

Christ died for you -- you can live for Him!

BISCUIT WORSHIP

BY W. B. DAVIDSON, FORMERLY OF OCALA, FLORIDA — NOW WITH HIS LORD.

The purpose of this article is to call attention to the idolatry of the Mass as practised by the Roman Catholic Church. In the observance of the Mass by the Roman Church the laws of God and man are disregarded and idolatry in its worst form is practiced. We are aware that a mere statement of these things being true is not sufficient to convince men and women, but proof must be submitted. In the following pages we shall seek to present proof of what we have said.

The Roman Catholic Church disregards the teachings of the Bible each time she observes the Mass. The proof of this statement is to be found in the little booklet entitled "The Mass Book," published by The Pauline Press, 401 West Fifty-ninth St., New York. From page eight we quote the following in part; "The Holy Mass is the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, which is offered to the Heavenly Father on our altar under the species of appearance of bread and wine."

According to the Roman

Church the Mass, as celebrated by her, is a repetition of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Each time the Mass is observed the people are taught to believe that Christ is offered again as a sacrifice for their sins. If this is true, then Christ has suffered many times since the foundation of the world, but it is not true. Heb. 9:24-26 says: "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: nor yet that he should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. So Christ was offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall be appeared the second time without sin unto salvation."

This passage of Scripture plainly teaches that Christ was: "Once offered to bear the sins

of many." In the observance of the Mass the Roman Church disregards this, that Bible teaching on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The Roman Catholic Church violates the Second Commandment each time she observes the Mass. Exodus 20:4-5 says: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them—" but according to the "Mass Book" page 22, we read as follows: "The solemn moment has arrived. The Priest takes in his hand the bread, and lifting his eyes to heaven to show that this great wonder is worked by the power of God, he says the very words of our Lord at the Last Supper; 'This is My Body.' The bread at that moment is changed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Priest falls on his knees in deepest reverence and then holds up the Sacred Host for the people to adore.

Worship A Biscuit

Where can you find more unadulterated idolatry than in the observance of the Mass in the Roman Church, where people as well as the priest worship a piece of bread! The Second Commandment is violated when the people take a piece of bread and worship it as Jesus Christ.

The Roman Catholic Church perverts the plain teachings of the New Testament concerning the Lord's Supper, which according to Matt. 26:26-28, are as follows: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and brake it, and gave to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is my body, and he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

By every law of interpretation this passage means that the bread and the wine represented or symbolized the body and the blood of Jesus Christ, for such is the accepted meaning of other passages where the same expres-

sions are used. In John 10:7 Jesus says: "I am the door of the sheep." Would anyone attempt to prove that Jesus was a literal door,—a door made of wood and stone? We understand that Jesus was using figurative language and He meant to teach that He was the way of approach to God. In another place He said: "—No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6).

In John 15:1 Jesus says: "I am the true vine—" No one understands Him to mean that He is a grape vine. We understand Him to mean that we are to get our life and strength from Him just as the branches get theirs from the vine. Jesus is the source of eternal life.

When Jesus said: "This is my body," He meant the bread represented His body. He was alive and in His body and the bread that He held in His hand was held by a member of His body. How then can anyone interpret the words: "This is my body and this is my blood" to mean by actual literal flesh and blood, soul (Continued on page 8, Column 1)

What Does It Mean For One To Hate Father And Mother?

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In Luke 14:26 we have a Scripture that has puzzled some people. The subject here is "THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP." Salvation is purchased for the believer by the Lord Jesus Christ who died for us, but discipleship — after we are saved — may



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cost a very great deal. Indeed, it will cost just about all that any of us will let it cost us.

WHAT DID JESUS MEAN?

But did Jesus mean that we were to actually HATE relatives and life itself? Not in the sense that we usually speak of hate. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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AN OLD TRICK OF THE DEVIL IS . . .

THE LENTEN CELEBRATION

The Lenten season has just passed. A great host of church members adjusted their appetites to fish and fowl, declared a mortatorium on a few questionable habits, and arranged their schedule for church attendance on Easter Sunday morning. Some of them were Baptists!

Lent, you know, is such a beautiful idea. The wintry winds are sounding their death rattle in the trees; the buds are bursting at nature's resurrection call; all the birds are gathering home to sing their songs. It is good to be alive! And it doesn't do any harm to deny ourselves a few things out of respect to the Church. Forty days of religion is a tonic for anybody!

Lent slipped into the calendar of Christendom rather late. It missed the apostolic age as clean as a whistle. The Lenten fast is mentioned in one of the canons of the Council of Nicaea (325 A.

D.), but it seems to have had a difficult time in commanding the respectful recognition of those early Christian centuries. Not until about the year 519 did a Church Council command its solemn observance by decree. Even then, some were very slow to obey the Council.

The whole trouble was this: Lent was a pagan custom pure and simple. Some were not in favor of admitting it into the Christian fold of festivals. It had its source in the worship of one of the Babylonian goddesses, and is still observed by the pagan Devil-worshippers of Koordistan. It had found its way into Egypt,

adapted itself to the new paganism and made itself at home. Its reception into Christian circles was not so easy.

Christ and the apostles had lifted devotion to God to a spiritual plane. The mere observance of times and seasons not only did not meet His requirements of allegiance, but it actually hindered the spiritual relationship. When the Galatians began to look with favor upon the old Hebrew ways, Paul said, "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (Gal. 4:11-12). In forsaking the reality for form, they had "fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4) as the only principle of relationship between God and man.

History testifies that the formal observance of days and seasons grow in proportion to the decline of spirituality among professing (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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"IMPORTANCE OF THE SCRIPTURES"

"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come; That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles."—Acts 26:22, 23.

In Louisville, Kentucky, a number of years ago, I paused in front of a terminex company and noticed the display they had in their window. They had pieces of wood of various sizes, and kinds, and types, which were

supposedly eaten away by termites. In addition to the wood, they had a copy of God's Bible that had been practically destroyed by termites, and underneath the Bible they had a sign saying that a termite doesn't have any regard for even the Holy Bible. I stood there in front of that window thirty years ago and I breathed a little prayer: "Oh, Lord, help me to be a Bible termite. Help me to just read and devour God's Holy Word."

To me, the Bible is a most precious book. I like the old song that says:

"Holy Bible, Book divine;
Precious treasure, thou art

mine."

With that thought in mind, I come to my text which reminds us in a very definite way of Paul's ministry, and what he preached. He looked backward over his experience and said, "I've obtained help from God." Many years before, Paul had met Jesus on the roadway to Damascus, and for thirty years his paths have crossed and crisscrossed the New Testament land, preaching innumerable sermons, establishing a multitude of churches, ordaining elders, and establishing the work of the Lord in all that area. Now, thirty years later, he looks back- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

Why Should Ordinary Folk Attempt To Read God's Word?

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(All Scripture quotations are from the Confraternity Version of the New Testament).

There are certain matters in which we all agree. We all agree with the familiar statement: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth . . ." Just as we believe in God, we also believe that the Bible is the most important book in the world. We agree that the Bible is important because it was given by God. It is not merely the opinions and traditions of men but it is truly the "Word of God" (Hebrews 4:12).

The Apostle Peter teaches that Scripture is not just the notions of men but that "Holy Men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:21). The blessed Apostle Paul has also taught us "All Scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproving, for correcting or instructing in justice" (II Timothy 3:16). Since God is perfect and cannot make any mistake or commit any error, the Scriptures that He has given us are of course without any mistakes or errors of any kind. Jesus taught us this truth when He said "The Scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:36).

CAN'T UNDERSTAND

Often some one says ordinary people should not read the Bible. They cannot understand it and it just leads to confusion. This is not the teaching of God in the (Continued on page 3, column 3)

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only those who stand for a revealed religion from God. He has the favor of most everyone and is highly thought of because he will say "What's the difference, all religions are seeking God, and I can worship in any church."

