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

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THE TITANTIC SANK, THOUGH A CREW MEMBER SAID . . .

"NOT EVEN GOD CAN SINK THIS SHIP"

It was a cold night in April. A glass smooth sea glided a large and beautiful ship. This floating palace was 11 stories high and 4 city blocks long. She was the size of a small town and carried that many people. Her 2,207 passengers aboard were worth a collective \$1,250 million dollars. The "unsinkable Titanic" left Southampton, England on her maiden voyage to New York. When one of the passengers seemed a little uneasy about the safety of the ship, a crew member replied, "Lady, not even God can sink this ship." The Titanic was the largest and the most luxurious liner ever put to sea. Plush carpets covered the floors. There were ball rooms, swimming pools, bars, private sun rooms, five grand pianos, and a Turkish Bath, the world's first sea going masseuse.

The captain was rated as one of the most able commanders of all times. He had worked with the White Star Lines for the past 30 years. He had sailed the sea many times. After this trip he had planned to retire for he was past 59 years of age. But fate didn't see it that way. The "Unsinkable Titanic" went down the first time she was put out to sea. Over 1,500 persons lost their lives in the icy 28 degree waters.

On Sunday, April 14th things were going as usual. There had been warnings of ice bergs along the way. Captain Smith received five warnings during the day. The last message told him exactly where to expect the berg. Under usual conditions a ship would have slowed down, but not the Titanic. She couldn't sink anyway. About 11:00 p. m. in the evening a stranded ship, the Californian had sent a wireless message telling about the ice. She had been completely blocked by the drifting ice since 10:30 p. m. The Wireless Operator of the Titanic sent the message back, "Shut up, Shut up!" Ice warnings meant nothing to him.

At 11:00 p. m., just 40 minutes after the Californian had sent her warning message, the great Titanic came to a sudden stop. (Continued on Page 5, Column 1)

The Master's Face

"I had walked life's way with an easy tread,
 Had followed where comforts and pleasures led,
 Until one day in a quiet place
 I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal,
 Much thought for my body but none for my soul,
 I had entered to win life's mad race,
 When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see
 That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed upon me,
 And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
 While my castles melted and vanished away.

Melted and vanished, and in their place
 Naught else did I see but the Master's face;
 And I cried aloud, "Oh make me meet
 To follow the steps of Thy wondrous feet."

My thought is now for the souls of men,
 I have lost my life to find it again,
 E'er since one day in a quiet place
 I met the Master face to face."

A Helpful Bible Study As To Each Believer

By Pastor John W. Reynolds
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"Much more than being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."—Rom. 5:9,

I THE BELIEVER'S STANDING BEFORE GOD.

Being justified means that one is in the right kind of "standing" before God. The word Justify is a legal term; legally it means that such an individual has been brought into the court of justice and has been found, before the law, with nothing against him so far as the law is concerned. An example would be for a man to commit murder, and to be arrested and indicted for the crime, but when the day of his trial before the bar of Justice arrives it is found, after searching that nothing is on the law against him. What is the result? What has taken place? Has anything wrong taken place? Let's assume that an arrangement has been made before the

court and in the presence of the jury whereby another one—one of the man's kinsmen — has vol-



Eld. John W. Reynolds

unteered and has been accepted to be tried in the guilty man's place and the sentence of death has been placed upon this kinsman and he has been executed in the place of the guilty one. The law against murder has been upheld, and justice has been met, — not by the one who committed the murder — but by his substitute. Therefore the guilty (Continued on Page 8, Column 2)

HOW LONG WAS CHRIST IN THE GRAVE?

When was Christ buried? The usual answer is, "on Friday." If this be true then Christ was in the grave two nights and one day — Friday night, Saturday, and Saturday night.

Christ promised more than once that He would be in the grave three full days and three full nights. Matt. 12:40; John 2:19-22. If we say He was not in the grave three days and three nights we might as well deny any other cardinal doctrine. We might as well say He was not virgin born, that He worked no miracles, that He did not actually die on the cross. If we deny one doctrine we might as well deny them all.

We must go back and consider the Jewish calendar. The first day of the month came on Wednesday. Once each year the Jews observed what is called the Passover Feast. The Passover was celebrated beginning on the evening of the fourteenth day from the first of the month. Lev. 23: (Continued on Page 7, Column 2)

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Why Baptists Do Not Take The Immersion Of Others

By W. M. Nevins
 Lexington, Kentucky

"Thou art Peter (Petros) and on this rock I will build my church (assembly) and the gates



Elder Wm. Nevins

of hell (hades) shall not prevail against it (her)." (Matt. 16:18). From seventy years experience with young church members — and some old — I am convinced not one in ten can give the Scriptural and historical reasons why we as Baptists do not accept ALIEN IMMERSION. For the

benefit of these young Christians and some older, perhaps, I want to state briefly the principal reasons why we reject ALIEN BAPTISM.

1. CHRIST NEVER BUILT BUT ONE CHURCH. All other so-called churches are human organizations, founded by men and women and not by Christ. The Kiwanis Club has as much right to start a church as Alexander Campbell, Mary Baker Eddy, Joe Smith of the Mormons, or John Wesley, or Martin Luther or John Calvin. None of these had a right. They do some good, but they are not divine organizations, and have no right to administer the divine ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

2. CHRIST BUILT HIS CHURCH WHILE HERE, ABOUT 30 A.D. It was built before the day of Pentecost, because we are told that on that day and the days following the Lord added to the church those that were being saved. Acts 2:47. Also in Matthew 18:14-17 Christ tells us that in dealing with a brother who has trespassed against us and will not hear us and repent, to tell it to the church (assembly). So in Matthew 16 He says He will build His church, and in Matthew 18 He speaks of the (Continued on Page 8, Column 3)

FIRST THINGS PUT FIRST

When a boy gets up at four o'clock in the morning to deliver papers, people say he is a getter. If the church were to do the same boy to get up at the same time to do some work for the Lord, the world would say, "What's asking too much work of the boy."

A woman spends eight hours a day from home, working in the garden or raising a garden, she is called an energetic wife. If, however, she is willing to do the same thing for the church, they say, "Religion has gone to her head." This is a crazy world indeed — the first things come last, and the last things come first. Matt. 23:33. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE STARTLING CHRIST"

"So shall he sprinkle many nations."—Isa. 52:15. Perhaps it might be well for me to say that this has been the Scripture the Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and all the balance of the sprinkling crowd have cited as a foundation for their unscriptural practice of sprinkling for baptism. May I say in passing that this word "sprinkle" has gotten into the Bible, in just about the same way, that the word "Easter" got into it. We read:

"And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions

of soldiers to keep him; intending after EASTER to bring him forth to the people."—Acts 12:4. Anybody who knows anything about the Greek language, knows that the word "Easter" is not the proper translation. It is the word that is translated "passover" again, and again, and again, in the Bible. The King James version of the Bible was made in 1609 under the authority of King James of England, and religiously, the crowd that translated, or produced, this King James Version of the Bible were members of the Church of England, or what we call the Episcopal Church in this

country. All of them believed in sprinkling for baptism. All of them believed in religion. All of them believed in religious rites and festivals, and they had no way to get Easter in the Bible, except by just deliberately putting it there, knowing at the time they did so, they were definitely doing violence to the Greek language. There is not a student of the Word of God, but will tell you that this word for "Easter" in Acts 12:4 should be "passover." In fact, the majority of Bibles that are published, that have a marginal reference, will tell you (Continued on Page 2, Column 1)

HOW'S YOUR ADVERTISING?

A man who ran a restaurant in the old days advertised for a boy to help him. One boy came in and applied for the position. The man told him that he would pay him \$10.00 per week and meals. "How good are the meals?" asked the boy. The man patted his stomach and said, "I eat here." He was a good ad for the restaurant and the boy immediately took the job. Are you a good ad for your church? What are some of the most beautiful ads that you see today in the various magazines? They are the liquor ads. They print marvelous pictures about "Four Roses," "Three Feathers," and "Old Grandd." Jesus said that "the children of this world are wiser than the children of light." If evil men present their product in the most attractive way, why should not Christians do the same (Continued on Page 8, Column 5)

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Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Greetings to you in the name of our precious Saviour's name.

