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ELECTION

By J. T. PARISH Madisonville, Kentucky

arily upon the Scriptures for nowledge of the subject. We also pray for the guidance every situation. Holy Spirit to lead us into

An Eternal Act

Election is an "eternal act of 1:18-20). are the first to admit that God." The Scriptures teach that on is a difficult subject to God did the electing back in eter-Not for a moment do we nity. Salvation was no afterto be any sort of authority thought with God. He was not the subject. We will rely taken by surprise by Adam's sin. Gold never has a crisis. He knows beforehand what He will do in

God foreordained Christ to understanding of the come to die for sinners before the foundation of the world. "Forasone's Systematic Theology much as ye know that ye were Election to be "the eter- not redeemed with corruptible of God by which in his things, as silver and gold, from eign pleasure, and on ac- your vain conversation received no foreseen merit in by tradition from your fathers; he chooses certain out of but with the precious blood of unber of sinful men to be Christ, as of a lamb without blemsorbients of the special grace ish and without spot: who verily Spirit, and so to be made was FOREORDAINED BEFORE This does not measure up to the hon", partakers of Christ's THE FOUNDATION OF THE Scriptural use of the word, fore-

these last times for you." (I Peter

God foreknew those who are saved. "For whom he did FORE-KNOW, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified them he also glorified." (Romans 8:29, 30).

Foreknowledge is often interpreted by Arminians to mean that God knew that certain ones would believe, therefore he elected them to Salvation. According to that idea Foreknowledge would only be conditioned upon man's action. WORLD, but was manifest in (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Courage, Brother Do Not Stumble!

"Courage brother do not stumble, Tho' thy path be dark as night; There's a star to guide the humble, Trust in God, and do the right. Let the road be rough and dreary, And its end far out of sight, Foot it bravely; strong or weary, Trust in God, and do the right.

Perish policy and cunning, Perish all that fears the light: Whether losing, whether winning. Trust in God, and do the right. Trust no lovely forms of passion, Friends, may look like angels bright, Trust no custom, school or fashion, Trust in God, and do the right.

Some will "hate" thee - some will love thee, Some will flatter, some will slight, Cease from man, and all above thee: Trust in God, and do the right. Simple rule, and safest guiding, Inward peace, and inward might. Star upon our path abiding, Trust in God, and do the right."

JACKSON TWISTS AND TURNS AS TO ...

ELD. ROY MASON Aripeka, Florida

sclaimed believing in some things, could well wish of the historic Baptist faith. had disclaimed belief in the heresies of Arminius.



. Hoy Mason

July issue of his paper, Jackson deals with the points of Calvinism. After manner of the skilled dehe seeks to arouse prejuagainst those who are electionists, by identithem with Calvin in all believed or did. Calvin tolerant and a persecutor, Church, so he says, and ald blame those of us who alvin believed, with every sue at all. I believe in on birth of Jesus, and Of course not.

had by Arminius, nor would I blame him for any of his five points of error, which Bro. Jackthe June issue of the son repudiates. However, so long Baptist" editor D. N. as he holds to a portion of Aron, dealt somewhat with minianism, he is to that extent points of Arminianism. Arminian in his theology, and ose points, and those of us whole thing, and come back to have admired his stand on the historic and Biblical views

> myself and those who believe as split off from us have relinquish-I do, that should be extended to ed the simple name "Baptist" by Bro. Jackson. Let us admit the adding some qualifying designatruth that Calvinism and Ar- tion. Hence we need none. We minianism have come to be re- were called Baptists before they garded as terms to symbolize split off from us. We are still those who are freewillites and just Baptists. electionists and that it is unfair to seek to hang the faults and a "Primitive Baptist" paper, alfailings of Calvin or Arminius though it is the kind of a Bap-on those who happen to agree tist that New Testament Bapwith them concerning the ques- tists were. tion of election.

> So far as I am concerned, I a am not to blame in the slightest (Continued on page 5, column 5) for any traits or quirks of character or behavior manifested by John Calvin, but I am quite will-John Calvin, but I am quite willing to be called a Calvinist on the basis of my beliefs concerning the Five Points. And that WE Invite You To Listen To Our WEEKLY RADIO BROADCAST WTCR — 1420 On Your Dial SUNDAY 8:30 A.M. means the Five Points as cor-

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The Baptist Examiner is not

The Baptist Examiner is not "Calvinistic" or "Hardshell

PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN (Continued on page 4, column 4) is the speaker for each broadcast

Which Church Will Endure? Is A Good Question Today

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1965 BIBLE CONFERENCE

By JOHN E. BYRD Fremont, California

John 16:1,2,33 the Lord told His Church they would be killed by organized religion;



Eld. John E. Byrd

they would have tribulation; would have told Nero. They they would be hounded by religion, but were not to be of- at the "dedication" service. fended. In Matt. 10:22 He told

them, "ye shall be hated of all men." I wonder how the *Insti-*tute Arminians define this "all."

They had the assurance of their founder, and source of life, that the very gates of Hell should not be able to withstand this onslaught. The winds of opposition, waves of trouble and various persecutions would come but the Rock upon which the New Testament Church had been built was the Lord Jesus Christ. The little group would be able to withstand all because they had Him. See I Cor. 3:11. There was no other foundation on which they could build. Eph. 5:23 declares Christ is Head, Preserver, and Savior of that Body.

