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It is a different looking editor that we present here to the one we presented in the issue of June 5th when Rally Day was announced. Thank you for putting the smile on your editor's face.

It is with deep, sincere, and heart-felt gratitude, both to God, and to our readers that we attempt to express our thanks for the glorious and encouraging Rally Day of July 6th.

From 35 states, and from three foreign countries (Canada, New Guinea and Rome, Italy), our readers and supporters contributed \$5,509.46 by way of a Rally Day offering. To each of these we have sent a formal acknowledgement, and to God we have expressed our thankfulness for having put into the hearts of these individuals the desire to propagate the truth espoused by THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, and to keep THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in the mails.

Along with the members of our church, friends from five other Baptist churches met with us at our home, to enjoy a buffet meal on our patio, and to participate in our evening service. After the meal, we adjourned to our living room (well crowded for the occasion), where a number of the letters which appear in this issue were read by Elder James Hobbs of King's Addition Baptist Church, South Shore, Ky. Elder Raymond Willis of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Garri-

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"BE READY"

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear." — Eccl. 5:1.

This text calls to mind another passage which took place in the desert one day when God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush. I am sure you recall the story of Moses leading his father-in-law's sheep to the back side of the desert, and how God spoke to Moses through a bush that burned, and yet was not consumed. I imagine that burning bush was a peculiar sight to Moses, and naturally he paused to see what it was, at which he was looking. Here was a bush that was on fire — a bush

that was aglow — a bush that was burning, and yet it was not consumed; it just continually burned, but didn't burn away. Moses paused to look at it.

I'll not take time to discuss this except to say that in reality the burning bush was a type of the children of Israel, or a picture of the Jews in the land of Egypt, who were actually suffering, but they weren't destroyed. As the bush burned but wasn't completely consumed, so the Jews suffered and yet at the same time they were not completely destroyed. Actually, that was what God was teaching Moses, and

Dear Brother Gilpin & Calvary Baptist Church:

Greetings to each of you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How I wish that I could be with you folk tonight as you open these letters and fellowship one with another. But, since God has not so willed it to be I take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the grandest group of saints this side of eternity. Realizing that there are probably many other folk present as you read this that are not members of Calvary Baptist Church, I'll just say 'Howdy' to all of you, but I love the Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor in a special way.

You folk have been the greatest inspiration to me since I have been here of any church or individual that I have had anything to do with. It took a while after we arrived in the Territory for the papers to get started coming regularly, but after they did I haven't missed a one that I know of and they have been a continual source of blessing to me and my wife. I know that Brother Gilpin has written to me when he really felt more like resting and if not he could have spent his time in a more valuable way. However,

like the papers, his letters have flowed continually across two continents and the vast Pacific Ocean to a lonely Mission Station. No other preacher, friend,



ELD. FRED T. HALLIMAN

or relative has written to me and encouraged me, when I needed it, like Brother Gilpin has.

Along with this letter I send this offering (\$100.00), because I (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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"I hope this reaches you in time for Rally Day and will be of assistance to continue the preaching of the Word. Although TBE (Continued on page 4, column 3)

The Position Of True Baptists Of 40 Years Ago

Brother C. E. Hunt, Mt. Shasta, California, asks: When a so-called Baptist church receives alien immersion and practices open communion is it not just as much an unscriptural organization as is the Campbellites for instance, and should sound Baptist Churches receive the baptisms administered by such churches?

My answer is that a Baptist Church which receives alien immersion and practices open communion is BADLY OUT OF ORDER, but disorder does not necessarily destroy the church. The church at Corinth was greatly in disorder, practiced a drunken feast instead of the right sort of Lord's Supper, and kept a member in it who was living in incest, and were (some of them), going to law with one another and some were even so heretical as to deny the resurrection of the dead and yet it continued to be the "CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH" (I Cor. 1:1-2). I cannot believe that alien immersion and open communion are any worse than the disorders in the Corinth church. If not, then alien immersion and open communion would not cause a church to cease to be a church of Jesus Christ. But just as INCEST and DRUNKENNESS and GOING TO LAW WITH A BROTHER are very wrong and should be condemned so is alien immersion and open communion and these errors should be condemned. PREACH AGAINST SUCH ERRORS and do all you can to get such things stopped (Continued on page 8, column 4)

When Polycarp Was Burned For His Convictions

A letter from the church of Philomina to the church of Philomina in 156 A.D.

But the most admirable Polycarp when first he heard of this search was being made for was not dismayed, but remained in the city. The search, however, prevailed on him to withdraw. And he withdrew to a small estate not far from the city. There he passed a time with a few companions, occupied night and day in prayer for all men and for the churches throughout the world; indeed, was his habit. And one day at prayer he fell into a trance three days before his arrest. And he turned and said to his companions, "I must needs be

alive." since they that sought him were persistent he departed to another estate. Then straightway they were upon him, and when they did not find him they apprehended two young servants, whom one confessed under torture, for it was impossible for him to escape, since they that sought him were of his own household. Then the sheriff hastened to bring Polycarp into the city, that he might fulfil his appointed lot by becoming a martyr of Christ.

