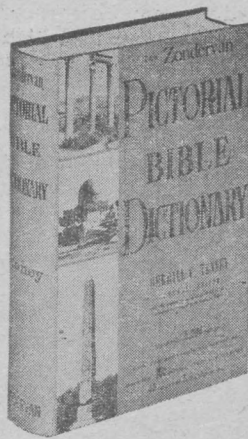
What was the baptism that He
was going to undergo? Beloved,
He was talking about Calvary.
He was talking about how He
was going to be submerged in the
sins of the elect of God. Be-
loved, just as that tree was put
down into the waters to sweeten
those bitter waters at Marah, so
the Lord Jesus Christ at His
death was baptized supernaturally
in our sins. All your sins, and all
the sins of all the elect of God,

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went over the soul of the Son
of God, just like the bitter waters
of Marah covered the tree the
day that Moses put the tree with-
in the water.

I would have you notice the
tree that Moses used to sweeten
those waters gave its life, for
Moses either had to pull that tree
out of the ground if it were
small, or had to cut it down if
it were large. The tree had to
give its life in order that those
bitter waters might be made
sweet.

I tell you this morning, beloved
friends, in order that you and I
might be able to find that sweet-
ness that is in Christ—in order
for us to be able to find that
sweet happy fellowship that is
ours as a result of walking with
the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son
of God Himself had to give His
life. We read:

"As the Father knoweth me,
even so know I the Father: and
I LAY DOWN MY LIFE for the
sheep."—John 10:15.

Notice, if you will, Moses took
a tree, pulled it out of the ground,
or cut it off, and dropped it
down into the waters, that the
waters might be sweet. That tree
gave its life. Jesus Christ came
to the Cross of Calvary 1500
years later, and there the Son
of God gave His life. His life, I
say, was laid down in order that
the sheep, or the elect, or the
saints of God, might be saved,
and that their lives might be
sweetened, just like the waters
at Marah were sweetened.

I would have you notice also
that this tree was for a particular
group. When the tree was pluck-
ed up, or cut down, and put into
the waters, that was an act for
the one group of people that was
there. God didn't tell Moses to do
that for the generations that had
gone by. God didn't tell him to
do it for the generations that
were yet to come. God didn't tell
him to do it for the crowd that
lived round about in that area.
Rather, God told Moses to put
that tree into the waters, that
the waters might be sweetened
for one particular group—the
group that Moses was leading

from the land of Egypt to the
land of Canaan.

Beloved, that reminds me that
when the Lord Jesus Christ went
to Calvary He didn't go there to
die for the sins of the individuals
that were already suffering in
Hell. He didn't go to Calvary to
die for the people in the future
that would not believe on Him.
Rather, He died for one partic-
ular group, for He said, "I lay
down my life for the sheep." As
that tree which was put in the
waters was for the benefit of
those Israelites that Moses was
leading through the wilderness,
so when Jesus Christ came to
Calvary, His death was in be-
half of one particular group of
God's choosing.

As this tree changed the wat-
ers at Marah, so Christ changes
our lives.

There are three trees spoken
of in the Bible. If you will go
back to the book of Genesis you
will find the story of the first
tree. We read:

"But of the fruit of the tree
which is in the midst of the
garden, God hath said, Ye shall
not eat of it, neither shall ye
touch it, lest ye die."—Gen. 3:3.

This is the experience of Eve
talking unto the serpent. Eve
said, "Here is a tree, We are not
to touch it, and we are not to
eat of it, for God has said that
if we do, we are going to die."
Now this is the tree in the be-
ginning of the Bible.

If you will turn to the end
of the Bible you will find an-
other tree that is spoken of.
Listen:

"In the midst of the street of
it, and on either side of the river,
was there the tree of life, which
bare twelve manner of fruits, and
yielded her fruit every month;
and the leaves of the tree were
for the healing of the nations."
—Rev. 22:2.

