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IS GOD A BAPTIST?

ELD. BILL MAYES
Santa Paula, California

This question once answered in the mind of a saved man will open up to him great and glorious avenues to a higher plane of spiritual knowledge and a closer fellowship with God. This always results when we discover and acknowledge more of His truth.

One must be warned however that in order to walk close with God he will have to walk far from man with only the hope that those whom he loves will receive more truth and come to understand him.

Jesus teaches us to forsake all and follow Him at the same time loving the brethren.

We sincerely have a deep and unrelenting desire to have the fellowship of all true brethren

everywhere. For this reason we endeavor to answer this question in a way that our fellowship might increase.

In stating the subject of this sermon as a question we do not mean to cast doubt on the position we take. Yes, praise His name in its every meaning. He is a Baptist. Whether He points to Himself as creator or the Father of Jesus, or simply as "I AM" declaring His sovereign right to do what pleased Him, we believe He selected the name Baptist to declare that He was the baptizer, creator, Father of Jesus and "I AM."

We are sure you are wondering when God baptized a saint. We will try to address ourselves first to this question. It is noted that God used some specially selected

man or family or nation and sometimes a geographical location such as Jerusalem, to be representative of Him and carry out His purpose.

To question that Noah actually built the Ark would be a denial of the Scripture. To deny that Noah was carrying out God's perfect instruction as God's personal representative, would also be a denial of the Scripture. The Ark did not float because Noah built it. The Ark floated because God built it using Noah as His instrument. We dare say that if God's hand had not been on every swing of Noah's hammer, Noah would have joined the majority and perished in vain depravity. The only difference in Noah and other men was that he found (Continued on page 3, column 5)

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There are a number of good reasons why Baptists should support The Baptist Examiner on Rally Day and all the time. Among the more important are these:

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Eld. ROY MASON

tists. The time was when there were good sound Baptist papers published in a number of states. These were individually owned, and were edited by Baptist stalwarts, but long ago such papers were taken over by the denomination. They have become little more than promotion sheets, dealing with and promoting "our work." Small space is given to indoctrinating people in the great teachings of the Bible, and as a result we have a generation of (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Ghastly Suppositions

Our Annual Rally Day, which means much to us, and which is scheduled for July 6th, is a big event in the life of this paper each year.

However, along this season of the year, when contributions are just beginning to come in for our Rally Day we begin to get exceedingly nervous, wondering as to the outcome. This is one season of the year when your editor has "butterflies in his stomach"—every time he thinks about the outcome of this special day.

Just suppose that but very few sent in an offering!

Just suppose that a lot of the envelopes are empty!

Just suppose that when we meet on Tuesday evening, July 6th, at my home, very few of our friends will visit with us, thus indicating a lack of interest in the on-going of the paper!

Just suppose that we don't get enough money in our Rally this

year to meet our expenses, and make a substantial payment on the pressing obligations which have accumulated in the past.

Whenever I think of this, I am reminded of the story which I print about once each year, as follows:

In a certain country, all the subjects of the king decided that they would give their monarch a gift of wine. They placed a large barrel in the center of town, and each man was supposed to put his wine in this large barrel. One by one these loyal subjects made their way to this barrel and supposedly poured wine into it. One fellow was a little short of wine, and he concluded that if

he poured in water it would mix with the wine which the others had brought, and no one would be any wiser. Thus when he went to the barrel, instead of pouring wine therein, he poured in water.

Then came the great day when every man had brought his toll of wine, and they decided to draw off a pitcher and present it to their king. Lo and behold, when the spigot was turned, out flowed clean, sparkling clear water. Everyone had poured in water instead of wine.

Wouldn't it be a tragedy as far as our paper is concerned if every person this year were to fail us in this manner. May we plead with you, our readers, in this year of 1965 that you don't depend upon someone else to make an offering large enough to cover up for your deficiency, but rather, may every reader bring a worthy offering in behalf (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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"LIFE, LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS"

"Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge."—Prov. 22:20.

I am sure there isn't one of us who fails to realize that God has written to us excellent things in His counsels and knowledge. Those of you who know anything at all about the Word of God, and have been blessed through the study of it realize that God has written to us excellent things in His counsels and in His knowledge that He has imparted to us, by His Word.

Of recent date it was called to my attention that our Constitution grants but few privileges to

individuals. Of course you and I realize that the majority of the privileges that have been granted to individuals have been abrogated, and have been taken from us as a result of the present type of bureaucratic government which we have in Washington. However, our Constitution does provide for certain privileges, and one of those privileges is more or less in the form of a guarantee, for our Constitution guarantees to the individual life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

You'll notice that it doesn't guarantee to us happiness, but it

guarantees to us the pursuit of happiness. As I was thinking in terms of this guarantee how that our Constitution does guarantee to us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, I was impressed that our Lord in His Word far exceeds the Constitution, since our Lord likewise talks about life, liberty, and happiness. So thinking in terms of this text, it came to my mind that the most excellent things for us to consider are these three: life, liberty, and happiness. They are excellent things that our Lord has written to us about in His counsels, and in His (Continued on page 2, Column 1)

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California

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Mr. Hobart Noel,
Monterey, Ky.

BELIEVES IT \$200. WORTH FOR RALLY DAY

I do believe we need the Baptist Examiner as a witness against the errors of our day, and also as a warning to us that we may recognize the evils that are all about us.

James Pedigo,
Sweetwater, Tenn.

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I support TBE because of its value to me and to others. I will only put it to use. I order my back copies of TBE. I know of a lady who attends our class in our home called. She said she was bringing some people with her to the lesson and that they wanted to have a lesson on the second com-



MR. AND MRS. E. G. COOK
AT 1962 BIBLE CONFERENCE

I had very little time to study up on this subject, so I picked up the September 19, 1964 issue of TBE, read Brother Gilpin's sermon on "A Thief In The Night," took a few notes and just a little other study I was ready to try to teach this subject.

No matter what great Bible doctrine you may need help on, you won't have to go too far through your back issues and find some invaluable help on

THESE ARE GLAD FOR THIS PAPER JOY AT LEARNING TBE STILL ALIVE

A few weeks ago a copy of the paper came into my possession through Elder Dillard, who is a member and missionary in our church. I once received "The Baptist Examiner" some twenty years ago. I lost contact with you and Bro. Gilpin, I didn't know you were still publishing the paper or even if you were still alive. My wife and I have read many times through the paper that we could again read the Baptist Examiner. So you can imagine my joy when Bro. Eld. J. J. Swofford, Okla.