Many other examples could be given. Surely God's people can notice these conditions. The religious and social climate seems to be changing rapidly. If you are not with the prevailing thinking of the majority, you are a bigot. You are not permitted to speak out against anyone's beliefs or to be critical of the government. To do so brings down the wrath of even the leaders of the major religions denominations. They think that those who take a literal view of the Bible are wrong. God's Word says that they are wrong, in Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Also read II Peter 2.

If we are bigots, we are bigots for God and His truth, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

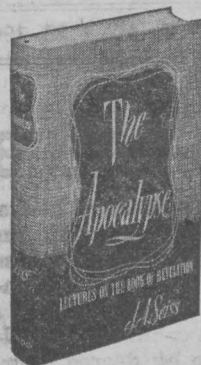
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"The Scriptures"

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ward over his ministry and he says, "I have obtained help of God. I didn't do what I have done in myself. I have done it because I obtained help from God."

I am sure that the ministry of the Apostle Paul was very much like mine. In a sense it was nothing like as fruitful as he would

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have liked it to have been. Certainly mine hasn't been a fruitful ministry. I'd say mine has been comparatively unfruitful. Certainly, beloved, my ministry in a very, very great degree has been one of perpetual disappointment unto myself. I wish that it had been better, and I am sure that was true of the Apostle Paul. I am sure he had many experiences in those thirty years, wherein it was necessary that he obtain help from God. Beloved, it is certainly true of me tonight, for as I look backward over my life, there have been many experiences whereby I have obtained help from God. Paul says, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the

Ohio Preacher Protests Heresy of Baptist Quarterly

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I would like to know, "who writes the Literature for our Southern Baptist Churches?" In the current Adult quarterly, it says on the lesson for April 18th, concerning the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ: "HE WAS BURIED SOME TIME BEFORE SUN-DOWN FRIDAY EVENING AND AROSE SOME TIME BEFORE SUNRISE SUNDAY MORNING."

That statement just isn't so, according to the Scripture. Jesus said in Matthew 12:39, and 16:4, that a wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of the Prophet Jonas. Now, may I say plainly that He told us, that Jonah was three days, and three nights in the belly of the fish, so (Or in the same way, manner, or length of time) would the Son-of-man, (Jesus Christ Himself) be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The above mentioned quarterly does not agree with the Bible here; therefore is false.

There is no wonder, that Seventh Day Adventists, and Campbellites, and Holy-Rollers, and a multitude of false cults, tear down, what sound Baptists have stood for, and died to defend, when our Sunday School Board will permit such false teaching as the above to be put before our people.

If Christ didn't stay in the grave 72 hours, three days, and three nights, He was not the Savior. For He Himself said that was the true sign that these hypocrites would be given. Good-Friday, and Easter Sunday, are inventions of the DEVIL, and products of His Devilish and ungodly mind, and weak, untaught, and un-trained Christians, and (MANY BAPTISTS FALL INTO THIS CATEGORY) are deceived by the Roman Catholic

tradition of these so-called days.

What on earth will our ing department allow to before our people next? Last these ungodly books were mended by our Sunday Board. Martin Luther King that other Negro's written pray God, that some one to it that the truth is our publications, so that youth of our world may be structured in the way of Rightness. God pity us, if we constantly be subjected to and trash, as recommended our reading public. Some said, "THE PEN IS MORE ERFUL THAN THE SWORD."

I believe that Christ Sunday: The Lord's Day, time after sun-down on the bath Day, and before day on the Lord's Day. To go days and 3 nights from that puts us to some time after down on Wednesday, according to Jewish time make it Thursday. That low the Bible to be true false teachers: LIARS.

In John 19:30 The Bible of His death, His being down from the cross, and 31 it says the next day High Day, or Sabbath, and day was the next day Wednesday. Thursday Sabbath or High-day. He taken down before that begun. I don't believe, friends rushed Him to the before His body was prepared burial. So, 3:00 P. M. Wednesday was when He was taken the cross, or may-be some than that, and allowing preparation of His body, reasonable ground to believe He was buried after sunset that day, which makes His on Thursday, and His resurrection on Sunday, and no squirming and squirming to get Catholic foolishness taught folks.

Gentiles."

Now, beloved, I think I can look backward across my ministry today precisely the same as Paul. I think I can say that I have obtained help of God. I think I can say in many, many instances that God has enabled me, and helped me, and kept me going. I think I can say that in the years of my ministry I have preached that which Moses and the prophets wrote concerning Jesus and the resurrection, and concerning a mission program to the end of the earth.

That leads me to say that what was true of Paul, in that he preached the Word, ought surely be true of every one of us. The Word, the Holy Bible, ought to be the biggest thing in the life of every child of God.

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WE ARE COMMANDED TO
SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES.

There is not a hint in the Bible that we are to search other books, although I think we ought to. I sell lots of books, and I encourage many people to buy lots of books. I encourage people to read other than the Bible. However, there is not a hint in the Bible that we are to search anything except the Scriptures. Jesus said:

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES
for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are which testify of me."—John

I think it was Luther who pondering on this verse of scripture, said that when he like into the orchard, he like times to pick up the fruit had fallen to the ground. He was easily accessible. He said sometimes he enjoyed being in a club at perhaps an that was in the top most of the tree. He said sometimes enjoyed even getting up the tree and reaching for the Then he said sometimes he to get out on a limb and underneath the leaves and and peer, and look for that was hidden underneath leaves. He said it was the Word of God, for some he liked to just pick up which was obvious, other he liked to put forth an effort in regard to the it, and sometimes, like individual would peer under the leaves in the tree, he to get down underneath words and the syllables divide up the words so he could understand God's Word get the truth from the Bible (Continued on page 3, col.

THE CURSE OF THIS 20TH CENTURY . . .

RELIGIOUS BIGOTS

Those who believe in and obey the truth as found in the Word of God alone have never been in the majority. They have always been reviled and persecuted by the religionists of their day. Unbelievers, whose philosophy is paganistic, have bitterly contested, from within and without, every forward movement of the followers of God. The enemies of the Bible have always classified those who would not compromise and cooperate with their carnal philosophies as being bigots. But in the eyes of God, they are bigots. The New Testament, Jude 4, describes these enemies of the truth . . . modernism! Yet as old as the serpent in Eden whose hiss may be heard today in pulpits and theological schools, "Yea, hath God said?"

Jesus said, "I am the Truth..." John 14:6. And as Jude 3 states, "Earnestly contend for the faith," we cannot do less than obey God and follow His Word. We consider not what men may say about us, when we know that we are following God's Word and will.

Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him. This terrible sin and crime was committed through jealousy over a religious matter. Abel believed God, that salvation was the acceptance of a bloody sacrifice as a substitute for sin payment. Cain was depending upon a salvation by works. The beliefs and attitudes of these two brothers characterizes the beliefs and attitudes of the peoples of the world since that time. In human religions we see men groping after God, yet going away from God and hating those who in simple faith do believe in God's Word. Matt. 10:22, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my names sake."

The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, faced religious prejudice and national bigotry when He preached His first sermon, Luke 4:16-30. When Christ mentioned God blessing Gentiles to the exclusion of Israelites, those religious lead-

ers sought to put Christ to death. Why did they do this? It was carnal man's implacable hatred against God's Holy Word, the Bible. Hell hath no fury like a bigoted religionist.