In Genesis 3, you have the tree
of death. In Revelation 22, you
have the tree of life. In Genesis
3, you have a tree held up as
a warning: "Don't eat it; if you
do, you are going to die." In
Revelation 22, you have a tree
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"FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME"

By Charles Chiniquy

From "Fifty Years In The Church Of Rome"

This painful conversation had already lasted too long. I was anxious to see the end of it; for I could easily read in the face of my superior, that every word I uttered was sealing my doom. I rose up to take leave of him, and said: "My lord, I beg your pardon for disappointing your lordship." He coldly answered me: "It is not the first time; though I would it were the last, that you show such a want of respect and submission to the will of your superiors. But, as I feel it is a conscientious affair on your part, I have no ill will against you, and I am happy to tell you that I entertain for you all my past esteem. The only favour I ask from you just now is, that this conversation may be kept secret." I answered: "It is still more to my interest than yours to keep this unfortunate affair a secret between us. I hope that neither your lordship nor the great God, who alone has heard us, will ever make it an imperious duty for us to mention it."

"What good news do you bring me from the bishop's palace?" asked my venerable friend, Mr. Brassard, when I returned, late in the afternoon. "I would have very spicy, though unpalatable news to give you, had not the bishop asked me to keep what has been said between us a secret."

Mr. Brassard laughed outright at my answer, and replied: "A secret! A secret! Ah! but it is a gazette secret; for the bishop has bothered me, as well as many others, with that matter, frequently, since your return from Illinois. Several times he has asked us to persuade you to advise your devoted penitent, Mrs. Chenier, to become a nun. I knew he invited you to his palace yesterday, for that object. The eyes and heart of our poor bishop," continued Mr. Brassard, "are too firmly fixed on the fortune of that lady. Hence, his zeal about the salvation of her soul through the monastic life. In vain I tried to dissuade the bishop from speaking to you on that subject, on account of your prejudices against our good nuns. He would not listen to me. No doubt you have realized my worst anticipations; you have, with your usual

stubbornness, refused to yield to his demands. I fear you have added to his bad feelings, and consummated your disgrace." "What a deceitful man that bishop is!" I answered, indignantly. "He has given me to understand that this was a most sacred secret between him and me, when I see, by what you say that it is nothing else than a farcial secret, known by the hundreds who have heard of it. But, please, my dear Mr. Brassard, tell me, is it not a burning shame that our nunneries are changed into real traps, to steal, cheat, and ruin so many unsuspecting families? I have no words to express my disgust and indignation, when I see that all those great demonstrations and eloquent tirades about the perfection and holiness of the nuns, on the part of our spiritual rulers, are nothing else, in reality, than a veil to conceal their stealing operations. Do you not feel, that those poor nuns are the victims of the most stupendous system of swindling the world has ever seen? I know that there are some honourable exceptions. For instance, the nunnery you have founded here is an exception. You have not built it to enrich yourself, as you have spent your last cent in its erection. But you and I are only simpletons, who have, till now, ignored the terrible secrets which put that machine of the nunneries and monkeries in motion. I am more than ever disgusted and terrified not only by the unspeakable corruptions, but also by the stupendous system of swindling, which is their foundation stone. If the cities of Quebec and Montreal could know what I know of the incalculable sums of money secretly stolen through the confessional, to aid our bishops in building the famous cathedrals and splendid palaces; or to cover themselves with robes of silk, satin, silver, and gold; to live more luxurious than the Pashas of Turkey; they would set fire to all those palatial buildings; they would hang the confessors, who have thrown the poor nuns into these dungeons under the pretext of saving their souls, when the real motive was to lay hands on their inheritance, and raise their colossal fortunes. The bishop has opened before me a most deplorable and shameful page of the history of our church. It makes me understand many facts which were a mystery

to me till today. Now I understand the terrible wrath of the English people in the days of old, and of the French people more recently, when they so violently wrenched from the hands of the clergy the enormous wealth they had accumulated, during the dark ages. I have condemned those great nations till now. But, today, I absolve them. I am sure that those men, though blind and cruel in their vengeance, were the ministers of the justice of God. The God of Heaven could not, forever, tolerate a sacrilegious system of swindling, as I know, now, to be in operation from one end to the other, not only of Canada, but of the whole world, under the mask of religion. I know that the bishop and his flatterers will hate and persecute me for my stern opposition to his rapacity. But I do feel happy and proud of his hatred. The God of truth and justice, the God of the Gospel, will be on my side when they attack me. I do not fear them; let them come. That bishop surely did not know me, when he thought that I would consent to be the instrument of his hypocrisy, and that under the false pretext of a delusive perfection, I would throw that lady into a dungeon for her life, that he might become rich with her inheritance."

