

You cannot stumble if you are on your knees.

WHY I LEFT THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

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It is to be understood in this series of articles that I do not believe that the above mentioned organization is a true church of the Lord Jesus Christ. I showed

I was saved at the age of sixteen. I was saved at a service in a holiness church. I was saved by grace through faith, in spite of the error of this group on salvation. Now the church of the Living God teaches what I would call mourner-bench theology in regard to salvation. The sinner is

to come forward and kneel at the mourner's bench and seek with much and prolonged prayer for God to save him. Members of the church gather around and all pray long and loud, while they take turns giving the sinner all kinds of varied advice as to how to be saved. Here are some specimens of advice given at the mourner's bench. "Hold on to God." "Don't let go." "Let God save you now." "Let go." "Promise God that you will do anything He wants you to if He will save you." "Give up your sins." "Confess your sins," etc., etc. I tell you friend, sincerely, and knowing whereof I speak, that the gospel as revealed in I Cor. 15:1-4 and Acts 16:31 and throughout the Bible, and the advice given at the mourner's bench are two entirely different things. I have never heard a clear-cut, Biblical presen-

tation of how to be saved at the mourner's bench.

Mourner-bench theology goes like this. God does not want to save you. But if you and enough others will beg long enough, and hard enough, you may be able to finally overcome God's reluctance, and prevail upon Him to change His mind and save you. Now the Bible teaches that God chose his elect family to salvation from the beginning, that He purposes that they be saved, that the Holy Spirit draws them to Christ and causes them to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thereby they are eternally saved. Do you not see that there is no resemblance between the teaching of the Bible and of holiness groups on how to be saved?

I was in a meeting at the age of sixteen. The week or two before this several crowded around

and tried to get me to go to the mourner's bench, but I held out against their pleas. At a later service, I went up at the close of the service and knelt at the mourner's bench and begged, and begged God to save me. Many crowded around me and joined in this. Finally, I was asked if I felt like God saved me, and I said yes, and got up and testified that I was saved. There was no instruction at this time at the altar, only loud, confused prolonged prayer (?). Now how you are supposed to feel when you get saved, I didn't know then, don't know now, and have never heard anyone satisfactorily explain. Surely we need to teach salvation by grace through faith, and then teach assurance through the Word of God and not base our hope of eternity on anything as changeable as feelings. But this is the constant language of the heresy of the holiness people on salvation. Listen to this:

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life."—I John 5:13.

My feelings change, but the Word of God never changes, and praise God I know I am saved because of the eternal, unchanging Word of God. I have come to realize that God saved me before I ever left my seat that night, (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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"JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES vs. HIS BIBLE"

from the truth, and SHALL BE TURNED UNTO FABLES." (II Timothy 4:3,4).

Unquestionably the terrible times prophesied by the Son of God and the writers of the New Testament are in part upon us. And without a doubt one of the most diabolical and not only un-Scriptural and un-Christian but anti-Scriptural and anti-Christian cults to arise in these days as foretold by the prophets of old is the modern religious movement of so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses."

The Founder And Founding Of This Cult

Charles Taze Russell (1852-1916) was the founder of what is now known as "Jehovah's Witnesses." Before the cult was known as "Jehovah's Witnesses," it went under various names through the years. At its first inception in the late 1800's, it was called Millennial Dawn. Later it was known by titles such as The People's Pulpit Association, The Brooklyn Tabernacle, and the International Bible Student Association. Today its literature bears the name of Watchtower, or Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

Charles T. Russell's parents were strict Congregationalists. Early in life Russell was haunted by a great fear of Hell and was influenced by the teachings of

an infidel to reject the doctrine of eternal punishment. He spent the remainder of his life kicking against the pricks of God's infallible Word on the doctrine of Hell.

At the age of 18 in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Russell organized a Bible class, and he became the self-appointed "Pastor." Later in 1879 "Pastor" Russell founded a monthly paper, "Zion's Watchtower," which is known today as "The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom." From an issue of 6,000 in 1879, to the staggering figure of 2,800,000 per month (September 15, 1956, issue), this magazine has become one of Satan's chief tools for promoting the heresies propagated by Russell.

Russell became a prolific writer, and the Russellite movement has ever been characterized by its emphasis upon literature. Actually it is one of the biggest propaganda machines in existence today, using books, pamphlets, tracts, and its paper as the foremost means of spreading its

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teachings. Before Russell died on October 31, 1916, his books had received a circulation beyond his fondest dreams. His most influential writings were a series of six books which were called, "The Millennial Dawn" and later "Studies In The Scriptures."

The Cult After Russell's Death

"Judge" J. F. Rutherford succeeded Russell as the leader of the movement after the "Pastor's" death. Rutherford added a seventh volume to Russell's six-volume series, and it caused a split in the organization, the larger group following Rutherford. The smaller group, however, is very much alive today, and it sponsors the coast-to-coast radio program, "Frank and Ernest," and publishes "The Dawn Magazine" (circulation is over 20,000 per month). This group's headquarters and publishing plant are in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Under the energetic leadership of "Judge" Rutherford, the larger organization grew tremendously. Although the movement remained Russellite in theology, Rutherford labored strenuously to cover up the organization's identification with its founder. In 1931 at Columbus, Ohio, Rutherford managed to appropriate the name "Jehovah's Witnesses" to the movement, somewhat escaping the damaging title, "Russell-

ites." Rutherford died in 1941, and as of that date over 100 of his books and pamphlets had been translated into 80 languages.

Nathan H. Knorr was elected president of the movement after Rutherford's death, and Knorr still holds that position. The present "Witness" headquarters are in Brooklyn, New York, and the movement's property is valued at millions. It owns a large, up-to-date printing establishment which has produced approximately a billion pieces of literature since its inauguration in 1928. (It is not at all difficult to understand how headquarters can publish so much literature when we consider the fact that the employees are allowed \$14.00 a month, receive room and board free, but are paid no salaries). The organization also owns a modern apartment building, spacious office quarters, a so-called "Kingdom" farm, a 5000-watt radio station, and a "Gilead" Bible school. The school has sent out approximately 1800 missionaries since its opening in 1943.

The Cult's Doctrine

Now let us read from some of the literature published by "Witness" headquarters, and compare "Witness" doctrine with the teachings of God's Word, the Bible:

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"Jehovah's Witnesses:"

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"EVIDENCES OF THE NEW BIRTH"

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."—I John 5:13.

I think God has given us a way whereby we can tell if other people are serving Him. By their lives, we can know whether or not other folk are saved. Our Lord said:

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."—Mt. 7:20.

There isn't any doubt about it, there isn't any question about it—we are definitely assured that by the fruit you see in the lives

of others, we can know whether or not others are saved.

I think every one of us should be very careful as fruit inspectors. I think we should be careful about how we judge others and ourselves, and how we examine ourselves, to see whether or not we are saved. As I say, the Word of God tells us that we can know that others are saved by the lives that they live. However, I want to talk to you about how you can know that you are saved, and I want to give to you several evidences of the new birth.

YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE SAVED IF YOU HAVE A GEN-

UINE TRUST IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR SALVATION.

How many people do you suppose there are who would be able to say that they are trusting only, wholly, solely, and entirely in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation? I am sure, if you were to ask them, that there would be multiplied thousands of church members who would have to say that there was a doubt in their mind whether they are really trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation. We read:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that BELIEVETH ON ME (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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"The New Birth"

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hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

"But to him that worketh not, but BELIEVETH ON HIM that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."—Rom. 4:5.

Beloved, analyze your life in the light of these two verses and tell me whether or not you are saved. Are you depending fully, wholly, solely on Jesus Christ for your salvation, or are you depending upon something else?

I remember years ago when I was pastor in another town that there was a fellow who lived about four miles away, who quite often would come to our services. He wasn't a member of any church. He was one of those fellows who believed in the universal church, who thought one church was just as good as another. He had no church conception at all, but he was a good boy. I always had a sneaking suspicion that he was rather self-righteous — that he was not depending upon the imputed righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. One night I made this statement: I said some people think what they do adds to, or helps to save them. I said, "Suppose tonight you were to quit going to church, and quit reading your Bible, and quit tithing, and quit praying, and you were to quit living like a Christian ought to live generally, would you be saved?" That fellow sat back there and shook his head in a negative manner. I said, "It isn't that if you quit doing those things that you would not be saved, but the fact is, you are not saved now. It just shows that you are depending upon those things for your salvation."

I say to you, beloved, the man who thinks that if he would quit reading his Bible, quit studying, quit praying, quit going to church, and quit living like a Christian ought to live that he would be lost — that just proves he is lost right now. He is depending upon those things rather than upon the finished work of the

Lord Jesus.