I have just read the letter from George Ginn of Australia which you have put in one of your recent TBE's, and it seemed to strike home awfully hard. It made me do a lot of thinking and I just had to write you about it.

Doesn't this man's experience—a man who in his own words has no living soul closer than 50 miles to him—yet he was reached by the long arm of God via our modern use of the air waves, doesn't this just bring out the sovereignty of God?

This letter of George Ginn has made me marvel even more at this great doctrine—the great truth, the sovereignty of God, His goodness—HIS LOVE.

Let's all of TBE readers shout with joy that we have a sovereign God who is not limited to the scope that our own carnal mind can understand—again I say let's shout for joy and praise—praise and praise his name again and again.

This is all I have to say Bro. Gilpin, except I am truly sorry to have missed the conference. I have read all the "My Impressions" and by some, or I should say all of the testimonies, I really missed something. Next year I will try hard to get there, and Lord willing I will.

May God bless you Bro.

Yours in Christ

David Shortt (Canada)



"The Startling Christ"

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in the margin that the word for "Easter" is actually the word for "passover." So the word "Easter" got there because some individuals loved their religious system more than they loved the Word of God. Rather than do away with their religious system—rather than do away with their religious days of worship, they put it into the Bible, whereas, in reality, it did not belong there.

The very same thing is true so far as the word "sprinkle" is concerned, in Isaiah 52:15, when it says, "So shall he sprinkle many nations." Those individuals that translated the Bible knew

that wasn't the proper word. The word that is translated "sprinkle" is just as foreign to the meaning as is the word "Easter" in Acts 12:4. In fact, if you will read this passage of Scripture, you can see no connection between sprinkling and all the balance that follows. Notice the whole verse:

"So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider."—Isa. 52:15.

I ask you, do you see any connection between the first part of that verse and the balance of the verse? Not at all. But let's put the proper word in and see if you see the connection between the first part of the verse and the last part. The word "sprinkle" should actually be translated "startle," so that it should read:

"So shall he startle many nations. The kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider." The whole idea of the entire verse of Scripture is that of a person being startled, shocked, astonished; something taking place out of the ordinary. So it refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as startling many nations.

As I say, beloved, if this passage of Scripture had been properly, accurately, and carefully translated, we would never have had the word "sprinkle" in the Old Testament in this particular instance. Tonight, I want to take this Scripture and give you a message that I believe will be blessed of God, as we study it in the light of what it actually says: "So shall he startle many nations."

The word for "startle" and the word for "astonish" are virtually the same. The word "startle" is in the Old Testament, and the word "astonish" is primarily found in the New Testament. If you will notice very carefully, the idea is that the Lord Jesus Christ, as expressed in this text, is going to startle the nations.

Let's see how this word is used elsewhere. We read:

"Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were ASTONIED."—Dan. 5:9.

Just prior to this, the king had been putting on a big banquet for a thousand of his lords and ladies and nobles. The handwriting had come on the wall just as the king lifted his glass to drink a toast.

LONG-TIME READER DEEPLY LOVES US FOR OUR STAND

Dear Friend and Bro. in Christ:

Of course I will never know what it is to put out a paper like the TBE and another thing I hope I will never know about, is what it would be like to be without the TBE. I have before me now my first edition of TBE dated 10-16-33. I still remember how interesting it was to me then a babe in Christ, and can truthfully say it is now and has always been very interesting and welcome and helpful and enlightening and may the Lord permit you to remain to send out these much needed truths in these last days.

After reading the paper for the last 32 years, you know what goes on in my heart. I am 70 yrs. old now and many months ago I sold and left my farm and moved away from the S.B.C. church of which I was a member and have never moved my letter to another S.B.C. church and never expect to, as I couldn't do so and be faithful to my convictions.

Harry Bayless
(Illinois)

He saw that finger writing on the wall, and the Word of God tells us how his countenance was changed, his thoughts troubled him, and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. Thus he called for his magicians, and astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers—the brain trust of the country, to read the writing to him. All of them shook their heads and said, "It can't be done."

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The Word of God says that these wise men failed in making known to the king the interpretation of this writing on the wall, and then it says that his lords were astonished. They were completely startled at this writing on the wall. This handwriting that appeared on the wall not only caused the king's knees to smite one against the other, but it caused his lords to be astonished, or shocked, at what they saw.

Let's come to the New Testament and find this word again. Notice:

"And he trembling and ASTONISHED said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."—Acts 9:6.

This was at the time when Saul was converted and became the Apostle Paul. The Word of God tells us that as the light shined round about him, Saul fell to the ground, and as he raised up, he said, "Lord, what wilt thou

have me to do?" The Scripture's say that Saul said this as he was trembling and astonished. Saul was completely shook up, startled, and astonished at the things that had happened.

Let's notice another instance of individuals that were astonished: "But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened the door, and saw him, they were ASTONISHED."—Acts 12:16.

They had had a prayer meeting especially to get Peter out of jail. They didn't have any way to bail him out. Nobody could go his bond. Nobody knew the judge well enough to speak a word in his behalf. The only thing that was left to them was prayer. So they prayed that God would get Peter out of jail.

There were sixteen soldiers, three gates, and two chains between Simon Peter and liberty. Can you imagine him being guarded by sixteen soldiers, with three gates shutting him on the inside, and he himself chained with two chains? As they prayed, the chains fell off his hands, the gates opened of their own accord, and the soldiers stood silently and allowed Peter to go free. When he got to the house where they had been praying for his release, the Word of God says he knocked on the door, and when he told them who he was, the little girl ran and said, "It is Peter. Our prayers have been answered." They said, "It can't be; it is his angel." When he continued knocking, they came, and looked, and saw him, and it says that they were astonished.

Let's notice another instance: "And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head, and of my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been carried away and I sat ASTONIED until the evening sacrifice."—Ezra 9:3, 4.

If you will read this book of Ezra you'll find that Ezra was one who came back from Babylonian captivity to rebuild the temple. The Word of God tells us that when Ezra came back, the remnant that came with him lost their separated position to the extent that they began to have fellowship with the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, and all the rest of the heathen nations round about, and they married and intermarried with them. Ezra said, "when I saw this thing, I was so shocked I tore my hair, I pulled my beard out of my face, and I rent my clothes. I was astonished."

If you will read these passages of Scripture you can see how the word "shocked" or "startled" or "astonished" is used at various places in the Word of God.

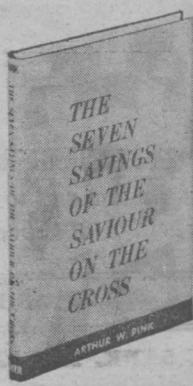
Now coming directly to my text, it says, "So shall he sprinkle many nations," and I would like to show you how the Lord Jesus Christ has startled the nations.

CHRIST WAS STARTLING IN HIS DOCTRINE.

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of God you'll find that the doctrine the Lord Jesus Christ preached was a startling doctrine. It was startling in his day. For example, we read:

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were ASTONISHED at his doctrine."—Mt. 7:28.

This was the end of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew 5, 6, and 7 have been preached. Jesus has ended this long sermon, and the Bible says that the people were astonished, startled, and shocked at His doctrine—even more than that, for the word "astonished" comes from a compound Greek word. If I were describing a prize fight in the Greek language in which one of the individuals had been completely knocked out, I would use exactly the same word that is translated "astonished" here. It is the word in the Greek, "ek-pleso" meaning "out of," and "pleso" meaning "knocked," so in reality when it says that the people were astonished at His doctrine, actually it says that they were knocked out. The Lord Jesus Christ delivered a spiritual knockout the day He delivered this Sermon on the Mount, as recorded in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. I say, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ was startling in His doctrine. Go back and read this Sermon on the Mount. You'll never read its like anytime, anywhere, any place. You have never read anything to compare with it. I say that it is no wonder the people were "ek-plesoed." It is no wonder that they were knocked out. It is no wonder that they were shocked and astonished as a result of His message.

We find the same truth presented to us again. Listen:

"And when the multitude heard this, they were ASTONISHED at his doctrine."—Mt. 22:33.