Mr. Brassard answered me: "I cannot blame you for your disobeying the bishop, in this instance. I foretold him what has occurred; for I knew what you think of the nuns. Though I do not go so far as you in that, I cannot absolutely shut my eyes to the facts which stare us in the face. Those monkish communities have, in every age, been the principal cause of the calamities which have befallen the church. For their love of riches, their pride and laziness, with their other scandals, have always been the same. Had I been able to foresee what has occurred inside the walls of the nunnery I have built up here, I never would have erected it. However, now that I have built it, it is as the child of my old age, I feel bound to support it to the end. This does not prevent me from being afflicted when I see the facility with which our poor nuns yield to the criminal desires of their too weak confessors. Who could have thought, for instance, that that lean and ugly superior of the Oblates, Father Allard, could have fallen in love with his young nuns, and that so many would have lost their hearts on his account. Have you heard how the young men of our village, indignant at his spending the greater part of the night with the nuns, have whipped him, when he was crossing the bridge, not long before his leaving Longueuil for Africa? It is evident that our bishop multiplies too fast those religious houses. My fear is that they will, sooner than we expect, bring upon our Church of Canada the same cataclysms which have so often desolated her in England, France, Germany, and even Italy."

The clock struck twelve just when this last sentence fell from the lips of Mr. Brassard. It was quite time to take some rest. When leaving me for the sleeping room he said:

"My dear Chiniquy, gird your loins well, sharpen your sword for the impending conflict. My fear is that the bishop and his advisers will never forget your wrenching from their hands the booty they were coveting so long. They will never forgive the spirit of independence with which you have rebuked them. In fact, the conflict is already begun, may God protect you against the open blows, and the secret machinations they have in store for you."

I answered him: "I do not fear them. I put my trust in God. It is for His honour I am fighting

FAR TOO MANY OF US

I'LL HANG THIS UP... I WON'T NEED IT UNTIL NEXT SUNDAY



and suffering. He will surely protect me from those sacrilegious traders in souls."

"Bitter Made Sweet"

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held up as a blessing. It is for all the elect of God to enjoy throughout a never-ending eternity. How is it that those who died as a result of the violation of the eating of that first tree shall ultimately be able to eat of the tree in the book of Revelation? I'll tell you how: you must come in contact with another tree. Peter speaks of that tree when he says:

"Who his own self BARE OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE TREE, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed."—I Pet. 2:24.

Notice again:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, CURSED IS EVERY ONE THAT HANGETH ON A TREE."—Gal. 3:13.

Now look at these three trees. In Genesis 3 you have the tree of death. In Revelation 22 you have the tree of life. In I Peter and Galatians you have the tree on which the Lord Jesus Christ died. I ask you how it is that as a result of the contamination and defilement that came to the human family when they ate of the fruit of that first tree—how can such individuals be able to enjoy the blessings of the tree in the book of Revelation? There is just one way: you have to come by way of the tree of the cross—the tree that represents the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Oh, what a blessing this is to me! What a marvelous blessing it is to see when they came to these bitter waters—when they came face to face with the fact that they had nothing but bitter waters to drink, God said, "Moses, take this tree and drop it down into the waters, and the waters will be healed, and be made sweet, and useable, so that you

will be able to slake your thirst. Beloved, I come this morning and stand out there in the Garden of Eden and I listen to that conversation that took place between Eve and the serpent. I hear Eve as she said, "No, I can't do it. I am not allowed to touch this tree. I am not allowed to eat of the fruit of it. If I do, I'll die." But she did touch it; she did eat of it. Beloved, Adam died with her, and you and I died with her. All of us died as a result of what took place in the Garden of Eden, when that tree was touched, and the fruit thereof was partaken of by human family.