A man can know that he is saved if he has a genuine trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for his salvation. Too many people are trusting Christ, plus church membership, or they are trusting Christ plus something else. If it isn't church membership, it is baptism. If it isn't baptism, it is a good life. If it isn't a good life, it is giving to missions. If it isn't giving to missions, it is keeping the law. If it isn't keeping the law, it is living up to the Golden Rule. If it isn't living up to the Golden Rule, it is some other form of works. I am saying, beloved, a man can know that he is saved only when he is solely and wholly trusting Jesus Christ as His Saviour, for Jesus said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

II

YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE SAVED IF YOU HAVE THE IN-DWELLING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I have a conviction that the Holy Spirit resides in everybody that is saved. I think that is a Bible truth. I think it is a conviction that is based entirely on the Word of God. Listen:

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."—Rom. 8:16.

"I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost."—Rom. 9:1.

"And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby WE KNOW that he abideth in us, BY THE SPIRIT WHICH HE HATH GIVEN US."—I John 3:24.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit."—I John 4:13.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."—I John 2:27.

I ask you, does the Holy Spirit live in you? Do you have that anointing of the Holy Spirit? I say, every man who is saved has the Holy Spirit living inside him. I have a conviction that is based upon the Word of God, that every man who is saved, is able to put his hand upon his breast and say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

I remember years ago a little boy who had gotten into some green apples, and those green apples had gotten into him, and those green apples when they got into him, tore his stomach up. I can see him now as he held his stomach, and I can hear him as he said he knew they were bad apples because he had inside information.

Beloved, I have inside information about the Holy Spirit in me. I see that little boy holding his stomach and saying he had inside information that they were bad apples. Every time I think about the Holy Spirit I put my hand over my heart, and I have inside information that He is within me. I tell you, a second evidence of the new birth is the indwelling presence of the Holy

Spirit.

III

YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE SAVED IF YOU HAVE A READINESS TO ACCEPT THE WORD OF GOD.

Every once in a while I meet somebody who claims to be saved, who doesn't seem to love the Bible, and who fights against the teachings of God's Word. Immediately, I know that man knows not Jesus Christ as his Saviour because one evidence of the new birth is the fact that a man has the readiness to accept the Word of God. Listen:

"He that is of God HEARETH GOD'S WORDS: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God."—John 8:47.

Mark it down, the man who doesn't hear God's words isn't of God.

I remember one night attending a service as a visitor. Another man was doing the preaching and he very casually mentioned the doctrine of election. A deacon in that church got up, grabbed his wife on one arm, and his children by the other, and walked out of the building, and slammed the door behind him. He wasn't going to have his family listen to that damnable doctrine. Beloved, even though the man was a deacon in that church, you would never make me believe that he was saved. You would never make me believe that man knew the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. I tell you, a man who is saved, has a readiness to hear the Word of God.

I remember one night years ago that I made mention that a woman's place in the church was that of absolute and positive silence — that a woman had no business to pray in public, she had no business to testify in public, she had no business to speak in public or to address a service publicly in any wise at all. A man said to me, "I don't care what the Bible says, I don't believe it."

Years ago, a man came to my study particularly to ask me whether a man could be saved, and be assured that he was saved, and could never be lost. I spent an hour with him discussing the Word of God, trying to show him that when a man is saved once, he is saved forever, and that he can have an assurance and security in the Lord Jesus Christ. When I had finished my hour's discussion with him, he got up and left, and he said, "I don't care what the Bible says, I still believe a man can be lost after he is saved."

Beloved, individuals like that prove to me that they have never been saved, for one of the greatest evidences that a man is saved is that he has a readiness to accept the Word of God. He wants to know the Bible, he wants to be taught the Word of God, and he wants to understand what God's Book has to say. Listen:

"And hereby we do know that WE KNOW HIM, if WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."—I John 2:3-5.

How can we know that we are in Him? If we keep His words. Beloved, an evidence of the new birth is the fact that a man has a readiness to accept God's Word. I'd like to go back to the Old Testament for an illustration in that respect.

Saul was king. One day God told Saul to "root" out the Amalekites, and to destroy them. King Saul started out to do what God told him to do. However, the Bible tells us that he spared King Agag of the Amalekites, and he spared the best of the sheep and the cattle and brought them home, as he said, for sacrificial purposes. When he came home, Samuel the prophet of God met him and said, "Have you done what the Lord commanded you to do?" Saul said, "I have obeyed the

NO ONE CAN PREACH UNLESS HE PREACHES . . .

"THE TRUTH IN LOVE"

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An admonition often given to preachers is: "Preach the truth in love." This is good, Scripturally-sound advice. Paul said to the young preacher, Timothy, "Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." (II Tim. 4:2). Longsuffering and Doctrine are used in the same breath. In I Corinthians 13:6 we read that love "rejoiceth in the truth." Love and Truth go hand in hand.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREACH WITH LOVE UNLESS ONE PREACHES THE TRUTH! Sentimentality is often confused with love. Sentimentality will demand that we water down the truth. Love demands that we preach the Truth. Let us illustrate what we mean.

Suppose a neighbor mistakenly starts to drink a bottle of rat poison instead of a bottle of chocolate milk. The man is sincere in the mistake. What would love compel you to do? Love would demand that you tell the man of the mistake. But what if the man becomes angry? Would you go along and condone the

voice of the Lord." Just about that time an old cow bawled and a sheep bleated. Samuel said, "If you have done all that the Lord commanded you to do, pray tell me what is the meaning of the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the sheep that come to my ears?" Saul, not to be outdone, said, "Oh, the people brought back the best of the sheep and cattle for sacrificial purposes." Then it was that Samuel said:

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."—I Sam. 15:22.

I tell you, beloved, obedience to the Word of God is better than any sacrifice that a child of God can ever offer unto the Lord. The man who is saved — the man who has experienced the new birth, has a readiness to accept the Word of God, and he'll try to be in obedience to the Word of God in every respect.

IV

YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE SAVED BY A CONSCIOUSNESS OF SIN.

Haven't you seen people who said that they couldn't sin — that they didn't sin? I remember an old gentleman that used to hold his head over on the side. I remember seeing him drive along the road time after time. I was talking with him one day and I asked him about coming over and eating some ice cream and cake with a group of us from our church. He said, "No, I guess not." He said, "I haven't sinned in word, nor thought, nor deed for 15 years, and I don't guess I'll do it now."

You have seen people like that, I am sure, who had no consciousness of sin, who deny the fact that they have sinned, and at the

drinking of the rat poison in the interest of good-will and money with your neighbor is absurd! If you really care for your neighbor you will insist that he not drink the poison. You will tell him the truth because your love for him is greater than your desire to be well-liked by everybody!

Transfer this illustration to the spiritual realm. The neighbor who thinks that baptism will save him. He gets baptized, and should you do? In the interest of good-will and harmony with your neighbor you can ignore the truth and let the man plunge headlong into an eternal Hell dependent upon his baptism, or you can tell him the truth about Salvation. Love demands that you tell the truth in order that he may be genuinely saved.

"Preach the TRUTH in LOVE." Any preacher who waters down the truth in the interest of popularity, public opinion or sentimentality does not have the respect for the Truth of God's Word nor the right kind of love for souls. "Reprove, rebuke, and DOCTRINE."

same time they were denying they were lying, because in their hearts they know that they are sinners. I tell you, beloved, one of the best evidences of the new birth is the fact that a man knows he is a sinner; he has a consciousness of sin.

The Apostle Paul had that experience, for Paul said:

"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I AM CARNAL, sold under sin."—Rom. 7:14.

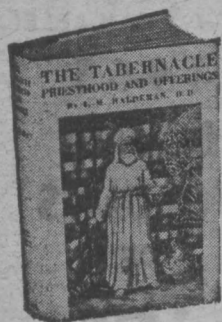
Here is a man who had been a Baptist for 30 years. He had been a Baptist preacher for 30 years, yet he said, "I am sold under sin. I am a carnal man." Listen to him a little later and he said:

"For we know that the law creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, and not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope?"—Rom. 8:22-24.

Do you see what Paul is saying? He is saying that there is a consciousness of sin so that he is concerned. Mark it down, the man who says he is above sin — the man who says he doesn't sin, the man who says that he can't sin, that man has no evidence of the new birth for one of the greatest evidences of the new birth is the fact that he has a definite, positive consciousness of sin.

