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READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 1966!

A medical missionary was traveling to a distant outpost to provide help for the sick. As he neared the village, a package containing various medicines and pills fell from one of the carriers and broke open. Pills were scattered all over the ground. Some were salvaged, but most of them had fallen in the mud and dirt, and the medical missionary went on his way, leaving them there. Soon, however, one of the quack native doctors heard about what happened and quickly scurried off to the spot to gather up the remaining pills. He placed them all in a jar and later labeled it, "Assorted Pills."

Some weeks afterwards, someone asked him about the jar of Assorted Pills, noticing the various sizes and colors.

"Oh, these," he said, "are the most sought-after of any of my

drugs. I give them only to the patients whose cases I do not understand."

While most of us readily recognize the incompetency of such a manner of treatment, at the same time few of us realize that this is the same way in which



many people read the Bible. One day they will read a Psalm or two, the next day perhaps a chapter from Romans, and then the next day maybe a chapter in Genesis, or back to the Psalms; and thus week after week. Their

reading is simply a conglomeration of assorted passages.

When we realize that one can read the Bible through in a year simply by reading three chapters a day and five on Sunday, we see that the task is really not too difficult. Thus I would like to recommend that you take the time to read your Bible through in 1966. It will be one of the most profitable things you will do in the New Year.

Let me give you five reasons why we ought to read the Bible through in 1966. First, because of the Person it presents. Whether we read in the Old Testament or the New Testament, there is one Person portrayed throughout. In the Old Testament, to a certain extent, He is concealed; while in the New Testament He is revealed. Who is this Person? Jesus (Continued on page 8, column 3)

God's Ways

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

"Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs
And works His sov'reign will.

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

"His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

"Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain."

—Cowper 1779

Deadly Deceptions Used By Satan To Catch Unwary

By ROY MASON
Aripeka, Florida

The Bible warns repeatedly against deceptions of various kinds, and the human race is prone to deception. The devil is



Eld. Roy Mason

the great deceiver, and some of the children partake of the characteristics of their father. Let me take note of some of the deceptions that human beings are prone to. (Continued on page 5, column 2)

Whether It Be An Instant Dinner, Or Instant Religion, It Is An Instant Curse

BOB NELSON
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"Hey, Mother! What are we going to have for supper?" To this inquiry the Mother answered back, "Betty, get the instant coffee out, the instant tea, the instant potatoes, the frozen meats, then I'll be right down and get supper. We'll have to have an instant supper tonight if we are going to the drive-in over in Jonesville." These are common words today in our fast moving culture. Instant foods are fast becoming the normal rather than the abnormal situation. Although we do not hear the words "instant Christianity" we find it becoming the normal way of religion.

For years now the Catholics have had instant religion with a quick confession and a brief wafer of forgiveness fitted in a brief early morning mass that does not interfere with the fleshly activities of Sunday. The liberal Protestant church makes its religion brief and quick also. In the summer months it closes down most of its activities and when it is operating a full schedule you can become a member by

simply signing a card in the foyer of the church building; thus it gets rid of the fuss of any screening committee. These religions take little time and demand very little.

Not to be outdone fundamental Christianity has also gotten into this instant Christianity. It is so popular that you can hardly find a gospel preaching church anywhere that has not in some way been infected with instant religion. Whether we like the scrutiny or not, we have it here in our church to some degree.

The first and chief way that we can see instant Christianity in conservative churches is in the matter of ETERNAL salvation. By reading the reports in church papers (sometimes called "brag sheets") we note where a certain church conducted revival meetings and scores of people were saved. In fact a description of the

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results makes one want to investigate what brought about such a large number of decisions. Six months later you drive over



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and visit this church during your vacation. To your amazement there are no more folk there than when you visited this church before. What happened? (Continued on page 2, column 5)

Preacher's Wife Shares Husband To Preach To Lost

By Mrs. Charles Spurgeon

... in the same small room occurred also a touching little scene which I have described in **Ten Years After!** but which cannot be left out of this history, for it has a right to a place here, revealing, as it does, the tenderness of my beloved's heart, while he still consistently put "first things first." He was constantly away from home fulfilling preaching engagements of long and short duration, and these frequent absences were a trial to me, though I kept faithfully to my purpose of never hindering him in his work.

But I remember how, while waiting for his return, late at night, from some distant place. I would tire of the cramped space of the tiny parlour, and pace up and down the narrow passage,—dignified by the name of "hall,"—watching and listening for the dear footstep I knew so well, and praying,—oh, how fervently!—that the Lord would care for his precious life, and avert all danger from him as he traveled back by road or rail. I can even now recall the thrill of joy and thankfulness with which I opened the door, and welcomed him home.

One morning, after breakfast, (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"REPROBATES"

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates. Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates."—II Cor. 13:5-7.

I am sure that the word "reprobate" is a word that is used by all of us from time to time, yet I rather have in mind that very few of us ever took time to see

by study what the word really means. Well, I'll say that the word "reprobate" is a word that has come down through the years as a result of testing of various types of metals. When metals are tested for their monetary value, some are found to be good, and some are found to be evil, or counterfeit. Then it is that the word reprobate is used concerning those that are counterfeit. So actually, beloved, the word "reprobate" refers primarily to metals that have been tested for their monetary value, and are proven to be counterfeit. In order that you might see

that this word is not just a modern term, listen:

"Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the Lord hath rejected them."—Jer. 6:30.

In the preceding verses Jeremiah has talked about various individuals who are walking in the ways of this world and leaving God out of consideration. He sums up these individuals by saying that they are the same as reprobate silver—in other words, the silver that is cast aside and rejected as counterfeit after having been checked for its monetary value. When we bring this over (Continued on page 2, column 3)

THE FRIGHTFUL DEATH OF LENIN

"The autopsy (of Lenin) disclosed terrible destruction in the brain. Sir Percival Phillips (an English writer) quoted (in the Daily Mail, Feb. 1, 1924) the rumor that ran through all Russia on Lenin's death.

"The once all-powerful Dictator of Red Russia spent his last days of activity crawling on all fours like a beast around the room in his carefully guarded retreat at Gorky, apologizing to the furniture for his misdeeds, the memory of which remained amid the ruins of his mind, and shouting repeatedly: 'God save Russia and kill the Jews!'"

—The Dawn

THE BACKSLIDER IS RESTORED

Henry Drummond, author of the Greatest Thing in the World, drifted away from God and Christ, through the evolutionary philosophy. But before death, he came back to Christ. He who had been an ideal manly beauty, became afflicted with a mysterious disease. But he neared the end, he asked his friend Dr. Hugh Barbour, to sing his favorite hymn, one of the best paraphrases:

"Not ashamed to own my Lord,
Or to defend His cause;
And honor all His laws.

JESUS, MY LORD, I know His
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Elder O. C. Harris of Citrus Heights Baptist Church of Citrus Heights (suburb of Sacramento) California has invited me to speak six times at his Bible Conference which is to be held April 6, 7, and 8. If all arrangements can be made then it is your editor's desire to make this trip, and visit with many brethren and friends on the west coast.

More will be said about this later, whenever we know certainly that we will be able to be in attendance.

A ROMAN HOLIDAY

By FRED JACOBS
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This 25th day of December the world celebrates what is said by Rome, to be Christ-mass, or Christmas day, and the birthday of Jesus Christ. The Word of God is not consulted. In fact, the will of God is ignored, as to whether it should be observed or not! But the early popes decreed that His birth was on 25th of December. Now, let some great Bible scholar, who just loves to celebrate the day as such, show us in the Word of God where the apostles or any of the early Christians took this day to celebrate the birth of our Lord. He, Himself did say to observe His death. If He had wanted His birthday observed He would have said so. He wouldn't have left it to the Pope of Rome!