Just a few hundred years ago religious persecutions in England and on the continent were among the prime causes which led to the settlement of the first American colonies beginning in 1607. These refugeeing Congregationalists and Presbyterians established different colonies and immediately within their respective territories established by law their own peculiar religious views. Having the authority, they denied religious liberty to others and practiced upon them the same cruel methods of persecution as the Roman Catholics had in their mother countries. We note only one example of Protestant persecution of Baptists in early America as recorded by Banyard. In July of 1651, John Clarke together with a visiting preacher, Crandell, and a layman, Obediah Holmes, visited an early church member living in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. They were arrested while holding a private prayer service in the sick members home. Many false charges were entertained against them. They were heavily fined and cruelly whipped. This happened in America for preaching the true gospel!

It was not until 140 years later that Congress declared the first amendment to the Constitution, which granted religious liberty to all citizens, to be in force. Today this liberty is being threatened on every hand.

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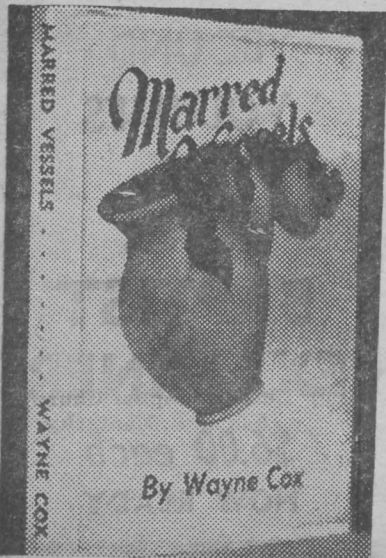
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cannot trace a link chain of human beings all the way back to Adam. With a little research I can trace through history several generations, but some where back in time the genealogy of my family was not recorded. Though I cannot trace my ancestors back to Adam does it mean that I have not descended from him? God gave life unto Adam and through Adam all of us have life. At one time the descendants of Adam were very few (eight souls in days of Noah) but at no time in earth's history has the descendants of Adam failed to exist.

So it is with the church of Jesus Christ. He gave that church power and life, and from that time until now, she has not failed to exist. Though many times there were just a few, yet she still lives, as a monument of God's sovereign grace and power. No man has life apart from Adam, for it is impossible to have life without blood, and blood was given to the whole human race through this man, Adam.

"And hath made of one blood, all nations of men." Acts 17:26.

It is impossible for the church to be alive without the Spirit, and the Spirit was only given one time and this at Pentecost. Therefore, there must be the link that connects the church with the Spirit at Pentecost, as there is a connecting link with us as human beings with Adam the first man.

If church perpetuity is not true then there is no possible way for an individual to determine whether or not he is in a true church, but thanks be unto our God, He has not left us in the dark concerning His church. On the pages of Holy Writ, He has left to us the marks that distinguish His church from all others, and on the pages of history He has left us the record that the gates of hell have not prevailed against it.

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As to whether there have been breaks in the chain, I cannot say. I can say this — My Lord is sovereign. He is able to create the world. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were

framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." — Hebrews 11:3 (See also Genesis 1:1). If a Supreme Being is able to do this, I do not find it hard to believe that this same God can, and will protect His churches and bring them safely through the years. Did He not protect the seed royal? Even though the Devil tried to break the line from Adam and Eve to the birth of Christ, we read in the word that the line was not broken.

How can we be sure? By faith in Christ, by asking leadership of the Spirit, and by observing the doctrines of the church.



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Yes, I am ready to admit freely that there have been many breaks in the chain of church succession through the centuries, but I want to say in the same breath that these breaks in this chain have brought about all the apostate churches in the world today. When a church departs from the blue print found in the Book, very soon all manner of unclean things are found in her. No longer does our Lord assume responsibility for her purity, and as ever, man can only bring forth corruption.

So, it is not too hard for us to know whether we are in a true church or not. If the church is not one of our Lord's true churches false teaching and false practices will be rampant. If it is one of His true churches, our Lord will be responsible for the teaching and the practices found therein. Just apply the measuring rod of God's precious Word to the church's teaching and practices and you can soon see whether the chain has been broken or not. Let us remember that an illegitimate church is out of the pale of our Lord's protection. And when He removes His protecting hand false doctrines and false practices rush in like air into a vacuum.

Read God's Word

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Scripture. The Scriptures do not confuse us or lead us astray but rather give us guidance as the Psalmist testifies: "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 118:105). People may be deceived but not because they have been heeding the Word of God. That great and learned man Augustine said, "Therefore we yield to and agree to the authority of the Holy Scripture knowledge. He said to some folk 'You err because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God' (Matthew 22:29). Obviously it is the will of the Lord Jesus Christ that we know the Scripture. The Bible was not originally addressed to scholars, university graduates and theological students. It was addressed to ordinary people, to common folk. The Gospels were first received by fishermen, farmers, trades people and Galilean peasants. If such folk could grasp the basic meaning of Christ's words, so can we.

COMMON PEOPLE READ

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ary tours. Those who composed the membership of these churches were not noted for their learning, rather Paul describes them as "not many wise according to the flesh not many mighty, not many noble" (I Cor. 1:26). If such folk could understand the writings of the Apostle, so can we.

It was the Apostle Paul who congratulated the people in the town of Berea for their eagerness to read and study the Holy Scriptures. When he preached to them, it did not offend him that they were quick to check what he said to see if it agreed with the Word of God. He spoke of these people saying "Now these were of a nobler character than those of Thessalonica and they received

not act upon them, shall be likened to a foolish man who built his house on sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and was utterly ruined" (Matthew 7:24-27). Jesus plainly says that a life not built upon His Holy Word is headed for utter ruin.

Finally the greatest question pressed upon any man is that of his eternal salvation. How can a person be saved? How can you . . . how can I know how to be saved from our sins? The Apostle Paul, writing to Timothy gives the clear answer to this most important question. He says "For from thy infancy thou hast known the Sacred Writings, which are able to instruct thee unto salvation by the faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Timothy 3:15).

The Apostle Paul clearly teaches that it is through these Sacred Writings that we may come to a knowledge of salvation. A person who is unfamiliar with the Scriptures will not know how to be saved. A person, who will take a bit of time to read and study the Scriptures, can know how to be saved. This is more than reason enough for each of us to daily, faithfully read the Word of God.

—The Convert

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"The Scriptures"

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Beloved, I say to you, we are to search the Scriptures.

When Paul was at Thessalonica, he had given them the Word of God, but apparently not too much had resulted from his ministry or his visit there. The Jews opposed him in Thessalonica to the extent that he had to flee out of the city. Then he went over to Berea and the Word of God says that at Berea he did the same thing — he preached to them the Word of God. Listen: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."—Acts 17:11.

I would to God that we would be Berean Baptists. I would to God that we were a Berean (Continued on page 4, column 1)

the Word with great eagerness, studying the Scriptures every day to see whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

CHRIST'S TEACHING

Christ placed tremendous emphasis upon heeding His Word. Only at one's peril can the Scriptures be ignored. Jesus said, "Everyone therefore who hears these my words and acts upon them, shall be likened to a wise man who built his house on a rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house and it did not fall because it was founded on a rock. And everyone who hears these words and does