THANKFUL SINCE WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO SPEAK OUT

I thank God for you and your counsel on preaching the whole counsel of God's word. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for not being afraid to speak out for Election and other great "Truths." I thank God for you, and your counsel. —David Moseley, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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I like my coffee strong enough to carry double. I like my doctrine strong too. That's why I like your paper." —W. N. Hinson, Texas

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LIFE.

Every one of us were born into this world spiritually dead. There are not many people who believe that. In fact, the majority of preachers somehow have in mind that an individual has a spark of divinity about him, and that all we need to do is just get him in the right environment, and fan him a little, like you would fan a fire, and that spark of divinity will burst forth into a flame and a blaze. May I remind you that there is no life about a sinner until he comes to know Jesus Christ as His Saviour. He is spiritually dead. Listen:

"And you hath he quickened, WHO WERE DEAD in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

The Apostle Paul in this instance is writing to the church at Ephesus and he reminds them that they have been quickened or they have been made alive, for he says, "Previously, you were dead in trespasses, and in sins."

What the Apostle Paul said to the church at Ephesus he likewise said to the church of Colosse:

"And you, BEING DEAD in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses."—Col. 2:13.

Then the Apostle Paul says the same thing in a little different way when he refers to the individual that is living for the world. Listen:

"But she that liveth in pleasure IS DEAD while she liveth."—I Tim. 5:6.

Notice another instance of like nature:

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from DEAD WORKS to serve the living God."—Heb. 9:14.

Lots of people talk about the fact that they are working their way to Heaven. Lots of people boast about their works, as if it were a means whereby ultimate-

ly they would get to Heaven. However, the Apostle Paul refers to a man's works as dead works that he needs to be purged from, by the blood of Jesus Christ, in order that he can serve the living God.

Notice again:
"Having the understanding darkened, being ALIENATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart."—Eph. 4:18.

I have taken time to read you these few verses of Scripture in order that I might tell you that none of us have life naturally. We are all spiritually dead in the sight of Almighty God.

If you want an illustration of this, turn to the Old Testament and find how God sent Ezekiel out into the cemetery to get a sermon. It is strange how God leads preachers to get messages, and it is strange how God gives messages unto His preachers. One day God said to Ezekiel, "Go out into the graveyard." When Ezekiel got out there, the wind was blowing and all the graves were soon uncovered, and there was a valley filled with bones—dead, dry, bleached bones stretching out there throughout all that valley. As Ezekiel stood there and looked upon those bones, God said to him, "Ezekiel, this is the whole house of Israel." While it represented primarily the whole house of Israel, it serves as a good illustration of the unsaved, for every man outside Jesus Christ is just as dead to God spiritually as that valley filled with dead, dry bones.

It was a strange audience that God gave him—a cemetery—a boneyard—a graveyard. What a strange audience for God to give to a preacher! As Ezekiel stood there and looked out upon the audience that God had sent him out to speak unto, the Word of God says that those bones stood up, and they came together bone to his bone, until every one of them were fully assembled and there stood a whole valley full of skeletons. Then flesh came upon them, and sinews covered them, until they finally stood there an entire army of what

had been hitherto nothing but loose unassembled bones. They are now put together and covered with flesh, and with sinews and skin. But still they were lifeless until the spirit of God was breathed into them.

Beloved, before the day that you and I were saved, we were just exactly like those bones in Ezekiel's graveyard. We were as dead as it is possible to be. As those bones were still dead when flesh came upon them, and as those bones were still dead when even skin and sinews first came upon them, you and I before salvation stood before God as absolutely dead sinners. I would to God that we could realize this truth—that every one of us were just dead sinners in the sight of God, before God made us alive.

I turn to the Word of God and I find the story of Lazarus as recorded in John 11. Lazarus himself had died. The Word of God says that Jesus got word that Lazarus was sick and he waited a season of time so that Lazarus could die. When Lazarus had died, Jesus said:

"Lazarus is dead." — John 11:14.

Then Jesus and the disciples went to the home at Bethany where Lazarus had died, and as they met with his sisters and learned of the death of him whom He loved, He wept over Lazarus' death. Then Jesus went out and stood beside the grave where Lazarus was buried, and He said, "Lazarus, come forth."

You'll notice it was an individ-

into the eyes of individuals that are dead spiritually in the sight of God. When a preacher stands before a congregation he ought to realize that those who are out before him who have never come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, are all dead individuals. My brother, my sister, I say to you, I am talking to men here this evening that know not the Son of God, and you are as dead spiritually as a corpse is physically. How are you going to be made alive? You can't in yourself. The church can't make you alive. The preacher can't make you alive. How then can you be made alive? Listen:

"Even when we WERE DEAD in sins, HATH QUICKENED us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Even when we were dead in sins, God took the initiative. And what did He do? He made us alive in Christ Jesus. Not only that, but He raised us up together.

Do you realize if you are a saved man that you are already a spiritual resurrection? People talk about the so-called Easter Sunday as something having to do with the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, beloved, I want to tell you about a resurrection that took place in my life, a resurrection that took place the day that Jesus Christ became my Saviour. From that day I became a spiritual resurrection. Some of these days when

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I support the Baptist Examiner because it puts into print the Doctrines of Grace that most other publications leave out. This is not the only reason though. I



RAY SCHWARTZ

lieve the Examiner presents a well rounded series of messages on the whole Bible. The Baptist Examiner has been used of the Lord to save several of the who are now members of the church. We praise the Lord the Gospel which is presented through this paper.

EVERLASTING LIFE." — John 6:47.

"And ye will not come to that ye might have LIFE." — John 5:40.

I am saying to you that and I were born into this world spiritually dead, but thank God we have life through the Lord Jesus Christ. Now what kind of life? Do you have the kind of life that you'll have as long as you are a good boy or a good girl? Do you have the kind of life that you'll have as long as you live up to the Ten Commandments, or as long as you break any of the laws of the land? Do you have eternal life? Do you have life as long as you try to do the best you can? Thank God, the Word of God says we have life in Christ, is eternal. Listen:

"And this is the will of the Father that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have EVERLASTING LIFE: and I will raise him up at the last day." — John 6:40.

"Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, HATH ETERNAL LIFE." — John 6:51.

"And I Give unto the world ETERNAL LIFE; and they that never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them life, will take them from me, and will raise them up at the last day." — John 10:28-29.