We read:

"If we say that we have no sin, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES." (Continued on page 7, column



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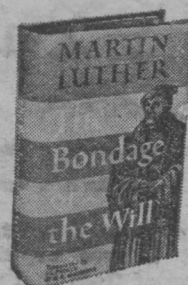
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Here Is Exactly What The World Thinks Of Jesus

History tells of the many vile crimes mankind has practiced in the name of Christ, but in this enlightened and educated day, we seem to think all the world loves Christ. Do not be fooled. The same old heart of rebellion beats in the bosom of modern times. The world still hates Christ. I was reading where Beatle John Lemon said, "Christ will go," and then went on to declare that it is already playing second fiddle to the Beatles. We're more popular than Jesus. "Surely this loud mouth young man is evidence of the world's hatred for Christ. But if that is not enough, there is a book written by a Doctor Schonfield published in London called 'The Passover Plot.' This book argues that the Lord Jesus plotted his own Crucifixion, feigned death and merely revived after being laid in the tomb. Author Schonfield contends that later He died of the spear thrust received from a Roman soldier and was buried by His followers. The book declares that the Lord Jesus set about to fulfill Messianic prophecies by maneuvering Judas into betraying Him; that He timed His arrest and execution so that He would be crucified on a Friday, in order to get off the cross before Sabbath. He goes on to say, that a vinegar given our Lord was really a drug provided by an accomplice, thus giving the appearance of death. The very spices were but dressings on His wounds but he did not die. The Roman soldier thrusting the spear into His side, and removing it, found no blood and reviving briefly he later removed the spear. Dr. Schonfield dares to imagine that Christ schemed and plotted through his entire ministry; that He deceived without remorse and deceived others in his deceit and what? Only to accomplish his personal desire as a Messiah to save His own ego. Surely this foolish book is real evidence of the world's real feelings about Jesus Christ. It should make any Christian to the realization that we are not of this world and neither is our Christ. But there is yet one other evidence I would like to place before you. In the Movie Review section of Life Magazine, March 1966, we have a review of a picture called, "The Gospel According to Matthew," directed by Italian Communist, Pier Paolo Pasolini. Life says, "The Gospel According to Matthew is certainly the best life of Jesus ever placed on film and it is probably the most religious film ever made as it then the review goes on to state that it is a raw crude picture, without any resemblance to the pious, conventional, traditional Jesus we often think about. In the visualization of Jesus, the Jesus walks about in a dirty black robe. His hair is scraggly and much of the time he has about him the fevered look of a hungry, exhausted man. He is short and that there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that could come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." (Luke 16:23-28). "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:10,15). "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and

Jesus Christ. If the world does not mock Christ with meaningless customs and religious holidays, then they openly tone down His life and His death and try to make Him such a one as themselves. Truly this world has no love for Christ nor His followers. —Baptist Beacon



Witnesses

(Continued from page one) publication, "Let God Be True" (one of the most popular of the "Witnesses" so-called Bible study books), the doctrine of Hell-fire is said to be a: "God-dishonoring religious doctrine."

On page 80 of the same book, we read:

"The doctrine of a burning Hell where the wicked are tortured after death can not be true."

"Christendom got her after-death torture ideas from the hells of the heathen and the purgatories of the pagans!" (page 3 of "Hell-fire" tract).

The Bible:

"And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." (Isaiah 66:24).

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28).

"So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from the just. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." (Matthew 13:49,50).

"Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire." (Matthew 18:8).

"Then shall he say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." (Matthew 25:41,46).

"And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched." (Mark 9:45,46).

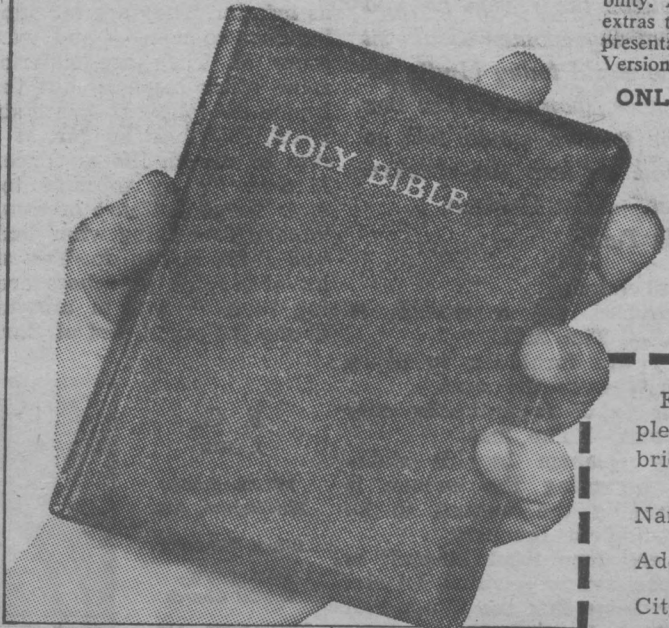
"And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that could come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment." (Luke 16:23-28).

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:10,15).

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all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8).

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:10,11).

(Also read Psalm 9:17; Proverbs 9:18, 15:24; Isaiah 30:33; 33:14; Matthew 5:29,30; 8:12; 22:13; II Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 10:27; II Peter 2:4; Jude 6,23; Revelation 9:1,2; 19:20).

These passages reveal conclusively the fact of Hell. So-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" have rejected and perverted the Bible on this subject, but despite the fact that their infidelic teachings have widespread appeal to the "natural man" (I Corinthians 2:14) the fires of Hell are not quenched. God says in Hebrews 2:2 that "every transgression and disobedience received (and will receive) a just recompense of reward."

II. THE TRINITY

"Jehovah's Witnesses:"

"Jehovah's Witnesses" talk loud and long about the fact that the word "trinity" is not in the Bible. So they say:

"The obvious conclusion, therefore, is that Satan is the originator of the 'Trinity' doctrine," and that "such doctrine is not of God." (page 82 of "Let God Be True").

Here is what the "Witnesses" say about the Trinity:

"The origin of the 'Trinity' doctrine is traced back to the ancient Babylonians and Egyptians, and other ancient mythologists. It will not be disputed by Jews and Christians that these ancient nations worshipped demon gods, and that God's typical nation of Israel was warned not to mingle with them because of this fact. It follows, then, that God was not the author of this doctrine." (page 82 of "Let God Be True").

The Bible:

Genesis 1:1 — "In the beginning God (Hebrew: Elohim, plural; thus two or more) created the heaven and the earth."

Genesis 1:26 — "And God said, Let US (plural) make man in OUR (plural) image after OUR (plural) likeness."

IF THERE IS NO "TRINITY," WHY IS THE PLURAL USED IN THESE VERSES?

Genesis 11:7 — "Go to, let US (plural) go down, and there confound their language."

Isaiah 6:8 — "Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for US (plural)?" Here we have two or more ("US") in one "I" — the Trinity.

"And Jesus (1) when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God (2) descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I (3) am well pleased." (Matthew 3:16,17).

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father (1), and of the Son (2), and of the Holy Ghost (3)." (Matthew 28:19).

"And I (1) will pray the Father (2), and he shall give you another Comforter (3), that he may abide with you forever." (John 14:16).

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (1), and the love of God (2), and the communion of the Holy Ghost (3), be with you all. Amen." (II Corinthians 13:14).

"How much more shall the blood of Christ (1), who through the eternal Spirit (2) offered himself without spot to God (3), purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." (Hebrews 9:14).

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father (1), through sanctification of the Spirit (2), unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ (3): Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." (I Peter 1:2).

(Also see Matthew 12:28; Luke 1:35; John 3:34; 15:26; I Corinthians 8:6; II Corinthians 1:21, 22; Galatians 4:4,6; II Thessalonians 2:13,14; 2:4; 3:5,6; and I Peter 3:18).

Scripture is replete with references to the Trinity. And yet these poor people ignore the Biblical teaching of the tri-une God.

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"Judge" Rutherford said of the Trinity: "The clergy teach the people the doctrine of the Trinity, to-wit, that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, are three persons, yet one, three in one, and all three equal in power, substance and eternity, such speech or prophesying which no one can understand is not only confusing, but dishonors Jehovah God and turns reasonable people away from Jehovah God, beside whom there is none other." (page 21 of "Prophecy").

Now, he says that no one can understand the doctrine of the Trinity. Very well.

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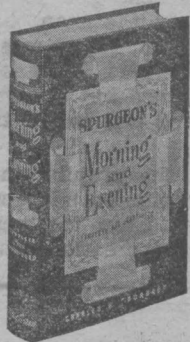
Man is a trinity: body, soul, and spirit.

And we could go on with the commonplace trinities. We do not understand them. But we all accept them and believe them, and we are not called unreasonable for doing so.