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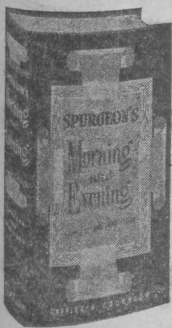
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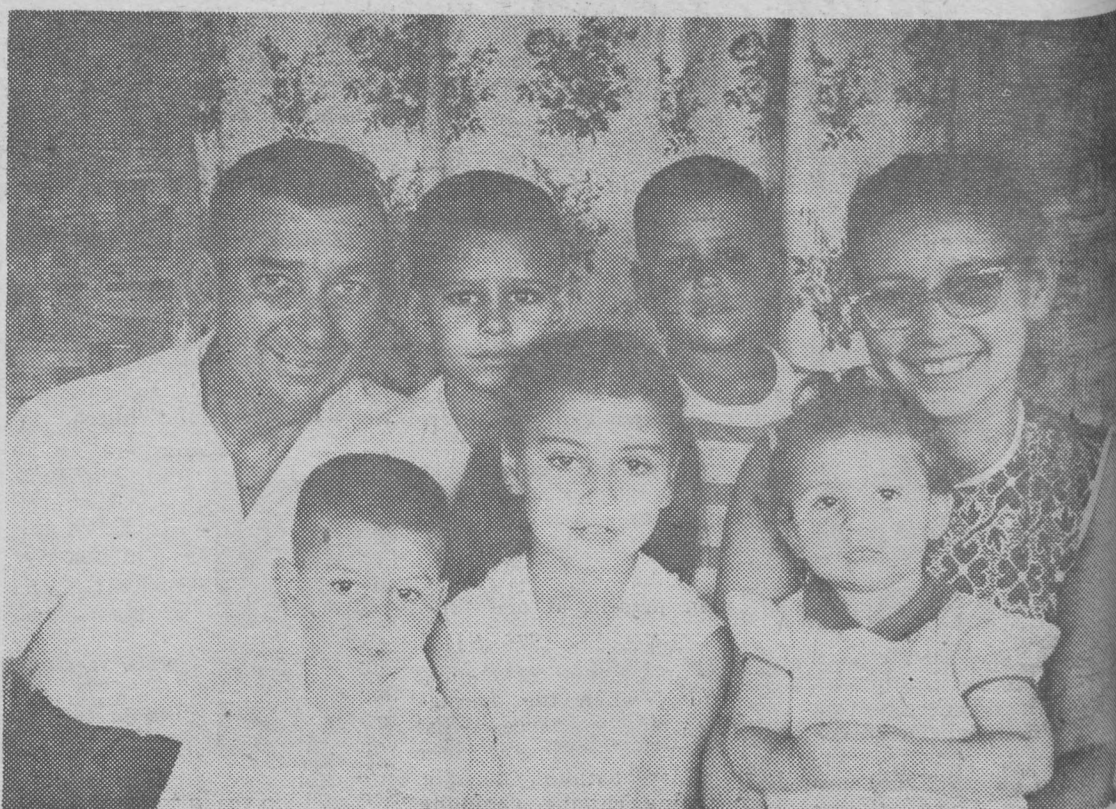
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church. I would to God that you never accept anything just because I say it, nor because any other preacher says it, but that you would search the Scriptures to see whether the things spoken were true.

So far as I am concerned, the Bible means a lot to me. It has been the guide book of my life and ministry. When God called me into the ministry He blessed me immeasurably as a boy preacher. He gave me great numbers of people who made professions in my early pastorates. He blessed me, I say, in many, many ways. I have heard preachers say, "You can't be happy in the ministry all the time. You are going to make people mad. Folk are not going to like you." Beloved, I would brush those statements aside and I'd say that it couldn't be so — that it was the preacher's fault, because everybody liked me. Beloved, in the first four years of my ministry I am sure I was able to go along day by day making friends because of the fact that my ministry was not a Bible ministry.

However, on a November af-

ternoon, when I was pastor in Cincinnati, nearly 40 years ago, I came face to face with the fact that I wasn't satisfied with some things I had been preaching, and it dawned on me that I ought to make a change in my ministry; to use an expression that I have used many times since, that I ought to tighten my Baptist belt, and that I ought to be more devout in the Word. I sat there that afternoon and reasoned as to what was out before me, and I came to this conclusion that there were three alternatives. One was, I could go on as I was; compromise a little here and there, preach a great deal of truth, but avoid controversial subjects, and I could continue to be a popular man, and that the ministry would offer to me an easy livelihood for my existence.

The second alternative was that I could do like the Apostle Paul. I had been making a special study in the life of the Apostle Paul and I had been impressed by the fact that he stood for the Word of God in every place that he went, and that in spite of all the difficulties and troubles that came to him. So the second alternative was pre-



As you face the picture read from left to right for the names of the children. Back row. Next to myself is John Mark, 7 yrs. 3 mo. Daniel Thomas next to Mrs. Halliman 5 yrs. 11 mo. Front row. Peter Andrew 4 years. Rhoda Susanna, 8 yrs. 7 mo. Grace Elizabeth 16 mo.

The three oldest children are in school and being taught by Mrs. Halliman, Rhoda in 3rd grade, John in 2nd, and Daniel in 1st. When Mrs. Halliman can find a few spare moments Peter gets some pre school teaching. Our living room serves as a class room and nursery combination.

Two of our children, Peter and Grace have been born in the Territory of New Guinea. None of them remember anything about America and to them this is home. Fact of the matter is they are far more at ease among the natives than when they are among the occasional white persons that visit our station. All of them except Grace speak Pidgeon and they are doing quite well with the local language. Mrs. Halliman is the only one of us, in nearly four years that has seen a doctor and she only twice and one of those occasions was when she gave birth to Grace. So far I have been able to take care of all our medical needs. Our children are healthy and happy and I might add that goes for myself and Mrs. Halliman.

I would not say that our children are just normal kids for they are not. I can remember that when I was growing up as a youngster 40 odd years ago in America, even at that time there was much for kids to clamour over and fight about. Our kids know nothing about modern civilization except what they see in books and we do not spoil them with all kinds toys and ungodly things so they have little to fight about. I try to teach them to love and respect each other as being an important member of the family and I can truthfully say that while they do have their cross moments, have never seen any two of them fight over anything. In a place like this there seems to be something that draws a family very closely together. Most missionary families over here that we know anything about and especially if they are childless, seemingly have to have a "break" from the station every few months and all without exception have had from one to two home "leaves" in the time we have been here. We have had one break from the work and believe that God has especially blessed us with grace to stay by the work in that He has given us such a wonderful family to enjoy during our few "off" moments.

We desire your prayers that we may continue to remain healthy and that God will give us strength and wisdom to carry on this work and raise our family in the fear and admonition of the Lord."—Fred T. Halliman

sending itself to me, that I'd take a stand like Paul did for the deeper things of the Word of God, and for all he stood for, with the assurance that life was not going to be as pleasant as it had been in the past. I could either stand firmly like Paul and expect persecution, or I could continue as I had and compromise the deeper things of God and expect a life of comparative ease, or as a third alternative I could be a gentleman, and an honest man, and get out of the ministry. That afternoon as a result of the searching of the Scriptures in the life of the Apostle Paul, I came to this conclusion — that it was God's will for my life to make the Bible final — to preach in all of its purity the deeper truths of God's Word including the controversial messages in the Bible the same as all the balance of the Book, with the understanding that by so doing, my ministry henceforward would never be a popular ministry.

I might say in passing that from that hour down to this, my popularity has been waning and growing less and less with the world. But tonight, after over thirty-five years of standing for the Word of God in all of its purity, I would say to every in-

dividual, search the Scriptures. Find out what the Word of God says and stand for the Bible regardless of what the cost may be.

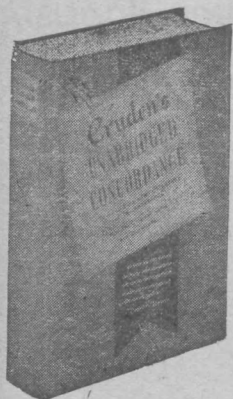
II WE ARE COMMANDED TO TEST EVERYTHING WITH THE SCRIPTURES.

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

You'll notice Isaiah said that

false preachers were to be tested by the law and the testimony. In the preceding verses he is talking about those who have familiar spirits. He is talking about those preachers who "peep and mutter." He is talking about those preachers who were preaching contrary to the Word of God. Now he says, "Test them by the law and the testimony. Put them to a test on the basis of the Word of God has to say."