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WILL BE YOUR ANSWER TO OUR APPEAL
RELATIVE TO RALLY DAY

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ual call. I have always had a feeling that if Jesus had stood there in that cemetery, and had just said, "Come forth," that every grave would have burst open, and every individual would have come to life; but, beloved, it wasn't a general call; it was a particular call for Lazarus himself. I thank God for this truth, that God deals with us as particular individuals. As Lazarus came forth to life, having been particularly called of God, so individuals who were once dead in sin are made alive today by the particular call of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, beloved, as we come to study this truth of life, liberty, and happiness, I insist there is not an individual outside of Jesus Christ that has any life, but that every individual that is born into this world is born dead. How can a man that is born dead ever be made alive? A preacher may say, "Come on and join the church," or "Come on and be baptized," or "Come on and take the Lord's Supper," or "Come on and pray through." Beloved, you needn't tell me that a dead man can do anything in the realm of salvation.

As I stand beside a casket and look down into the face of one who has died, I say to you, that individual in the casket can get out of that box, lay aside the shroud, and walk out of the building, unaided and unassisted, just as easily as an unsaved man can turn to God and be saved in his own strength. I tell you, men are dead—absolutely dead—before God.

When a Sunday School teacher looks at his class on Sunday he ought to realize he is looking into the eyes of dead individuals. He ought to realize that he is looking

I die and my body goes down into the grave, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to burst open that grave and raise this body back to life. I will then be a physical resurrection, but I am already a spiritual resurrection since He has raised me up. He made me alive in Christ Jesus. When I talk to you about life, I thank God that though I was once dead, I am alive now, and I have that life only, wholly, and solely because of, and through, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We read:

"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." — John 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, HATH EVERLASTING LIFE, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." — John 5:24.

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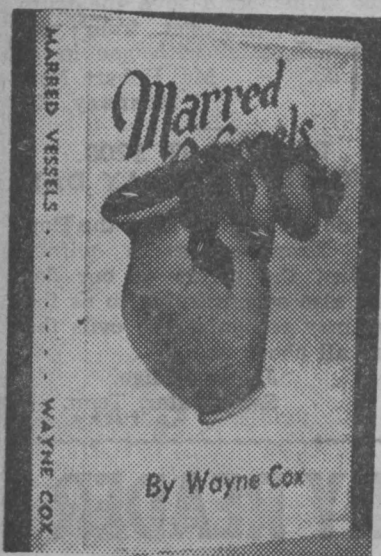
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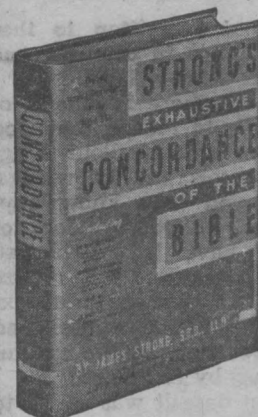
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RALLY DAY, JULY 6... PLEASE PRAY, ATTEND, GIVE, WRITE!

"FIFTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH OF ROME"

By Charles Chiniquy
From "Fifty Years In The Church Of Rome"

Five days later, four of the principal citizens of that interesting, but sorely tried place, knocked at my door. They were sent as a deputation from the whole village, to ask me what to do about their curate, Mr. Courjeault. They told me that several of them had, long since, suspected what was going on between the priest and the beadle's daughter, but they had kept that secret. However, yesterday, they had the eyes of the parish had been opened to the awful scandal.

The disgusting demonstrations and the attention of the curate, when the victim of his lust took the hands of any one, that she is to have a child in Montreal.

"Now, Mr. Chiniquy, we are sent there to ask your advice. Please tell us what to do." "My dear friends," I answered, "it is from me, but from our common bishop, that you must ask

night, to avoid any disagreeable demonstrations which might come from his personal enemies, whom his pharisaical rigidity has made pretty numerous and bitter." "I do not see any reason to refuse you that favour," I answered.

Three hours later, in the presence of those four gentlemen, I was delivering my sad message to the unfortunate curate. He received it as his death warrant. But he was humble and submitted to his fate. After spending four hours with us in settling his affairs, he fell on his knees, with torrents of tears, he asked pardon for the scandal he had given, and requested us to ask pardon from the whole parish, and at twelve o'clock at night he left for Chicago. That hour was a sad one, indeed, for all of us. But my God had a still sadder hour in store for me. The people of Bourbonnais had requested me to give them some religious evening services the next week, and I was just at the end of one of them, the 7th day of May, when suddenly, the Rev. Mr. Courjeault entered the church, walked through the crowd, saluting this one, smiling on that one, and pressing the hands of many. His face bore the marks of impudence and debauchery. From one end of the church to the other, a whisper of amazement and indignation was heard. "Mr. Courjeault! Great God! what does this mean?" I observed that he was advancing towards me, probably with the intention of shaking hands, before the people, but I did not give him time to do it, I left by the back door, and went to the parsonage, which was only a few steps distant. He then went back to the door to have a talk with the people, but very few gave him that chance. Though he affected to be exceedingly gay, jocose, and talkative, he could not get many people to stop and hear him. Every one, particularly the women, were filled with disgust at his impudence. Seeing himself nearly deserted at the church door, he turned his steps towards the parsonage, which he entered, whistling. When he beheld me, he laughed, and said: "Oh oh! our dear little Father Chiniquy here? How do you do?" "I am quite unwell," I answered, "since I see that you are so miserably destroying yourself." "I do not want to destroy myself," he answered: "but it is you who want to turn me out of my beautiful parish of Bourbonnais, to take my place. With the four blockheads who accompanied you, the other day, you have frightened and persuaded me that my misfortune with Mary was known by all the people; but our good bishop has understood that this was a

trick of yours, and that it was one of your lying stories; I came back to take possession of my parish, and turn you out." "If the bishop has sent you back here to turn me out, that I may go back to my dear colony, he has just done what I asked him to do; for he knows better than any man, for what great purpose I came to this country, and that I cannot do my work as long as he asks me to take care of Bourbonnais. I go at once and leave you in full possession of your parsonage. But I pity you, when I see the dark cloud which is on your horizon. Good-bye!" "You are the only dark cloud on my horizon," he answered. "When you are begone, I will be in as perfect peace as I was before you set your feet in Illinois. Good-bye; and please, never come back here, except I invite you."

I left, and ordered my servant man to drive me back to St. Anne. But when crossing the village, I saw that there was a

his time and attention between his new colony and us till we have a pastor able to instruct and edify us."