What was the doctrine that He preached? It was the doctrine of the resurrection. It was the resurrection that He had been insisting upon in the verses just preceding, and it says that they were astonished at His doctrine.

Notice again how they were

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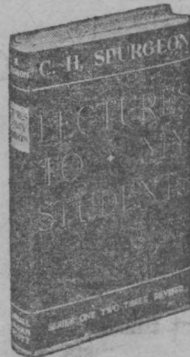
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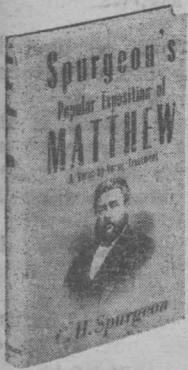
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The Startling Christ

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And they were **ASTONISHED** at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes."—Mark 11:22.

What was it that Jesus had preached in the verses just before this? The Word of God doesn't tell us. It does say that He had entered into the church building in Jerusalem, but what He taught we do not know. However, there is one thing that we do know, and that is, the audience was astonished at the message or doctrine that Jesus Christ had preached.

Let's notice another example: "And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was **ASTONISHED** at his doctrine."—Mark 11:18.

What did He preach in the verses just before this? The Word of God tells us how He had come to the temple, and had cleansed the temple, when He found men desecrating the house of the Lord, buying and selling, and doing things there that they should not have done. The Lord Jesus Christ drove those who were desecrating the temple out, and said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves." When it says that the people were astonished at His doctrine. Beloved, they were astonished that He revered the house of the

Lord, and put God's house in such a high position.

Notice again: "And they were **ASTONISHED** at his doctrine: for his word was with power."—Luke 4:32.

Jesus had been in the synagogue in Nazareth. He had read to them a passage of Scripture. He said, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Then they took Him out on the brow of the hill where the city was built, to throw Him headlong over the brow of the hill, that they might kill Him. They had heard enough. They didn't want a mad man like that running around loose telling them that He was the fulfiller of the prophecy relative to the Messiah, so they desired to kill Him, but He escaped out of their hands, and the Word of God says that the people at large were astonished at His doctrine, for His word was with power.

So when I come to my text that says "He shall sprinkle (or startle) many nations, I say to you first of all that Christ was startling in His doctrine.

Beloved, the doctrines of Jesus Christ are just as startling today, whenever the Word of God is preached. I don't care where you go, if the Word of God is preached, it will startle the congregation. I challenge you to go any place and preach a sermon on the doctrine of election; or preach a sermon on the doctrine of security, how we are secure in Christ Jesus; or preach a sermon on the doctrine of redemption, that Jesus Christ died to pay for our sin debt in full—all sin, past, present and future; or preach a sermon relative to the church and tell them the church was established in the days of the ministry of Jesus Christ, and that that church began before the day of Pentecost, and people will be startled at what you have to say. If you read them a passage of Scripture concerning it, they'll be startled to find that it is there within the Word of God.

I say to you, beloved, Jesus Christ was startling in His doctrine when He was here in the days of His flesh, and His ministry and doctrines are just as startling today. The world is shocked, astonished, and startled at the truth that is recorded and found in the Word of God.

II

CHRIST WAS STARTLING IN HIS DISCOURSES.

Let's notice some of the messages that Jesus gave and see how the people were startled at His discourses. We read:

"And all that heard him were **ASTONISHED** at his understanding and answers."—Luke 2:47.

Here the Lord Jesus had been separated from His parents going on three days. They had left Him at the temple where they had gone to worship, when Jesus was twelve years old. They had assumed that He was in the crowd, and had gone off and left Him there in the temple. They were gone from Him a day, and it took them a day to get back, and on the third day they found Him in the temple sitting in the

midst of the doctors of the law, asking them questions, hearing them, answering their questions, and it says that they were amazed. The Scripture tells us that the people that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and at His answers. I say, beloved, Christ was not only startling in His doctrine, but he was startling in His discourses as well.

Notice again:

"And Jesus looked around about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they were **ASTONISHED** out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?"—Mark 10: 23-26.

I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ was startling in His messages. Listen to this discourse that He has just given to this crowd. He has taken the experience of the rich young ruler who loved his gold more than he loved God, who, when he was tested by the Lord, showed he loved his money more than he loved his master. When this young ruler used his gold to become a golden bar to shut fast the gates of Heaven against him, whereas it might have become a golden key to loose them, the Lord Jesus then

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said to the crowd roundabout, "How hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!" Then He went on to say that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it would be for a rich man to enter into Heaven.

You say a camel couldn't go through the eye of a needle. Generally speaking, that is true. But, beloved, God can work a miracle, and God can put a camel through the eye of a needle. He may enlarge the needle, and He may streamline the camel, but God can put a camel through the eye of a needle. It is a miracle, beloved, but God can do it.

That is exactly what salvation is. Salvation is a miracle, and God can work a miracle, and God can save even a rich man. The crowd was astonished. I say to you, they were startled at His discourses.

Let's notice another of His discourses:

"And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were **ASTONISHED**, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?"—Mt. 13:54.

Jesus had just finished this great sermon, the seven parables which had to do with the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven.

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The people said, "He grew up here in town. We know Him. We know His brothers and sisters, and we know His mother and foster father Joseph. Where did this man get this wisdom?" They were startled at His discourses.

Beloved, I contend that if the Lord Jesus Christ were to come back to Ashland, and were to preach one of these great sermons here in Ashland, the people in this town would be startled at the discourse of the Son of God. I am convinced that there's mighty few people who know the truth, mighty few people who want the truth, and mighty few people that are interested in the truth, and if the Son of God were to come to the average Baptist Church in Ashland, the people would be startled, shocked, and astonished at the discourse that the Lord Jesus Christ would bring.

III

CHRIST WAS STARTLING IN HIS DEEDS.

Let's notice some of His deeds and see how He startled the people. We read:

"And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were **ASTONISHED** with a great astonishment."—Mark 5:42.

What had happened? A little 12-year-old girl had died and they had gone after Jesus. Jesus had paused long enough that He might raise her dead body to life. The Word of God tells us that the parents were amazed, and the crowds were amazed. They were shocked and they were startled. It says that they were astonished with the greatest astonishment. That is the strongest expression you find in all the New Testament language, that they were astonished with a great astonishment. Why, beloved? They were startled at this deed that Jesus Christ had wrought this far-reaching miracle that the Lord Jesus Christ had performed.

Notice again: "And were beyond measure **ASTONISHED**, saying, He hath done all things well: He maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."—Mark 7:37.

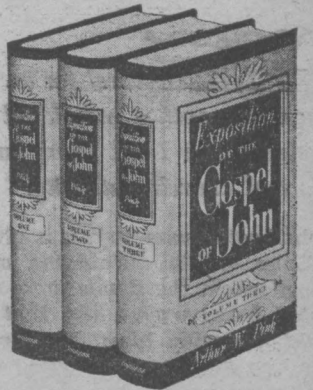
Just preceding this the Lord Jesus Christ had healed a deaf and dumb man. Now that He has healed him, the Word of God says that the crowd was astonished at the deed that He had wrought.

Listen again: "For he was **ASTONISHED**, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken."—Luke 5:9.

Just prior to this they had made a miraculous draught of fishes. The Word of God tells us how the Lord Jesus had told Simon to let down the nets for a draught. Simon Peter did exactly what he always did—he wanted to argue the matter with the Lord. He said, "Lord we have been out fishing all night and haven't taken a single thing, and you tell us to let down the nets for a draught. Why should we do it? Nevertheless, since you say it, I'll do it." The Word of God says that though they hadn't caught a single thing all night long, and though it was a bad night for fishing, when they pulled the nets up, they had such a great multitude of fish, that the net broke. Then it was that they had to call their partners over to

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help them, for they were going to lose all this big catch of fish. They came, and they filled both their vessels to the extent that the vessels began to sink under the weight. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down before the Lord Jesus and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man. I am astonished. I am shocked beyond measure. I am startled at this deed that you have wrought."

Beloved, I imagine it was a startling thing. They had been fishing all night and hadn't taken a single thing. Why would the fish bite better in the morning than they did at night? Why would it be that at that particular time and place, they would catch so many fish that they couldn't hold them in one boat, and they required two boats, and then the boats began to sink? Why would they have that experience at that time, when they fished at that same place all night, and hadn't taken a single fish? No wonder Simon Peter was astonished, or startled, at this deed on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ.