As he was entering the city, there came to Polycarp a voice from heaven, "Be strong, Polycarp, and play the man." And (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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"Be Ready"

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exactly what my text speaks about in Ecclesiastes 5:1, when it says, "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear." I think that my text is merely being fulfilled in this experience of Moses, for Moses was commanded to take off his shoe, realizing that he was standing on holy ground, and standing in the presence of God, listening to what God had to say. My text tells us that when we go into the house of God we are to keep our foot, or tread softly, because we are in God's presence. We are to realize that we are in His presence, and we are to be ready to stand on holy ground, and at the same time, be ready to hear.

As Moses was ready to listen to what God said as he stood on holy ground, and as Solomon urged the people in his day to stand pure before the Lord and be ready to hear, so I think God would teach us this morning that this is our duty every time we come into God's house — to come with pure hearts before the Lord, realizing we are on holy ground, and at the same time be ready to hear whatever God has for us to hear.

I

PETER THOUGHT HE WAS READY.

Once upon a time Simon Peter thought he was ready, but he wasn't. Listen:

"And he said unto him, Lord, I AM READY to go with thee, both into prison, and to death." — Luke 22:33.

Beloved, Simon Peter was mistaken. He wasn't ready to go to prison, and he wasn't ready to go into death. The Lord Jesus knew this, for He said:

"I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me." — Luke 22:34.

Much in contrast is Simon Peter with the Apostle Paul, for the Word of God tells us how Paul said he was ready. Actually, he was ready to suffer, for we read:

"For I AM NOW READY TO be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand." — II Tim. 4:6.

You'll notice in studying this experience on the part of Paul that Paul said he was ready to be offered, and that the time of his departure was at hand.

Beloved, it was immediately at hand, for in a very short time Paul was put to death as a martyr for the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul said, "I am ready to be offered, and unlike Simon Peter he was ready. Simon Peter said that he was ready to go to prison and die for the Lord Jesus Christ, but he wasn't, for later on he did deny his Lord three times before the rooster crowed for the rising of the next day.

Many times you and I think we are ready to serve the Lord, to stand for the things of God, and to be sacrificial in our giving and service, yet we are not. Oh, how easy it is for us to think we are ready to serve God and to do God's will, yet actually we are not ready. The Word of God would indicate that while the spirit may be ready, the flesh is very, very weak, and many times we are just exactly like Simon Peter—we think we are ready, but we find ultimately that while the spirit may have been ready, the flesh is exceedingly weak.

II

PAUL WAS READY TO PREACH.

Paul was actually ready to preach, for he said:

"So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." — Rom. 1:15.

I like to look at Simon Peter and Paul in contrast. I like to see Simon Peter who thought he was ready but wasn't, and contrast him with the Apostle Paul who was ready to preach at Rome.

Why was Paul particularly ready to preach at Rome and why was he particularly anxious to preach at Rome? Rome was beginning to become apostate, and I rather imagine that the Apostle Paul may have had a premonition that this was true.

History would tell us that by 250 A.D. all the rest of the churches withdrew fellowship from the church at Rome, because the church at Rome had gone astray doctrinally. I am sure that in Paul's day, nearly 200 years before the church actually became apostate, Paul realized what was going to come to pass. God gave him a little premonition as to what was going to take place, and accordingly he said, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

Well, beloved, there is plenty of apostasy abroad today, there is going to be more apostasy tomorrow, and things are going to be far worse the next day than they are today. There will be very few churches that will be standing for the Word of God within a short time. I believe that the Southern Baptists are going to swallow up the Northern Baptists, and both are going to go on in an apostate manner. I wouldn't be a bit surprised but that they swallow up some smaller groups of Baptists. We have come to the place that we try to be the very biggest in the world. If a business organization can't be the biggest, it doesn't think it is doing anything at all. Churches are trying to be big, and denominations are trying to be big, and as a result I think ultimately Southern Baptists are going to swallow up all the balance of these smaller Baptist organizations. When it happens, it will be nothing but complete apostasy so far as true Baptist Churches are concerned.

I say, beloved, Paul saw an apostasy coming at Rome and he said, "I am ready to preach to you that are at Rome also." I see apostasy today, I see it increasing tomorrow, and I see it becoming even worse in the days to come, and God helping me, I want to preach the gospel of my Lord Jesus Christ. If I had one thing that I would ask of you, it is this: I would ask you to pray that God would give your pastor a long life; I'd like to turn the clock back 40 years, and with the little knowledge of the Word of God that I have, and with THE BAPTIST EXAMINER at my disposal, I'd like to stand for a lifetime to contend for the Word of God, and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ in the face of apostasy that is impending. I don't know of anything that is more necessary today than that we as a church preach the gospel of the Son of God just like it was necessary in Paul's day when he wrote to this church at Rome and said, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

III

CORINTH WAS READY TO GIVE.

We read how this church at Corinth was ready to be sacrificial in their giving. Listen:

"And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with THIS GRACE, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of YOUR READY MIND." — II Cor. 8:19.

The church at Corinth had made an offering for the poor saints at Jerusalem, and they referred to that offering as "this grace." It was a gracious offering they had made. They had sent Paul and other messengers to administer this offering, and they referred to it as an offering that had come from their ready mind. In other words, this church at Corinth was ready to make an offering. They were not only ready, but they had made this offering. It was an offering that had been made with a ready mind.