Strange to say, poor Mr. Courjeault shut in his parsonage, during the night, knew nothing of that meeting. He had not found a single friend to warn him of what was to happen the next Sunday. That Sunday the weather was magnificent, and there never had been such a multitude of people at the church. The miserable priest, thinking by that unusual crowd, that everything was to be right with him that day, began his mass, and went to the pulpit to deliver his sermon. But he had hardly pronounced the first words, when, at a signal given by some one, the whole people, without a single exception, ran out of the church as if it had been on fire, and he remained alone. Of course, this fell upon him as a thunder-bolt, and he came very near fainting. However, recovering himself, he went to the door, and having, with his tears and sobs, as with his words, persuaded the people to listen to what he had to tell them, he said: "I see that the hand of God is upon me, and I deserve it. I have sinned and made a mistake by coming back. You do not want me any more to be your pastor. I cannot complain of that; this is your right, you will be satisfied. I will leave the place forever to-night. I only ask you to forgive my past errors and pray for me."

This short address was followed by the most deadly silence; not a voice was heard to insult him. Many, on the contrary, were so much impressed with the solemnity of this occurrence that they could not refrain their tears. The whole people went back to their homes with broken hearts. Mr. Courjeault left Bourbonnais that very night, never to return again. But the awful scandal he had given did not disappear with him.

Our great and merciful God, who, many times, has made the very sins and errors of His people to work for good, and prepare them to receive the light, which was already dawning at the horizon. A voice from heaven was as if heard by many of us. "Do you not see that in your church of Rome you do not follow the Word of God, but the lying traditions of men? Is it not evident that your priests' celibacy is a snare and an institution of Satan?"

Many asked me to show them in the Gospel where Christ had established the law of celibacy. "I will do better," I added, "I will put the Gospel in your hands, and you will look for yourselves in that holy book, what is said on that matter." The very same day I ordered a merchant, from Montreal to send me a large box filled with New Testaments, printed by the order of the Archbishop of Quebec; and on the 25th, as many from New York. Very soon it was known

by every one of my immigrants that not only had Jesus never forbidden His apostles and priests to marry, but He had left them free to have their wives, and live with them, according to the very testimony of Paul. "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? 1st. Cor. 9:5. They saw, by their Gospel, that the doctrine of celibacy of the priests was not brought from heaven by Christ, but had been forged in darkness, to add to the miseries of man. They read and read over again these words of Christ. "If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed. And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free . . . If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:31, 32, 36). And those promises of liberty, which Christ gave to those who read and followed His Word, made their hearts leap with joy. They fell upon their minds as music from heaven. They also soon found, by themselves, that every time the disciples of Christ had asked Him who would be the first ruler, or the Pope, in His church, He had always solemnly and positively said that, in His church, nobody would ever become the first, the ruler or the Pope. And they began, seriously to suspect that the great powers of the Pope and his bishops were nothing but a sacrilegious usurpation. I was not long without seeing that the reading of the Holy Scriptures by my dear countrymen was changing them into other men. Their minds were evidently enlarged and raised to higher spheres of thought. They were beginning to suspect that the heavy chains which were wounding their shoulders were preventing them from making progress in wealth, intelligence, and liberty, as their more fortunate fellow-men, called Protestants.

This was not yet the bright light of the day, but it was the blessed dawn.

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grace in the eyes of the Lord and was selected because it pleased God.

We hasten to assure you that we do not believe that John the Baptist was God in the flesh. We do want to prove He was an instrument in God's hand even as Noah. Yes, when John baptized a saint it was as if God did it. This is the great and precious reason that we cannot recognize heretical immersion. Heretics cannot be the instrument of God. God did not select nor send them.

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A portion of I Peter 3:19 says that Jesus "preached unto the spirits in prison." Please interpret it so that I may have help to better answer Jehovah's Witnesses."

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Some interpret this passage to mean that during the time that the body of Jesus was in the tomb, He was in spirit on a preaching mission in hades—that He was preaching to the lost there—giving them a "second chance" to be saved. Based on this insecure interpretation, in part, is the pernicious doctrine that sinners don't need desperately to get right with God—that they will have another chance to do that beyond the grave. Such an interpretation makes this passage to go contrary to the uniform teaching of the Bible which is to the effect that this life is the sphere of man's choice and that his decision here and now is final and irrevocable.

Peter is here writing about the Holy Spirit which quickened the body of Jesus and raised Him from the dead. The following passage seems to mean that Christ long ago did some preaching through the same Spirit to people who lived back in the days of Noah, but who now are inhabiting the prison house of the lost in the place of torment. How did the Spirit do this preaching? The answer is, through Noah who was actuated by the Spirit. We know from Genesis that the Spirit did deal with men back in that time, for we read in Gen. 6:3 "My Spirit shall not always strive with man—yet shall his days be an hundred and twenty years." The Spirit led Noah to preach for a hundred and twenty years, and the Lord simply said that he was not going to put up with sinful man indefinitely, but that after a hundred and twenty years He was going to destroy man by means of a flood. (Incidentally the above mentioned passage does not teach the asinine doctrine of "sinning away one's day of grace" as is taught by so many preachers. Reference is to one thing—the flood.)



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There are times when we must search the Scriptures to disprove one interpretation before we can present the correct interpretation of a passage. Some people assume that this verse means that Christ preached to

those who had already died as sinners. If that is true, then we must say that death is not the final end—that there is hope after death. What does the Bible say? Luke 16:22, 23 tells us "... the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off ...". This passage shows that the unsaved man died and awoke in the place of torment. Luke 16:26 tells us there is a great gulf "fixed." "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." It is impossible for you to come to what Abraham said to the unsaved. Hebrew 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." After death comes the judgment. Nowhere are we taught that there is hope after death.

Obviously there must be another meaning to the passage of I Pet. 3:19.

Let us remember that the King James Version of the Bible is a translation and not the original. Oftentimes the translators interpreted the passage to fit their preconceived ideas. The people that translated the Bible believed in a form of purgatory.

We must take verse 20 into consideration when we study I Peter 3:19. This passage simply means that Christ, in or by the Spirit, used Noah to preach to those who were disobedient. These same people are now dead and in prison (hell). A better translation would be "in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, while formerly they were disobedient ..."

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A portion of I Peter 3:19 says that he "preached unto the spirits in prison."

If we read verse 18 along with this verse 19 we should see that this preaching took place during the time our Lord's body was in Joseph's new tomb. Then we should search to see who these prisoners were, where they were and why they were there.