III. JESUS CHRIST

"Jehovah's Witnesses:"

"He was a mighty one, although not almighty as Jehovah God is; also he was before all others of God's creatures, because he was the first son that Jehovah God brought forth. For this reason he is called 'the only begotten Son' of God, for God, had no partner in bringing forth his first begotten Son. He was the first of (Continued on page 6, column 4)



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"The Apostle Paul made a statement about women to the effect that they should be quiet. I believe the reason he said to was because in the synagogues of that day, women would sit in the balcony — as in some parts of the world today (India for example) they sit in segregated audiences, women on the one side and men on the other — and the women would talk so loudly that the rest of the people could not hear the speaker. So Paul said, let the women be quiet."—Billy Graham.

Who is right, Billy or the Apostle Paul?

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This issue boils down to this, is the Apostle Paul right or is Billy Graham.

Billy Graham does not deny that Paul tells the men to keep the women silent, but he does want to tell us why it was, that the Apostle declares for them to be silent. He says, "I believe the reason that he said it was because the women were talking so loudly in the balcony that the rest of the people could not hear the speaker."

If that is what Paul meant, then there is a question that I would like to ask Billy Graham, why didn't Paul write what he meant? I have read many times the writings of the Apostle Paul concerning the woman's place in a New Testament Church, and in my search I have not found one place where Paul says that the women should keep silent because they were making too much noise in the balcony.

Paul did give to us the reason that women are to keep silent in the churches, and that reason was not the one given by Billy Graham.

"For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."—I Tim. 2:13-14.

The reasons that Paul gave for the women to be silent was that Adam was formed first; thus they are to take the place of subjection; and at the entrance of sin the woman was deceived, and as a result of being deceived, God declared to the woman:

"And thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."—Gen. 3:16.

To me it is ridiculous and foolish to fly in the face of the clear teaching of the Word of God, but we know that men are doing that very thing. They are trying to change the God-given order of man over the woman by giving to the women the place of headship which belongs to the man.

May I point out to you what the Bible forbids the woman to do.

They are forbidden to speak in the churches.

"Let your women keep silent."—I Cor. 14:34.

They are forbidden to pray in the church.

"I will therefore that men pray EVERYWHERE."—I Tim. 2:8.

They are forbidden to teach

in the church.

"I suffer not a woman to teach."—I Tim. 2:12.

They are forbidden to usurp authority over the man.

"Nor to usurp authority over the man."—I Tim. 2:12.

Billy Graham by his statement regarding the women is encouraging the women to be commandment breakers.

"If any man think Himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."—I Cor. 14:37.

For the women to speak, pray, teach and usurp authority over the man, would be to engage in a shameful and dishonoring thing.

"For it is a shame for a woman to speak in the church."—I Cor. 14:35.

To you who would follow Billy Graham's statement, may I point you to the words of the Apostle Peter to show to you the folly of your way.

"We ought to obey God rather than man."—Acts 5:29.

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This is but another effort to slip out from under the plain teachings of the Bible. I have seen all sorts of arguments raised in an attempt to get around the Bible on this subject, but this is the first time I have encountered this one. In commenting I would say that I am not at all convinced that Jewish synagogues were places of such female disorder. Besides Paul was not talking about synagogue decorum. He said, I Cor. 14:34, "Let your women keep silent in the CHURCHES." And in the previous verse he said, "as in ALL THE CHURCHES of the saints."

Certainly Paul was not talking about synagogue decorum when he wrote to Timothy (I Tim. 2:11-15). He said, "Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed then Eve. And Adam was not deceived but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

Note that the prohibition was not based on women being noisy. It was based upon the priority of man in the creation, and on

woman's priority in the fall into sin.

Now note the statement, "That did not mean that they were inferior." The question is not the inferiority of woman in comparison with man. The question is GOD'S SPECIFIC COMMAND. So far as I am concerned, I am not prejudiced against women in the least, nor do I regard them as inferior. They are far superior in looks to men — and we men know it. They are superior in some other respects, but that is beside the issue. They are simply DIFFERENT in so far as their role in church life is concerned. Men are going to have to answer for the offense of thrusting women into doing what God has told them not to do. Yes, and a lot of Baptist preachers are going to have this to answer for at the judgment seat of Christ.

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My mother was a member of a Baptist Church before I was born. But though she lived fifty-seven years after I was born, and was a member of a Baptist Church all that time, I never heard her speak out in church assembly in my life. The custom in the church of which she and my father were members was to call a pastor every year. Oftentimes they would call the one who was already serving them, but still it had to be done every year. When this time came around each year the deacons would carry a writing pad to the women of the church and they would write the name of the preacher they wanted for a pastor for the coming year. I do not recall ever hearing a woman speak out in that church. I never heard my mother-in-law, who was the wife of a Baptist preacher, speak out in church. In fact, women speaking in the church assembly was unheard of in my part of the country until the convention crowd invaded it somewhere around 1916. We there in that part of West Alabama had never heard of the Southern Baptist Convention nor of women speaking in church until that time. But when one came, we also had the other. They go together like ham and eggs, or cheese and crackers. Several of the churches, however, refused to accept the convention, or the women speakers, but many of them went "hog-wild" over both. But, from the beginning it was not so.

I am told that a man at the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 1961 offered a motion from the floor of the convention that women be allowed to speak in the convention. If women speaking in the church had been Scriptural this motion would have been superfluous. His motion gives definite proof that women had not been speaking in the Kentucky State Convention. One might expect this man to offer some Scriptural reference to justify his motion. At least that should be expected in a Baptist meeting. But if I have been rightly informed, his only reason for offering this motion was that this is 1961. I am still at a loss to know what there was about the year 1961 that would make God's precious Word of none effect.

I had a Baptist woman here in Birmingham tell me that she believed everything in the Bible. She seemed to be taken somewhat by surprise when I ask her if she was sure about that. I suggested that she get her Bible which she did. I then told her

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to turn to I Cor. 14:34 and read that verse to me. It was easy to see that she was reading something that she did not know was in there before. When she had finished reading she tried this way and that way to get around this Scripture, but when I showed her the fallacy of her line of thinking she finally said, "If we women were to keep quiet in our church the men would spend money for any and everything. In the first place, according to her, it was OUR money, and in the second place, the men were not capable of handling it. When people try to circumvent the precious Word they get into some awful predicaments.

I have read other reasons given as to why women are told to keep quiet in the churches, and most of them are just about as ridiculous as this one by the Southern Baptist's little god, Billy Graham. These reasons are the product of man's thinking, and according to Isa. 55:8-9 they can only be wrong. For those who believe the Bible, the question as to why women should keep silence in the churches is not a debatable one. God gives two reasons why they are to be quiet. The first one is because Adam was first formed, or created. The other one is because Eve was the one who was deceived, I Tim. 2:12-14. But since poor Southern Baptists cannot afford to believe these God-given reasons, Billy Graham's heresy is just about as good as any other heresy I know of on this subject.

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It has been said that one should always point out the good before commenting on the bad. About the only thing that I can say about this statement is that the last sentence is right. The apostle Paul does not teach that women are inferior, he is simply putting them in their proper place. In speaking of the saved he says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free,

there is neither male nor female for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."—Gal. 3:28.

This passage (I Cor. 14:34) not speaking of the individual's relationship or condition before God. It is speaking of order in the church service. The duties of the individual. Graham says that the women could not hear the speaker believe that Christians are same at all time, and I do believe that women who love the Lord would talk when the Lord of God is being taught. It is not talking about the few men who want to hear women being taught.

We know that God is teaching us whenever we read this passage is teaching us the place of women. They keep silent in the church means that they cannot ask questions in the church (I Cor. 12), nor usurp authority over men (I Tim. 2:12).

Even though there is no difference between the male and female as far as salvation is concerned, there is a sense in which women are under the man because of God's order of creation, "For Adam was first, then Eve." (I Tim. 2:13); and because of the fact that the woman was deceived (I Tim. 2:14) has given the woman the commandment to keep silent in churches. He has also shown the position of the women at home.

"Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he savior of the body. Therefore the church is subject unto him so let the wives be to their own HUSBANDS IN THE LORD."—Eph. 5:22-24. (See also Eph. 5:25-33; Col. 3:18-24; 3:17)

Let us not try to explain the commandments of God, rather, let us say, "Thy will be done."

"And hereby we do know him. If we keep his commandments. He that keepeth his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But he that keepeth his word, in him is the love of God perfected, by which we know that we are in him."—I John 2:3-5.

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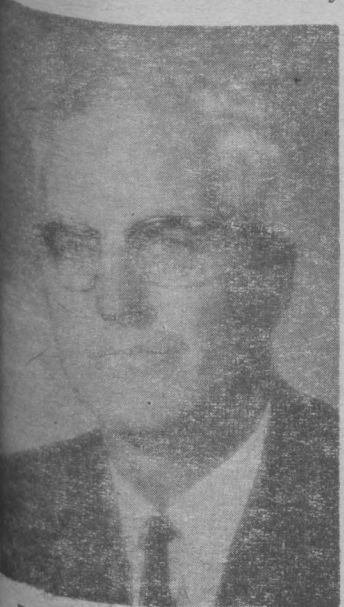
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Read: Deut. 22:9-12.