Notice, Peter thought he was ready to serve the Lord, but he wasn't. Paul said, "I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome," and he was ready. This church at Corinth had made

an offering and Paul referred to it as an offering that had been made with a ready mind.

Paul tells us how the churches of Macedonia had likewise made an offering for the same purpose, for he says:

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great TRIAL OF AFFLICTION the ABUNDANCE OF THEIR JOY and their DEEP POVERTY abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves." — II Cor. 8:1-3.

Notice, Paul says that there were three things that caused them to be great givers: a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty. Beloved, you would never think of those things as being characteristics of great givers.

As to their great trial of affliction, maybe their crops failed, or maybe they had a flood. Maybe something went wrong so far as their industry was concerned. At any rate, they had a great trial of affliction.

The second characteristic behind their giving, was the abundance of their joy. They were happy in the Lord, and they gave. You just don't get anybody to give to the cause of Christ that isn't happy in the Lord. The fellow that isn't happy in the Lord is a miser, and will give like a miser every time. The only person that gives liberally is the person who has joy in the Lord.

The third thing that made up their great giving was their deep poverty. These folk in Macedonia were really poor. We talk about poverty today, but we don't know anything about poverty. If I were to take time to tell you how history describes these folk in Macedonia, you would realize how poverty stricken they were.

Notice, these folk had a trial of affliction, they were joyous in the Lord, and they were poverty stricken. Put these three things together and it caused them to be great givers. The Apostle Paul, writing to this church at Corinth, refers to the fact that the church at Corinth had made an offering, and that these folk of Macedonia had made an offering, and he refers to it as a readiness—they were giving with a ready mind.

IV

ALL BAPTISTS SHOULD BE READY TO TESTIFY AS TO THEIR BELIEFS.

If I were to ask you as to what church you are a member of, you ought to be able to immediately tell me of your church affiliation. Then suppose I were to ask you why it is that you are a Baptist. Would you be just as able to tell me why it is that you are a Baptist? Would you be able to tell me why it is that you believe what you do?

Or would it be like the boy in the mountains that I asked one day why he was a Baptist, and he said, "Well, Pap's one." I said, "Why is Pap one?" and he said, "Well, Grandpap was one." I

said, "Why was Grandpap one?" and he said, "I didn't live back then."

"Well, I want you to be able to give me a better answer than the fact that you are a Baptist because Pap or Grandpap was a Baptist. I want you to be able to give an answer as to why you are a Baptist from the Word of God. Simon Peter said:

"BE READY always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." — I Pet. 3:15.

Suppose I ask you why you are a Baptist, what would you say? Suppose I ask you as to what you believe. Do you believe in the doctrine of election? You say, "Yes." Well, why do you believe it? Or suppose I ask you what you believe about baptism. You say, "I believe in immersion." Well, why do you believe in immersion? Don't you see what I am saying, beloved? You ought to be ready to give scriptural answers as to why you believe

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the things you believe. I say, God's people ought to be ready at all times to give an answer for everything that they believe. God's people ought to be ready to tell why they believe any doctrine that is recorded in the Word of God.

V

CHRIST WAS READY TO DIE FROM CHILDHOOD.

Some people seem to think that death came on the Lord Jesus unexpectedly and that He more or less came to death as a martyr — that the Lord Jesus Christ had death forced upon Him and He had had His way. He would much rather have avoided it. May I say that Jesus Christ was ready to die from the very day He came to this world. Listen:

"I am afflicted and READY TO DIE from my youth up." — Psa. 88:15.

This is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, and Jesus is saying that He was actually ready to die from His childhood. This is a teaching of all the New Testament.

We find that as the Lord Jesus

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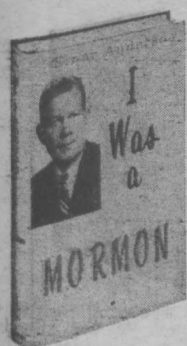
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"Be Ready"

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Christ neared the end of His ministry He said:

"And I, if I be LIFTED UP from the earth, will draw all men unto me."—John 12:32.

What is the meaning of "being lifted up from the earth?" Beloved, it means "crucifixion." So the Lord Jesus Christ was ready to die near the end of His ministry.

Notice again:

"Then said Jesus unto them, When YE HAVE LIFTED UP the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things."—John 8:28.

Notice, He knew He was the Son of man and He knew He was ready to die. He said, "when you have lifted up the Son of man, then shall you know that I am He." Beloved, that was in the middle of His ministry and He was ready then to die.

Listen again:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP."—John 3:14.

This was in the beginning of His ministry. You'll thus notice that near the end of His ministry, in the middle of His ministry, and at the beginning of His ministry, the Lord Jesus Christ was looking forward to the time when He was going to be lifted up to die for the sins of the world. In fact, Jesus Christ came into this world for that particular

purpose. Listen:

"Then said he, Lo, I COME TO DO THY WILL, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the OFFERING OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST once for all."—Heb. 10:9, 10.