In the Old Testament we find the Hebrew word SHEOL. This Sheol was the place where the spirits of the dead, both the saved and the lost, went. This does not mean, however, that these spirits of the saved and the lost were intermingled. In Ps. 9:17 David says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell." This word "hell" is the Hebrew word SHEOL, and is so translated by practically all other translations. In Num. 16:30-33

we see the earth open up underneath Korah, Dathan and Abiram along with their families and possessions and they go down to Sheol alive. So we see that the wicked went to Sheol. In Gen. 37:35 Jacob said he would go down into Sheol mourning for Joseph, and in Gen. 42:38 he said that if mischief should befall Benjamin it would bring him down to Sheol. The King James version renders the word Sheol here in both of these verses as "the grave," but Sheol is not the grave by any means. Nothing goes into the grave except that which is dead. And nothing that is dead goes into Sheol. The spirits there are very much alive whether they be of the saved or of the lost. In Job 14:13 Job desired to be hid in Sheol. He was not speaking of his body that the skin worms were to devour, but of his spirit which would still be alive and conscious.

In Ps. 139:8 David said, "If I make my bed in Sheol (not hell), thou art there." So David tells us that his Lord was in Sheol. In Ps. 16:10 we read our Lord's prophetic words, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in Sheol; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." So our Lord was not to be left in Sheol, neither was His body to remain in the grave long enough for Him to see corruption in that body. In Acts 2:27 we find a repetition of Ps. 16:10 except that in the place of Sheol Peter uses the Greek word HADES. SHEOL in the Hebrew and HADES in the Greek are the same identical place.

Now that we see that the spirits of both saved and lost went to Sheol, or Hades, let us look for a division in this place. In Deut. 32:22 we read, "For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and burneth unto lowest Sheol." (A.S.V.) I understand the expression "unto the lowest Sheol" can also be correctly rendered "in lower Sheol." If there is a lower, or lowest Sheol it goes without saying that there is an upper Sheol. In Lk. 16:23 we are told that the rich man being in Hades (not hell) lifted up his eyes and saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. He looked up and saw Lazarus. So I contend that the rich man was in lower Sheol, or Hades and Lazarus was in upper Sheol, or Hades. We have already seen a fire kindled in lower Sheol (Deut. 32:22) and here we see the rich man being tormented in the flame. When I read this Scripture to a man several years ago he said this was a parable. But when I showed him that our Lord always told us when He was speaking in parables and that here He said, "There was a certain rich man," he became very angry, and pointing his finger at this wonderful passage of God's precious Word he said, "That is a lie, and anyone who reads it knows it is a lie." But, when he had finished his angry, blasphemous remark, I could still see the flame of fire there in his own Bible. He could get angry and rave, but he could not extinguish the flame that was tormenting the rich man in Hades. But praises be unto our God, Abraham told the rich man that Lazarus was comforted. There was no flame where Lazarus was.

This wonderful place where Lazarus was later came to be called Paradise. Our Lord told the saved thief "This day you will be with me in Paradise" (Lk. 23:43). I know the Campbellites try to make a question out of this clear statement, but most translations give it as a clear statement as it should be. I also know that some Bible scholars say our Lord was talking about Heaven here. But I cannot accept that kind of teaching because He said to Mary Magdalene some four days later, "Touch me not: for

I am not yet ascended to my Father" Jno. 20:17. How could the thief be with Him in Heaven if He had not yet ascended to Heaven? Jesus Christ and the thief went to the place where we saw Abraham and Lazarus in Lk. 16. And while He was there during the time His body was in Joseph's tomb He preached to the spirits there. Those spirits of His people from Abel to the last one who had died had never heard the good news that Christ died for their sins. They had been saved on the credit, that is, on the promise that one would come and redeem them. Now our Lord preaches this good news to them that their sin debt has been paid in full. When He arose they had their receipt, and when He ascended back to the Father He carried all these spirits with Him. In Eph. 4:8-9 we read, "When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive."

So there is no longer any Paradise in connection with Hades. When a saint dies today he is carried by the angels into the immediate presence of the Lord. But Hades is still the place of the spirits of the wicked dead and will continue to be until Rev. 20:13. Hades is to hell what the county jail is to the penitentiary. There is no hell (lake of fire, Rev. 20:15) in operation today. The wicked have been condemned, but not sentenced. This will take place at the great white throne judgment. After that they suffer in the lake of fire (a burning hell if you please) throughout eternity.



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This verse is not referring to Jesus Christ preaching to souls in prison, but rather it is referring to the work of the Holy Spirit as He preached through Noah in the days before the flood.

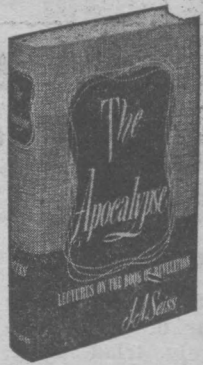
"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison." I Pet. 3:18-19.

The sense of these verses is that Christ was quickened by the Holy Spirit, and by the same Spirit, He preached to the people in the time of Noah, but not in person, that is in His humanity, but rather through His divine nature by the Spirit, He preached to the souls in prison before the flood.

"Which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah." I Pet. 3:20.

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greater than all; and no man able to pluck them out of my father's hand."—John 10:28, 29.

The man who is saved has not gotten it from himself. He didn't get it from his parents. He didn't get it from the church. He didn't get it from the preacher. He didn't get it from the baptism. He didn't get it from a minister's bench. Rather, he got it from the Lord Jesus Christ, and that life is going to last forever.

Somebody may say, "Brother, I know I joined the church and I know I have been baptized and I know that I am the best I can, but I just don't know for sure about this thing of whether I have life or not. Well, here is the test: We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth his brother abideth in death."—John 3:14.

Brother, sister, the best way to know whether you have passed from death unto life is to see if you love God's people. It doesn't mean that you have to be silly, sickly, sentimental, or feeling about everybody goes to church where you are a member. If you put it on that basis, there are not many of us that have life; but that is not what the word "love" means. God doesn't ask you to have, as I am silly, sickly, sentimental, or feeling about everybody, when He uses the word "love." He means literally this—people that you would rather be with than with anybody else in the world.

Now if you would rather be in the poolroom tonight than in this life that is pretty good evidence that you don't belong to the kingdom of God. If you would rather be in a stadium watching a football game, or in the grandstand watching a horse race, or if you would rather be watching a baseball game, then that is pretty good evidence that you don't belong to the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Yes, our Constitution guarantees to every individual life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, but the Constitution can't guarantee to you what the Lord Jesus Christ guarantees through His Word. The best the Constitution can grant to you is a guarantee of physical life, whereas the Word of God, through the death of Jesus Christ, can guarantee to you spiritual life that will live and last forever.