I want to have the opportunity someday to walk on those streets of gold. I want to have the opportunity sometime to be able to slake my thirst in that river of Water of Life that flows out from the throne of God. I want to be able to see that tree which yields its fruit every season of the year. I want to be able to partake of that tree that is spoken of in Revelation 22. I ask you, how can a man who died spiritually—whose life has been made bitter as a result of sin, who has a bitter experience of sin as a result of that tree in Genesis 3—how can he ever partake of the fruit of the tree of life in the book of Revelation 22? I tell you, loved, there is just one way. It has to come by way of the tree in the middle of the Bible, the tree of the cross, the tree of Calvary, on which the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins. There was only one way that the waters could be made sweet. The tree had to be put in them. It is only one way that a man whose life is bitter can ultimately come to partake of the fruit of the Tree of Life, and that his life has to be made sweet through the tree of Calvary.

III

THE TREE HAD TO BE REVEALED.

My text says: "And he cried unto the Lord." (Continued on page 7, column 2)

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"Bitter Made Sweet"

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THE LORD SHEWED HIM A TREE.—Ex. 15:25.

Beloved, the tree was there, but he didn't see it. It was there, but they didn't behold it. The Lord had to reveal that tree.

I ask you how can an individual who has suffered as a result of sin, and his life has been made bitter because of sin — how can he ultimately come to enjoy the Tree of Life and the paradise of God spoken of in Revelation 22? As I say, he has to come to the cross. But can he come on his own accord? No, that tree of the cross has to be revealed just the same as the tree had to be revealed to Moses when it was cast into this well of bitter waters.

Beloved, I believe in a revelation of religion. I don't believe that

me that night were startled at the expression. He said, "She has definitely made up her mind that she is going to be saved next Sunday."

Beloved, I have a conviction that the only way that anybody ever sees the Lord is by a revelation from God. We don't set the time of our salvation, and we don't tell God the time and the terms whereby that we are going to be saved, but the Lord has to open our eyes to see the truth.

I turn to the Word of God and I find a woman by the name of Hagar who is out in the desert suffering with thirst. Listen:

"And GOD OPENED HER EYES, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink."—Gen. 21:19.

Notice, the well was there all the time, but God had to open her eyes.

Listen again:

"And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, OPEN HIS EYES, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."—II Kings 6:17.

Notice, the mountain was full of horses and chariots. They were there all the time, but the young man could not see them until Elisha prayed that God would open his eyes. When God opened his eyes, he saw the mountain peopled with the angels of God who had come in defense of Elisha. I say, beloved, God had to open his eyes.

Likewise, you don't see spiritual truth unless God reveals it, and unless God opens your eyes to see it. We read:

"The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD HATH MADE even both of them."—Prov. 20:12.

You would never see any truth, and you would never hear any truth, unless the Lord calls you to hear, or unless the Lord opens your eyes that you might be able to do so.

I turn to the Word of God and I find that Nicodemus is a good example, for we read:

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that

is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, HOW CAN THESE THINGS BE?"—John 3:4-9.

There was Nicodemus, a judge, a ruler of the Jews, the greatest man religiously in the whole city of Jerusalem. There wasn't a man his equal in the city of Jerusalem, yet when the Son of God started talking to him about being born again — about having a new experience with the Lord, he was dumbfounded. He said, "How can a man be born again? Can he enter a second time in his mother's womb and be born?"

This reminds me of my Jewish friend of years gone by — Brother Jacob Rosenthal. After he was saved, his wife and mother and family did everything they could to harass him and make his life miserable. Finally, they had him arrested and taken before a Jewish judge. That Jewish judge knew nothing about spiritual truth and when Jacob was trying to explain to him about his experience, he said that he had been born again. The old Jewish judge looked at him and said, "When did that take place?" Jakie said, "About six months ago." The old Jewish judge looked down at him and said, "Couldn't be; couldn't be. Too fat to be born six months ago." Oh, the ignorance of that Jewish judge. He would never know the truth, and he would never understand the truth unless the Lord revealed it to him.