So I say, beloved, Christ was startling in His doctrines, He was startling in His discourses, and He was startling in His deeds.

IV

CHRIST WAS STARTLING IN HIS DEATH.

Can you imagine Jesus Christ dying? Can you imagine God dying? The very fact of it ought to startle us. The very fact that we speak about God dying should startle every one of us. He had lived a perfect life and there wasn't a single sin within His life, and thus there was no reason for Him to die. The Word of God says concerning Him:

"Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and (Continued on Page 4, Column 4)

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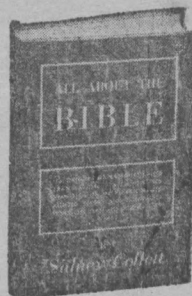
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"Is it Scriptural for an individual, a saved person, to witness to another individual or teach another individual concerning the Lord Jesus and his Word without first having formal church authority?"

The best answer to this is given in Luke 8:38,39. "Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, saying, return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had

place until I can call my church together and get authority to tell you about the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first thing a born again person should do is to follow the Lord in baptism, and thus align himself, or herself with a Scriptural, New Testament church (that is, a Scripturally organized and Scripturally conducted Baptist Church). Then, from there on out he, or she has all the authority needed for telling lost individuals about the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord could use the witness of a person who is not even a member of a church if He chose to do so, but the one who does the witnessing has no right to expect a reward for his labor since he, or she has not put first things first. If we would hear that "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" we must do it His way. First be baptized into His church, and then go to work for His glory.

done unto him." This is the responsibility of every child of God.

It is true that the church alone has the authority to preach to the lost and teach the saved. (Matt. 28:18-20). It is also true that the church must send out any preacher or missionary. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." (Acts 13:2,3). Any preacher going out without church authority is out of order and has no authority.

We are not talking about God called preachers here. We are talking about the individual saved person. Each person must witness by his life as well as with words. "Ye are the light of the world..." (Matt. 5:14). "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16).

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When it comes to formal teaching, that is, teaching that is planned ahead of time, and which is done regularly, I believe the teacher should have formal church authority. But, let us not go "hog wild" on the subject. If we have a door of opportunity opened unto us to witness to some lost person we could certainly not say to that person, You stay put, don't you leave this

Yes, it is scriptural for one to witness to another individual without first receiving formal church authority.

"And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not; for he that is not against us is for us." Luke 49-50.

In these verses we hear the disciples complaining because one was witnessing of the power of God, but without formal church authority. This man was witnessing of the same God as was the apostles; he was telling the same things as were the disciples; he was fighting the same enemy as they were, yet without formal church authority. Christ in replying to their complaint does not condemn this man, but rather condones his work, when he said, "he that is not against us is for us."

Now I realize that many use Luke 9:49,50 to justify union meetings and to condemn those who oppose false doctrine, stating that the Lord never condemned this man for his witnessing. The reason that the Lord did not condemn him is that he was telling the truth. Neither did the dis-

ciples condemn him because of his teaching, but because he followeth not with them. The Lord was always careful so that He would not be inconsistent, what He did at one time He would do at any given time, and He was always quick to condemn false doctrine. See Math. 23:13-36.

Therefore the man who was witnessing of the power of God and was witnessing without formal church authority was witnessing in a Scriptural manner, and had the approval of the Lord upon it.

For further proof that one does not need formal church authority to speak to another about the Lord is found in the Gospel of John.

"The woman then left her waterpots, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men; Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did, is not this the Christ?" John 4:28-29.

This Samaritan woman was surely a saved person, and when she came to the realization that Christ was the Messiah, she went immediately to tell others, and this without formal church authority.

"And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue; whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly." Acts 18:26. Aquila and Priscilla who no doubt were members of the church at Ephesus, but when they witnessed to Apollos, there is no record that they secured formal church authority before they instructed him more thoroughly in the Word of God.

Many are the times that I witness to other individuals about the Lord, but I do not go and get formal church authority every time that I witness to others, about the Lord. Neither do the members of the churches of which I am pastor seek formal church authority to talk to another individual about God's Word. For if formal church authority must be secured before one could talk to another about the Lord, many opportunities to speak for our Lord would be lost because we did not have formal church authority.

However, when one is witnessing in the name of the church, and with the thought of baptizing and establishing churches, then he must have formal church authority for this type of witnessing. The establishing of churches is the work of the church, and it is not the work of an individual, or groups of individuals outside of the church. Paul and Barnabas were given church authority before they started their first missionary journey.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Acts 13:2.

From this verse, it is clear that one must have church authority to establish churches and to baptize.

Therefore my answer to this question is, that it is Scriptural for one individual to talk to another individual without church authority.

Certainly I believe it to be right and Scriptural for any saved person to witness for the Lord Jesus anywhere, any time, without having to receive special authority for such. Moreover, I believe that it is the most natural thing in the world for persons saved from a life of gross sin, to begin to tell others about it before they have had either time or opportunity to take membership in a church. The Bible says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," and I believe that redeemed people will say so. I remember two illustrations of

this very vividly. As a boy I knew a man who was one of the most wicked, vicious characters that I have ever known. He was so mean that I heard it predicted time and again that some man would kill him. During a revival he was somehow induced to attend church one night. He listened as if the gospel was something that he had never heard before — and indeed it is doubtful if he had ever heard it. An awful

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sense of conviction seemed to strike that man, and before the service was over he had made what I might term a violent profession of faith in Christ. The next day I saw that man busy witnessing to people — everybody who would listen to him — telling them of the wonderful thing that had happened to him. He didn't wait for baptism or church membership — he got busy witnessing immediately.

The second instance is equally vivid. I had occasion to deal with an old woman. She was over 80 and had gone to church, and could neither read nor write. I had an awful time trying to make clear to her how to be saved. Finally she got into such a concerned state that she spent a sleepless night. I was anxious to know if she had finally trusted Christ to save her, and her neighbor furnished me with the answer. She said, "Mrs. B — walked two miles down a dusty road in the August heat, to tell her bootlegger son that he ought to turn to Christ for salvation." I wasn't surprised when she presented herself the next Sunday for baptism. The point I make however is that she didn't wait for baptism or church membership in order to witness to her lost son. Neither did Andrew of whom it is written (Jno. 3:41) "He first findeth his own brother Simon... and he brought him to Jesus."

"The Startling Christ"

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made higher than the heavens."
—Heb. 7:26.

There was no sin in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why would He die? Death comes as a result of sin, and Jesus Christ had never sinned. How could the Son of God die? To talk about His death, to even refer to Jesus Christ dying is a startling thought in itself, yet the Word of God tells us how He did it. He died of His own volition. Listen:

"Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, YIELD-ED UP THE GHOST."—Mt. 27:50.

The word for "yielded" is the word "dismissed." He dismissed His spirit. The Greek word there

is a word that implies an act of His own volition. He didn't die like you and I die. He died because He Himself dismissed His own spirit. Startling? It is no wonder that the text says, "He shall startle many nations." Christ, I say, was startling in His death.

The Word of God indicates something more concerning His death, for we read:

"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again"—John 10:18.

Yes, beloved, the death of Jesus Christ was a startling thing.

The Word of God indicates that Christ died not as an ordinary person, but that He laid down His life for us. Listen:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith! how for the joy that was set before him ENDURE."

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Notice another Scripture: "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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were still in evening dress.
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y. The captain lifted his
phone and shouted, "Women
children first!" While boats
filled, the captain ordered
and to play. The ragtime
could be heard far out into
ight. The last of the boats
filled at 2:05 a. m.

The Titantic was going down fast. The life boats moved off into the lonely night. Hundreds of swimmers were crying for help. A few were heard praying. Those in the life boats could still hear the ragtime music in the night air and only at 2:15 did the band change to the old hymn, "Nearer My God To Thee."

Hundreds of swimmers thrashed the 28 degree water. Some were clinging to the wreckage. Some were clinging to each other. Captain Smith dismissed the crew from their duties and told them, "Now it is every man for himself." Some of the men jumped into the icy waters. Most of them stayed with the ship. No one knew what happened to the captain.