I love to hear the gospel preached, but I am sick and tired of having to listen to it mixed with heathenish songs as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and ad nauseam. How I breathe a sigh (Continued on page 7, column 2)

How Billy Graham's Ministry Is Sadly And Grossly False

While I am by no means a Billy Graham fan, I decided to look in on one of his telecasts from Denver recently. I must confess that I am still no more in agreement with the tenor of Bro. Graham's preaching, than I was the last time I heard him. After looking over some notes that I made while looking and listening, I feel that I'd like to share the following reflections with our readers:

Bro. Graham's guest that night was singer, Ethel Waters. When Billy gave her a big introduction, she came to his pulpit and hollered out "Hi." Then she said, "When I say hi, I want to hear 'Hi' back." (I don't remember if she got it back from the congregation or not). Then, after praising Billy awhile, and calling him her sweet little boy (or something like that), she said, "I'm really eating high on the Christian hog." And then she cut loose with a silly laugh that naturally brought the same response from the huge congregation.

What is wrong with all of this, you want to know? I'll tell you: It's cheap, irreverent, and out of place in a religious service. I believe that song leaders and special singers should do their job with great reverence, dignity, and deep feeling — and leave all the cheap babbling off.

Then, the song she used in a very irreverent manner was something about "Having God as your partner." I believe it said something about "God would come along just for the ride." This, of course, is the thinking of this modern, humanistic religious system — God is your partner or sort of a "Buddy-boy." Christ is not pictured as The Absolute Sovereign King that He really is.

Of course, it is only fair that I say, I cannot blame Bro. Graham for how Ethel Waters acted or the songs she used, as I'm not sure he knew what she would say or do. I have been embarrassed in meetings myself. However, if the truth was known, I would suspect that he went along with her pretty well.

Now, as for Billy's preaching; what did he have to say? Well, he talked some about racial tensions. He said the answer to racial trouble can be found in Christ, who makes men brothers. Of course, we agree that if all men were truly in Christ and truly following Him, then there would be no race trouble. But, Bro. Graham will not dare speak out against the main agitators of the race trouble — The liberal politicians and clergymen. We can understand this, however. Billy, himself, is on their bandwagon.

Then, Billy said that the one thing that was definitely needed in our churches today is more emotionalism. And I suppose he had reference to the kind Ethel Waters introduced the show with. And then he spoke very favorably about the Selma march, telling how he looked at it on TV and noted all the ministers singing and clapping their hands, because it was something they believed in.

And, of course, he boasted of how sure he was that he was go-

ing to Heaven — as he so often does. He even said he was as sure of being in Heaven as Jesus Christ being there. We do not deny that God can give one a great deal of assurance of salvation, but we do not believe that this assurance is cheap and easy or that it is something to brag about. And the reason folk can brag about it is because they think salvation is in the hands of the individual — that one automatically gets it by walking to the front in a meeting. They think that a poor God is trying His best to get everybody to accept His Son, and that He is just so very anxious to save everyone, but that He can't really do anything unless man will let Him. And if they make the right move, they say they know they are saved. We have news for you: Salvation is of The Lord, not of man!

He preached on "Believe in Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" — but, his idea of "Believing" is not the same as the Great Reformers of old. After all is said and done, Billy says the thing that really seals your salvation is coming forward in the meeting.

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Billy Graham's ministry (as a whole) is misleading, and that he is contributing much to the liberal cause. He certainly is not a Calvinist, and neither is he a strong conservative. Therefore, I cannot support him.

—Editorial from The Christ Above All Crusader,
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Monticello, Georgia.

"Reprobates"

(Continued from page one) into the spiritual realm, the word "reprobate" means that a man is just negative to God and everything that is godly. It doesn't make any difference what it may be and it doesn't make any difference how you may test him, the man that is negative to God and negative to everything that is godly, that man is a reprobate.

A REPROBATE MIND.

The Bible talks about those who have a reprobate mind. Listen:

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a REPROBATE MIND, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiseful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable" (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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Between the BROOK ENDS

We have recently received a very large shipment of books from the "Banner Of Truth Trust" of London for review purposes.

We have gone through all of these books (rather hurriedly) but have found them to be most helpful.

We are not writing lengthy reviews of these books but are happy to give the following pertinent information concerning each of them:

"The Sovereignty Of God" by A. W. Pink. Paperback, 160 pages. Price 75c.

"Romans" by Robert Haldane. Cloth, 660 pages. Price \$4.50.

"The Early Years" by C. H. Spurgeon. Cloth, 562 pages. Price \$5.00.

"The Christian In Complete Armour" by William Gurnall. Cloth, 1200 pages, Price \$8.50.

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"The Rare Jewel Of Christian Contentment" by Jeremiah Burroughs. Paperback, 288 pages. Price \$1.00.

"The Life Of Elijah" by A. W. Pink. Paperback, 472 pages. Price \$1.25.

"Psalm 139" by Edward J. Young. Paperback, 240 pages. Price 75c.

"Unity In The Dark" by Donald Gillies. Paperback, 320 pages. Price 75c.

"Human Nature In Its Fourfold State" by Thomas Boston. Paperback, 506 pages. Price \$2.00.

Although there is one grievous error in this book, it is a "must" for the library of all sovereign grace believers. It was published in 1720, and I have one of the first editions. Buy this without fail, as it is a truly outstanding work.

"The Mystery Of Providence" by John Flavel. Paperback, 221 pages. Price \$1.00.

"Five English Reformers" by J. C. Ryle. Paperback, 528 pages. Price 75c.

Suffice to say, they are all most excellent books, and each of them should be in the library of all our readers. We would encourage you to look this list over carefully, and place your order for many of these, which are truly classics in their field.

In addition to the books mentioned above we have recently received a biography of J. Hudson Taylor, the founder of the China Inland Mission.

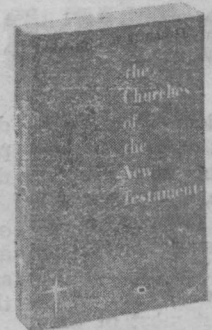
"J. Hudson Taylor" by Howard

Taylor. Cloth, 365 pages. Price \$4.95.

I don't want anyone to think that I am recommending the un-denominational work of this mission. However, the book is indeed an inspiring and challenging biography.

It, like all the other books mentioned in this paper, can be ordered directly from us.

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Instant Religion

(Continued from page one) You asked the pastor and his only defense was that these folks were saved but just don't attend. These missing converts were told that by one act of faith of coming forward they now, once and for all, have discharged their total obligation to God forever. It is true that during the meetings the congregation was happy, the pastor had a nice report to mail to the church paper, and the evangelist received a healthy offering, and last of all some deluded folk went away satisfied to some degree with their instant religion. We need to ask as to whether this is true Biblical Christianity.

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How instant is Christianity? Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow me." (Mk 9:34) "But he that shall endure to the end shall be saved." (Mt. 24:13) "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." (John 8:31) We would not deny for one moment but what salvation has a starting point when conversion with spiritual re-birth takes place. Before the spiritual work that took place before and afterwards seems to be ignored. Certainly, the Apostles (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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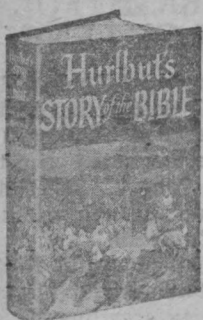


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"Reprobates"

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ble, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."—Rom. 1:28-33.