God always calls His true children from that which is evil. God's people must be a separated people. This call to separation is found in every age. God began the doctrine of separation in the first chapter of the Bible. In Genesis 1 God separated light from darkness, vs. 4, 18; between vapor above and water below, vs. 6; between sea and land, vs. 9, 10; between grass and trees, v. 11; between wild beasts and domestic animals, v. 24; and between man and animals, v. 26. We see clearly



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that God has made distinctions in nature, and these distinctions are not to be confounded by trying to mix the things that are distinct. God has always abhorred mixed principles. These regulations in our text were given to Israel nearly 1500 years before

The laws of men take very little cognizance of little things, but God's providence extends to the smallest affairs. Therefore, His precepts deal with small matters in a big way. Before I develop the outline I see in our text, I want to draw your attention to verse 5, "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment." The distinction of the sexes particularly by the apparel worn is for the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity. Nature teaches that a difference between the sexes is made by the hair which is worn. "Doth not a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her." (I Cor. 11:14,15).

In the idolatrous worship of Venus (the goddess of love) there was an exchange of garments between the sexes. God forbids the confounding of the affairs of the sexes. Men must not be effeminate. The women must not pre-eminence over the man, see I Tim. 2:9, 12. When we know some-

were practiced, it is probable this exchange of garments was used to gain further opportunity to commit uncleanness. Now it is forbidden as a means of keeping God's people from sin. But today we see a revival of this pagan exchange as girls dress in blue jeans and shirts like the boys and the boys let their hair grow like the girls. Did you ever follow that young person down the street? She is dressed like a boy but she has long hair. Then you look at her face and she has whiskers! Then you look at that person dressed like a boy and has short hair, but where are the whiskers? These actions violate the principles of nature and Scripture. If any parents do not know why girls should not wear shorts and why boys should not wear tight pants, they had better ask their doctor and he will tell them in a hurry!

Mixed Teaching: "Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds." Vs. 9

The Jew was not to sow a mixture of wheat and barley between the rows of vines in his field. Apparently, he could plant one or the other, but he could not mix them. We read of a man who had a fig tree in his vineyard, Luke 13:6. I have likened this prohibition to teaching because it is very clear. The distinction of species, producing a sterility of hybrids, is very clear in Gen. 1:12, "whose seed was in itself, after his kind."

We find our Lord speaking of seed and sowing with a clear-cut interpretation of the operation in Mt. 13. We are familiar with the parable of the sower and the seed that fell by the wayside, on the stony places, among thorns and on the good ground. In His interpretation Jesus personalized the parable by saying, "He that received the seed . . . Mt. 13:21-23. The second parable in that chapter concerned the wheat and the tares sown in a field. Jesus stated that He sowed the good seed, the children of God; the devil sowed the tares, the children of the wicked one; the field is the world and the harvest is the end of the world. We can make no mistake about His explanation of these parables.

Our Lord's example in the New Testament illustrates exactly what God meant in our text, because Christ sowed only one kind of seed. In John 17:8 our Lord told the Father in that great high priestly prayer: "For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me." The Father is the husbandman, the Lord of the granaries, Jn. 15:1. Again in John 7:16 Jesus said, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me." Our Lord never sowed mixed seed. The Holy Spirit has demanded that the Lord's servants preach the word. There is no room in the New Testament for the clergy-laity distinction which Rome and her daughters forces upon gullible people. All Christians are witnesses, and all Christians, therefore, are commanded to sow one kind of seed. It has been said that it is the pastor's

job to fill the pulpit and it is the people's job to fill the church. How can you sow the good seed of the Word of God if your mind is filled with the devil's seed? The soil of our fallen hearts is predisposed to evil. The tares will smother the wheat, if they are sown together. You hear the Word of God in the service, if you are not so sound asleep you do not know what is going on. You may pretend you hear the Word of God, but your mind is so absorbed in the devil's program and some scheme to make "a fast buck," and the Word of God has no effect upon your heart. Then you go home from the service and you fill your mind with comic books and television rubbish and you live for the devil the rest of the week. Then, you wonder why your life is defeated; you wonder why you do not have the joy of the Lord; you wonder why you do not have victory over sin. But you have been sowing two kinds of seed. What can you expect but a sordid harvest?

Ruskin, the prince of art critics, sat for two years under the voice of the prince of preachers, C. H. Spurgeon. In Volume 2 of Stones of Venice, Ruskin makes this startling statement: "One great fact meets me, I cannot answer for the experience of others, but I have never met a Christian whose heart was thoroughly set on the world to come and (so far as human judgment could pronounce) perfect and right before God, who cared about art at all." I know a school that has spent thousands of dollars to establish an art gallery on campus, and they have fed their students cheaper food to do it. My friends, the attempt to mix Scripture and politics has ruined our schools and our pulpits in this land. We must make ourselves clear at this point. We do not despise learning, but neither do we trust it. The Most High God insists upon the lonely enthronement of the Word of God.

When a person drinks boot-leg liquor, he has a tendency to see double. Instead of one light he sees two lights, and he does not know which one is the real one. When a theologian sees two Isaiahs or two Daniels, you can rest assured he has been drinking some boot-leg theology. It is surprising how much of this higher criticism of the last century and the first two decades of this century is being propagated today as orthodox Protestant thinking. Now I must draw your attention to another phase of boot-leg theology. There are so-called interdenominational fundamentalists who tell us they see two churches in the New Testament—the local church and the universal church. I have often said that the only invisible church I know anything about is that part of the church that does not put in an appearance at prayer meeting. There is only one church in the New Testament, the local assembly. We are convinced these interdenominationalists have been drinking boot-leg theology. It does not matter whether it is a college president, or anyone else down the line, a man may join a Baptist Church, but that membership does not necessarily make him a Baptist at heart.

The Christian teacher and preacher must be a person of one idea, and that idea is Christ; he must belong to the oldest fashion, the fashion of the apostles in the churches; he must have one sword, the sword of the Spirit; and he must be very rigid on one point, he must sow nothing but the Word of God. God abhors mixed teaching and calls it "an abomination."

Mixed Service, "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together." v. 10.

The ox was a clean animal and the ass was an unclean animal according to the ceremonial law. I want you to observe that Jesus said in His parable that "the field

is the world." The ox is not forbidden to be in the same field with the ass. But the Jew is strictly forbidden to hitch the ox in the same yoke with the ass. If they were forbidden to be in the same field, then Paul's word to the church at Corinth would stand, "For then must ye needs go out of the world." I Cor. 5:10.

It is very clear to us, then, that the field must be sown with God's seed, and the plow must be pulled by His oxen. When we abide by this principle we may have to stand alone. It is human to stand with the crowd, but it is like Christ to stand alone. Paul gives us a great picture in the closing verses of II Timothy. Alexander, the coppersmith, had done much evil to Paul. He had greatly withstood the words of Paul and Timothy. Then Paul stands on trial for his life before Nero, "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me." It seems he was left alone to answer for his life. But the next verse is so precious: "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me."

We have a number of illustrations of this lonely, yet wonderful principle in the Word of God. Noah built an ark and voyaged alone, his neighbors laughed and perished in style; Abraham wandered and worshipped alone, the Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion and fed the flames; Daniel dined and prayed alone; Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone; Jesus loved and died alone.

In the wilderness the children of Israel praised Abraham and persecuted Moses. In the Kings they praised Moses and persecuted the prophets. In the Gospels they praised the prophets and persecuted Jesus and His apostles. In the days of the popes they praised the apostles and persecuted the saints. In our own day, even in fundamental churches, there are those who praise the apostles and martyrs, and yet they condemn saintly faithfulness to Jesus Christ as utter foolishness and stubbornness.

The deliberate choice of a partner (and note that I said partner) whether in marriage for domestic ends; or in business for commercial ends; or in friendship for social ends; or in religion for philanthropic ends; God forbids an unbeliever to be in the team. Believers are definitely commanded not to be in the yoke with unbelievers. See II Cor. 6:14-17. Countless discipleships are ruined by worldly friendships because people have tried to place an ox and an ass together in the

same team.

Mixed Conduct, "Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woolen and linen together." v. 11.