Now, beloved, Moses couldn't see that tree until God showed it to him. That tree that was to sweeten the bitter waters would never have come into Moses' mind unless God revealed it unto him. My brother, unless God makes a revelation to an individual, that individual will remain in his sins. He could never be saved unless God reveals Jesus Christ to him. Listen:

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A man can just turn to the Lord and find himself. I don't believe that a man of his own accord can turn to God and say, "Well, I am going to turn to you now, Lord. I am going to be saved right now." I just don't believe

Several years ago I visited in the church in Huntington one night and the pastor of the church was telling me about how they were meeting along in the church. He said, "A woman just told me that she was going to be saved next Sunday." I thought the man was joking, and I questioned him. Two or three folk who were with

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John 6:44. Notice, God has to take the initiative. God has to draw sinners to Himself.

Listen again: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are SPIRITUALLY DISCERNED."—I Cor. 2:14.

An unsaved man can't understand the Bible. As I often say, he can understand the history and the geography of the Bible, but he can't understand spiritual truths. These have to come as a revelation from Almighty God. They have to be spiritually discerned.

I go back to stand along side the shores of the sea of Galilee with that early Baptist preacher, John the Baptist. I see Jesus as He walks by at a distance, and I hear John as he turned to his own followers, and then points to Jesus, and says:

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

Notice, Jesus had to be pointed out to that crowd. He had to be revealed.

I say to you, beloved, that crowd of Jews in the wilderness (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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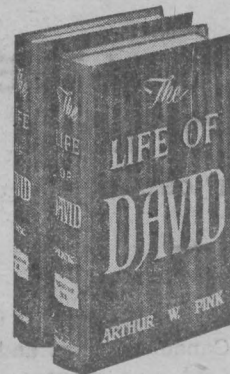
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used furniture." As they joyfully
were making up the list of what
they needed they received a tele-
gram from the other missionary
family, still in Africa. It read,
"Dearest Brother: We just re-
ceived our (deportation) papers
to leave. Our boat is docked. If
you can help us, kindly wire
the money to this address."

The husband and wife looked
at each other almost in despair,
as they again read — "Can you
help us?" The husband turned to
his wife and asked, "What can
we do? Shall we send them \$100-
00?" She suggested they pray
about the matter. After prayer
the wife said, "Dear, I feel we
should send it all to them. We
still can sleep on blankets."

He too was willing, but he had
waited for his wife's approval.
Rejoicing, and praising God, they
wired the \$300 to Johannesburg,
South Africa.

Soon after that they received
a phone call from the owner of
the largest furniture store in

Long Beach. He said, "I own a
furniture store, and a Voice
prompted me all night, saying,
'Send some furniture to the mis-
sionary from Africa.' I was upset,
and got up and walked the floor.
I said, 'God, is this from You?
I am very miserable about this.
I'll call the missionary and ask
him what he has and what they
need.' I would like to match the
furniture that you already have."

When the furniture man found
that the missionary had nothing,
he completely furnished the
apartment for them. All the fur-
niture was new, and of a high
grade. He even included a desk
and chair, saying, "I don't ever
want to put in another night like
I had last night; my what a
relief to get rid of that burden—
and I am not even a Christian.
How could God talk to me?"

—Christian Victory

Fred T. Halliman

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tion is the inspired Word of God.
I believe that the only way a
person can be saved is by hear-
ing of the gospel of Christ in
some way—that all the elect will
eventually hear and believe. I
believe that John was the first
Missionary Baptist preacher and
that out of folk that he baptized
the Lord Jesus built His church,
that only this church, i.e. a true
Baptist Church (all professing
Baptist are not true Baptist) has
the commission from Christ to
preach, Baptize, and/or admin-
ister the Lord's Supper; that
Christ gave this commission to
the church and not to individuals;
that one must be truly born again
before he can be Scripturally
baptized and only those that are
baptized have a right to the
Lord's Supper and then only at
the church where they have their
membership. The heretical doc-
trine of the Universal Church is
completely foreign to the Word
of God. The Church is local in
every respect.