Jesus came to do God's will and it was through the will of God that He was to give His body as a sacrifice for sin, once for all. So you can see that the Lord Jesus Christ was ready to die from His childhood. In the beginning of His ministry, near the middle of His ministry, and at the end of His ministry He talked about being lifted up as a sacrifice, and when He came to this world, He came to do the will of God, which was that He shall be lifted up, or that He shall make Himself a sacrifice for sin once for all.

That you might know that Jesus Christ was ready to die from His youth up in our behalf, notice another Scripture:

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF the world."—Rev. 13:8.

While Jesus was ready to die from His youth up, and while He talked about it in the beginning, near the middle, and near the end of His ministry, actually in the mind of God, Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Salvation wasn't any hurried-up first aid remedy that God got together after man sinned. Salvation wasn't any panacea that man and God got together in order to take care of man, after man had sinned. Rather, Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, and He was always ready to die for the sins of the elect of God.

Oh, doesn't it put a different light on the sacrifice of Jesus, and doesn't it put a different light on your own personal experience just to know that Jesus Christ was ready to die for us from His youth up? Doesn't it make a difference just to know that Jesus Christ was actually in the mind of God, ready to die for the elect, from the foundation of the world? When I think about it, it causes me to love my Lord just a little more, to know that salvation wasn't any hurried-up first aid that God got together for my benefit after I had sinned. Rather, before the foundations of the world were ever laid, God had already chosen me in Christ Jesus, and God had already planned the death of the Son of God as my Redeemer. How I bless and thank my God for that today!

Years ago I saw a picture in an art gallery, supposedly of the Lord Jesus Christ in His foster father's workshop. It was at the close of the day and the sun was sinking low in the west. It was shining in through the window from the western horizon filling the face of the boy Jesus, some 12 years of age, who had

risen from his work at his workbench in this carpenter shop. He had drawn Himself up in some such fashion as a man might in stretching, and as He did so, the sun shining through the window from the west caused a reflection, or shadow, or silhouette of the Lord Jesus on the wall behind Him which would indicate that of the cross. His mother stood off at one side, to look at it, and gasp as she saw a prophetic indication that her Son was to die on the cross. As I stood there and looked at that picture, it came to me that Jesus had His back to the shadow and didn't see what His mother saw. I looked at it again, and I said, "There is just one thing wrong with that picture. That is, there is not a word of truth in it in any respect." Beloved, the mother never did see Calvary until it became a reality, and as far as Jesus was concerned, He came to die for our sins. He was ready to die for our sins from

world. Some preacher may tell you, "If you'll take the first step, the Lord will take one toward you. If you'll take a step, He'll take a step, and if you'll step forward, He'll meet you half way." Beloved, that is a lie. God does not save on that basis. All things are now ready. God isn't depending upon you to take a step. God didn't depend upon you at all so far as salvation is concerned. All things are ready.

Whenever I think of Calvary and Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary dying for my sins, I thank God that everything is ready. I don't have to join the church. I don't have to be baptized. I don't have to do the things that the world thinks are necessary for salvation. Rather, all things are ready in Jesus Christ.

Now if I am saved, I'll want to join the church, I'll want to be baptized, I'll want to live for the Lord, and I'll want to do the things that I ought to do, but I'll want to do them because I have been saved and not in order to be saved. All things are ready for you today, and all you need is to turn to the Lord Jesus Christ where all things are made ready for you in Christ, and then having turned to Him to be saved, when He saves you, you'll want to join the church, and you'll want to serve Him, but it will be because He has made all things ready for your salvation.

VII

GOD IS READY TO FORGIVE.

We read:

"For thou, Lord, art good, and READY TO FORGIVE: and plentiful in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."—Psa. 86:5.

Isn't it wonderful to know that God is ready to forgive? I grant you this is written to His elect, but isn't it wonderful to know that every one of the elect will find God is ready to forgive? It thrills my soul, lifts me up, makes me love the Lord more, and makes me to rejoice more and more just to know that He has not only made all things ready for me whereby I can be saved, but He is ready to forgive.

Do I speak to somebody who has never been saved — you have never trusted Jesus Christ, and you have never seen the truth of Jesus Christ dying in your behalf on the cross? If that be your status today, then may I tell you that Jesus has died, and God stands ready to forgive you as a repentant believer — a chosen elect sinner — the moment you turn to Him from the things of the world as God may call you unto Himself.

VIII

GOD MUST MAKE US READY FOR THE LORD.

You would never get ready to be saved, if it were left up to you. If it had been left up to me I would never have been ready to be saved. Beloved, God has to make us ready. Listen:

"And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just;

TO MAKE READY a people prepared for the Lord."—Luke 1:17.

This is a reference to John the Baptist and it tells us that God is going to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. God has to make us ready, for we would never turn to God if left up to ourselves.

Notice again:

"THY PEOPLE SHALL BE WILLING in the day of thy power."—Psa. 110:3.

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him, and the Spirit of God begins to work.

Notice another Scripture in this respect:

"NO MAN can come to me, except the FATHER which hath sent me DRAW HIM and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:44.