LIBERTY.

I ask you, are you at liberty with the Lord Jesus Christ, or is it true that you are still a servant of sin? Well, every man outside of Jesus Christ is a servant of sin. Listen:

"They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the SERVANT OF SIN"—John 8:33, 34.

Let's pause and think for a moment. What is a servant? Beloved, he is an individual that thinks his master's thoughts, that does his master's will, that has no voice of his own; rather, he listens to the master's voice. Well, every man outside of Jesus Christ is a servant of sin. He doesn't have any liberty. He has never had any spiritual liberty, and he'll never have any liberty until he comes to know the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. As long as he is a servant of sin, he is absolutely devoid of spiritual liberty.

Once, a long time ago, Isaiah gave a prophecy as to how individuals could be set at liberty. Listen:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to PROCLAIM LIBERTY to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."—Isa. 61:1.

This was written seven hundred years before the Lord Jesus Christ was born, and when Isaiah wrote it, he said that Jesus Christ was coming to proclaim liberty to the captives. Well, one hundred, two hundred, five hundred, seven hundred years passed by, and the Lord Jesus Christ came one day to Bethlehem. When He became 30 years of age, the Word of God tells us how He entered into a particular place of worship—the synagogue at Nazareth. We read:

"And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, TO SET AT LIBERTY THEM THAT ARE BRUISED. To preach the acceptable year

of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture FULFILLED in your ears."—Luke 4:17-21.

Notice, the Lord Jesus Christ, in fulfilling this prophecy that was given to us in Isaiah, came into the synagogue at Nazareth, picked up the Bible, and read this very same prophecy, saying, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Now what was that Scripture? The prophecy was that the Lord Jesus Christ was going to deliver the captives. He said, "There is only one way that a sinner can get liberty, and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Notice again:
"And ye shall know the truth, and THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John 8:32.

How do we ever get free, beloved? By the truth. How many people today are trying to get free in some other way, and are just becoming more entangled everyday!

Here is a man who thinks he can get free from the captivity of sin and Satan by joining the church. He joins the church all right, but he becomes thereby an ecclesiastical corpse. It is just adding one more ecclesiastical corpse to the congregation. He hasn't gotten free from his entanglement, but he has only become entangled more deeply.

Here is an individual who goes to a mourner's bench and thinks that he will be able to pray through, and when he prays through, he'll get all of his sins removed from him and he'll be at liberty. Not so, beloved. He becomes more entangled by the ecclesiastical manipulation of the mourner's bench.

I want to tell you, beloved, there is only one way that a man can be made free: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Do you read in the Bible about a mourner's bench? Do you find it in the Word of God? I challenge any individual to point it out. If you can find a mourner's bench in the Bible, point it out, for I would like to see it. Oh, you'll find, when reading in the Old Testament, an altar, but it was an altar of sacrifice. You'll never find an altar of prayer, and you'll never find any reference to an altar of prayer. I say to you, there is only one way that an individual can get free from sin and from the bondage of Satan; there is only one way that an individual can have spiritual liberty, and that is, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

That is why it is that we specialize in the Word of God here. That is why it is that we try to teach the Word of God. I tell you, brother, sister, you just don't get free from your bondage to Satan, and to sin, except through the truth of the Word of God.

Isn't it wonderful to know that we have liberty in Jesus Christ? I am a free man tonight not because of what I have done, not because of what a church has done for me, and not because of my being baptized. I never shuffled off one sin when I got out of the baptistry. I have never gotten liberty because of anything I have done, but I thank God that Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free." There is liberty in Jesus Christ.

I turn to the Word of God and find that the Apostle Paul speaks

about this. Listen:
"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, THERE IS LIBERTY"—II Cor. 3:17.

"Stand fast therefore IN THE LIBERTY wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."—Gal. 5:1.

"For, brethren, ye HAVE BEEN CALLED UNTO LIBERTY; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."—Gal. 5:13.

I thank God for this truth that I am a free man. My sins were laid on Jesus Christ at Calvary, and the day He called me, He called me unto liberty. I have life in Jesus, and I have liberty in Jesus.

III THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

Our Constitution doesn't guarantee you happiness, but it does guarantee the pursuit of happiness, and it is up to you to chase it down. I think the majority of people are having a futile chase in trying to find that happiness. I think our Government is having a hard time trying to find happiness for itself. I think all the way down the line that every individual is having a hard time trying to chase down that happiness that the Constitution guarantees to every body. Beloved, I want to tell you how you can have happiness. I want to tell you what you can do in order to be a happy man.

You are not going to find happiness from the things of this world. I am not saying that there isn't seasonal pleasure in sin. The Apostle Paul talks about Moses forsaking Egypt because he would rather serve the Lord than to enjoy the pleasures of sin. There is no doubt about there being some pleasure in sin, but it soon gets nipped in the bud. Brother, sister, there is a genuine happiness that the child of God can have — a happiness that only can come through Jesus Christ. Listen:

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: HAPPY SHALT THOU BE, and it shall be well with thee."—Psa. 128:1, 2.

Who is going to be happy?

The man that feareth the Lord, and walketh in His ways. That is the man that will be happy. A lot of people are trying to find happiness. A lot of people say, "I am going to do the very best I can during Lent so that I'll have happiness." Let me tell you something by way of digression; Lent is just an old trick of the Devil to cause a fellow to think he can get enough religion in forty days that will permit him to live like the Devil the rest of the year.

Here is a fellow who falls for it. He thinks, "Well, now because Reverend So-and-So said it, or Right Reverend, or the Most Right Reverend, or the Most Holy Reverend said it, it must be so; therefore I am going to try my best to deny myself something during Lent.

One fellow said, "I'll give up whiskey." Oh, he made a sacrifice, didn't he? You say, "Brother Gilpin, surely a person wouldn't call that a sacrifice." A few years ago a woman actually told me that she didn't take one drop of liquor for forty days' time during Lent, and she thought she had gotten religion. She had, beloved, but it was the kind that sends a soul to Hell.

How do you get happiness? Individuals forty days ago decided they were going to punish their bodies, and were going to get rid of a lot of things that they had been doing. They were going to clean up their lives. I dare say that 90% of that crowd of devils came to the end of that forty days and said, "Boy, I am glad it is over," and they were ready then to go back to the same old ways, and live the same old life they had lived before. Beloved, you don't get happiness that way.