I do not believe that any Bap-
tist preacher should ever sur-
render his pulpit to any one but
a Baptist, and I would be very
careful as to what Baptist that
I let preach in my pulpit.

There is no such thing taught
in the Word of God about a man
falling from grace; once a man
is saved he can never be lost,
not even if he tried.

I believe and preach the Pre-
Millennial return of the Lord
Jesus Christ, that we do good
works because we are children
of God and love the Lord, and
that at the return of Christ the
Christian will be rewarded for
his work according to his faith-
fulness to God's Word.

Brother, I could give you
much more of what I believe
the Word of God to teach, and
will if you request, but I be-
lieve this should be enough to
give you an idea of whether this
work would be worthy of your
prayerful support or not.

Not many folk care to sup-
port a missionary who stands for
the things that I do, but I do
not depend upon the flesh, my
trust is in God and He has proven
to me a thousand times over that
if we are faithful to Him and

His Word He will never leave nor
forsake us.

This is one of, if not the most
isolated places in the world that
we are in and everything except
the air we breathe has to be air
freighted in to us. For a long
time we were able to use the
Missionary Aviation Fellowship
planes to get our supplies in and
out when need be, but not too
long ago I was cut off from the
use of their planes because I
refused to compromise and un-
ionize with the heretics that sur-
round me. This has cost me more
than double to what I was pay-
ing for their service for now I
have to depend completely upon
Commercial aircraft, but thanks
be unto the Most Holy and all
wise Sovereign God in that He
has caused our monthly offerings
to increase to take care of the
extra cost. This alone has
strengthened my faith in God and
the reasons why a man should
preach the truth regardless of the
cost, as much or more than any-
thing that has ever happened to
me.

I am not soliciting your finan-
cial support, but if God gives you
a burden for this work I will
thank Him for you as being His
choice of folk that He would have
to support a real New Testament
Mission work. There may be
things that I am off on and we
might not agree on every de-
tail, but I give you my word
that I am doing the very best
that I know how to keep this
work as near the New Testament
pattern as I know how. I stand
ready to be taught if you or any
one else can show me where that
I might honor our Lord more in
this work than I am doing.

I shall count it a blessing to

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pray for you whether or not you
support the work financially.
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port the work I would prefer that
you send no offering to me direct
but to the Macedonia Baptist
Church, 2501 N. Maplewood Ave-
nue, Chicago, Illinois 60647. "Un-
to Him be glory in the Church."

May the Lord bless you and
yours is our prayer.

Yours most sincerely,
Fred T. Halliman.

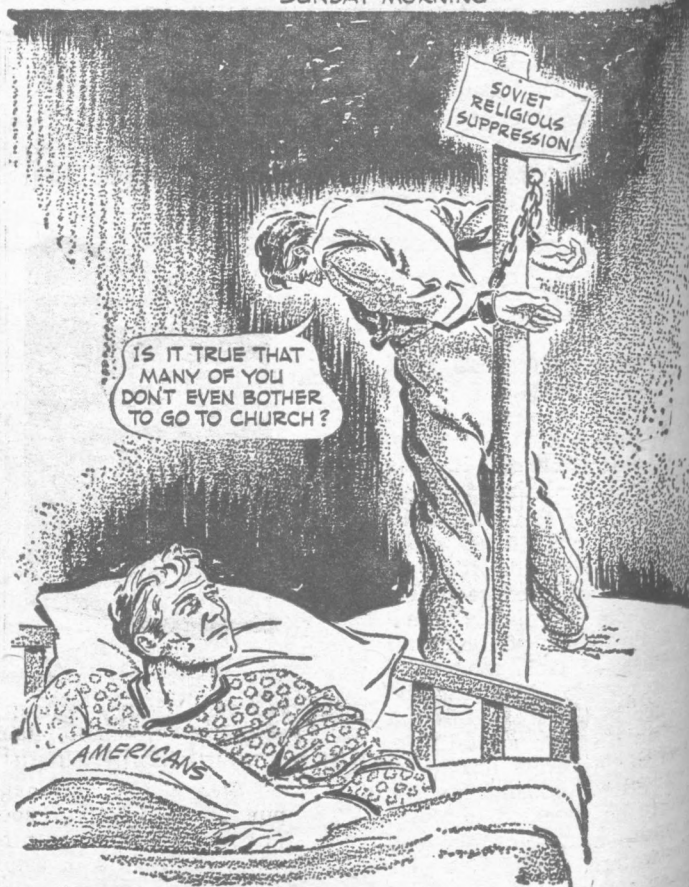
"Bitter Made Sweet"