When I read these verses it is a blessing to me just to know that salvation is ready. God stands ready to forgive, and God is one who makes us ready, whereby we come to Him, and find that blessed sweetness that is to be found by way of salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

I am afraid that most of us somehow fail to realize that there is one thing that is ready, and that is the grave is ready for you today. We read:

"My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, THE GRAVES ARE READY FOR ME."—Job 17:1.

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SALVATION IS READY.

Salvation was made ready for us, for Jesus said:

"Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and ALL THINGS ARE READY: come unto the marriage."—Mt. 22:4.

This was in connection with the parable of the marriage of the king's son. When the oxen were killed and the feast was made ready, then the king sent out the messengers and said, "Go tell everybody that my oxen and fatlings are killed and all things are ready."

May I say to you that salvation is ready so far as we are concerned. Everything that is necessary for our salvation was done before the foundation of the

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"How can I partake of the Lord's Supper in the great invisible church?"

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You can't, and if you think you can, just try it! Then let me know how you did it.

I know of no more absurd theory ever devised than the theory of the Invisible Church. Yet, that theory is a part of the mental furniture of multitudes of people who pride themselves on being orthodox on the great fundamentals of the Christian faith. Time and again I have heard preachers talk about the "Rapture of the Church!" I have wanted to interrupt the sermon right there to ask, "Where did you get that stuff about the 'Rapture of the Church?' The Bible doesn't say it. It says, 'the dead in Christ . . . then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up.' No mention of 'Church.'"

In addressing a Baptist pastor's conference in a large city, I had some invisible churchites present, and I said, "You brethren who dote on the invisible church, you ought to have to draw an invisible salary from that invisible church for a while. You would surely change your tune."

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I know of a Baptist preacher, a Presbyterian preacher and a Methodist preacher who met in the pastor's study of one of their churches and partook of what they called the Lord's Supper. We are forced to say the church was invisible in this case. At least there was no church in sight—just a conglomeration of preachers. And what a conglomeration it was. Such a thing as this brings questions to my mind. First, I am made to wonder just what this kind of preacher studies when he goes into his study. Then, I am made to wonder if our Lord does not call this kind of thing the preacher's supper rather than His own Supper. In Scriptures like Ex. 12:11, 27, Lev. 23:5 and Num. 28:16 the Passover is called the Lord's Passover, but by the time our Lord came upon the scene some fifteen hundred years later the Jews had so tampered with this wonderful feast that in Scriptures like Jno. 2:13 and 11:55 our Lord called it the Jew's passover. He no longer claimed it as His own.

If there be any virtue in the Lord's Supper it is as a church ordinance. Therefore, no one except those whose names are on that particular church roll, and who are in good standing with that church has any right to partake of the Lord's Supper. Of course if it is "your supper" you have the right to invite your Pa and your Ma and even your grandma, but if it is the Lord's Supper He alone has the right to invite whom He will. Yes, I know I am an "old foggy" on the subject, but I like it that way. Old Noah and a lot of the others mentioned in our Lord's honor roll in Heb. 11 were "old foggies" too you know.

So I conclude you cannot partake of "The Lord's Supper" in the great invisible church because the great invisible church is nothing more than the figment of evil men's mind. It is utterly unknown to Scripture.

AUSTIN
FIELDS

PASTOR,
Arabia Baptist
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Arabia, Ohio



I, nor anyone else, could never partake of the Lord's Supper in the great invisible church. The reason that we could not, is because, there is no such monstrosity as an invisible church. The only church that the Bible teaches about is a local church, visible and occupying space — a church that has as its officers, pastor and deacons. If there were such a thing as a great invisible church, I wonder who men would say is her pastor and who are the deacons?

The only church that can partake of the Lord's Supper is a church that can come together into one place and which is free from heresies and divisions.

"For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When you come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's Supper." I Cor. 2:19-20.

The Holy Spirit in these verses declares very definitely that there must be a gathering into one place, before the Lord's Supper can be observed, and then only if the church (assembly) is in unity concerning the doctrine.

It is impossible in a great invisible church, to assemble at one place; furthermore, it is impossible for such a church to discern whether there be divisions and heresies among them.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body." I Cor. 2:28-29.

Paul tells us to examine our-

selves, not as to whether there is sin in our physical bodies, but rather, if there be divisions and heresies in the local body of the church. The only way that we could examine ourselves would be as members of a visible body, who knew the doctrines that the church of which he was a member contended for. One thing for sure we could not examine ourselves in a great invisible church.

Those who think that they are partaking of the Lord's Supper in the great invisible church, are badly deceived and are guilty of eating and drinking condemnation to themselves, for they are saying by their action that it is possible to partake of the Lord's Supper with heretics and compromisers of God's Word. The Holy Spirit has told us that when there are divisions and heresies among us, it is not possible to eat the Lord's Supper. Therefore my answer to the question is, there is no way possible that I nor any one else could partake of the Lord's Supper in a great invisible church.

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Before we attempt to partake of the Lord's Supper in the so-called invisible church, there are some things we must do.

1. Find the invisible bishop of the church — I Tim. 3:1-5.
2. Find the invisible deacons of the church — I Tim. 3:8-13.
3. Become invisible so we can behave ourselves in the house of God. I Tim. 3:15.
4. Figure out a way to bring erring ones before the invisible church. — Mt. 18:17.
5. Find a way to make invisible wine and bread to use in the Lord's Supper. Obviously these things are not possible and obviously there is no such thing as an invisible church.