The lights went out, came on again and went out for good. At 2:20 the sea closed over the flag-staff and she was gone. As the cries died away, the night became strangely peaceful. The agonizing suspense of the sinking Titantic was gone — just 3 hours after the impact with the ice.

The words of that person keep coming back to me. "Lady, not even God can sink this ship."
—Selected

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into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."—Luke 23:46.
Notice how He cried—"with a loud voice."

I have seen pictures of Jesus as He came down to die, with His head hanging down on His breast, just barely breathing slowly, but surely expiring. Beloved, that is not the way that Jesus died. The Word of God would tell us that Jesus came down to the end and cried with a loud voice. He dismissed His spirit. I tell you, beloved, He was startling in His death.

When I consider why He died, and think that He died for you and for me is more startling than ever. Listen:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS, according to the scriptures."—I Cor. 15:3.

"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."—I Pet. 3:18.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."—I Pet. 1:18, 19.

Beloved, can you imagine anything more startling than this? The fact that Jesus died, the fact that God in the flesh could die, the fact that He endured the cross, and died by an act of His own volition when He dismissed His spirit, and to consider that He died for us, surely this is a startling fact—the fact of the death of Jesus Christ.

I say, beloved, He was startling

in His doctrine, He was startling in His discourses, He was startling in His deeds, and He was startling in His death.

V

CHRIST WILL BE STARTLING IN HIS DESCENT WHEN HE COMES AGAIN.

It is going to be a startling thing when Jesus comes again. Listen:

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."—I Thess. 4:14-17.

What a marvelous passage! He is coming, and beloved, He is going to startle this world when He comes. He is coming with a shout. He left this world with a shout as He died, and He is coming back with a shout, when He returns in the sky.

If you will go back and read in the Old Testament, it will be interesting to find how the trumpet was blown, but that trumpet hasn't been blown for a long time. Yet one of these days, a trumpeteer is going to give a blast on that trumpet that will be heard around this world, and the dead in Christ are going to rise, and those of us who are alive are going to be caught up together with Him in the air, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord." The Lord will be startling in His descent when He comes again.

Let's see if there aren't going to be some startling things take place.

I can imagine a train out here on the main line that has a Christian engineer and a Christian fireman at the throttle. I can imagine some Christian people riding on that train. But there is going to be a wreck out there. "He was one of the best engineers on the line. I just don't understand what has happened," says the president of the railroad. They get into the wreckage and they don't even find the engineer. There are his clothes, and there's the clothes of the fireman, but they are not there. They go back through the wreckage of the cars and there they find the clothes of lot of people, but the people are not there. They begin to look and there is not a babe on that train; there is not an innocent child on that train. They have been taken. I tell you, beloved, it is going to be startling when the Lord Jesus Christ makes His descent to catch away His own.

Or there is a car going down the highway that is driven by a Christian man, and all of a sudden that car swerves across the highway into the path of another car. When they get out and look, there are the clothes of the driver, there's the wreckage of the car, but the driver is no where to be seen. He has been taken, and a car has careened on and crashed with another car. Don't tell me it is not going to be a startling day when the Lord Jesus Christ descends, and comes again for His own.

Out at the airport two planes are just taking off. As they go up, suddenly one of those planes goes into a tailspin and falls, and the cargo of passengers are killed. When they begin to search, the president of the airlines says, "I don't understand it. The plane was in perfect condition and had just been serviced, and he was the best pilot we had. Let's call for an investigation, and see what was wrong." They can't even find the pilot. There is his helmet, there are his goggles, and there is everything that he was wearing, but he is gone. A child of God was taken away. The world is shocked at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I can imagine the funeral home with the mortician working over the body of some godly saint. I think about some of the godly individuals that I have known in my lifetime. You can see heaven inscribed in their visage. I can see a mortician as he labors over that body, getting it ready to be viewed for the last time by people. As he does, the body suddenly is picked up, and the mortician looks and wonders what has happened to the body on which he was working. Don't tell me it is not going to be a startling experience when Jesus Christ comes again.

Out here in the hospital is a doctor in the midst of an operation. If he is a Christian, they'll need another doctor to finish that operation. If the individual that is being operated on is a Christian, the doctor will be shocked beyond measure when he finds that his patient has left him. Maybe even under sedation, or maybe even under anaesthesia the patient has left him and gone out into the skies to be with the Lord. Don't tell me it isn't going to be a time when people are going to be shocked at the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to this world.

I can see the bankers the next day after the return of Christ when they begin to scratch their heads and say, "What are we going to do with this money? There is no body to claim it." I might say in passing, beloved, that Christian people should have their money in the service of the Lord rather than in the bank drawing interest.

Do you know who is going to do the biggest business in the world at the time of Christ's return? The fortune tellers. Everybody will run to a fortune teller to see what is going on, and to find out what is happening. The star gazers, the astrologers, the fortune tellers, the soothsayers will do a land office business the next day after the Lord Jesus Christ has taken the Christians away.

The toy manufacturers are all going to pull their hair the next day after Christ's descent. Do you know why? They will have all those toys left on their hands, and no children to sell them to. The people that manufacture clothing for babies will also pull their hair the next day when they realize that the babies have all been taken.

There is a revival meeting in progress. The preacher leaves. His clothes are there. The singer leaves and his clothes are left behind. Many of the congregation leave. There will be some left. You know, beloved, there won't be a single person there to pronounce the benediction. There will not be one single saved person left to say "Amen" at the close of the service. Don't tell me it isn't going to be a startling event.

I'll grant you that next Sunday, they'll have services. There will be plenty of preachers left behind, in fact, I am rather of the opinion there'll be more preachers left behind to carry on than there will be carried away. But it is going to be a startling day.

I can imagine individuals who are saved, in prisons and penitentiaries. The warden is going to start looking for them. They'll think there has been a jail break and they'll look to see if there has been any bars sawed out, or if somebody has taken a monkey wrench and loosened the bars of the cells. They'll find clothes behind, but nobody there. The Christian people have been caught away.

Every cemetery over this land is going to look like a bulldozer has run through it when the saints of God come out of those graves and are caught up to be with the Lord. Shocking? Amazing? Startling? You say, "Brother Gilpin, it won't be like that. I just can't believe it will happen that way. I believe that God will see to it that the train stops. God will see to it the airplane stops. I just can't help but believe that it will all work out smoothly when the Lord catches them away." I tell you, beloved, I don't believe God is going to do one thing to take care of a crowd of rebellious devils that have been continually in rebellion against Him from the days of Adam down to this time. I'll read you one passage of Scripture (Continued on Page 7, Column 1)

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The Holy Scriptures say that an abyss calls for another abyss (ABYSSUS ABYSSUM INVO-CAT). Psa. 42:7: "Deep calleth unto deep."—A.V. That axiom had its accomplishment in the conduct of Bishop O'Regan. When once on the declivity of iniquity, he descended to its lowest depths with more rapidity than a stone thrown into the sea. Not satisfied with the rich vestments of the French Canadian Church of Chicago, he planned iniquity which was to bring upon him, more than ever, the execration of the Roman Catholics of Illinois. It was nothing less than the complete destruction of the thriving congregation of my French Canadian countrymen of Chicago and St. Anne. The removal of the French-speaking priest of Chicago from his people, as well as my removal from my colony, were determined.

Our churches were at first to be closed, and after some time sold to the Irish people, or to the highest bidder, for their own use. It was in Chicago that this great iniquity was to begin. Not long after Easter, 1856, the Rev. Mons. Lemaire was turned out, interdicted, and ignominiously driven from the diocese of Chicago, without even giving the shadow of a reason, and the French Canadians suddenly found themselves without a pastor. In a few days after, the parsonage they had built for their priest in Clark Street was sold for \$1,200 to an American. The beautiful little church which they had built on the lot next to the parsonage, at the cost of so many sacrifices, was removed five or six blocks southwest, and rented to the bishop of the Irish Catholics for about \$2,000 per annum, and the whole money was pocketed, without even a word of notice to the countrymen.