Notice this says that God has given the Gentile world over to a reprobate mind. In the preceding verses he talks about the individuals who have been given over to the sin of sodomy. Then in addition to sodomy, he says that there are 22 other sins that are evidence of a reprobate mind.

Beloved, I think I can give you a little indication of what it means when we talk about a reprobate mind. Some folk go to a night club to see a performance that is put on, and then just literally go wild and into hysterics. That is just a reprobate mind.

Or look at the crowd that gets in Martin Luther King's demonstration marches, and follows along with what is going on, and goes along with the trend of the times. That is just a reprobate mind at work.

I'll give you a better illustration. In 1775 to 1783, the United States fought a war with Great Britain and won. We call it the Revolutionary War. In 1812, the United States fought a war with Great Britain and won. We call it the War of 1812. England never did forgive the United States for winning those two wars. Finally, in order to get back at us, they waited until 1964 and sent the Beatles over to America. Well, any individual that can listen to the Beatles, and then go wild as the crowd usually does, just proves that his reprobate mind is working.

I say to you, whenever an individual gets enthused by that which carries him away from God, and away from Godly environment, and away from Godly thinking, and goes off after the things of this world, whether it be by way of the Beatles or whether it be by way of a demonstration march put on by Martin Luther King, or whether it be a night club performance—whatever it may be that leads men to forget about God and godly things, that is merely an indication of a reprobate mind.

II

REPROBATE MINISTERS.

We read: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a CASTAWAY."—I Cor. 9:27.

The word that is translated "castaway" here is the same word that is translated "reprobate" elsewhere in the Word of God. Paul says that there are some who are reprobate ministers.

If you will notice in the preceding verses, the Apostle Paul is talking about the preacher who lives a fleshly life. Now that doesn't mean particularly an immoral life. It doesn't mean that the preacher lives a life of immorality, but that he is just given over to the flesh. Paul says that he personally keeps under his body, or that he beats his body black and blue in order to make his own flesh behave. He says

that he does that lest he himself might become a castaway, or that he might become a reprobate minister.

Noah stands as a good example. If you will go back and read Genesis 6-9, you will find the story of Noah, how that he was mightily used of God for 600 years. In fact, it took practically all of those four chapters to tell how God mightily used Noah, yet near the end of the 9th chapter we find that Noah planted a vineyard and made wine and got drunk from the wine that he produced in that vineyard. The Word of God says that as a result of Noah's drunkenness, God cast him away. Noah lived after that for 350 years, and do you know how much space it took God in the Bible to tell about that 350 years? It took less than a half inch of space to tell the story of the last 350 years of Noah's life. In fact, it just takes two verses. Notice: he lived 600 years, served God, and there are four chapters that are given in the Bible to tell about his service to God. He got drunk, and lived 350 years, and it just took two verses, or a half inch of space, to tell the story of those last 350 years.

Now what is the story back of it? Simply this: Noah became a castaway. Noah sinned, and God didn't use him any further. Noah gave himself over to his flesh and allowed his flesh to control him, and God literally cast Noah to one side as a coin of no monetary value, as a counterfeit, and God used him no more. He became a castaway or a reprobate minister.

I am satisfied that there's many a preacher who is a good man morally, but he has allowed his flesh to control his life to such an extent that his preaching no longer changes the lives of people.

Beloved, when my preaching comes to the place that I no longer change your life, and I no longer cause you to want to be differently, and I no longer cause you to hunger and thirst after righteousness, you can be certain of one thing—I have become a castaway—a reprobate minister of the Lord.

Every once in a while I test myself on Sunday, for as you go out the door I see whether or not you have been blessed by the sermon. I notice those of you as you go out, who make mention of the fact that you have gotten a blessing from the service. I tell you, beloved, if the time would ever come that all the membership of Calvary Baptist Church walked out the door and not one of them said, "Brother Gilpin, I have been blessed," or "I have been helped," or "That was a helpful message," or "That was a message that inspired me to do differently"—if the time ever comes that that no longer takes place, I'll know that I am a reprobate minister, a castaway, so far as the service of God is concerned.

I am saying that a minister, while he may still be preaching to large crowds, and while he may still be having outwardly a great success, that preacher who has failed by his preaching to change the lives of his people, that preacher has become a reprobate, a castaway, a reprobate

preacher in the sight of God.

III

DOCTRINAL REPROBATES.

We read:

"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, REPROBATE CONCERNING THE FAITH."—II Tim. 3:8.

Moses in his day had two individuals who specifically withstood his ministry. They were named Jannes and Jambres. When Moses would attempt to lead the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, it was Jannes and Jambres as reprobate ministers who came in and withstood him. When Moses would perform a miracle, they would perform a miracle. They were individuals who resisted the truth, and Paul says, under inspiration, that they were men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Beloved, what was true in Moses' day, was just as true in the days of the Apostle Paul, and is just as true in this day in which we live. You'll find people today who are still reprobate concerning the faith. You'll find individuals who'll say, "I don't care what the Bible says, I won't believe it." Beloved, the man who makes that statement is a reprobate concerning the faith. He is a doctrinal reprobate. The man who says, "I am not interested in what the Bible says, I am just going to



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believe what I want to believe, and I am not concerned about what the Word of God has to say"—that man is nothing short of a doctrinal reprobate. Any individual ought to have a desire, and a yearning, and a longing to know what God says in His Word, and at the same time a yearning and a desire and a longing to be exactly what God says to be.

The Word of God tells us what we are to do with that individual who thus is a doctrinal reprobate. Listen:

"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition REJECT: Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself."—Titus 3:10,11.

I am satisfied that there is many a doctrinal reprobate within this world. If I am not badly mistaken, there are plenty of doctrinal reprobates running around in the name of Baptist ministers, and pastoring Baptist churches, and maybe doing Baptist work as an evangelist, yet they are doctrinal reprobates.

I can remember a man sometime ago—a man who claims to be a Baptist evangelist—who denied the doctrine of election. He denied the doctrine of security. He turned his back against the church that Jesus built, and repudiated it, and said, "I am not interested in it at all." Beloved, I say that any man who turns his back on any portion of the Word of God is a doctrinal reprobate.

I was thinking sometime ago

of the fellow down at the seminary at Louisville who wrote the book on falling from grace. Can you imagine a Baptist preacher ever preaching falling from grace? Can you imagine a Baptist preacher who would dare to preach that a man can be saved today, and lost tomorrow? It seems almost an utter impossibility to think of it. Baptists through the years have bled and died for the great truths of the security of the saved, but a fellow down at Louisville wrote a book sometime ago telling how a man can fall from grace.

I say, beloved, any man who says that he is a Baptist preacher, and dares at the same time to preach that a man can be saved today and lost tomorrow—that man is a doctrinal reprobate.

I'll go further and say that is true of every doctrine of the Word of God. I don't care what the man looks like, nor how many degrees he may have from college, nor how pleasing a personality he may possess, if that man denies the Word of God and says that he is not concerned about the teachings of the Bible, that man, to me, is a doctrinal reprobate.

IV

MORAL REPROBATES.

We read:

"They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being ABOMINABLE, and disobedient, and unto every good work REPROBATE."—Titus 1:16.

In other words, they are reprobate against the Word of God, and reprobate against good works.