Most people mistake the verses that speak of the church as an institution to mean the invisible church, i.e. Eph. 5:24, Col. 1:18, etc.

The word "church" means a local assembly, and all the teachings of the church in the Bible point to the fact that the church is a local body.



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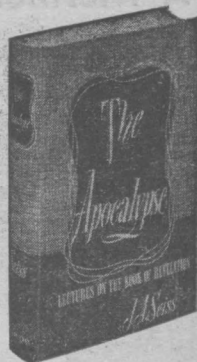
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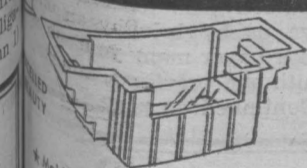
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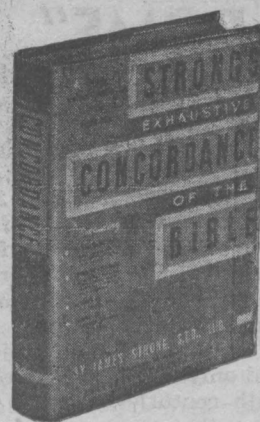
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The 8th of December, 1854, Pope Pius IX, was sitting on his throne; a triple crown of gold and diamonds was on his head; silk damask — red and white vestments on his shoulders; five hundred mitred prelates were surrounding him; and more than fifty thousand people were at his feet, in the incomparable St. Peter's church of Rome. After a few minutes of most solemn silence, a cardinal, dressed with his purple robe, left his seat, and gravely walked towards the Pope, kneeling before him, and humbly prostrating himself at his feet, said: "Holy Father, tell us if we can believe and teach that the Mother of God, the Holy Virgin Mary, was immaculate in her conception."

The supreme Pontiff answered: "I do not know; let us ask the light of the Holy Ghost." The cardinal withdrew; the Pope and the numberless multitude fell on their knees; and the harmonious choir sang the "Veni Creator Spiritus." The last note of the sacred hymn had hardly rolled under the vaults of the temple, when the same cardinal left his place, and again advanced towards the throne of the Pontiff, prostrated himself at his feet, and said: "Holy Father, tell us if the Holy Mother of God, the blessed Virgin Mary, was immaculate in her conception." The pope again answered: "I do not know; let us ask the light of the Holy Ghost." And again the "Veni Creator Spiritus" was sung.

The most solemn silence had a second time succeeded to the melodious sacred song, when again the eyes of the multitude were following the grave steps of the purple-robed cardinal, advancing, for the third time, to the throne of the "successor of St. Peter," to ask again: "Holy Father, tell us if we can believe that the blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God was immaculate in her conception." The Pope, as if he had just received a direct communication from God, answered with a solemn voice: "Yes! we must believe that the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, was immaculate in her conception." * * There is no salvation to those who do not believe this dogma! And, with a loud voice, the Pope intoned the Te Deum; the bells of the three hundred churches of Rome rang; the cannons of the citadel were fired. The last of the most ridiculous and sacrilegious comedy the world had ever seen, was over; the doors of heaven were for ever shut against those who would refuse to believe the anti-scriptural doctrine that there is a daughter of Eve who has not inherited the sinful nature of Adam, to whom the Lord said in His justice:

"Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return!" (Gen. 3:19),

and of the children of whom the God of Truth has said, "There is none righteous; no, not one; for all have sinned!" (Rom. 3:10, 23).

We look in vain to the first centuries of the Church to find any trace of that human aberration. The first dark clouds which Satan had brought to mar the Gospel truth, on that subject, appeared only between the eighth and ninth centuries. But, in the beginning, that error made very slow progress; those who propagated it, at first, were a few ignorant fanatics, whose names are lost in the night of the dark ages. It is only in the twelfth century that it began to be openly preached by some brainless monks. But then it was opposed by the most learned men of the time. We have a very remarkable letter of St. Bernard to refute some monks of Lyons who were preaching this new doctrine. A little later, Peter Lombard adopted the views of the monks of Lyons, and wrote a book to support that opinion; but he was refuted by St. Thomas Aquinas, who is justly considered by the Church of Rome, as the best theologian of that time. After that, the celebrated order of the Franciscans used all their influence to persuade the world that "Mary was immaculate in her conception;" but they were vigorously opposed and refuted by the not less celebrated order of the Dominicans. These two learned and powerful bodies, during more than a century, attacked each other without mercy on that subject, and filled the world with the noise of their angry disputes, both parties calling their adversaries heretics. They succeeded in driving the Roman Catholics in Europe into two camps of fierce enemies. The "Immaculate Conception" became the subject of burning discussions, not only between the learned universities, between the bishops and the priests and nuns of these days; but it divided families into two fiercely contending parties. It was discussed, attacked and defended, not only in the chairs of universities, and the pulpits of the cathedrals, but also in the fields, and in the very streets of the cities. And when the two parties had exhausted the reasons which their ingenuity, their learning, or their ignorant fanaticism could suggest to prove or deny the "Immaculate Conception," they often had recourse to the stick and to the sword to sustain their arguments.