Though accustomed to his acts of perfidy, I could not believe at first the rumours which reached me of those transactions. They seemed to be beyond the limits of infamy, and to be impossible. I went to Chicago, hoping to find that the public rumour had exaggerated the evil. But alas! Nothing had been exaggerated!

The wolf had dispersed the sheep and destroyed the flock. The once thriving French congregation of Chicago was no more! Wherever I went, I saw tears of distress among my dear countrymen, and heard the cries of indignation against the de-

stroyer. Young and old, rich and poor among them, with one voice, denounced and cursed the heartless mitred brigand, who had dared to commit publicly such a series of iniquities, to satisfy his thirst for gold and his hatred of the French Canadians.

They asked me what they should do; but what could I answer! They requested me to go again to him and remonstrate. But I showed them that after my complete failure when I had tried to get back the sacerdotal vestments, there was no hope that he would disgorge the house and the church. The only thing I could advise them was to select five or six of the most influential members of their congregation to go and respectfully ask him by what right he had taken away, not only their priest, but the parsonage and the church they had built, and transferred them to another people. They followed my advice. Messrs. Franchere and Roffinot (who are still living) and six other respectable French Canadians, were sent by the whole people to put those questions to their bishop. He answered them: "French Canadians! You do not know your religion! Were you a little better acquainted with it, you would know that I have the right to sell your churches and church properties, pocket the money, and go, eat and drink it where I please." After that answer they were ignominiously turned out from his presence into the street. Posterity will scarcely believe those things, though they are true.

The very next day, Aug. 19th, 1856, the bishop having heard that I was in Chicago, sent for me. I met him after his dinner. Though not absolutely drunk, I found him full of wine, and terribly excited.

"Mr. Chiniquy," he said, "you had promised me to make use of your influence to put an end to the rebellious conduct of your countrymen against me. But I find that they are more insolent and unmanageable than ever; and my firm belief is that it is your fault. You, and the handful of French Canadians of Chicago, give me more trouble than all the rest of the priests and people of Illinois. You are too near Chicago, sir, your influence is too much felt on your people here. I must remove you to a distant place, where you will have enough to do without meddling in my administration. I want your service to Kahokia, in my diocese of Quincy; and if you are not there by the 15th of Septem-

ber next, I will interdict and excommunicate you, and forever put an end to your intrigues."

These words fell upon me as a thunderbolt. The tyranny of the bishop of my church, and the absolute degradation of the priest whose honour, position and life are entirely in his hands, had never been revealed to me so vividly as in that hour. What could I say or do to appease that mitred despot? After some moments of silence, I tried to make some respectful remonstrances by telling him that my position was an exceptional one; that I had not come to Illinois as his other priests, to be at the head of an existing congregation, but that I had been invited by his predecessor to direct the tide of the emigration of the French-speaking people of Europe and America. That I had come to a wilderness which, by the blessing of God, I had changed into a thriving country, covered with an industrious and religious people. I further told him, that I had left the most honourable position which a priest had ever held in Canada, with the promise from his predecessor that, as long as I lived the

do all that religion and honour will allow me to prevent such a dark spot from defiling my name, and the man who does try it, will learn at his own expense that I am not only a priest of Christ, but also an American citizen. I respectfully tell your lordship that I neither smoke nor use intoxicating drinks. The time which your other priests give to those habits, I spend in the study of books, and especially of my Bible. I found in them, not only my duties, but my riches; and just as I am determined, with the help of God, to perform my duties, I will stand by my rights." I then immediately left the room to take the train to St. Anne.

Having spent a part of the night praying God to change the heart of my bishop, and keep me in the midst of my people, which were becoming dearer and dearer to me, in proportion to the efforts of the enemy to drive me away from them, I addressed the following letter to the Bishop:

To the Rt. Rev. O'Regan, Bishop of Chicago:

My Lord: The more I consider your design to turn me out of the colony which I have founded, and of which I am the pastor, the more I believe it a duty which I owe to myself, my friends, and to my countrymen, to protest before God and man against what you intend to do.

Not a single one of your priests stands higher than I do in the public mind, neither is more loved and respected by his people than I am. I defy my bitterest enemies to prove the contrary. And that character which is my most precious treasure, you intend to despoil me of by ignominiously sending me away from among my people! Certainly, I have enemies and I am proud of it. The chief ones are well known in this country as the most depraved of men. The cordial reception they say they have received from you, has not taken away the stains they have on their foreheads.

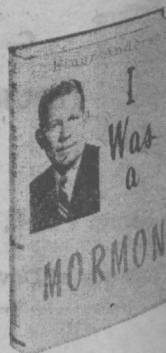
By this letter, I again request you to make a public and most minute inquest into my conduct. My conscience tells me that nothing can be found against me. Such a public fair dealing with me would confound my accusers. But I speak of accusers, when I do not really know if I have any. Where are they? What are their names? Of what sin do they accuse me? All these questions which I put to you, last Tuesday, were left unanswered! And would to God that you would answer them today, by giving me their names. I am ready to meet them before any tribunal. Before you strike the last blow on the victim of this most hellish plot, I request you, in the name of God, to give a moment's attention to the following consequences of my removal from this place at present.

You know I have a suit with Mr. Spink at Urbana Court, for the beginning of October. My lawyers and witnesses are all in Kankakee and Iriquois counties; and in the very time I want most to be here to prove my innocence and guard my honour, you order me to go to a place

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more than three hundred miles distant! Did you ever realize that by that strange conduct, you help Spink against your own priest? When at Kahokia, I will have to bear the heavy expense of traveling more than three hundred miles, many times, to consult friends, or be deprived of their valuable help! Is it possible that you thus try to tie my hands and feet, and deliver me into the hands of my remorseless enemies? Since the beginning of this suit, Mr. Spink proclaims that you help him, and that, with the help of perjured priests, you have promised to do all in your power to crush me down! For the sake of the sacred character you bear, do not show so publicly that Mr. Spink's boastings are true. For the sake of your high position in the church, do not so publicly lend a helping hand to the heartless land speculator of Le'Erie! He has already betrayed his Protestant friends to get a wife; he will, ere long, betray you for less. Let me then live in peace here, till that suit is over. By turning me away from my settlement, you destroy it. More than nine-tenths of the emigrants come here to live near me; by striking me you strike them all. When will you find a priest who will love that people so much as to give them, every year, from one to two thousand dollars, as I have invariably done! It is at the cost of those sacrifices that, with the poorest class of emigrants from Canada, I have founded, here, in four years, a settlement which cannot be surpassed, or even equaled, in the United States. (Continued on Page 8, Column 1)

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life of a good priest, I should not be disturbed in my work. As I soon perceived that he was too much under the influence of liquor to understand me, and speak with intelligence, I only added:

"My lord, you speak of interdict and excommunication! Allow me to respectfully tell you that if you can show me that I have done anything to deserve to be interdicted or excommunicated, I will submit in silence to your sentence. But before you pass that sentence, I ask you, in the name of God, to make a public inquest about me, and have my accusers confront me. I warn your lordship, that if you interdict or excommunicate me without holding an inquest, I will make use of all the means which our holy church puts in the hands of her priests to defend my honour and prove my innocence; It will, then, be at your risk and peril that you will pass such a sentence against me."

My calm answer greatly excited his rage. He violently struck the table with his fist, and said: "I do not care a straw about your threats. I repeat it, Mr. Chiniquy, if you are not at Kahokia by the 15th of next month, I will interdict and excommunicate you."

Feeling that it was folly on my part to argue with a man who was beside himself by passion and excess of wine, I replied: "With the help of God, I will bear the infamy of an interdict or excommunication. I will

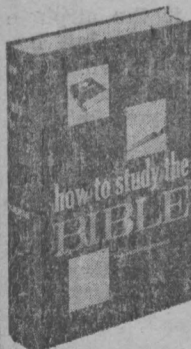
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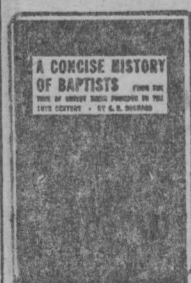
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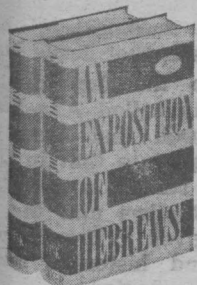


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that I think answers it for-
Listen:

because I have called, and ye have not answered; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But I have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my counsel: I also will laugh at your folly; I will mock when your time cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind when distress and anguish come upon you, then shall they say upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, they shall not find me: For they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: Prov. 1:24-29.