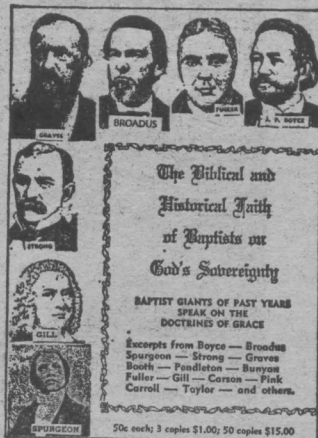
I want you to note that this is a single garment with a combination of woolen and linen thread in it. Scripture uses the garment to illustrate and demonstrate the conduct of the individual. In Zeph. 1:8, punishment is pronounced upon "all such as are clothed with strange apparel." Our Lord told the parable of the man who came to the wedding feast without the proper wedding garment. Mt. 22:1-14. Because that man lacked the proper garment he was bound hand and foot and cast into outer darkness.

On the day of atonement the high priest put off his outer garments and put on linen garments, called holy garments in Lev. 16:4. Linen is always the holy fabric in Scripture. We are told that white linen is the righteousness of the saints, Rev. 19:8. Therefore, the white linen represents the righteous acts of the saints. Ezekiel (44) describes the future millennial temple, and vs. 17, 18 explicitly states that the priests shall be dressed with linen garments and no wool shall come upon them because it will cause sweat. But all the separation mentioned by Ezekiel in that chapter is for the express purpose that the priests might teach the people "the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean." v. 23.

Under the ceremonial law a garment of mixed goods was forbidden to the Jew. Likewise, the New Testament clearly teaches that we cannot mix only principles with worldly maxims and compromising conduct. There must be the holy fabric of consecrated lives if we would please God in all things.

I recall reading the story of an evangelistic meeting, and on one particular night the evangelist offered the opportunity for anyone to speak. A tramp at the rear of the church rose to his feet and told how his father had been an officer in the church. There were seven boys in his Sunday School Class. At their parties, the teacher had shown them how to play cards. Then he told how they took the cards elsewhere and began gambling. He told about the seven boys: two had been hanged, three are in state prisons for life, the sixth would receive a life sentence if they could find him, "And they would have me in double quick time if (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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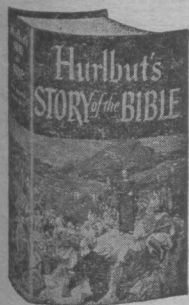
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Please Excuse Me; So Solly I Can't Join Graham Crusade

Billy Graham and the new mood . . . "If Pope Paul asked me to go out and preach the Gospel as I see it, I would do it," Billy Graham told 750 Protestant ministers in New York recently. The evangelist recalled that at a recent crusade in San Paolo, Brazil, the Roman Catholic bishop stood beside him and blessed the converts as they came forward. He said, "something tremendous, an awakening of reform and revival within Christianity," was happening to both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism." The Daily Journal, International Falls, Minn., Oct. 29, 1963.

"It is no longer strange," the Daily Journal editorialized, "to learn that Graham is making five speaking engagements at Roman

Catholic institutions this fall for the first time. Christians are moving closer together, recognizing that their points of agreement are far greater than their differences. This is the spirit of the Vatican ecumenical council now in session in Rome and the foundation laid by the World Council of Churches."

"Dr. G. Paul Musselman, executive director of the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, spoke in warm terms about the work of Evangelist Billy Graham. 'I call Billy Graham the newest and greatest of the ecumenical voices,' he told this reporter." — "The State," daily paper, Columbia, S. C., Nov. 21, 1960.—Blu Print.

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and that going up was the result of following false teaching. Going up did not save me, and neither did it affect the salvation which God had already wrought in my heart by His sovereign grace.

The second work of grace to holiness people is sanctification. They teach that in this experience, the old sinful nature is eradicated, and one is wholly sanctified. They speak of the burning up or burning out of all the things of the old man and of the old man himself. As a result of this, it is supposed to be easier to live above sin and thus stay saved. Also this blessing is an indispensable prerequisite to the receiving of the Holy Ghost as He will not come into an unclean temple. The way to get this blessing is to clean up from the world, completely consecrate one's self to the Lord and then go to the altar again and pray through for sanctification until you "feel" like you have got the blessing.

Being misled by the false teaching, and having only been saved a few weeks, I went forward one night and thought I had obtained this blessing. I would like to point out here that these folk constantly say there are some things you can do and be saved but you can't do them and be sanctified. They don't have, so far as I know, a set doctrine on this, but I have heard many of them mention wearing of jewelry, make-up, drinking coffee and soft drinks, and other things that you must give up to be sanctified.

Now this doctrine is very wicked, unscriptural, anti-Scriptural, and it destroys lives by its malici-

ous influence. The Bible is clear in its teaching that we have the old nature after we are saved and that we will never get rid of it until we go to be with the Lord or He comes for us. Rom. 7:14-25 and Gal. 5:17 forever settles this question for those who are willing to bow to the authority of the Word of God. It is false, wicked and dangerous to teach a man that he can get rid of this sinful nature. If he follows this teaching, he will be deceived, and be an easy victim of the flesh and the devil. He will become completely confused when he feels the terrible warring of the old nature which he thought eradicated, and will have no idea of what to do. The doctrine of sinless perfection which is helped along by that of sanctification is one of the most wicked doctrines taught by man. Listen to I John 1:8:

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

So if a person claims to have the old nature eradicated, he deceives only himself. He doesn't deceive God, he doesn't deceive the devil who is laughing at him, and he doesn't deceive me for I know he is a liar, but he deceives himself.

Now the Bible teaches that we are sanctified by the offering of the body of Christ, Heb. 10:10; that we are being sanctified by the Holy Spirit using the Word of God, and that we will be wholly sanctified at the coming of the Lord and then we will be sinlessly perfect and that forever. Praise God for the perfect sanctification which we have in Christ. I Cor. 1:30. It is so much better than that false doctrine which holiness churches teach.

The third work of grace taught

by the holiness church is the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. After being sanctified, one is then eligible for this blessing. In this blessing one receives the Holy Ghost for the first time and in receiving Him is baptized thereby with the Holy Ghost. When He comes in, He takes control of the tongue and causes the recipient to speak in an unknown tongue. Now this tongue is a mysterious jabbering and not a foreign language. This unknown tongue is the evidence of the baptism and one who has not spoken in this unknown tongue does not have the Holy Ghost. I would point out that these people teach a difference between the unknown tongues as an evidence which all have at the time they get the Holy Ghost, and the gift of tongues in I Cor. 12 and 14, which is a special gift to some who have the Holy Ghost. It is thus that they get around the Biblical demand for an interpreter in I Cor. 14:28. Now let me give my experience in this matter and it is a carbon copy of what I have seen many times. Soon after being "sanctified" I was encouraged to seek baptism. I went to the altar one night determined to get this blessing. Many gathered around me and we all began to pray long and loud for the baptism. Soon they pulled me back on the floor, and as I lay there they would scream and holler and continually exhort me to praise the Lord as fast as I could. The whole matter is a din of confusion and extreme hystericalism, and I fear that demonism plays a part in these services. Well, I began to say praise the Lord as fast as I could until finally my tongue got tangled and one member said, "He's got it," so I jumped up and shouted a while thinking I had it. Now that is all the tongues I ever had—a tangled tongue from talking too fast, and that is all the tongues I have ever heard as an evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I speak the truth before God; I lie not. I have seen this happen many times, and this is what they make such a controversy about.

I praise God that in mercy, he taught me better and led me out of this mass hysteria and confusion. I have learned that we are born again by the work of the Holy Spirit. That every believer is indwelt by the permanently abiding Holy Spirit of God, I Cor. 6:19. One of the most precious truths of the Bible is that of the ministry of the Holy Spirit to and in and through the believer. This precious truth is corrupted by the awful heresy of holiness churches, and the work of the Holy Spirit is slandered by them. Many of God's dear children neglect the subject of the person and work of the Holy Spirit because of the

fanatical perversions of holiness people. I would plead with my preacher brethren to teach your people the truth about the Holy Spirit. This truth is the best antidote against the poison of these false sects.

I will close this article with a few remarks about these three works of grace.

1. There are many more than three works of grace, in fact the works of grace are innumerable.

2. These false doctrines lead to the worst case of Spiritual pride, I have ever seen.

3. These people know almost nothing about the Bible, else they could not be so easily led so far

Jesus.

(3) "And the Word was with God. This, of course, affirms the deity of Jesus.

Jesus said:

"I and my father are one" John 10:30.

"He that hath seen me hath seen the Father . . ."—John 8:19.

"Before Abraham was, I AM," indicating that He has always been, from everlasting to everlasting.

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" Hebrews 13:8.

"But Jesus answered them, Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Therefore the Jews sought to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God."—John 5:17,18.