It will appear almost incredible today, but it is a fact, the greatest number of the large cities of Europe, particularly in Spain, were then reddened with the blood of the supporters and opponents of that doctrine. In order to put an end to these contests, which were troubling the peace of their subjects, the Kings of Europe sent deputation after deputation to the Popes to know, from their infallible au-

thority, what to believe on the subject. Philip III. and Philip IV. made what we may call supreme efforts to force the Popes, Paul V., Gregory XV., and Alexander VII. to stop the shedding of blood and disarm the combatants, by raising the opinion in favor of the Immaculate Conception to the dignity of a Catholic dogma. But they failed. The only answer they could get from the infallible head of the Church of Rome was, that "that dogma was not revealed in the Holy Scriptures, had never been taught by the Apostles, nor by the Fathers, and had never been believed or preached by the Church of Rome as an article of faith!"

The only thing the Popes could do to please the supplicant kings and bishops, and nations of Europe in those days, was to forbid both parties to call the other heretics; and to forbid to say that it was an article of faith which ought to be believed to be saved. At the Council of Trent, the Franciscans, and all the partisans of the "Immaculate Conception," gathered their strength to have a decree in favour of the new dogma; but the majority of the bishops were visibly against that sacrilegious innovation, and they failed. It

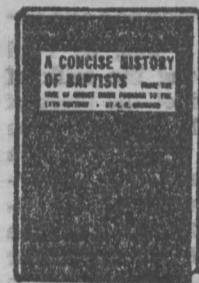
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was reserved to the unfortunate Pius IX. to drag the Church of Rome to that last limit of human folly. In the last century, a monk, called Father Leonard, had a dream, in which he heard the Virgin Mary telling him: "That there would be an end to the wars in the world, and to the heresies and schisms in the church, only after a Pope should have obliged, by a decree, all the faithful to believe that she was 'immaculate in her conception.'" That dream, under the name of a "celestial vision," had been extensively circulated by means of little tracts. Many believed it to be a genuine revelation from heaven; and, unfortunately, the good natured but weak-minded Pius IX. was among the number. When he was in exile in Caeta, he had himself a dream, which he took for a vision, on the same subject. He saw the Virgin, who told him that he should come back to Rome, and get an eternal peace for the church, only after he should have promised to declare that the "Immaculate Conception" was a dogma, which every one had to believe to be saved. He awoke from his dream much impressed by it; and the first thing he did when up, was to make a vow to promulgate the new dogma as soon as he should be back to Rome, and the world has seen how he has fulfilled that vow.

But, by the promulgation of this new dogma, Pius IX., far from securing an eternal peace to his church, far from destroying what he is pleased to call the heresies which are attacking Rome on every side, has done more to shake the faith of the Roman Catholics than all their

enemies.

By trying to force this new article of faith on the consciences of his people, in a time that so many can judge for themselves, and read the records of past generations, he has pulled down the strongest column which was supporting the whole fabric of his church; he forever destroyed the best arguments which priests had to offer to the ignorant, deluded multitudes which they keep so abjectly tied to their feet.

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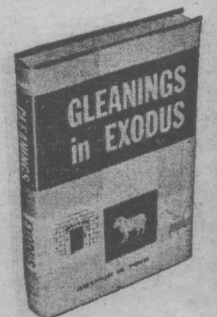
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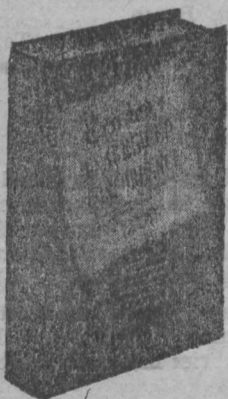
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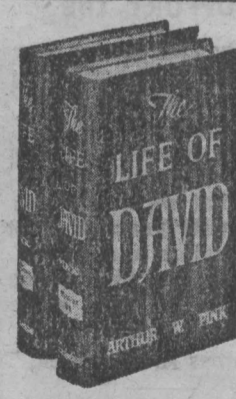
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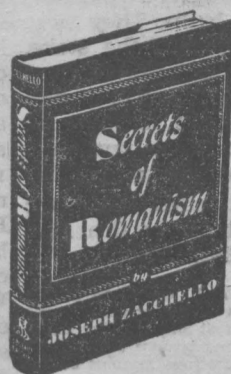
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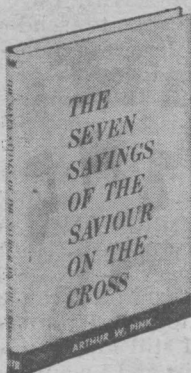
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nonsenses, those precious and dear illusions, are impossible! they have to confess that those highly sounding denunciations against what they call the new doctrines of the heretics, were nothing but big guns loaded to the mouth to destroy the Protestants, which are discharging their deadly missiles against the crumbling walls of the Church of Rome. They have to confess that their pretensions to an unchangeable creed is all mere humbug, shameful lies; they have to confess that the Church of Rome is FORCING NEW

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Polycarp

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no one saw the speaker, but the voice was heard by those of our people who were there. Thereupon he was led forth, and great was the uproar of them that heard that Polycarp had been seized.