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ing. He is going to be sitting up in Heaven laughing at man because man has always been in rebellion against Him.

CONCLUSION

I come back to my text which says that Christ is going to startle many. Christ was startling in His doctrine, He was startling in His discourses, He was startling in His deeds, He was startling in His death, and Christ will be startling in His descent when He comes again. How I thank God for this truth!

Why didn't the translators of the Bible put the proper word in so people wouldn't be misled and led astray? I don't know, but I thank God for this blessed truth — the startling Christ. May it please God that this startling Christ might startle you that are unsaved to such an extent that you'll turn to Jesus Christ, put your trust in Him, having repented of your sins, and believe the Gospel, and be saved. May God bless you.



How Long In Grave?

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4-5. It was kept in the month Abib (our April).

Christ kept this Passover with His disciples fourteen days from the first of the month Abib which would make it fall on Tuesday. Now let us carefully notice the last events in the life of Jesus leading up to His resurrection:

Tuesday Evening

* He ate the passover. Matt. (Continued on Page 8, Column 5)

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BAPTISTS IN PROPHECY AND HISTORY

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Prov. 22:8.

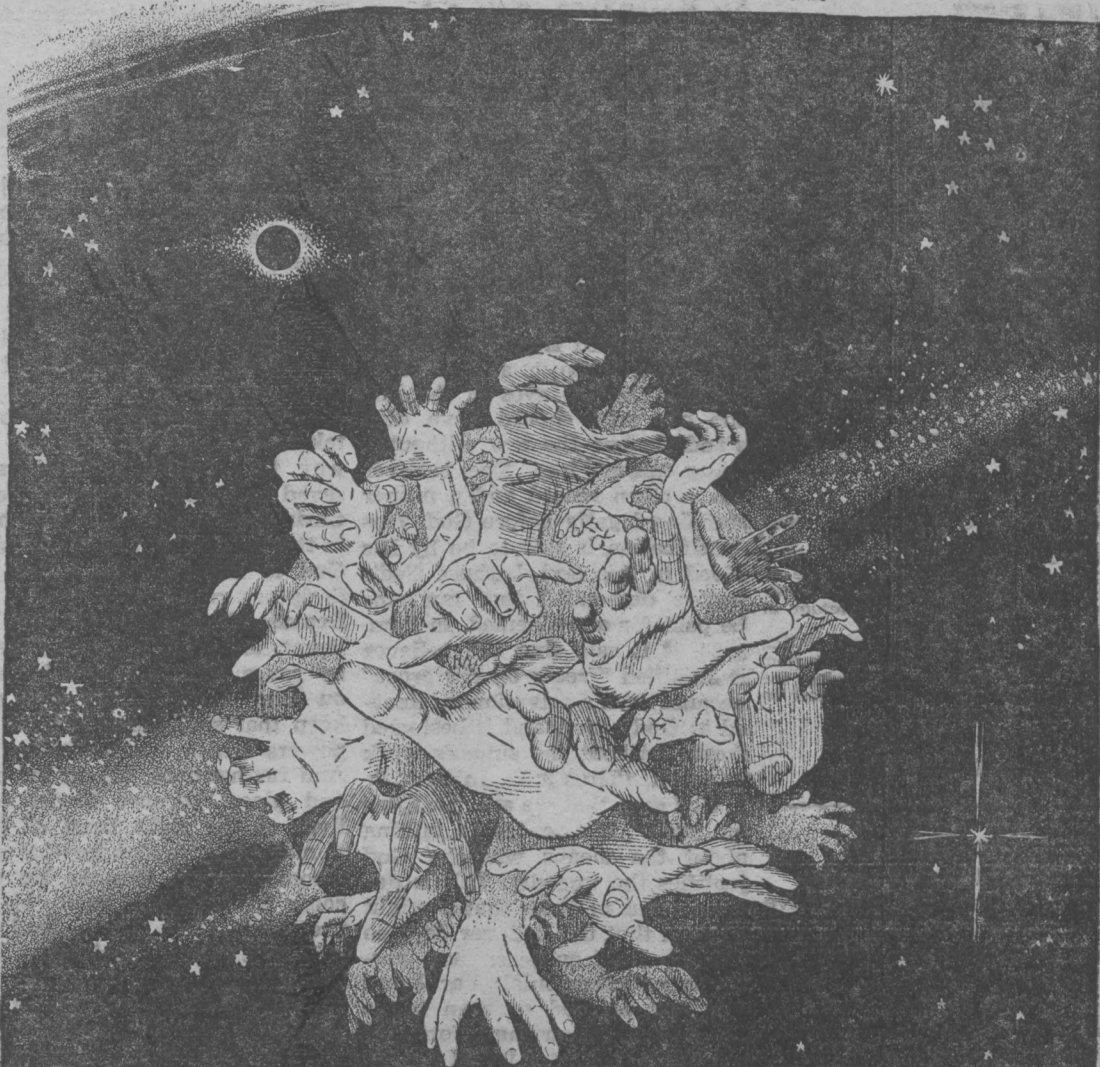
Isaiah the prophet received his call to the ministry about the year 740 B. C. and in his prophecy of John the Baptist, who prepared the material out of which Christ established the Church, said, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 40:3.

John the Baptist applied this prophecy to himself in these words: "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness make straight the way of the Lord as said the prophet Esais." John 1:23.

John the Baptist, who was the first Baptist preacher, began his public ministry in the wilderness in the year of A.D. 30. God ordained and commissioned him to institute the ordinance of baptism and to prepare the way of the Lord. The Baptist had been preaching in the wilderness and baptizing in the river Jordan about six months when Jesus walked sixty miles to receive baptism at the hands of the first Baptist preacher. John the Baptist preached repentance and steadfastly refused to compromise with the world and baptize any who did not bring forth fruits meet for repentance. Baptist elders of today are preaching salvation by grace and baptizing believers only and keeping the ancient landmark in the Church which was placed there in the New Testament days.

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your end; you fight and make war. You have not, because you do not pray; you ask and yet do not receive, because you pray wrongly, your object being to waste on your pleasures what you acquire."

--Jas. 4:1-3 (Weymouth Trs.)

APES WATCH PEOPLE ON TV

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Ed. Note:—We have felt like it was this way all the time.

—By Elder H. Howard
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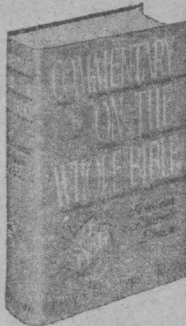
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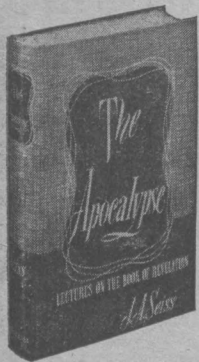
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Fifty Years

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its progress. And now that I have spent my last cent to form this colony, you turn me out of it. Our college, where one hundred and fifty boys are receiving such a good education, will be closed the very day I leave. For, you know very well the teachers I got from Montreal will leave as soon as I will. Ah! If you are merciless towards the priest of St. Anne, have pity on these poor children. I would rather be condemned to death than to see them destroy their intelligence by running in the streets. Let me then finish my work here, and give me time to strengthen these young institutions which would fall to the ground with me. If you turn me out or interdict me, as you say you will do, if I disobey your orders, my enemies will proclaim that you treat me with that rigour because you have found me guilty of some great iniquity; and this necessarily will prejudice my judges against me. They will consider me as a vile criminal. For who will suppose, in this free country, that there is a class of men who can judge a man and condemn him as our bishop of Chicago is doing today, without giving him the names of his accusers, or telling him of what crimes he is accused? In the name of God, I again ask you not to force me to leave my colony before I prove my innocence, and the iniquity of Spink, to the honest people of Urbana. But if you are deaf to my prayers, and if nothing can deter you from your resolution, I do not wish to be in the unenviable position of an interdicted priest among my countrymen; send me by return mail, my letters of mission for the new places you intend trusting to my care. The sooner I get there the better for me and my people. I am ready! When on the road of exile, I will pray the God of Abraham to give me that fortitude and the faith He gave to Isaac, when laying his head on

the altar, he willing presented his throat to the sword. I will pray my Saviour, bearing His heavy cross to the top of Calvary, to direct and help my steps towards the land of exile you have prepared for your devoted priest, Chiniquy.