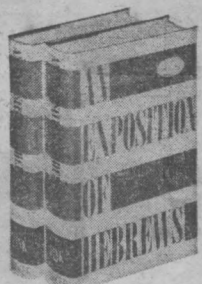
May I say this in passing? You know as well as I that every Christian has his moments of weakness, and times in his life, when he sins, and does that which is wrong, but if he is a true child of God—if he is a genuine Christian he will come back. You know by your own experience that such an individual will come back to God to confess the sins whereby that he stands guilty before God. That is the experience of every child of God.

However there are individuals who are spoken of in this passage of Titus 1:16 who themselves resist all good works, and persist in evil. Instead of turning back to the things of the Lord, and instead of confessing their sins unto God when they have done wrong, they persist in going on in their wrong-doing. They persist in doing evil.

I am thinking just now of one man whom I knew some years ago who was blind, and who was, I think, as nearly a moral reprobate as any individual that ever lived. That man took particular delight in making fun of his wife who was a loyal, devout child of God. He took peculiar delight in ridiculing all Christians and Christian endeavor, and all churches and anything that pertained to the house of God, or the Word of God. He took peculiar delight in sin of all kinds. When I say that blind man of 50 years of age was as immoral a man as I ever knew, or heard of in my life, I am but speaking mildly. I have looked at him time and time again and thought of him in the light of this text of Scripture of Titus 1:16 as a moral reprobate. Concerning every good work he had turned his back upon it, and unto every evil work he had set his face toward it.

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SPIRITUAL REPROBATES.

We read:

"But that which beareth thorns and briers is REJECTED, and is night unto cursing; whose end is to be burned."—Heb. 6:8.

The word "rejected" that is used here is the same Greek word that is translated "reprobate" elsewhere in the Bible. In other words, this Scripture is speaking of individuals who are reprobates, and he refers to them under the classification of thorns and briers. Just as you would reject thorns and briers, he says that there are individuals who in their lives, have no place for God, and no place for spiritual truth. There is a definite absence of the Holy Spirit so far as their lives are concerned, and he refers to them as being rejected or reprobate before God. They are spiritual reprobates.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, do you mean to say that a man is a spiritual reprobate if he just turns his back on God and upon spiritual things?" Beloved, I say that there are individuals who have done that very thing. There are individuals who show a definite absence of the Holy Spirit so far as their lives are concerned, and they have gone so far that they are rejected, as you would reject thorns and thistles and briers. As Paul says, they are reprobate to the Word of God.

Notice another Scripture that would teach that men are spiritual reprobates:

"The Lord hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil."—Prov. 16:4.

You say, "Do you mean to say that God has made some people just to be damned? Do you mean to say that there are some people who are spiritual reprobates, and that God has made them wicked?" (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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"Does Prayer Change Things?"

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Yes, I believe that prayer changes things, or else I would do little praying. I believe that God has a place in His economy for prayer and its answer. However my unsupported beliefs would amount to little, so let me give the Bible background for the belief just stated.

In the story of Hezekiah recorded in 2 Kings 20:1-7, we read that he was sick unto death, and word was sent to him through the prophet that he should set his house in order for "thou shalt die and not live." He turned his face to the wall and prayed earnestly and in tears. The Lord sent him another message straightway by the prophet, and it was told him, "I have heard thy prayer... Behold I will heal thee... and I will add unto thy days fifteen years." Prayer changed things for Hezekiah to the extent of fifteen added years of life.

Turning to the New Testament, we find James saying (James 5:16-18) "pray for one another that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Also he cites the praying of Elias, showing that his praying brought the rain that broke the long drought over Israel. These are but two of a multitude of Scriptural examples that serve to show the value of prayer.

The extreme predestinarian (who is a rationalist) will immediately object to the idea of prayer changing things, and will say "But I don't see how God can foreknow all things, and can predestinate and elect, and there be room for prayer to change things!" That's in exact line with the Hardshell who says that he can't understand how there is any need to send missionaries if God has predetermined who shall be saved. Personally I don't pretend to understand fully any of these things, but I know what God's word teaches and I accept divine revelation even when I can't always understand everything. I do not understand how God can be One who has existed eternally and Who never had any one create Him, but I believe it. According to the working of my little mind there is a cause back behind everything. But no one caused God, and right there my little, finite, reasoning breaks down, and I must accept revelation for that which reason cannot figure out. So also in this about prayer. I believe in fore-

knowledge, and predetermination, and I also believe that prayer changes things. God's Word teaches both, and I'll just have to await eternity for this to be properly reconciled to my mind, but rest assured that God will reconcile it alright.

But now, the last part of the question: "Do you accept prayer and fasting?"

Yes indeed, for the New Testament teaches both. We read in II Cor. 11:27 where Paul speaks of being "in fastings often," and in I Cor. 7:5 he speaks of times when the ordinary things of life are laid aside temporarily in order that "ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer." These Scriptures, without multiplying further proof, establish the rightness of fasting and praying.

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Let me answer this question by quoting some Scripture before I make comment.

"Call upon me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

"And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Ps. 50:15.

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him." Ps. 91:15.

"... The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Luke 11:9.

Hebrews 5:7 speaking of Christ says: "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared."

The Bible commands us to pray.

"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The Spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:33.

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer." Rom. 12:12.

"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." I Thess. 5:17, 18.

Does prayer change things? Certainly. Prayer changes our life. We become closer to God. We withstand the pressures of temptation. We grow in spiritual living. We learn more of God's Word. We have more of the blessings of the spirit. We are used of the Lord. We are made humble. The peace of God prevails. The comfort of God overshadows us. The grace of God overflows. Mountains are moved. Storms are made to be still. Seas are opened before us. Our path is illuminated. Satan falls. Oh yes, my friend, prayer changes things. No, it does not change God's eternal decrees, but you are not praying for God to do that. Too often we are so obsessed with our stand on sovereignty that we are afraid to obey the Bible on little (?) things for fear that we will be guilty of being "Arminian." If God did not want us to pray, why did He tell us too? We have a certain amount of responsibility for which we must answer at the judgment seat of Christ. Prayer is one of them.

Yes, I believe that prayer changes things.

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him." James 5:14-15.

From these verses it is clear that prayer can change the life of a sick man to a life of health, also we see that prayer can change a life of chastening to a life of forgiveness. See I Jn. 1:8-10.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6.

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If I know before I pray that our Lord will reward my prayer with an answer, would not that change my faith from a weak faith to a very strong faith. It is through the medium of prayer that many of God's promises are given to His children. There is no other medium through which these promises can be received. If I diligently seek the Lord in prayer and then He answers my prayer with an answer, surely this would give me confidence that I did not have before I prayed.

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He heareth us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." I Jn. 5:14-15.

Prayer will change my confi-

dence in the Lord, and if my confidence is changed it will promote boldness by which I can approach the throne of grace.

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16.

And as a result of the confidence and boldness that we have in God, through the medium of prayer, we should come to the throne of grace knocking loudly and boldly. We should not come knocking as a beggar knocks, but as one who belongs to the house. Neither should we come as criminals, who are strangers to the house of prayer but as one who is intimately acquainted with Him to whom we are addressing our petitions. For when we come to Him we know that we are welcome, in fact we are urged to come.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matt. 7:7-8.

With such an invitation to come to the throne of grace, it surely will change the individual who is praying. It will change his love and admiration of Him who is his Lord and Master.

Prayer is a transforming agent in the hands of the Holy Spirit, for it transforms us from self trust to God trust, from self dependence to dependence upon a sovereign God. "I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live. Ps. 116:1-12.