"I and my Father are one," the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for what cause those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God . . . So Jesus said unto them, I am the Son of him, whom the Father sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; cause I said, I am the Son of God? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works; that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him." John 10:30-33,36-38.

"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be EQUAL with God." (Philippians 2:6).

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

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matthew 1:23). (Also see John 5:17, 18; Matthew 5:2; Colossians 1:17; and Revelation 1:8).

IV. THE BODILY RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

"Jehovah's Witnesses":

On the third day of his life, dead in the grave his immovable Father Jehovah God raised him from the dead, not as a human Son, but as a mighty immortal spirit Son, with all power in heaven and earth under the High God." (page 43 of "Let God Be True").

"After he had sacrificed perfect manhood, Almighty God raised him to deathless heavenly life as a glorious spirit creature." (page 44 of "Let God Be True").

"So the King Christ Jesus was put to death in the flesh and resurrected an invisible spirit creature; therefore, the world will see him no more." (page 45 of "Let God Be True").

"This firstborn one from the dead was not raised out of the grave a human creature, but was raised a spirit." (page 46 of "Let God Be True").

The Bible:

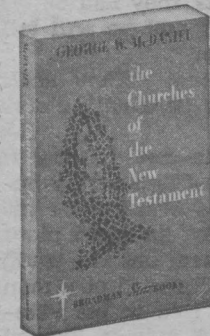
"And go quickly, and tell the disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there ye shall see him: lo, I have told you." (Matthew 28:7).

"And my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see, for a spirit hath no flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus said, he shewed them his hands and his feet."—(Luke 24:39,40).

(Also read Acts 1:3; 13:30,31).

Whereas so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" say that Jesus was raised as a mere "invisible spirit creature," the foregoing passages teach, if anything, that Jesus was raised from the dead with a real body. But in opposition to this plain truth, the founders of the "Witness" cult, Charles Russell, said that "the man Jesus is dead, forever dead." (page 10 of "The Servant of the Lord"). (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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astray.

4. These doctrines are a mixture of gross ignorance of the Bible, extreme fanaticism, and demonism in varying proportions.

5. I fear that most of those who remain in such heresy are not true children of God.

6. I praise God for leading, yea, bringing me out of this and leading me into the true church of our Lord — a Missionary Baptist Church.

God bless you!

Witnesses

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Jehovah God's creations." (page 34 of "Let God Be True").

"This only begotten Son of God did not think himself to be co-equal with Jehovah God; he did not view himself as 'equal in power and glory' with Almighty God." (page 37 of "Let God Be True").

"Even the man Christ Jesus was mortal. He did not have an immortal soul." (page 63 of "Let God Be True").

"The justice of God would not permit that Jesus, as a ransom, be more than a perfect man; and certainly not be the supreme God Almighty in the flesh." (page 87 of "Let God Be True").

"The truth of the matter is that the Word is Christ Jesus, who did have a beginning." (page 88, of "Let God Be True").

The Bible:

In John 1:1, we read:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

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(2) "And the Word was with God."

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and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." —I John 1:8-10.

Years ago, our church was holding a tent revival meeting at Ashland, Kentucky, and Brother Castleberry was doing the preaching. I attended the meeting just as much as I could and tried to help along in the service. One night I noticed while Brother Castleberry was preaching that a man seated over to the left seemed to be rather interested. After the services were over I made my way over to talk to him, and I said, "I noticed you seemed to be interested." I wonder if you are saved? He was a great big fellow and in those days I was very small. I looked at that fellow and I said, "Are you saved?" He looked down at me with a contemptuous look on his face and said, "I'd have you to know that I was saved on the 3rd of January of this year and I haven't sinned in word, thought, nor deed since that time down to this." I said, "Brother, you are just a liar. I have seen the devil in the Baptist preachers; I have seen the devil get in the choir; I have seen the devil get in the church members; but I never saw the devil as big as I saw him in that man when I told him he was a liar. He pulled his coat off and was going to whip the Baptist preacher right then. I said, 'Now, my brother, just a minute. In the first place, I have called you a liar, but God and I got my Bible and this Scripture which says, 'We say that we have no sin, deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.' I said, 'God is one that calls you a liar. What is this getting mad about that you want to whip the Baptist preacher? If that isn't what is it?' He said, 'Oh, that is a mistake.' I said, 'It sure is a mistake, and it would have been one of the biggest mistakes ever made if you had finished taking off that coat.'

Now listen: there are four things wrong with the saved man, for this text says, 'We have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and you are deceived.' In the second place, you are an unsaved man, because the Bible says that the truth isn't in you. In the third place, you are calling a liar, because you are saying that you have no sin, where the Bible says, 'If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar.' The fourth thing wrong with the saved man is that the Word of God is not in him. If the Word of God is not in a man, he is not saved, because we are saved only by the Word of God and the application of the Holy Spirit."

Years passed by and I was preaching at the Car Shops west of Ashland. I stood up in one of the washbasins and preached while they were eating lunch. Ordinarily, we had been giving good attention in that particular place, but that day

there was a lot of noise around behind the lockers, and I wondered where the noise was coming from. After I finished my sermon I stepped around behind the lockers and there sitting down on the concrete, was this fellow that couldn't sin in word, thought, nor deed, and three other fellows with cards in their hands, and they had been gambling while I was preaching. I said, "Hello, how are you getting along?" He said, "Well, I am not doing any good." I said, "It doesn't look to me like you are either." I said, "I thought you told me you couldn't sin." He said, "That was a long time ago. Get on out of here."

Now, beloved, can you imagine a man that couldn't sin one day, hadn't sinned in word, thought, nor deed, and ten years later he had sinned so much that he did not want to talk to a Baptist preacher, and he wanted me to get away, and leave him alone? Can you imagine a man that is good enough one day he can't sin and the next day he has sinned so much he has lost his salvation? The thing that was wrong with that man, is the same thing that is wrong with every individual that is outside of Jesus Christ — he doesn't have a consciousness of sin. Nobody is ever really conscious of sin until he is right with God.

V

YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE SAVED IF YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR GOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.

We read:

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye WOULD LOVE ME." —I John 8:42.

"WE LOVE HIM, because he first loved us." —I John 4:19.

"For I DELIGHT IN THE LAW of God after the inward man." —Rom. 7:22.

If a man is saved, if he has experienced the new birth, he has a love for God, and a love for righteousness, and a love for Christ. Believe me, one of the greatest evidences that a man is saved is the fact that he has a love for God, and a love for righteousness, and a love for Christ, and a love for the Word of God.

How many people there are in this world who are members of a church, even Baptist Churches, that seemingly have no love for God, no love for righteousness, and no love for the Word of God, yet they go on Sunday after Sunday, week after week, month after month, and year after year, as professing church members without ever knowing Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

I tell you, if you have been saved, one of the greatest evidences of the new birth is the fact that you have a love for God, righteousness, and the Word of God, and if that love isn't there, I don't care how many times you have been a church member, or how many times you have been baptized, it is evidence that you are not saved.

VI

ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF THE NEW BIRTH IS AN OBEDIENT LIFE.

If people are right with God, they are going to be somewhat obedient to the Lord. In fact, I have a very positive conviction

that if a man is right with God, and has experienced the new birth he is going to be obedient unto the Lord, and he is going to live an obedient life. Listen:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, HE WILL KEEP my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." —John 14:23.

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace." —Rom. 5:24.

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts." —Gal. 5:24.

We talk a lot about the Holy Rollers, and make a lot of fun of them, because of their profession whereby they say they are living above sin. Now I know they lie when they say it. I know there is not a word of truth in what they say. I say to you, we have no business shying off from this truth of a consecrated life just because a tribe of unsaved Holy Rollers have carried it to an ungodly extreme. I mean to say to you, if you are a saved person, there ought to be an evidence of crucifixion so far as your life is concerned, because this text says that the man who belongs to Christ has crucified his flesh. If you are saved, an evidence of the new birth in your life is the fact that you are living an obedient life unto the Lord.

Notice again:

"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." —I John 2:4.

Many a man says, "I know Him," and then goes out and lives a life of sin. Beloved, God says that he is a liar. I would say that man is unsaved. There has to be a life of obedience for me to believe that he is saved. For me to see any evidence of salvation in your life, there has to be a life of obedience on your part.

Listen again:

"And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is

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"WHEN THOU HAST SHUT THY DOOR, PRAY TO THY FATHER WHICH IS IN SECRET..." MATT. 6:6

the commandment. That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should WALK IN IT." —I John 1:6.

"Ye are my friends, IF YE DO whatsoever I command you." —John 15:14.

What do the commandments mean to you? I don't mean just the ten commandments. I mean all the commandments of God's Word. Do those commandments mean anything to you? Are you obedient to the Lord? Do you try to live an obedient life? I am saying to you, one of the evidences of the new birth — one of the evidences that shows you are right with God is the fact that there is an obedient life, that is manifested by your walk.