Beloved, in this modern century you don't test preachers (Continued on page 5, column 1)



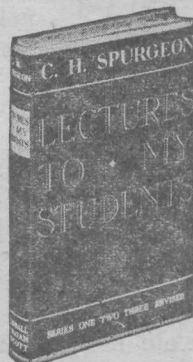
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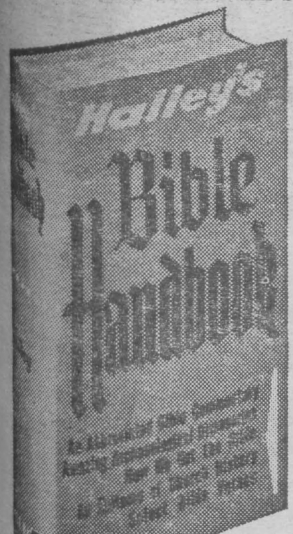
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WAS SPEAKING COMPARATIVELY — that is in comparison with our LOVE FOR HIM, other love is to be so inferior to be classed as hate. How we know that he didn't mean us to actually hate parents? We know it because of his OWN ATTITUDE TOWARD HIS OTHER, and likewise the unimpaired teaching of Old and New Testaments concerning our attitude toward parents. (See John 14:26-27 and Ephes. 5:26-28 and Old Testament command which says: "honor thy father and thy mother.") But Jesus did not let His reputation for mother and brethren keep Him from His first duty to the Father. (See Matt. 12:30.)

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of it. The idea is — LOVE FOR FATHER AND MOTHER, KINFOLKS IN GENERAL, AND EVEN YOUR OWN LIFE, IS TO FALL FAR BELOW LOVE FOR ME.

THE CONTEXT

To properly understand the words of Jesus read the parable that precedes His remark, for there we have a string of excuses offered. Jesus means to make it plain that NO EXCUSE to keep from following and serving Him is valid. All are WICKED subterfuges. How people do need this teaching — and they need it as forcefully as Jesus put it. The commonest things to hear are excuses by church members. Never a single Lord's Day in my pastoral experience but that several dozen members have had excuses, for never have all members been present at one time.

EASY GOING CHRISTIANITY

We are in a day of easy going Christianity, when the average church virtually agrees that members may hang on to their cards, mixed bathing, dancing, beer drinking, cursing, gambling etc., and then they are promised feeds and amusements if they will only design to favor with their membership. Far different is this from what Christ said in Luke 14:27. In the past, millions of people died rather than renounce Christ. How does this seem in comparison with the modern "professor" who says, "I won't join that church — they expect me to give up my bridge." There isn't as much of heroism in the hide of such a person as a gnat possesses!

CHRIST NOT LOOKING FOR WEAKLINGS

There were too many people trailing after Christ—too many who didn't know what it was all about. (Luke 14:25) so He thought He would thin them out a bit. That's why He said what He did. He asked followers to consider the cost before they pretend to follow Him. (Read what He said as given in Luke 14:28-33). Some self-indulgent souls will say, "Why you ask me to give up everything." Every thing of the devil — that's true. And everything else if necessary for Christ's sake.

BUT THERE ARE COMPENSATIONS

WHAT? Well, for one thing, RULERSHIP WITH CHRIST IN THE AGE TO COME, and FOREVER AND EVER. We won't anymore think of the few things we gave up or suffered for Christ's sake in the age to come, than if they had been mosquito bites. Long after the self-indulgent worldling who thought he was a Christian and wasn't, is dead and suffering in the Lake of Fire, the loyal follower of Christ will be enjoying the glories of the life that God has in store out yonder. "If we suffer with him." Tremendous are the rewards at stake. Namby-pamby, milk and water religion is a burlesque. Christ's words in this lesson ought to put some iron in our blood.

"The Scriptures"

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on that basis. You test men today on the basis, can he draw a big crowd? You test him today on the basis, is he a friendly fellow? Does he have a pleasing personality? You test him today on the basis, can he bring in the people from without and build up the church? You test him on the basis, how does he work with the young people? Is he able to play nurse maid to all the young people? You test him today on the basis, can he fill the treasury with money? Beloved, God's basis of testing a preacher is none of these. God's basis is, to the law and the testimony; if a man doesn't preach according to the law and the testimony, it is because there is no light in him. I say, beloved,

we are commanded to test everything with the Scriptures.

I am satisfied that most of you are the possessors of a good mother and father, and in all probability if I were to ask you what you believe, and why you believe it, you would say, "I believe this because my mother taught me. I believe this because my mother gave me this information." Brother, sister, I say to you, don't accept anything because a relative told you. Put it to the test of the Word of God. If what you have been taught by your relative is taught in the Word of God, well enough, but if it is contrary to the Word of God, then reject it, regardless of what your mother, your father, or your relative may have said. I say, beloved, we are commanded to test everything with the Scriptures.

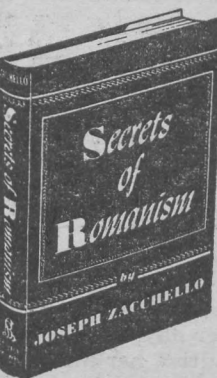
You should not only test what your parents or your relatives have said to you, but you ought to test what your church and your preacher says. I turn to the Word of God and I find two Scriptures that would definitely indicate that we ought to be mighty careful of what the church teaches, or what the preacher has to say. We read:

"For false Christs and FALSE PROPHETS SHALL RISE, and shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect."—Mark 13:22.

In view of the fact that Christ tells us that there are going to be false Christs and false prophets, then we certainly ought to be mighty careful to put to a test what the preacher and what the church has to say.

Notice again:

"As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to understand, which THEY THAT ARE UNLEARNED AND UNSTABLE WREST, as they do



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also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."—II Pet. 3:16.

Peter says that there are some things in the Bible hard to understand, and that there are some things in the Bible we don't grasp easily. We don't learn them in an easy manner. He says there are preachers that wrest these, and other Scriptures to their destruction.

Now, beloved, in view of the fact we are told there are going to be false Christs and false prophets, and in view of the fact that there are preachers that are going to wrest the Scriptures to their destruction, then I say you need to test your preacher in the light of the Scriptures to see whether or not your preacher is preaching the truth, and to see whether or not your church is standing for the truth.

I have said, and I repeat it,

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Brother, sister, you need to test your relatives, you need to test your church, and you need to test your preacher.

I'll go further and say that you ought to test the magazines and books that you read. I think one of the greatest ways that people can learn either truth or heresy is through magazines and books. There are a lot of people that are going contrary to the Word of God just because of the magazines and books that they read. In the light of Isaiah 8:20, you ought to test your magazines and books to see if they are according to the Word of God.

I say, beloved, we are commanded to search the Scriptures, and we certainly are commanded to test everything with the Scriptures.

III

WE ARE COMMANDED TO ACCEPT THE SCRIPTURES AS FINAL.

Moses said:

"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it; thou shalt NOT ADD THERETO NOR DIMINISH from it." — Deut. 12:32.

Notice again:

"Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ADD THOU NOT unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."—Prov. 30:5, 6.

Beloved, we are to accept the Word of God for what it says, for it is final, and we are commanded to accept the Scriptures as final.