May I point out that our prayer in no sense ever changes an unchangeable God. "For I am the Lord I change not." Mal. 3:6.

God has decreed to bless us and He has also decreed the means whereby these blessings are to be given: Prayer is that means whereby God blesses us. Therefore prayer must redound to the one who is praying.

Job asked this question, "What is the Almighty that we should serve Him? and what profit should we have, if we pray unto Him?" Job 21:15.

May I answer Job by saying, Yes, Job, there is great profit if we pray unto Him, for prayer will produce within us a right spirit, dependence, trust and reliance in God that we did not have heretofore.

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Yes, prayer definitely changes some things. In Mt. 26:41 we are admonished to watch and pray that we enter not into temptation. Very few saints have ever yielded to temptation while they were earnestly and sincerely praying for strength to resist the temptation. So the right kind of prayer changes the saint's ability to withstand temptation. In Mt. 21:22 we are told that "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." This verse is just as true as any other verse in the Bible. That being true, why is it that the beggar cannot use it and start riding in a Cadillac and living in a mansion on the hill? And why can you and I not use it to get ahead of the Joneses? If we pray earnestly and sincerely along this line we come up with a changed conception of the key word "be-

lieving" in this verse. It is only natural for man to think that he can believe anything he wants to believe, and he thinks he can do that believing any time he chooses. But our believing requires faith, and faith is a gift of God. So, you see the Lord holds complete control over our prayers at all times.

In Jer. 29:12 God says, "I shall go and pray unto me, and I will harken unto you." In the next verse He says, "I will turn away your captivity." But if you notice in verse 10 this was after 70 years were accomplished. He did not agree to hear these people and to turn away their captivity until the appointed time had come. Someone may be saying that since our prayers do not change God in any way whatever why pray? Since when did God need changing? We are the ones who need to be changed, and we are the ones who are changed by prayer. A lack of prayer produces long-headed, contentious trouble-making and glory-seeking Christians, and what church needs that kind? I recall vividly an incident that took place during my many years as school principal. A couple of large year old girls came to blows, rather hair pulling on the school ground. One of the girls was the pastor's daughter, and both of them were members of the Baptist church adjoining the school grounds. I was forced to call them in and deal with them in some way. After talking to them for some time I suggested that they pray for each other a couple of days and then come back to me. How my heart did rejoice the next day when these two girls came to me with their arms entwined about each other and said, "It won't be necessary for us to see you tomorrow. The fellowship had been restored by their praying for each other. Prayer changes us, and how old cantankerous Christians need to be changed. So, let's have more prayer in our lives.

But when it comes to fasting we need to stop and think. The first place, just why should we fast? If our Lord commands us to fast, that is all the reason we need for doing it. But I find no command for us to fast. I do have some examples of fasting, as in Acts 13:3 where the church at Antioch was so grossed with the wonderful business at hand that they, no doubt (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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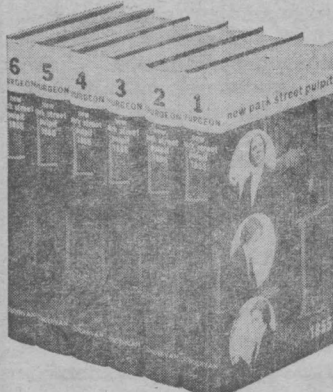
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"Looking for that **blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.**"—Titus 2:13.

You have a **NEW WALK**:

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk ye in Him.**"—Colossians 2:6.

Preacher's Wife

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When he was preparing to go out one of his long journeys, the home looked so bright and cozy as a sudden depression seized him. The thought of its emptiness when he was gone, and the long anxious hours that must elapse before I would see him again. Some tears would trickle down my cheeks, in spite of my efforts to restrain them. Seeing how sad he said, very sadly, "Wife, do you think that any of the children of Israel brought a lamb to the Lord's altar as an offering to Him, they wept over it when they saw it laid there?"

"Why, no!" I replied, startled by this strange question, "certainly not; the Lord would not have been pleased with an offering recently given."

"Well," he said, tenderly, "don't see, you are giving me to see in letting me go to preach the gospel to poor sinners, and do think He likes to see you cry over your sacrifice?"

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Now that I am parted from

thee, not for a few days only, as in that long-ago time, but "until the day break, and the shadows flee away," I think I hear again thy loving voice saying, "Don't cry over your lamb, wife," as I try to give thee up ungrudgingly to God,—not without tears,—ah, no! that is not possible, but with that full surrender of the heart which makes the sacrifice acceptable in His sight. — The World Witness.

Deceptions

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susceptible to.

SATAN'S DECEPTION OF THE NATIONS

(See Rev. 20:10) He has deceived nations into the belief through all the centuries that **war is profitable**. Hence the continual warring of nations. During the Millennium there will be peace, and one reason will be the fact that Satan shall be shut up in prison.

SATAN'S DECEPTION OF INDIVIDUALS

(See I Tim. 2:14). He deceived the first woman—making her think that she could disobey God and profit from it. People see that drink has ruined countless thousands, but the devil deceives them and makes them think, "I can drink and never let it get the best of me—I am stronger than others."

DECEPTIONS OF SATAN'S EMISSARIES

(See II John 7). Satan has his

Was Your Church Started By Jesus, Or By Some Man Far Removed From Him?

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I believe that there comes a time in every Christian's life that he has to lay aside sentiments of family ties and the reasoning of his own conscience, to be able to come to a full understanding of God's Word. Too many times we will not accept or believe a teaching in the Bible because we have loved ones that have different beliefs, or it kind of rubs against the grain of our reasoning. But this does not excuse us from the truth as it is taught in the Bible and we will be held accountable as to how we handle it.

One such truth that is being cast aside today is the one on the church. Before we go into a brief study on the church, let me ask a few questions by way of introduction. Did Jesus start a church while here on earth? If he did, did he leave it any instructions? Did He give it any authority? Did He promise that it would be here any length of time? Did He give any one person the authority to start another church? Did He give it a name? With these questions in mind let us go to the Bible and see what the answers are. And after we have been impressed with the truth let us then become like Paul, "and he went into the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, persuading and arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God" Acts 19:8 (amp. N.T.)

That Jesus started His church during His personal ministry is very easily proven by the Bible. First, according to Luke 1:17, John the Baptist was sent to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. When the people were prepared, Jesus started His church out of those that John had baptized. Matt. 4:18-22.

That His church was in existence during His ministry is proven by many Scriptures. Here are a few. "He that hath the bride (church) is the Bridegroom (Jesus): But the friend of the Bridegroom (John the Baptist), which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth because of the Bridegroom's voice, this my joy therefore is fulfilled" John 3:29. How could Jesus have a bride if there was no such thing yet. Then He gave the church the right to discipline. Matt. 18:17. He added to the church on Pentecost. Acts

false teachers and preachers who go forth with the most subtle heresies. All sorts of cults and isms are in existence. A negro in Harlem called "Father Divine" made many believe that he was God. Modernists go forth and deceive people into believing that the very fundamentals of Christianity are false. "Healers" by the dozen readily fleece people and make merchandize of them. There is no end to the deceptions being carried on today throughout the religious world. "Take heed that no man deceive you" said Jesus.

SELF DECEPTIONS

This is one of the worst kinds of deception, and none are so blind as the self-deceived. What are some of the self-deceptions mentioned in the Bible?