Then said the Proconsul, "I have wild beasts; if thou repent not, I will throw thee to them."

But he said, "Send for them. For repentance from better to worse is not a change permitted to us; but to change from cruelty to righteousness is a noble thing."

Then said the Proconsul again, "If thou dost despise the wild beasts I will make thee to be consumed by fire, if thou repent not."

And Polycarp answered, "Thou threatenest the fire that burns for an hour and in a little while is quenched; for thou knowest not of the fire of the judgment to come, and the fire of the eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly. But why delayest thou? Bring what thou wilt."

As he spake these words and many more, he was filled with courage and joy; and his countenance was full of grace, so that not only did it fall not in dismay at what was being said to him, but on the contrary the Proconsul was astonished, and sent his herald to proclaim thrice in the midst of the stadium, 'Polycarp hath confessed himself to be a Christian.' When this was proclaimed by the herald the whole multitude of Gentiles and Jews who dwelt in Smyrna cried out with ungovernable rage and in a loud voice, 'This is the teacher of Asia, the father of the Christians, the destroyer of our gods, that teacheth many not to sacrifice nor worship.' They kept shouting this, asking Philip, the Asiarch, to loose a lion at Polycarp. But he said that it was not lawful for him, since he had finished the sports. Then they decided to shout with one accord that he should be burned alive.

And now things happened with such speed, in less time than it takes to tell; for the mob straightway brought together

timber and faggots from the workshops and baths. They were about to nail him to the stake, when he said, 'Let me be as I am. He that granted me to endure the fire will grant me also to remain at the pyre unmoved, without being secured with nails.'

When he had ended his prayer the firemen lighted the fire. And a great flame flashed forth.

Polycarp (69-155 A.D.) had been taught by the Apostle John and later became the pastor of the church at Smyrna. The document recording the martyrdom of Polycarp is one of our most precious remains of the second century.

Fred T. Halliman

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am a missionary and I believe in supporting missions. I know of no greater missionary in the world than THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. We would not have you think that we are taking from the funds of this mission, i.e., the SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST MISSION, to send to T.B.E. We have a small account with the Bank of America in San Francisco, that we use for personal needs, and this offering has come from our personal account. With it we send our prayers and trust that God will continue to use T.B.E. in the future as He has in the past.

To the working staff of T.B.E. we continually thank God for you also. We know that some of you are and have for years given of your time ex gratis in order that folk like myself could have a real Baptist paper to read. Others of you receive a regular salary from the shop, but whatever your position and whether you get paid or not we thank God for you and the work you are doing.

Where there is a great man and a great church, you'll always find a great woman behind it all. And, as is usually the case, one of the cogs that turns the great wheel is seldom ever mentioned. It is my personal opinion that Sister Gilpin is one of the greatest assets to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Though her work insofar as the paper is concerned is obscure to the public, but I for one know that she plays a great part in helping to keep T.B.E. in the mails. Sister Gilpin, I want you to know that Georgia and I deeply appreciate you and your work. May I ask that all of you present at this gathering tell Sister Gilpin how much you love her and appreciate what she has and is doing for T.B.E. May the God of all grace bless each of you, and keep T.B.E. in the mails till Jesus comes.

Sincerely,
Fred T. Halliman

True Baptists

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but do not rush to the conclusion that such a church has ceased to be a church of Jesus Christ. If a member comes to you with a letter from such a church you should inquire about his baptism. Was he baptized by the authority of a Baptist church? If not just

tell him kindly that you can receive him on his baptism. he was baptized by the authority of a Baptist church then his error of having associated with an error church would be only an error and should not bar him from membership. But any baptism not administered by a regular Baptist church is not a scriptural baptism and should not be received by any of our churches. We can fellowship the members of such a church without fellowshiping their error just as we fellowship the members of non-union churches but do not fellowship the members of the Church without fellowshiping their sins and errors and we should, like Paul, seek to correct such errors in our brethren everywhere.—Baptist and Christian, June 8, 1927.

Thank You!

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son, Kentucky, and Brother Layson Patrick of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland. After the much appreciated letters were enjoyed by those present, Brother Jim Everman, pastor of King's Addition Baptist Church (which is the mother church of Calvary Baptist Church) presented a most challenging and warming message from God's Word. To say the least, it was an evening long to be remembered by those present.

This is one Rally Day which was appreciated most deeply by the editor of this paper. Naturally the large offering which was contributed is definitely a help to us from the business end of the paper. However, the offering of the letters presented an encouragement that we have never known in the past quarter of a century of editing this paper.

We have had lots of problems within the past year as a result of our stand for the truth. We have been standing square through the years for the points of Calvinism, for the authority of the local church, and for the authority of Baptist baptism. I do not say that a Catholic, a Campbellite, nor a Russian church is as good as a Baptist Church. In fact, Jesus has had but one church on earth—Baptists. All others of the Catholic and Protestant denominations are running without being commissioned, they are baptizing without authority, and their churches are totally devoid of the Holy Spirit.

It is the preaching of the truths concerning the doctrine of grace and the church, which makes THE BAPTIST EXAMINER different from other papers. We consider this offering of these letters very definitely a clasp of confidence relative to the doctrines for which we contend.

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