To me, one of the greatest characters in the Bible is Balaam. I rather think he is in Heaven. The Word of God doesn't tell us for sure. Some Scriptures would seemingly indicate that he might have been a reprobate entirely, but somehow I have had a feeling that Balaam was a saved man and that someday I'll meet him when I get to Glory. I can remember in the very beginning of Balaam's ministry how the servants of Balak came and said, "Balak wants you to do some preaching for him. He'll pay you liberally. You just preach the kind of preaching that he wants." For an answer I think Balaam straightened out about like a fire-ladder, and looked that crowd through with a glance that was as piercing as an X-ray, and he said to them, "If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more."—Num. 22:18. What did he mean? The Bible is final. He had heard about the house that Balak had. It wasn't a home. It wasn't a hut! It wasn't really a house. Rather, it was a mansion. He was a king. Balaam said "If he would fill that (Continued on page 7, column 2)



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At six p. m., in a modest, well-lighted and ventilated room of the Jesuit College, I was alone with the venerable Mr. Schneider, its director. I told him how the Bishop of Montreal, four years before, after giving up his prejudices against me when I had left the Oblates, had earnestly supported me in my labours. I acquainted him also with the sudden change of those good feelings into the most uncontrollable hatred; from the day I had refused to force Mrs. Chenier to become a nun, that he might secure her fortune. I told him also how those bad feelings had found new food in my plan to consecrating the rest of my life to direct the tide of the French Catholic emigration towards the Mississippi Valley. I exposed to him my suspicions about that miserable girl I had turned out from my confessional. "I have a double object in view," I added. "The first is to spend the last eight days of my residence in Canada in prayer. But my second is to ask the help of your charity, wisdom, and experience in forcing the bishop to withdraw his unjust sentence against me. I am determined, if he does not withdraw it, to denounce him before the whole country, and to challenge him, publicly, to confront me with my accusers." "If you do that," answered Mr. Schneider, "I fear lest you not only do an irreparable damage to the Bishop of Montreal, but to our holy church also."

I replied: "Our holy church would indeed suffer an irreparable damage, if she sanctioned the infamous conduct of the bishop; but this is impossible." "You are correct," rejoined the Jesuit. "Our church can not sanction such criminal conduct. She has, hundreds of times, condemned those tyrannical and unjust actions in other bishops. Such want of common honesty and justice will be condemned everywhere, as soon as it is known. The first thing we have to do is find out the names of your accusers. I have not the least doubt that they are the blind instruments of Machiavelist plots against you. But those plots have only to be brought to light, to vanish away. My impression is, that the miserable girl you have so abruptly

and so wisely turned out, of your confessional, knows more than the bishop wants us to find out, about the plots. It is a pity you did not ask her name and residence. At all events, you may rely on my efforts to persuade our bishop that his personal interest, as well as the interest of our holy religion, is, that he should speedily withdraw that sentence, which is a nullity by itself. It will not be difficult for me to show him that he is fallen into the very pit he has dug under your feet. He has taken a position against you which is absolutely untenable. Before your retreat is at an end, no doubt he will be too happy to make his peace with you. Only trust in God, and in the blessed Virgin Mary, and you have nothing to fear from the conflict. Our bishop has put himself above all the laws of man and God, to condemn the priest he had himself officially named 'The Apostle of Temperance of Canada.' There is not a single man in the Church, who will allow him to stand on that ground. The 200,000 soldiers you have enrolled under the holy banners of temperance, will force him to retract his too hasty and unjust sentence."

It would be too long to repeat here all the encouraging words which that wise Jesuit uttered. Father Schneider was a European priest, who was in Montreal only since 1849. He had won my confidence the very first time I met him, and I had chosen him, at once, for my confessor and advisor. The third day of my retreat, Father Schneider came to my room earlier than usual, and said: "I have worked hard the last two days, to find out the name and residence of the carter to whom that miserable girl spoke in the church, after you had turned her out of your confessional, and I have it. If you have no objection I will send for him. He may know that girl and induce her to come here." "By all means, dear father," I answered, "do it without losing a moment."

Two hours later, the carter was with me. I recognized him as one of those dear countrymen whom our society of temperance had transformed into a new man. I asked him if he remembered the name of the girl who, a few days before, had spoken to him in the church, after going out of my confessional. "Yes sir! I

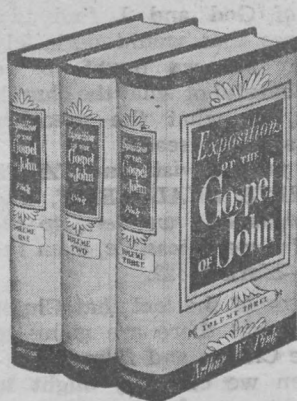
know her well. She has a very bad name, though she belongs to a respectable family."

I added: "Do you think you can induce her to come here, by telling her that a priest, in the Jesuit College, wants to see her? But not give her my name." He answered: "Nothing is more easy. She will be here in a couple of hours, if I find her at home."

At three p. m., the carter was again knocking at my door, and said, with low voice: "The girl you want is in the parlour; she has no idea you are here, for she told me that you were now preaching in St. Constant; she seems to be very angry against you, and bitterly complains against your want of courtesy, the very first time she went to confess to you." "Is it possible that she told you that?" I replied. "Yes sir! She told me to

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explain her terrible excitement when coming out of your confessional, the other day; she then requested me to drive her home. She was really beside herself, and swore that she would make you pay for your harsh words and rude manners towards her. You will do well to be on your guard with her. She is one of the most depraved girls of Montreal, and has a most dangerous tongue, though to the shame of our holy religion, she is daily seen in the bishop's palace."

I immediately went to Father Schneider, and said: "My dear father, by the mercy of God, the girl we want to see is in the parlour. But what I have just heard from the carter who drove her, I have not the least doubt but that she is the one employed by the bishop to slander me, and get a pretext for what he has done. Please come with me to witness my innocence. But, take your Gospel, ink, paper and pen with you." "All right," answered the wise Jesuit. Two minutes later we were in her presence. It is impossible to describe her dismay when she saw me. She came near fainting. I feared she would not be able to utter a word. I spoke to her very kindly, and ran to get a glass of cold water, which did her good. When she recovered, I said to her, with a tone of mixed authority and kind firmness: "You are here in the presence of God and of two of His priests. That great God

will hear every word which will fall from your lips. You must speak the truth. You have denounced me to the bishop, as guilty of some great iniquity. You are the cause of my being interdicted. You, alone, can repair the injury you have done me. That injury is very great; but it can easily be repaired by you. In the presence of that venerable priest, say whether or not, I am guilty of the crime you have brought to my charge!"

At these words, the unfortunate girl burst into tears. She hid her face in her handkerchief, and with a voice half-suffocated with sighs, she said: "No sir! You are not guilty." I added: "Confess another thing. Is it not a fact that you had come to my confessional more with the intention of tempting me to sin, than to reconcile yourself to God?" "Yes sir!" she added, "this was my wicked intention." "Continue to tell the truth, and our great and merciful God will forgive you. Is it not to revenge yourself for my rebuking you, that you have brought the false accusations to the bishop in order that he might interdict me?" "Yes sir! that is the only reason I had for accusing you."

After Father Schneider had made four copies of those declarations, signed by him as witness, and after she had sworn on the Gospel, I forgave her iniquity she had done me, I gave her some good advice and dismissed her.