Neither do you get happiness by getting in the water, and having a preacher pull you out. No man is ever made happy by being baptized. He comes up out of the water and he may feel that he has religion, but that is all he has. I know some individuals who thought that they could get happiness by being baptized — that have been baptized in these creeks around here so often that every time they get close to a creek, an old frog comes up and (Continued on page 7, column 2)

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HENRY C. HALL

only in their ignorance of the 'God of the Bible.' Therefore, they are only 'religious publications.' Most of these publications are not subscribed to but sent to me by some 'helpful soul' and they include such magazines as Christianity Today, Moody Monthly, Sword of the Lord, etc.

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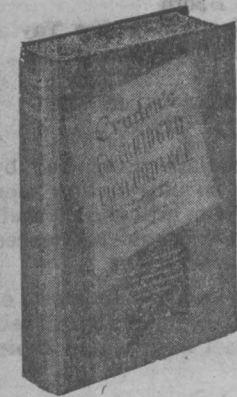
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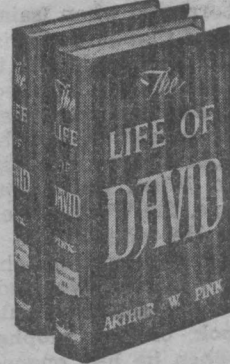
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"Think -- Thank." If we stopped to think more, we would stop to thank more.

Is God A Baptist?

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day a custom of last names was not in use. Men were called by a given name, only being identified from other men with the same name as the son of their father using their father's given name to distinguish who they meant. For example, John the son of Zacharias.

It could be established that the Baptist was John's proper name, means baptizer and still points to his purpose in God's plan. Thus their argument will stand on this point. Please note when God changed Saul's name to Paul, his purpose changed and his name was changed. Bible names point to God's purpose.

John was the only personal name that he had. (John 1:6). He went to great lengths to establish this fact. God well knew the devil's way of trying to cloud the issues of life with vain and arguments planted in the minds of His own children. If you remember, God told Zacharias that his son born of his wife was to be called John. (Luke 1:13). John means "He is gracious." Zacharias was dumb and not allowed to speak until he wrote instructions to his wife and said "His name shall be called John." (Luke 1:64). This was no accident but God's purpose to establish the name of Zacharias' son. It also confirmed that the name selected by the Holy Spirit was the return of Zacharias' name.

God wanted a clear distinction between Jesus and His purpose as Head and Saviour of the church. (Col. 1:18) and John, who was to be the forerunner and preparer of the material of the church. (Luke 7:27, Malachi 3:1).

Therefore, God instructed Zacharias to call him John. (Luke 1:13). Afterwards, Jesus the Son and Saviour of the church called John "The Baptist." (Luke 3:1). He did not call him a Baptist, but called him the Baptist, meaning there was no other baptizer sent from God. (John 1:33). A baptizer sent to be God's instrument through which God would baptize a people for His Son, through which God would baptize His Son as King and

John as God's instrument. He said "Repent, for the kingdom is at hand." (Matthew 3:2). He cried "Behold, the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). He baptized Jesus in Jordan and the Holy Spirit descended upon him putting His mark of approval on the baptism that was received. (John 1:30-34). At the same time, God's voice came from heaven and said "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." (Matthew 3:17). Thus putting His approval on the baptism John administered.

We call your attention to

some things God has done in relation to John. First, God sent him forth from Himself. (John 1:6). Second, God named him John. (John 1:6). Third, God used John to prepare the way for Christ. (John 1:23). Fourth, John preached "Repent, for the kingdom is at hand," and baptized unto repentance. Fifth, John introduced Jesus as King by preaching "Repent for the kingdom is at hand," and as the Saviour when he said "Behold, (or look) the lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Sixth, John baptized Jesus at which point all three persons of the Godhead made themselves known in agreement and approving the work that John had done as God's instrument. (Matthew 3:15-17).

Jesus approved by submitting to John's baptism, saying "Such it becometh us (you and I, John) to fulfill all righteousness." (Matthew 3:15). Or, to do what God had ordered, John to baptize and Jesus to submit to John as unto the Father's will. The Holy Spirit approved by His hovering presence over the work of God. (Matthew 3:16). God the Father approved when He said He was well pleased. (Matthew 3:17).

Notice that when God elects to do a thing He orders it done the way He is pleased to do it. (I Cor. 1:21). Then, He at the same time selects the instruments that suit His purpose and starts bringing to pass His providential will to the point of completion. (Eph. 1:4-11). In the process, all things in creation necessary to His plan are bent to His perfect will. (Eph. 1:11). Woe to those that oppose Him! For example, God knew Zacharias' depraved will would refuse to name his son John. God used the woe of dumbness to bend Zacharias' will to His. (Luke 1:20).

God also bent the will of nature to His will when a barren woman gave birth to John. (Luke 1:7). We could cite many cases (Continued on page 8, column 3)

"Life . . . Happiness"

(Continued from page 5) says, "Here he comes again." Beloved, you don't get happiness that way. You may come to know the frogs in that manner, but you won't come to know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour.

You can join a Baptist Church and you are not going to get happiness that way. Do you see what I am saying? You don't get happiness by the things that you do. How do you get happiness? Listen:

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: **HAPPY SHALT THOU BE, and it shall be well with thee.**"—Psa. 128:1, 2.

"Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, **HAPPY** is that people, whose God is the Lord."—Psa. 144:15.

Do you want to be happy? Well, happy is that people whose

God is the Lord. That is to say, if you are not looking at any other god except the God of the Bible, you are going to be happy. Happy is the man who believes in the God of this Bible.

Notice again: "If ye know these things, **HAPPY ARE YE** if ye do them."—John 13:17.

"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, **HAPPY ARE YE; and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled.**"—I Pet. 3:14.

Do you have to suffer any for the cause of Christ? I don't think so. We talk about persecution, and we talk about the fact that we have had to suffer for the cause of Christ, but if we would analyze it, we would find that in reality we have suffered more because of our stupidity than for what we did in serving the Lord.

I have had an easy time in life. I want you to know that so far as I am concerned I have had an exceedingly easy time in the service of the Lord. I haven't suffered one ten-thousandth of what I ought to have suffered. I haven't been persecuted one ten-thousandth of what I ought to have been persecuted. I say to you, happy is the man who does suffer for righteousness sake. Do you want to be happy. I tell you, beloved, you are not going to find it any place except in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

Let's sum this up. I say that our Constitution guarantees to us life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, but the Constitution can only guarantee to us physical life, physical liberty, and

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A LONESOME VOYAGE



happiness so far as this flesh is concerned.