VII

ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF THE NEW BIRTH IS THAT OF PROGRESSIVE PURIFICATION.

I believe that if a man has experienced the new birth there is going to be a progressive purification on his part from day to day, and I base it on the Word of God. Listen:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him: for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him PURIFIETH HIMSELF, even as he is pure." —I John 3:2, 3.

If you know the Lord Jesus Christ, if you are saved, if you have experienced the new birth, if you are truly trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, then what effect is it going to have on you? Beloved, it is going to purify you just as He is pure.

Every once in a while somebody will say, "Brother So-and-So used to be such a good man, but he doesn't live just exactly right anymore, and he is not as good a man as he used to be." Or, "Here is Brother So-and-So who used to be pastor of a church and he drinks rather heavily now." Or "Here is Brother So-and-So. He used to be a good preacher but he backslid, and fell by the way, and isn't living like a Christian ought to live." Those individuals that are has-beens and used-to-be's just go on like they are at the present time and never come back and walk with the Lord. What do you think about them? Just one thing. They have never been born of the Spirit of God.

Beloved, if a man has been born again, he has a hope in him that purifies him. I am not saying that a man doesn't fall by the way-side, and I am not saying that a man doesn't do things that are wrong, but I am saying that the general trend and tenor of every man's life, if he is saved, is to walk with the Lord. He may (Continued on page 8, Column 1)

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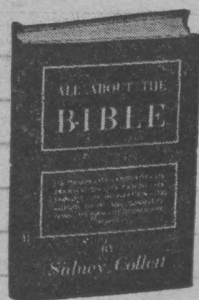
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fall by the wayside, but if he does, he will get up and start over again, for the Bible says he has a hope in him that purifieth him. One of the evidences of the new birth is progressive purification.

VIII

YOU CAN KNOW YOU ARE SAVED IF YOU HAVE A LOVE FOR OTHER BELIEVERS.

We read:

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because WE LOVE the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death."—1 John 3:14.

Do you really love to be with God's people? Now that doesn't mean that you have to have a

silly, sickly, sentimental feeling toward everybody that is a member of the church. It means that if you are saved, you have a desire to be with saved people. You love to fellowship with them. You love to associate with them. Let's look at it from this standpoint:

Suppose I go out to the poolroom and get ten fellows out of that poolroom and bring them in here and set them down in this service and preach to them. Do you know who is going to be the most miserable men in this service? Those ten men from the poolroom. Why? Because this is not their habitat. They are out of their environment. They are out of their class. I could take ten men out of this service and take them over to the poolroom where

there is cursing and profanity and vulgarity and all kinds of blasphemous words, and do you know who would be the ten most miserable men in that poolroom? It would be the men that I take out of this service of the Lord. Why? Because they are out of their environment.

That is exactly what this passage of Scripture means when it says, "We know we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." In other words, we love to be with God's people. We love to be with the brethren.

A preacher friend of mine went back up in the mountains some few weeks ago and visited with some people, and a crowd gathered around, and they started asking questions. He said that he preached the longest sermon he ever preached in his life, for he started preaching at 10:30 that morning when he got there, and preached until 6:30 that evening when he left. There was one question after another. He said that it was the most glorious day in his life because the people just gathered around, and asked him one question after another about the Word of God. He said that it was a glorious day, only if you knew the Lord—that it was glorious to testify for the Lord.

I say, beloved, you can know you are saved if you love to be with God's people.

CONCLUSION

I ask you, in the light of the Scriptures which I have read to you, have you been born again? I am not asking if you are a member of a Baptist Church. I am not asking if you have been baptized, or how you have been baptized. I am asking something that is more important than anything else—have you been born again? I have given you some eight evidences of the new birth, and I would to God that you might test your own soul, and probe your own heart, and ask yourself this question, have I been born again? If you haven't, might it please God to give you an experience with the Lord in this hour, that you might come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. When you come to know Him, God gives you an experience that carries you along from day to day. Listen:

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."—Isa. 32:17.

Brother, sister, if you are saved, God will give you peace, quiet, and assurance that doesn't last just a little while, but it will last forever. Might it please God to give to you an experience which we call the new birth, that you might be saved. And may it please Him that from thence forward your life shall be blessed with peace and quietness and assurance forever.

May God bless you!



Separation

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they knew I was here. My only word is, I wish my Sunday School teacher had not taught me to play cards."

Our profession and our appearance in the world cannot be motley or partly colored. It must be all of one piece, all of one kind. I want to remind you that the ceremony itself of sowing a field with two kinds of seed, of plowing with an ox and an ass together, of mixing linen and woolen threads in a garment has been put away by Christ, but the holy principles have been brought over into the New Testament in a very clear fashion.

I have demonstrated from the New Testament itself that the New Testament forbids the mixed teaching, mixed service and the mixed conduct involved in these three Old Testament prohibitions. May the Lord help us who know Him through faith in His finished work on the cross to abide by

these principles in our daily lives in order that whatsoever we do in word or deed we may glorify the Lord.



Witnesses

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of "Studies In The Scriptures, volume V).

V. THE VISIBLE BODILY RETURN OF CHRIST

"Jehovah's Witnesses:"

"Christ Jesus comes, not as a human, but as a glorious spirit creature." (page 185 of "Let God Be True").

"Some wrongfully expect a literal fulfillment of the symbolic statements of the Bible. Such hope to see the glorified Jesus coming seated on a white cloud where every human eye will see him." (page 186 of "Let God Be True").

"Since no earthly men have ever seen the Father, whom no man hath seen, nor can see, neither will they see the glorified Son." (page 186 of "Let God Be True").

On the basis of their concoction that Christ's second coming is invisible, they teach that Christ returned in 1914. According to this doctrine, Christ has been here since 1914, wrestling with the forces of evil. They say that World Wars I and II attest this struggle.

On page 125 of "Let God Be True," we read:

"The world-shattering events that have followed one another in quick succession since 1914 marked that year as the 'time when Christ Jesus began to rule in the midst of his enemies.'"

"The undefeatable purpose of Jehovah God" to establish a righteous kingdom in these last days was fulfilled A.D. 1914." (page 128 of "Let God Be True").

The Bible:

"Which also said, ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into Heaven."—Acts 1:11.

"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." (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17).

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (1 John 3:2).

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." (Revelation 1:7).

These Scriptures clearly refute the teaching that Christ's return

will be invisible and that He already come.

The Founder Of "Jehovah's Witnesses" Exalted His Writings Above The Bible, God's Word

"If the six volumes of 'Studies In The Scriptures' are practically Bible, topically arranged Bible proof texts given, we may not improperly name the volume 'The Bible in an arranged form.' This is to say, they are not comments on the Bible, but they are practically the Bible itself.

"Furthermore, not only do we find that people cannot see the Divine plan in studying the Bible by itself, but we see, also, that anyone lays the 'Scripture Studies' aside, even after he has become familiar with them, after he has read them for ten years—then lays them aside and goes to the Bible and goes to the Bible, though he has understood the Bible for ten years, our experience shows that within years he goes into darkness on the other hand, if he had read the 'Scripture Studies' their references and had read a page of the Bible as such, would be in the light at the end of two years, because he would have the light of the Scriptures.

This is nothing short of the phemph of the Word of God, you imagine anything more audacious and audacious than this claim as is made by this man, his writings are more valuable than the Word of God!

CONCLUSION

Beloved friends, the United States of America is the country in the world that has provided a constitution that "Jehovah's Witnesses" and other religious groups the right to hold to and to propagate their kind of religious notions, views and doctrines; yet the "Witnesses" won't even fight for their country nor salute "Old Glory." "Jehovah's Witnesses do salute the flag of any nation" (page 234 of "Let God Be True"). But listen to the "powers" in regard to the "powers" of governments that exist.

"Let every soul be subject to the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves condemnation." (Romans 13:1, 2).

And Jesus taught: "Render unto Caesar (the governmental power) the things that are Caesar's." (Matthew 22:17).

So-called "Jehovah's Witnesses" disobey the command of God when they refuse to respect powers that are ordained of God.

In view of the heretical teachings and un-Americanism of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses," are we not justified in saying that those who profess such teachings are not at all witnesses of Jehovah, but are false ambassadors?—Tract

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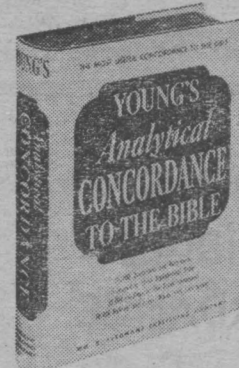
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