The deception that one is without sin. (I Jno. 1:8) Many of the holiness sects thus deceive themselves. A man may deceive himself into thinking that he is sinless but he doesn't deceive his wife, his neighbors or his mother-in-law, and especially God.

The deception that one is a "good" Christian—very religious—when at the same time he has no control over his tongue. (See James 1:26). That tongue may be a nagging tongue, a cursing tongue, a gossiping tongue, or just a "blabbing" tongue.

The deception that one is a big

2:47. Read I Cor. 12:28 and compare with Luke 6:12-13.

From these Scriptures we see that Jesus started His church and had already given it instructions. How long did He say it would exist? In Matt. 16:18 He says that the gates of hell shall not overpower it, so it must still be in

existence since the time it was begun.

What did Jesus tell His church to do? Matt. 18:20. Make disciples, baptize them, and teach them all things! Now, did Jesus command any other church or organization to do these things? If not, then by what authority do they do them?

Now, how do we determine which church Jesus started? Easy! Who started the Lutheran church? Martin Luther, not Jesus Christ. Who started the Methodist church? John Wesley. And so on down the line we could go. But what church can we find that has no human beginning? The Catholic Church? No. In 313 AD Constantine issued the "Edict of Toleration" for Christians and later it became the state religion which spawned the first real pope (Gregory I) in 590-604 A.D.

That Jesus' church was in existence at that time must be true or else we are forced to call Him a liar. But where were they and what were the names that they were known by? According to Scripture they had been scattered abroad. And according to history their enemies had given them their names. "Novations, Montanists, Paterins and etc." From these came Ana-Baptists and later Baptists. For a complete history on these, read, "Trail of Blood" by J. M. Carroll. By history, we can then trace a Baptist church in Dyer, Tenn., back to one that was in existence in Bible times, of which Polycarp was the Pastor. Then only Baptist churches have a beginning with Jesus Christ and thus have the authority that He invested them with.

Or—did Jesus give the Great Commission to someone else? I can find no Scripture for it. Can you? I can find Scripture where another was claiming this authority, though. Luke 9:49-50 "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade 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." Now Jesus did not say that he was one of us, but merely to leave him alone. He did not tell His disciples to go over and fellowship with him nor did He invite him over to join them. Beloved. Jesus was teaching religious freedom.

Now, before you start saying that I am teaching that only Baptists are saved, let me ask you, where have I said that? People are saved by faith in Jesus Christ. Saved people that are diligently searching the Scriptures for the truth must eventually admit that only Baptists have their beginning with Jesus. If this is so, then why are so many, including Baptists, denying these facts?

Because men use their own reasoning and say, "Why, we are all trying to get to the same place," so "one church is just as good as another." Or they have relatives and friends in other churches. Or they are just plain afraid of being un-popular! Whatever the reason, remember this: Jesus died for His church! And someday it will become His wife. All other church members that are saved will be guests at the marriage supper. Read Rev. 19:7-10.

Can you deny these facts? If not, why don't you search the Word of God and pray for guidance from The Holy Spirit? And then when you see the truth revealed, don't be ashamed of it; don't be afraid of being called a religious fanatic, but proclaim it unto others.

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches . . ." Rev. 22:16

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Brownson's Review, 1849.

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Brownson's Review, June 1851

The Council of Constance, held in 1414, declared, "That any person who has promised security to heretics shall not be obliged to keep his promise, by whatever he may be engaged." It is in consequence of that principle that no faith must be kept with heretics, that John Huss was publicly burned on the scaffold, the 6th of July, 1415, in the city of Constance, though he had a safe passport from the Emperor.

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All the echoes of the United

States, are still repeating the same denunciations against our public schools made by Mgr. Capel, a prelate attached to the household of the Pope. That Roman Catholic dignitary has not only passed again the sentence of death against the schools of the United States, but he has warned the Americans that the time is not far away when the Roman Catholics, at the order of the Pope, will refuse to pay their school tax, and will send bullets to the breasts of the government agents, rather than pay it. "The order can come anyday from Rome," said the prelate. "It will come as quickly as the click of the trigger, and it will be obeyed, of course, as coming from God Almighty Himself!"

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"It is of faith that the Pope has the right of deposing heretical and rebel kings. Monarchs so deposed by the Pope are converted into notorious tyrants, and may be killed by the first who can reach them."

"If the public cause cannot meet with its defense in the death of a tyrant, it is lawful for the first who arrives, to assassinate him." Suarez, Defensio Fidei; Book VI. c. 4, No. 13, 14.

"See, sir, from this chamber, I govern, not only Paris, but to China; not only to China, but to all the world, without anyone knowing how I do it." Tumburini; General of the Jesuits.

"A man who has been excommunicated by the Pope may be killed anywhere, as Escobar and Deux teach, because the Pope has an indirect jurisdiction over the whole world, even in temporal things, as all the Catholics maintain, and Saurex proves against the King of England." Busembaum — Lacroix, Theologia Moralis, 1757.

The Roman Catholic historian

says: "Father Guivard, writing about Henry IV., King of France, says: 'If he cannot be deposed, let us make war; and if we cannot make war, let him be killed!'"

The great Roman Catholic theologian, Dens, puts to himself the question: "Are heretics justly punished with death?" He answers, "St. Thomas says: Yes! 2.2 Question 11, Art. 3. Because forgers of money, or other disturbers of the State, are justly punished with death; therefore, all heretics who are forgers of faith and, as experience testifies, grievously disturb the State. This is confirmed, because God, in the Old Testament, orders the false prophets to be slain, and in Deuteronomy it is decreed that if anyone will act proudly, and will not obey the commands of the priests, let him be put to death. The same is proved from the condemnation of the 14th Article of John Huss in the Council of Constance." Long foot-note in Latin.

"That we may in all things attain the truth. That we may not err in anything, we ought ever to hold, as a fixed principle, that what I see to be white, I believe to be black, if the superior authorities of the church define it to be so." Spiritual Exercise, by Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits.

"As for holy obedience, this virtue must be perfect in every point, in execution, in will, in in-

not only to please them, but principally to please God, whose will is known by their command.

"If then, you receive a command from one who holds the place of God, you should observe it as if it came from God Himself. It may be added that there is more certainty of doing the will of God by obedience to our superiors than obedience to Jesus Christ, should He appear in person and give His command."

"St. Philip used to say that the Religious shall be most certain of not having to render an account of the actions performed through obedience, for these, the superiors only, who command them, shall be accountable. Saint Liguori, The Nun Sanctified.

"In the name and by the authority of Jesus Christ, the plenitude of which resides in His Vicar, the Pope, we declare that the earth is not the centre of the world, and that it moves with a diurnal motion, is absurd, philosophically false, and erroneous in faith." Decree of Pope Urban XIII. (signed) by Cardinals Felica, Guido, Desiderio, Antonio, Bellingerio, and Fabricius.

In consequence of that infallible decree of the infallible Pope, Galileo, in order to escape death, was obliged to fall on his knees and perjure himself, by signing the following declaration on the 22nd of June, 1663:

"I abjure, curse and detest the error and heresy of the motion of the earth around the sun."

In obedience to that decree, the two learned Jesuit astronomers, Lesueur and Jacquier, in Rome, only a few years ago, made the following declaration: "Newton assumes in his third book, the hypothesis of the earth moving round the sun. The proposition of that author could not be explained, except through the same hypothesis; we have, therefore, been forced to act a character not our own. But we declare our entire submission to the decrees of the supreme Pontiff of Rome against the motion of the earth." Newton's principia, by Fathers Lesueur and Jacquier, vol. iii, p. 450.