I have something that is a thousand times better than what the Constitution has to offer. I have the Word of God, and this Word of God guarantees life in Jesus Christ. It guarantees liberty in Jesus Christ. It guarantees happiness in the Lord Jesus Christ. You don't get life, liberty, nor happiness any place else except in the Son of God. If you are trying to find it any place else, or if you are trying to find it in any other manner, I'll disillusion you and tell you that you will never find life, liberty, nor happiness any place except in Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

When I was a boy I tried to live the best I could, and I think I did a fairly good job of living a fairly clean life as a boy. I remember very definitely how I thought I was doing all right, yet I never was happy. I attended a church mostly in my childhood that taught me that I had to be baptized to get rid of my sins, and I had grown up with that idea that I had to have my sins washed away in the water. While I lived a pretty clean life as a young man, I look back now and

think about a lot of things that I did, and if I had had my sins washed away in the water, God help the fish down the creek. They surely would have had the stomach ache if my sins had been washed away in water. I say, God pity the fish on down the creek if I had gotten my sins washed away.

I'll never forget one night that I attended services in a Baptist Church and I heard the preacher read the text of Scripture which says, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin," and like a drowning man grasping at a straw, I reached out and laid hold on Jesus Christ, and, beloved, that hour, life, liberty, and happiness began in my experience. It has continued, and it is going to continue, because I have a guarantee from God of life, liberty and happiness. I thank God for that truth tonight.

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How we do wish that all of our friends in the reading audience could be with us! What a happy meeting that would be! We have been hearing from some of you so long that we feel as if we know you as well as our own family. The warm letters that you readers have sent to us have drawn us close to you and we feel very much as if we know you personally.

Of course, all of TBE's reading family cannot come and be with us. But several of our friends in and near Ashland are planning to do so. We will be gathering together for a time of prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings upon us. We will be reading the letters sent from our readers and tabulating the offerings sent in for the support of the paper. We are expecting a wonderful blessing as we note the response from our friends.

No doubt hundreds of you have already written, and others intend to do so. Well, please don't put off doing so—be sure your letter reaches us before July 6th. God is wonderfully blessing us in these days, and we are looking forward to even greater blessings in the future. Financial burdens are very heavy, but we are trusting God to take care of them. He can work in the hearts of His people and cause them to do what He wills. So we are relying upon Him to impress each of you to do what He would have you to do. We know that this work is the work of God and He will take care of it as long as He wants to use it.

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Roy Mason
Airpeka, Florida

Is God A Baptist?

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where God bent the will or nature of His creation to His own pleasure. Who can deny "I AM" His sovereign right to please Himself with His own creation?

We use these evident truths to establish that God was pleased to elect John to represent Him and administer baptism for Him, by His authority. Thus for Jesus to be baptized of John was the same as if God did it Himself.

It has not pleased God the Father to reveal His person to man since Adam's fall in the garden. There is no promise that He will reveal His person in the presence of sinful flesh ever, until after His Son has reigned over and put sin, and death, and hell into the lake of fire. (I Cor. 15:24-28). Then He will reveal His person to man who has been redeemed by the blood of the lamb that taketh away the sin of the world and raised from the dead in the glory of the lamb's resurrection. (Rev. 21:1-5).

As long as depraved flesh dwells on His earth, He will elect and bend human instruments like John to do His bidding.

Therefore it was God baptizing when John baptized by His authority. In turn He empowered His son who was God in the flesh, (John 1:14) to commission His church to observe all things He had taught her to do. (Matthew 28:18-20). The church being made up of saved but human creatures is the elected means through which God is preaching the same message that John preached. (John 17:20). (Repent for the kingdom is at hand.)

After John's baptism was administered to Him, Jesus preached the same message. (Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15). He then commissioned His church to preach it. Now, she is the only instrument in this world that can. When she speaks according to the teachings of Jesus, it is as though He spoke and because all that He taught her He received from the Father, it is as though God spoke it to man. (John 17:4-22).

Yes, when John preached and baptized under God's direct orders he was the Baptist or baptizer. (Luke 7:28). Then the church which was baptized by the baptizer sent from God (Acts 1:22) became the Baptist or the baptizing church. (John 4:1-2). Christ, her head, received the baptizer's baptism. (Matthew 3:15).

Now since God sent John to baptize for Him, and when John baptized Jesus it was by God's authority, then God could not be a Methodist-baby-sprinkling-law-keeper or a Campbellite-water-salvationist. Jesus was a full grown man who came up out

of the water which had to be larger in quantity than the size of His body for Him to come up out of or emerge from. (Matthew 3:16). Even a Methodist infant would have great difficulty coming out of their pitcher baptism.

John preaching God's message would only baptize the penitent believer (Matthew 3:7-11) therefore God cannot be a water-saved-Campbellite.

Jesus was the son of God before He was born in the likeness of sinful flesh. (John 17:1-5). We know God did not order His baptism for to make Him a son.

Jesus was in full agreement with the Baptist or baptizer's message as the message of God. Now the Baptizer's message is God's message and you best not deny it if you are saved. Therefore God is a Baptist.

The Son submitted to and agreed with John's message, therefore Jesus is a Baptist. The Holy Spirit hovered over and endorsed John's message and baptism, therefore, the Holy Spirit is a Baptist. John's baptism declared Jesus as the Son of a Baptist Father.

Now, we are children of His Father by faith in Him as pertaining to the inward man (Gal. 3:26-27) that was born not by the will of the flesh nor the outward man, but from above. (John 1:12-13). This happening in the inward man is by grace through faith (Romans 7:21-25, Romans 8:1-14, Eph. 2:8-10) By birth making us heirs of God with Christ as pertaining to the inward man (Romans 8:17) with the sure hope of the resurrection of the body of flesh (Romans 8:18-25) which cannot inherit with Christ in its present condition (I Cor. 15:50) but will be raised in Glory (I Cor. 15:51-58) because of the inward or God-man (Romans 7:6-11) which was born by grace through a Baptist Christ, the first-born among many brethren, hovered over and comforted by the Holy Spirit, (John 14:16-17) redeemed by Baptist blood, shed by a Baptist Saviour, having the words of our Baptist Father recorded to guide our way as a lamp unto our path.

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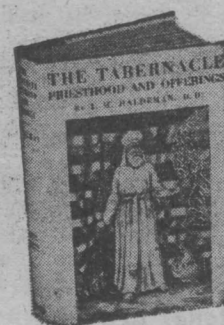
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