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would have died along side of
those bitter waters, and their
bodies would have bleached in
the sunshine of that desert, had
it not been that God revealed the
tree to Moses, and Moses cast it
into the waters, whereby they
were healed, and the children of
Israel drank and slaked their
thirst. Likewise, I say to you, if
God didn't reveal Jesus Christ to
you, and if God didn't show you
that Jesus died for all your sins
—past, present, and future —

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you would die and go to Hell,
and spend eternity in Hell unless
God revealed Jesus Christ to you
as your Saviour.

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THE WATERS WERE MADE SWEET.

When that tree was put into
the waters, those waters were
made sweet, and the people of
Israel drank of those waters.
Their thirst was slaked. They
enjoyed those waters.

Beloved, I say to you, when
you come to the Lord Jesus
Christ you will find that all the
bitter experience of your life is
going to change. The Lord will
make things different then. The
Lord will sweeten your experi-
ence.

Let me tell you of a man whom
I knew years ago, a man whom
I led to Jesus, a man who in a
fit of passion shot another man.
He told me that he never went
to bed at night without that dead
man rubbing his icy hand over
his forehead. He said that for
years on top of years, there was
never a night that he went to
bed but that he was awakened
in the night with that dead
man's icy hand being rubbed
across his fevered brow. He said
his nights were nothing but a
nightmare. He said that time and
time again in twenty
years' time, he had known noth-
ing but misery when he went to
bed to try to sleep. I'll never
forget the night when this man
was seated about half way back
in the audience, that he heard
me as I said, "The blood of Jesus
Christ cleanseth us from all
sin." Somehow as I raised my
voice to give a special emphasis
to the word "all," the Holy Spirit
took that expression and struck
that man to his very soul.

I'll never forget him when he
came down the aisle. He said,
"Brother Gilpin, that was like a

straw cast to a drowning man.
Why? Because God had revealed
it, and a bitter life was made
sweet through the blood of Jesus
Christ.

I could stand here through-
out the entirety of this day and
you experience after experi-
ence of like nature, of individ-
uals whose lives were bitter,
were made sweet by coming to
the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

Could you say that Mar-
shall your experience? Could you
say that your life is bitter this
morning? Would you say that you
are going to have a bitter experi-
ence this afternoon? I'll tell you how
it can be made sweet. The Lord Jesus
Christ can sweeten your life.
He can change your experience.
He can make you anew. He
can make you a child of God, and
can send you out of this place a
happy person in the Lord. The
Holy Spirit do for you this morn-
ing what God did for the
children of Israel, in that He re-
vealed that tree to Moses! He
revealed Jesus Christ to you
today, and may you be saved.
May God bless you!

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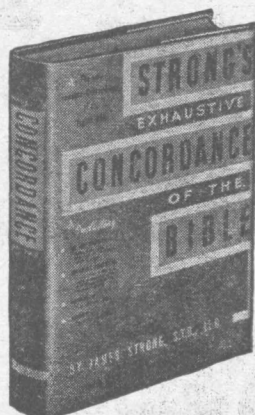
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