A Catholic should never attach himself to any political party composed of heretics. No one who is truly, at heart, a thorough and complete Catholic, can give his entire adhesion to a Protestant leader; for in so doing, he divides his allegiance, which he owes entirely to the church." Univers, the official Catholic paper of the Bishop of France, March 28th, 1868.

"Would he (the priest) be warranted in withholding any sacrament of the church from a man by reason of his preferring one candidate to the other! Absolutely speaking, he would; because a priest is not only warranted, but bound to withhold, the sacraments from a man who is disposed to commit a mortal sin!" Bishop Vaughan's address to the of the Jesuits, Cretineau Joly, in his Vol. II., page 435, approvingly

Catholic Club at Salford, England, January 2nd, 1873.

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The Forum

(Continued from page 4) hold fast to the things of the Lord, be so yielded to the leadership of the Holy Spirit that you do even notice when twelve o'clock comes, go ahead and fast, more power to you. But, if plan your fasting, does it not come a form of penance when you are trying to pay for sins when they have already been paid for on the Cross, the if you are one of His?" "If confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I Jno. 1:9. Lord had much rather have confess our sins to Him than us to try to pay for them.

If there is a saint living to who needs to miss a meal or in order to have time enough to pray, I sure would like to know him. It is to be feared that too many of the Lord's people our day can do all the prayers they do before breakfast and have enough time left to read their morning paper. Let us remember that the word "fasting" is in several places in our authorized version, such as Mt. 17:21, 9:29 and I Cor. 7:5 was ably the penance loving traitors.

"Reprobates"

(Continued from page three) for the day of evil?" Below that is exactly what the Word of God says. God chooses to some people, and allows of to go to Hell. But that is not full meaning of reprobates. Those who become spiritual robates are those that were dained of God to that destruction.

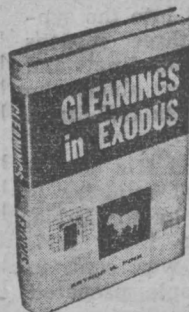
Peter says: "But these, as natural beasts, MADE TO BE TAKEN AND DESTROYED, speak even the things that they understand; and shall utterly perish their own corruption." — II 2:12.

"And a stone of stumbling, a rock of offence, even to which stumble at the word, BY DISOBEDIENT: WHEREUNTO ARE THEY WERE APPOINTED," I Pet. 2:8.

Notice, some have been pointed to be spiritual reprobates some have been appointed to stumble at the teachings of Lord.

"What shall we say then there unrighteousness with God forbid. For he saith to Me I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have passion on whom I will have (Continued on page 7, column

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"If the Holy Church so requires, let us sacrifice our own opinions, our knowledge, our intelligence, the splendid dreams of our imagination and the sublime attainments of human understanding." Pope Gregory XVI, Encyclical, August 15th, 1832.

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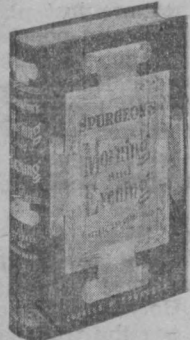
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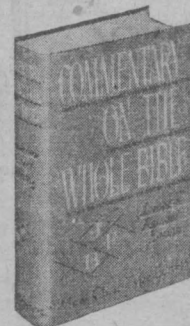
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A GREATER HORIZON

"FOR WE GUIDE OURSELVES BY FAITH, AND NOT BY EXTERNAL APPEARANCE." — 2 COR. 5:7 (WEYMOUTH TRS.)



work of feeding done quickly with less effort. This results in the participants having MORE FREE TIME SO THEY CAN USE THEIR TIME LOAFING AND ENJOY THE WORLDLY PLEASURES. What is the purpose of instant Christianity? The same thing! The important work of worshipping and serving God, and nourishing your soul can be reduced to a bare minimum. This allows these instant professors time to loaf around and satisfy their flesh with worldly entertainments.

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Roman Holiday

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of relief when comes January. At this time (Christ-mass) almost every preacher alive seems to think that he must bring his Christmas message.

Some apostate churches even set up a tree! Oh, for the kiddies, of course! Read Jeremiah ch 10. God says, "learn not the way of the heathen." Have you? Every person who admits that Dec. 25 is the birthday of our Lord, is following after the commandments of man! What does our Lord say about the doctrines and commandments of men? Listen: "Ye are they which justify yourselves BEFORE MEN: But God knoweth your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."—Luke 16:15.

I am, by the Grace of God, a Bible believing Christian, and with me, God's Word carries more weight than man's. If you are a born-again Christian, you do not pray, "my will be done," but you will humbly before God bow and seek HIS will to do. I can promise you, on the authority of God's Holy Word that the commandments of men do not rate at all with Him. Listen: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."—Matt. 15:8,9.

There you have it, my friends. There are too many people in these "perilous days," who sing, "Oh, How I Love Jesus (Christ-mass), but do not pay any attention to His will, and yet expect to reap rich rewards in Heaven. Some people are going to be surprised when Jesus comes, I greatly fear.

Jesus said, "If a man love me he will keep My words."—John 14:23.

In winter the flocks are in the folds, but according to the Scriptures, the shepherds were in the fields with their flocks. (Contentedly munching on snowballs?)

Do you read something like this in the Book of Acts?

"Now Paul resolved to lay over at Troas, as it was the Christmas season, and he wanted to buy a

present for Timothy. Also, he could stuff his belly with turkey, meanwhile, hoping it would cause no great delay in his missionary journey."—Acts 17:1.

No, my friends, it is not there. The day which is called Christmas (Christ-Mass), was unknown until it was started by the apostate Catholic Church, very nearly four centuries AFTER the birth of Christ.

The festival of Saturnalia was celebrated by the pagans of Babylon at this time of the year in observance of the birth of a son to their sun-goddess, "the Queen of Heaven." (Read Hyslop's "The Two Babylons").

The world just dotes on Christmas. Why? The world does not care a hoot for Christ's true churches. The reason is obvious. A time of revelry, gluttony, drunkenness, and such things as are abomination in the sight of God. Do you think Christ is honored by this?

A woman once asked me, just before Christmas, "Are you looking for Santa Claus?" I replied, "No, but I AM looking for the coming of the Lord." Are you?

Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.



"Reprobates"

(Continued from page six) passion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."—Rom. 9:14-16.

I say to you, beloved, if you are saved, it wasn't because of anything you did, but your salvation is because of the absolute grace of God that has been given unto you. If you are a saved man or woman, how you ought to lift up your voice to God, and thank God for His goodness, that He has given grace to you, that He has shown mercy to you, that He has had compassion on you; because the mercy, grace, and compassion that God has shown to you,

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He has, at the same time, denied this world, unto others.

Notice again: "For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I RAISED THEE UP, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth." Rom. 9:17.

Beloved, there are spiritual reprobates in this world who are such, just because God raised them up for that specific purpose.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, how can that bring honor and glory to God?" I don't know, but God said:

"Behold therefore the GOODNESS and SEVERITY of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off." — Rom. 11:22.