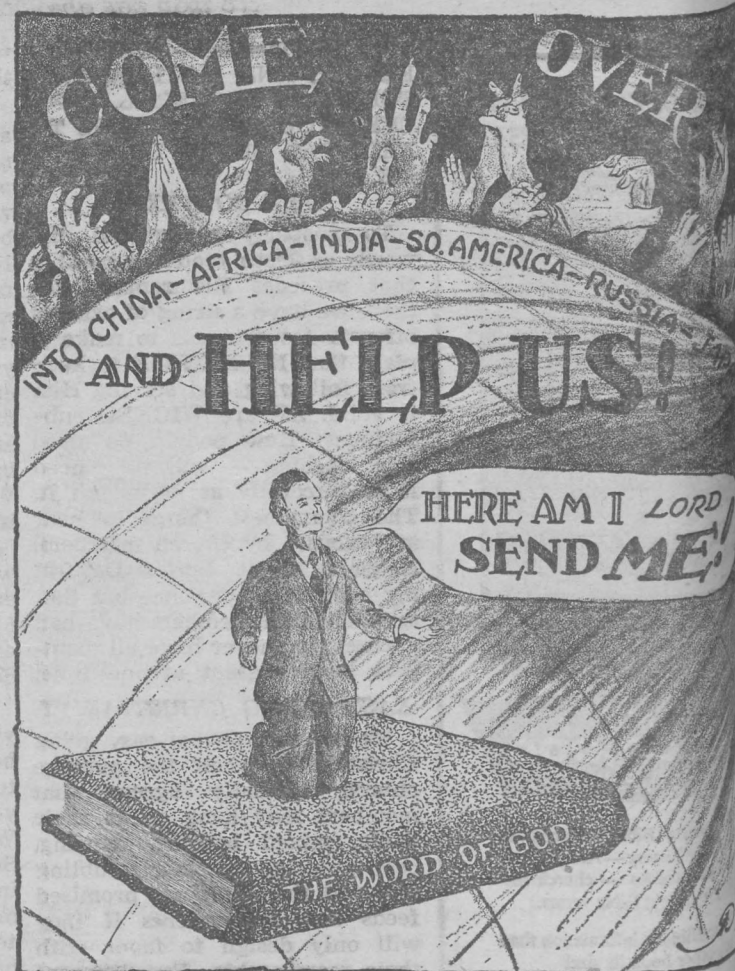
"Is it not evident," I said to Father Schneider, "that our merciful God never forsakes those who trust in Him?" "Yes, I never saw the interposition of God so marvelously manifested as in this perfect deliverance from the hands of your enemies. But, please, tell me why you requested me to make four copies of her sworn declaration of your innocence; was not one sufficient?" asked Mr. Schneider. I answered: "One of those copies was for the bishop; another will remain in your hands, Mr. Bas-

sard will have one, and I need one for myself. For the dishonesty of the bishop is so evident to me, now, that I think him worthy to destroy the copy I will send him, with the hope, after its destruction, of keeping me at my feet. If he does that new proof of iniquity, I will confound him with three other copies which will remain. Besides, this unfortunate girl my die sooner than we expect. In that case, I will find myself again with the bishop's knife on my throat. I had no other retraction to a prejured declaration which he persuaded her to give him."

"You are right," replied Father Schneider; "now the only thing for you to do is to send a retraction to the bishop, with a firm and polite request to retract his unjust sentence against you. Let me do the rest for him. The battle is over. It has been fierce, but short. However, thanks be to God, you have won the most complete victory over your unjust aggressors. The bishop will do all in his power, no doubt, to make you forget the darkest page of his life."

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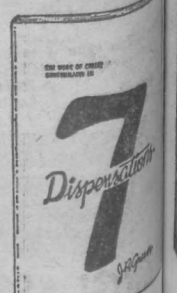
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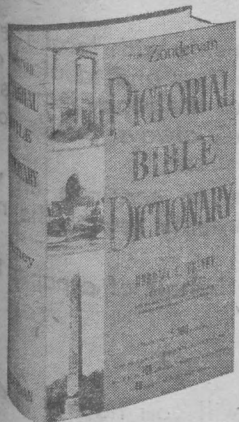
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Fifty Years

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chalice from your hands to offer the holy sacrifice of mass the rest of my life." "I will grant your request with the utmost pleasure," answered the bishop; and without losing a moment, he wrote the following letter, which I reproduce here, on account of its importance:

TRANSLATION

Montreal, Oct. 13th, 1851
Sir. — You request me to give you permission to leave my diocese, in order to go and offer your services to the Bishop of Chicago. As you still belong to the diocese of Quebec, I think you ought to address yourself to my lord of Quebec, to get the extract you want. As for me, I cannot but thank you for what you have done in our midst; and in my gratitude towards you, I wish you the most abundant blessing from heaven. Every day of my life I will remember you. You will always be in my heart. I hope that on some future day the providence of God will give me some opportunity of showing you all the feelings of gratitude I feel towards you. I want, your most obedient servant, —IGNACE, Bishop of Mon-

Though that letter was a most perfect recantation of all he had said and done against me, and of immense value to me in such circumstances, the bishop added to its importance by the exceedingly kind manner in which he handed it to me. As he was going into another room he said: "I will give you the silver Chalice you want, to offer the holy sacrifice of mass the rest of your days." But he came back and said: "My secretary is absent, and has the key of the trunk which contain those cases." "It makes no difference, my lord," I replied, "please order your secretary to put that chalice in the hands of Mr. Brassard, who will forward it, with a box of books which he has to send

me to Chicago next week." The bishop very kindly promised to do so; and he fulfilled his promise. The next day, that precious gift was put in the hands of Mr. Brassard, in presence of several priests. It was sent, the following week, to Chicago, where I got it, and that fine silver chalice is still in my possession.

"The Scriptures"

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mansion full of gold and silver, I can't go beyond the word of the Lord my God to preach less or more," as if to say that the Bible is final.

That is why it is that we have to reject a lot of things. We have to reject sprinkling because you don't find it in the Bible. We have to reject baby baptizing because you don't find it in the Bible. There is not a reference in the Bible to indicate that a baby is ever to be baptized. That is why it is that we have to reject Christmas because there is not a hint of it in the Bible that we are to observe the day that Jesus was born. That is why it is that we have to reject Easter because there is not a hint that we should observe Easter.

That is why it is that we have to reject Good Friday. I think of the folk who follow in the tradition of Good Friday, how utterly ignorant they are. I say, beloved, if a man has enough sense to even count to three on his fingers, he knows that Jesus Christ was not crucified on Friday, because Jesus Himself said: "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."—Mt. 12:40.

I tell you, beloved, when you make the Word of God final, you are going to have to get rid of a lot of things that you have been observing heretofore.

If I didn't make the Bible final, I could have union meetings. I could go along with the Method-

ist and the Campbellites and I could have union services. If I didn't make the Bible final, I could observe Christmas and Easter. In the days when I used to observe Christmas as a boy preacher, I got lots of gifts. It was nice to have all those hams, and the fishing tackle, and all the other things that were given to me in those days as a popular young preacher. I tell you, beloved, it was nice. It has cost me money to believe in the finality of the Bible.

I say to you, we are commanded to accept the Scriptures as final. That is why it is that you can't tack a Reverend onto your name. I just don't believe that it is right for a preacher to be called Reverend. I read in the Word of God where the word "reverend" is used one time:

"Holy and reverend is his name."—Psa. 111:9.

Beloved, if God only used the word "reverend" once and then as a characteristic of Himself, certainly no preacher is good enough to be called Reverend. If I didn't take the Bible to be final, I would enjoy having a title. I would enjoy being called Reverend, or to be called Doctor.

I picked up a letter at the post office of recent date which was addressed to Dr. John R. Gilpin. Beloved, this fellow who thus wrote me, saved me \$50. You know you can give most any college \$50, and they will give you a D. D. As I say, we are commanded to search the Scriptures and to accept the Scriptures as final.

IV

WE ARE COMMANDED TO USE NOTHING BUT THE SCRIPTURES IN DEALING WITH THE UNSAVED.

Do you realize that God has given us a command not to use anything but the Scriptures when we deal with the unsaved? Listen:

"So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of

"COMMIT YOUR BUSINESS TO THE LORD; AND YOUR PLANS WILL PROSPER"
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God." — Rom. 10:17.

How are people saved? They hear the Word of God. God reveals that Word, and God grants faith to the men to whom He has revealed His Word.