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The Believer

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goes free, because another died for him. In the eyes of the law the one who should have died stands before the law without a thing against him. The believer has a clean record and a proper standing legally before God. This Justification is said to be by His blood in this text, because God's justice demanded that our sins be paid for or redeemed. In Rom. 3:24, it is said that the believer is Justified "freely by His grace" because such a salvation originated in God's love, and is bestowed freely without the sinner's work or merit. (Titus 3:5). In Rom. 5:1, God says that we are "justified by faith." Here He is talking about the means whereby God justifies the ungodly. This is declared thus in order that it might be seen that the believer does no act of righteousness; nor performs no ceremonial; nor keeps any law of God or man to be placed in the standing before God whereby nothing is found against him. It is simply by faith, and "that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8,9).

II

THE BELIEVER'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD.

The second part of the subject has to do with Reconciliation.

This is the Believer's Attitude Toward God. "We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son." v. 10. Reconciliation means Peace. When one is reconciled to God it means he has Peace with God. That is certainly the work of God. Sin separated the sinner from God; and because of this sinful, depraved condition of the lost sinner his mind was at enmity with God, and was not subject to God's rule. (Rom. 8:7). There was only hatred, and a conflict with God in the individual sinner. He could only go away from God. (Eph. 2:2,3). This attitude has been inate in the fallen guilty sinner ever since Adam sinned against God and made us all sinners. That's why you do not love God now, lost sinner. That's why you cannot enjoy, and will not enjoy the fellowship of God and His people.

The curse of sin, which is spiritual death, brought this curse upon or within man, and the only way it could be removed was by the death of Christ upon the cross. It is by the death of God's Son that we are reconciled to God. That is why it is said that Jesus Christ is our Peace. (Eph. 2:14).

How and when does the lost sinner receive this Peace with God? See Rom. 5:1 for the answer: "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God."

This is the way, and the only way, for one to have the right attitude toward God.

III

THE BELIEVER'S DELIVERANCE IN THE DAY OF GOD'S WRATH.

The third part of the subject, and the text under discussion is how the believer is saved from wrath; or delivered in the day of God's wrath.

Rom. 5:9 says, "We shall be saved from wrath through Him."

Rom. 5:10 says, "We shall be saved by His life."

These two verses have been taken by some to mean that the way for one to have his soul saved is by the good example of Christ's life while He was here in the world. But this is not what God is saying here. What the Scripture really says is that (1) Because Christ died for the believer, and rose again He thereby saves the soul who believes on Him (Acts 16:30) and will keep that soul securely from all powers which would destroy it. And furthermore, (2) in the second place, because Christ ever lives at the right hand of God to make intercession for that soul whom He died to save, He will come from heaven again, as He promised. (Jno. 14:6). And He will call all His saints — His saved ones — up out of this old wicked world, both the dead and living saints, and hide them under His protection where He will be then until the tempest — or terrible wrath is past that He will pour out on the world and the ones left in it after the saved

and cannot be the church that Jesus built. Some of them claim to be.

But let us look into history: Roman Catholic, about 300 A.D. Lutheran, Martin Luther, 1521. Presbyterians, John Calvin, 1532.

Episcopalians, Henry VIII, 1533. Methodist, The Wesleys, 1730. Christians, Alexander Campbell, 1827.

Mormons, Joe Smith, 1830. Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, 1879.

3. CHRIST GAVE TO HIS CHURCH TWO ORDINANCES, BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

In baptism there are four essential elements:

1. A Scriptural Candidate.
2. A Scriptural Mode.
3. A Scriptural Design.
4. A Scriptural Authority or Administrator.

It is a question of authority. Who has a right to administer baptism? Just anybody or the church to which He committed the ordinance? A foreigner wants to become a citizen of the United States. To do so he must take an oath of allegiance. Can just anyone administer the oath? No, he must go to some one who has the authority. So to be baptized the one who administers the baptism must belong to the church that Jesus built, the church to which He committed the ordinance.

Jesus Himself set the example. There are many beautiful pools and crystal streams around Nazareth where Jesus lived. Aenon near Salem where John was baptizing in the Jordan River was sixty miles away. But when the time for Christ to be baptized came, He did not go to some Tom, Dick, or Harry and say, "Take me down to the pool and baptize me," but walked the sixty rough miles to John who had divine authority, and who said, "And I knew Him not, but He who sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining on Him is He that baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." (John 1:33).

As to the baptism administered by these human so-called churches, the Catholics violate all four necessary elements, Campbell who asserted that there is no way to the blood of Christ save through the waters of baptism violated three, and all of them violate the fourth, they have not the authority. The modern liberal Campbellite today no longer believes in baptismal salvation. When I was a lad, they had a song, "Come every father's son and daughter, here's salvation in the water," and when one made profession, they rushed him immediately to the river, for they believed that if he died before he was baptized he would be lost. Many of them no longer teach nor believe that.

So they come and say we believe as you do, and have been immersed, so why can you not take us on our baptism? Our reply is, "Who baptized you? Did he have authority? Were you baptized by one on the authority of the church that Jesus built or by some human organization?" We cannot accept ALIEN BAPTISM, baptism so-called, administered by some organization other than the church that Jesus built.

As to the fact the Baptists originally called Ana-Baptists is the church that Jesus built, I cannot go into that in this brief paper. I refer you to my book on Alien Baptism and the Baptists which gives in detail the Scriptural and historical facts that cannot be denied.

The tragedy is that as pastors and churches we are not teaching our young converts and members these great truths, and fortify them against this heresy of alien baptism that will wreck any church that it invades.



How Long In Grave?

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26:19; Mark 14:12; Luke 22:7.

* Instituted the Lord's Supper immediately after eating the Passover. Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:17-25; Luke 22:17-20.

* Went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Matt. 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46.

* Betrayed by Judas, arrested and carried before the Sanhedrin court. Matt. 26:49-68; Mark 14:43-65; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:3-11.

Wednesday Morning

* Sent to Pilate to be tried. Matt. 27:1-2; Mark 15:1; Luke 23:1.

* Treated unmercifully, condemned to die. Matt. 27:16-32.

* Led to Golgotha and crucified. Matt. 27:33-34.

Wednesday Afternoon

* Gave up the ghost around 4:00 p.m. Matt. 27:46-50 (the Jewish day began at 7:00 a.m. and ended at 7:00 p.m.).

* Buried late in the evening. Matt. 27:57-61.

Christ was in the grave Wednesday night, all day Thursday night, Friday, and Saturday night and all day Saturday, and arose shortly after 7:00 a.m. on Sunday night. This gives Him three full days and three full nights in the grave just as the Bible says.

One more question that needs clarification: Why does it imply that they buried Him on Friday? It doesn't. This has been handed down to us by the Catholics. There was a High Sabbath. It began on Thursday and lasted the rest of the week. So the day before the Sabbath was Wednesday. See Matt. 27:62-66; John 19:31.

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are taken out. It will be through Him that the saved will be delivered (or saved) from destruction in the day of His wrath. See Psa. 27:5; 1 Thess. 4:13-16.

"In the time of trouble He will hide me in His pavilion, in the secret of His tabernacle will He hide me."

"Heaven shall open, and the Lord Himself shall descend; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air."

In this verse 10 of Rom. 5th Chapter, He says we (God's children) shall be saved (delivered) by His life, or by the life He lives now at the right hand of God. He is our ever living High Priest, and because He lives we shall live (not be destroyed with world) also.

John 14:19: "Yet a little while and the world seeth Me no more; but ye see Me: because I live ye shall live also."



Immersion Of Others

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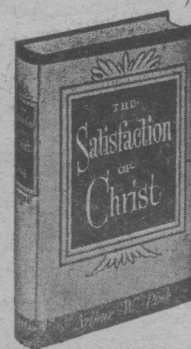
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