Sometimes you look out on a congregation and see that God saves one, and you say, "Behold the goodness of the Lord," and you see another become firmly settled in sin and you say, "Behold the severity of the Lord." Beloved, I don't understand it, but I know that my God knows why, and how, and what is best, and I leave it in His hands with the definite assurance that there are spiritual reprobates within

CONCLUSION

I am asking you who are saved, when you go home, before you ever go to your bed — before you ever go to sleep tonight, to thank God for His goodness in having saved your soul. I am asking those of you who are children of God tonight to get on your knees before God, and thank God for all of His blessings to you. When I realize that there are individuals in this world who are reprobates, individuals who have a reprobate mind; preachers who are reprobate and castaway in the service of God; when I realize that there are doctrinal reprobates, and moral reprobates, and spiritual reprobates, I look out over our little congregation and thank God there are some that God has seen fit to grant His grace unto, and I say that we ought to get on our knees, and thank Him for His blessings unto us.

May God bless you, and may God help you to rejoice every day that you are not one that the Bible refers to as a reprobate—that you are not counterfeit, that you are not one that is a castaway because you are of no value unto the Lord.

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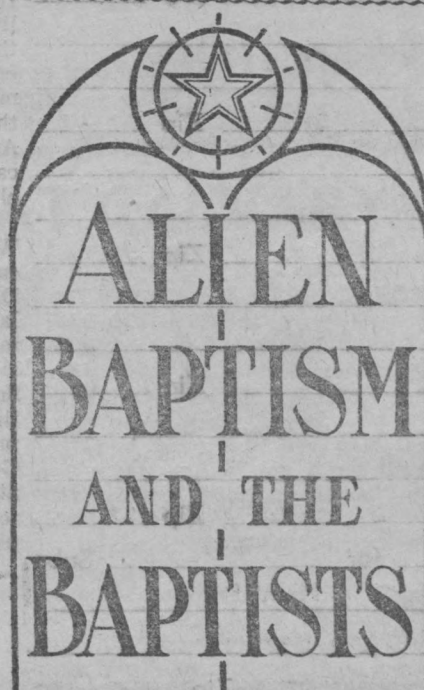
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Deceptions

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nobody. (Galat. 6:3) We are told elsewhere that one should not think of himself "more highly than he ought to think." The "big shot" delusion is very common, and it is a manifestation of egotism. When people find fault readily with others; when they are forever yammering about the short comings of others, the thing that is wrong is egotism. Their inner attitude is, "I am better than these other people."

DECEPTION OF SIN

We read in the Bible about the deceitfulness of sin. One going adlong in sin thinks he is having a grand time, and that he is going on having such without any of the "fiddler." The glamour of sin blinds the eyes. Suddenly the bubble bursts one day, and we are at an awakening!

THE DECEPTION OF RICHES

The Bible speaks of this also. How do riches deceive? By causing one to forget every thing except the material things of life. The life is made so pleasant for the flesh — the desires of the flesh — so gratified, that a person gets that riches cannot last. Rich money takes wings and flies from us, or else we take wings and fly away from it. In continued on page 8, column 5)

Instant Religion

(Continued from page two) experienced instant salvation on the road to Damascus, yet many months or years was his conscience plagued by the "rocks" of God? After his conversion his whole life was lived for God. In Acts chapter 8 the Ethiopian eunuch took a long trip to Jerusalem seeking truth. Philip saved this hungry convicted soul. Saviour and in obedience he then baptized. If traditional religion is right he went back and served Christ and tell others the good news.

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Christ! But whether concealed or revealed, He can be found in both the Old and New Testaments. In fact, He says in Psalm 40:7, "In the volume of the book it is written of Me." All through the Word of God we see Him, for it is written about Him. In speaking of the Scriptures in John 5:39 the Lord Jesus said, "They are they which testify of Me." He is the grand theme, the central object, of the Word of God.

What could be of greater value than really knowing Christ? And how do we get to know Christ? Through His Word! All you and I know about the Lord Jesus has come from the Bible.

Secondly, we ought to read the Bible through in 1966 because of the **conviction it conveys**. With sin so prevalent on every hand, we need to be brought face to face with our own sins each day. The Bible is God's infallible Word. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 we read that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

His Word is a true mirror. Romans 3:20 tells us that "By the law is the knowledge of sin." The law of God reveals sin to us and shows us how sinful we actually are. We will see our desperate need of leaning wholly on Christ as we see ourselves as sinners by looking into the mirror of God's Word. As the sincere reader studies the Word prayerfully, the spirit of conviction will come upon him; and when he sees himself as God sees him, he will acknowledge his transgressions unto the Lord and claim the wonderful forgiveness God provides.

Thirdly, we ought to read the Bible through in 1966 because of the **guidance it gives**. In that familiar Psalm 119, David declares in verse 105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." How many times we have found the Word to be just that. When we did not know what to do and we did not know which way to turn, God shed light upon our pathway and from His Word He seemed to say, "This is the way; walk ye in it." (Isaiah 3:21). There have been times too innumerable to mention when you were confused and disturbed about the future. But as you spent time with the Word of God, the Lord spoke to you heart, giving comfort, peace, and guidance.

Several years ago I went through a period of four or five months of physical and mental unrest. The doctors felt, after giving repeated tests, that I might possibly have either leukemia or Hodgkins disease. In between visits to the hospital, I was traveling in a Bible-teaching ministry. I recall one particular Saturday afternoon as I sat in a hotel room alone, far away from home, the devil began to tempt me. He was throwing doubts at me from every angle. My future seemed hopeless. In desperation I turned to the Word of God. The Lord directed me to the wonderful Psalm 118 where in verses 17 and 18 I read, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord hath chastened me sore: but He hath not given me over unto death." What peace these words brought to my heart! As I read them, the enemy became a haven of peace. Here was clear-cut guidance for the future.

Fourthly, we should read the Word of God through in 1966 because of the **benefit it bestows**. David said in Psalm 119:72, "The law of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." God's Word is more beneficial to us than thousands upon thousands of dollars. If you have practiced the daily reading of God's Word, reading it through at least once a year, you have found this to be true. But some people are far more interested in

rushing off to their business to make the extra dollar than they are to reap the "thousands" from the study of God's Word. What benefits they miss!

I am sure most of us have insurance policies around the home of one kind or another. But I dare say few of us really know what benefits these policies declare, because we do not take the time to read the fine print.

The same is true of the Bible. Most of us do not know the many benefits God has provided for us in His Word simply because we do not take time to read and study the Word. Let us not miss all that God has for us in His Word. Enjoy the benefits it bestows!

Fifthly, we should read the Bible through in 1966 because of the **opportunities it offers**. What are its opportunities? They are many, but one stands out above them all. The Word of God tells over and over again of the opportunity of the elect to come to Jesus Christ to be saved. It is for this reason that I recommend Bible reading to those of you who have no regard for God or who have doubts about God and eternity, to see for yourselves. Read the Word. Even though you may have doubts, read the Bible through. Let God prove Himself to you. You will find in this Book the greatest opportunity that you have found anywhere, that of coming to Christ and being eternally saved.

Salvation may be yours, if at this moment you will turn to the

Lord Jesus Christ. Go to the Word of God. See for yourself. God will show you if you go with an earnest and seeking heart. He will open your eyes to the truth.

Thus may I urge you to read your Bible through in 1966.

—Glad Tidings.

Deceptions

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either case, we are separated. We have known persons who when they attained wealth, became careless about spiritual things.

THE DECEPTION THAT CAN FOOL GOD

But the Scriptures tell us, not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man sows that shall he also reap.

The Christian life should be characterized by one long war against deceptions.

The Backslider

(Continued from page one)

Name, _____

His name is all my boast;
Nor will He put my soul to shame,

Nor let my hope be lost.
"Ah, Hugh," said the day man; "there is nothing to be that!"

(The Dawn)

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