Notice again:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES."—I Cor. 15:3.

Brother, sister, I say to you, we are commanded to use nothing but the Scriptures in dealing with the unsaved.

I'd like to use an illustration in that respect. You remember the story of the rich man and Lazarus, as spoken of in the gospel of Luke. The rich man cried in behalf of his own brethren who were hot-footing the road to vice. You remember how that rich man cried out and said, "Send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; and if he can't do that, send him back to my father's house because I have five brethren, lest they come unto this place of torment." Abraham said, "No, we'll not disturb Lazarus. We'll not send him back, for they have Moses and the prophets." This poor fellow in Hell wasn't willing to take "No" for

an answer, and he said, "Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

I tell you, beloved, when Abraham said that, he just literally said that no man can be saved on any basis except the hearing of the Word of God. If a man won't hear Moses and the prophets, all the visits of the supernatural would never in any wise assist an individual to salvation. I say to you, we are commanded to use nothing but the Scriptures, in dealing with the unsaved.

Look at the experience of the Apostle Paul. I referred to him a few moments ago when he went to Thessalonica. It is true that apparently he didn't have much results at Thessalonica, but what did he do there? Listen:

"And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days REASONED WITH THEM OUT OF THE SCRIPTURES."—Acts 17:2.

Notice that Paul gave to them the Scriptures. He didn't tell them of his experience. He didn't tell them the latest book re-

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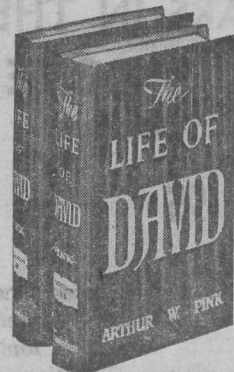
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The Roman Catholic Church is guilty of cannibalism each time she observes the Mass, if her interpretation is correct. If the bread and wine is actually changed into the flesh and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ after the priest says the words: "This is my body," then she makes her god and then eats him! If we accept their own teachings, the Romanists make their own god, then worship him, and finally eat him!

The average Romanist believes that the bread and wine used in the sacrifice of the Mass actually become the flesh and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ only because he has listened to the priest and has not done any reading or thinking for himself. There are no people on earth that are in greater need of the Word of God than the Roman Catholics.

The Romanists are taught that when they receive a piece of the bread that the priest claims to have been changed into the flesh and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, that they are receiving Jesus Christ into their lives. How anyone can believe that a man can change or create the Lord Jesus Christ out of a piece of bread is beyond human reason—it is preposterous!

A Pitiable Sight

Some time ago we had an occasion to witness in a Romanist Church the service known as the "Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament." In this service we saw six men bowing before a golden vessel in which was claimed to be the flesh, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ; but in reality there was only a piece of bread!

As we witnessed the scene, our heart was deeply stirred with pity for them. We were reminded of the passage of Scripture found in II Corinthians 4:3-4 which says: "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

What a pity it is that the people are so blinded to the truth that they will bow down to a piece of bread and adore (worship) it. What is the difference in worshipping a piece of bread after a priest has said a few words over it and in worshipping a piece of wood or stone after some workman has carved it into the image of a man or an animal? There is no difference, it is idolatry in its worst form.

The Roman Catholic Church practices idolatry each time she observes the Mass, and those who take part in its observance are guilty of idolatry. Romanists are lost and need to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour "who put away sin by the sacrifice of himself, and is coming again for them that look for him."

We have no ill will towards Romanists as individuals; our attack is against the system as taught and practiced by the Romanist Church.

The leaders of the Catholic Church have much for which they must answer to God. They have led millions to hell and they are still doing it! Oh that God might use this article to open the eyes of some of those who are in position to lead others from darkness to light and from the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of His dear Son.—By W. B. Davidson, Olivette Baptist Church, Ocala, Fla.



"The Scriptures"

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views, or the books that he had read. He didn't preach any essays. He didn't give them some little fairy story, but he reasoned with them out of the Scriptures.

I tell you, beloved, there is not a hint any place in the Bible that we are to use anything else but the Word of God in dealing

with the lost.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy, he said:

"And that from a child thou hast known the HOLY SCRIPTURES, which are able to make thee WISE UNTO SALVATION through faith which is in Christ Jesus."—II Tim. 3:15.

How do men come to know about salvation? How do men come to be made wise concerning salvation? It is the Holy Scriptures that make men wise unto salvation.

For another illustration, let's look at the eunuch of whom we read in Acts 8. He had been to Jerusalem to worship, and was on his way back home to Ethiopia. The Word of God says that as he rode along, he was in dense darkness. He had been to Jerusalem, but he couldn't find a single preacher there that could explain Isaiah 53 to him. I am satisfied if you were to go to Jerusalem today that the Jews there in their blindness would not be able to explain Isaiah 53 to you today. I am sure that the majority of Jews in this world, if you were to approach them and ask for an explanation as to the meaning of Isaiah 53, would say the same as one Jew said to me years ago, "That is probably referring to one of the prophets or one of the great characters of the Old Testament."

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Beloved, when this eunuch went to Jerusalem, there wasn't a man there that could explain Isaiah 53 and tell him that Isaiah 53 was talking about Jesus, who was to die for the sins of the world. As he was going back home reading the book of Isaiah, wondering as to its meaning, Philip put in his appearance. The Word of God says that when Philip engaged him in conversation the man said, "Who is the writer speaking about?" Then it was that Philip "began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus."

Beloved, notice what he did in order to preach Jesus. He used the Scriptures. What Scriptures? The very same Scripture that this man was reading. He didn't have to get into another chapter, and he didn't have to look at another verse, but he began at the same Scripture and preached unto him Jesus.

I want to tell you, beloved, so far as we are concerned, we are absolutely and definitely and positively commanded to use nothing but the Scriptures in dealing with the unsaved. All the stories that preachers tell — all the illustrations that are used, while they may be of some help in clinching an argument, will never save one single soul. The only way that individuals will come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is through the Scriptures themselves.

CONCLUSION

To sum it up, I say we are commanded to search the Scriptures; we are commanded to test everything by the Scriptures; we

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are commanded to accept the Scriptures as final; and we are certainly commanded to use nothing but the Scriptures in dealing with the unsaved.

What are we going to do in this modern 20th century? Just do exactly as Paul did in the first century — fall back on the book. You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you mean to say that I am to be a man of one book; that I am to follow after the teachings of this Book and can't go outside it?" That is right. The man who would object to that is like the little minnow swimming in the Atlantic Ocean, which says, "Must I be content with the Atlantic Ocean?" Beloved, I am content with the Bible. It is enough for me.

When I was just a boy there was an advertisement that appeared in all the national magazines. I forget just now whether it was an advertisement concerning tooth paste or shaving cream, but it was something of that type. I remember the nature of that ad. They had a picture of a box in the center of the page. They had made a change in the kind of box that they were using for their product, and they had an arrow pointing to the change. Underneath they had these words: "We couldn't improve the product, so we improved the

box." Brother, sister, I say to you, we can't improve the product. We might get a Bible that has a better cover on it. I might prove the box that it comes in, but I couldn't improve the teachings of God's Word.

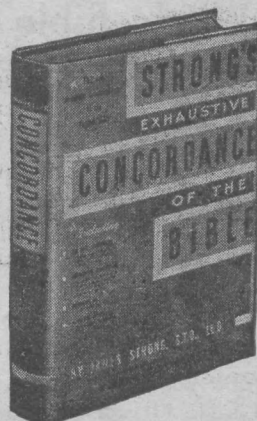
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(Continued from page one) Christians. The more superficial profession there is in the church, the less heart devotion there is among church members. They get the crowds on Easter Sunday morning, the smaller the average of weekly church attendance.

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