Today the tawdry propagandists, and charlatans, and other Paladins of theology distortion have chained the Bible to their "little work for Jesus" or their chain of super junior high schools called *Institutes*. Just to hear one joke and cajole for an hour is to strip the agent of decadence of his robe of deception. I wonder what the ego boys probably would have had him

The Church That Jesus Built Endured In Crisis

It was scorn, mockery and ridicule from the start. In Acts 11:26, they were called Christian at Antioch. Chrysostom said it was in derision. See Acts 4:25. The sect of Nazarenes got their name in mockery. Today when the ecumenical fathers get after one of their boys, he goes out as "And the people spake against to pass, that every one that is bers and perhaps reach over a to stay and preach beyond the a missionary. Those who choose the image of the emperors. WHY DID THESE SERPENTS Many recanted of the fact this ed those who hold to prayed for the people. And the ter of John, and then referred that it was sin on the part of the people, and that would be off a church for not bowing to not seek to blame Bro. thee a fiery serpent, and set it bers. Tonight, I want to begin true, but I never did notice the their bureaucracy. They were for the people and that would be off a church for not bowing to not seek to blame Bro. thee a fiery serpent, and set it bers. Tonight, I want to begin true, but I never did notice the their bureaucracy. They were of seek to blame Bro. thee a fiery serpent, and set it pers. Tonight, I want to begin true, but I level and little and it shall come with the 21st chapter of Num- (Continued on page 2, column 2) (Continued on page 5, column 2)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

THE SERPENT OF BRASS"

ce and does not touch the serpents among the people, and Pope Paul. Does that the people came to Moses, and ed up."—John 3:14. people of Israel died. Therefore so must the Son of man be liftwith the whole papal said, we have sinned, for we Of course not.

have spoken against the Lord, how many times I have preached DREN OF ISRAEL?

this was the initial manifestation and against thee; pray unto the on the subject, "The Brazen I never saw until recent date tion of that contemptible tricklogical terms and they Lord, that He take away the Serpent." Always heretofore, I the actual reason for the ser- ery and specious argumentation.

founder of the PresbyGod, and against Moses, Wherebitten, when he looketh upon it, little into the Gospel of John. ignorance of the establishment's
church, so he says, and fore have ye brought us up out shall live. And Moses made a I think I have in this message statement, are branded as hereof Egypt to die in the wilder- serpent of brass, and put it upon some great truths to bring to tic by edicts. From 60 to 70 A.D. some of the same things ness? For there is no bread, a pole, and it came to pass, that you. While they have been men- Nero burned Rome and accused error of his life. This is our soul loatheth this light when he beheld the serpent of various ways in other messages, asked Trajan, "What shall we hand does not touch the serpents among the people, and "And as Moses lifted up the or less a new message to you to with the contains." They have been men accused of the contains the contains and accused neither is there any water; and if a serpent had bitten any man, tioned various times, and in the Christians of arson. Pliny bread. And the Lord sent fiery brass, he lived."—Num. 21:5-9. I think what I say will be more do with the Christians? What serpents among the people, and "And as Moses lifted up the or less a new message to you to you to serve the process of the proce they bit the people; and much serpent in the wilderness, even concerning the brazen serpent. were accused of treason before

I couldn't begin to tell you COME AMONG THE CHIL- they stood for anything. Maybe

those who are free- serpents from us. And Moses have begun with the 3rd chap- pents. I would say generally which some call "resolution" and those who hold to prayed for the people. And the ter of John, and then referred that it was sin on the part of today when they decided to write

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A Good Man Goes To Be With His Lord Above

I write this article with a heavy but rejoicing heart. I am writing in behalf of Eld. Edgar (Eddie) J. Nelson, who has gone on to be with his Lord. He was the pastor of Cottonwood Lane Baptist Church, of Sacramento, Calif. He and I learned to love and respect from him, namely the five points water." of Calvinism.

He loved the Baptist Examiner very much, next to the Bible. Because of him I started taking it

and I love it, too.

One of the high points of his ministry was when Bro. Gilpin came out to Sacramento, Calif. last April, to be in the Bible Conference at Citrus Heights Baptist every day. Church.

He was one of the very few who believed the Five Points of Calvinism in our area.

We will all miss Bro. Eddie here at Cottonwood Lane, but we know it was God's will and that we will all be together soon.

precious family and for the so desired. church he left behind.

Here are a few particulars a Melodie 3 months.

He was converted to Christ Dec.

The Baptist Examiner gospel ministry Oct. 6, 1963 by Cottonwood Lane Baptist Church. He was later called by this church to be her pastor and became her

rose for His bouquet.

I know he is very proud to be one of the Lord's elect flowers. Published weekly, with paid He never questioned the Lord's will. "Who art Thou, O man, that repliest against God?" Rom. 9:20.

He also believed Rom. 8:28. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.'

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-Eld. Bill Grissom

La Maria

"Serpent of Brass"

(Continued from page one) particular sin of which the children of Israel were guilty. Beloved, it was the sin of murmuring, complaining, and rebelling against their leadership.

When I say leadership, God was leading, and Moses was leading. God was directing, and Moses was their human leader. The children of Israel rebelled against their leadership.

They went so far as to say, "You brought us out here in the wilderness to die. Worse than that, we haven't any bread, and we haven't any water, and our soul loatheth this light bread." The light bread that they were speaking of, was the manna, and they said, "We abhor, or loathe, one."-Psa. 14:2, 3. was my pastor for the past year or despise the manna which you have given to us. We haven't him very much. I learned much any bread, and we haven't any

> Now that in itself was definitely a falsehood. They had had water ever since the time that Moses struck the rock the first time and water flowed out from that rock. The Word of God says that rock followed them all the way through their wilderness

They had food every day, for "But the scripture hath con-God gave them manna from cluded ALL UNDER SIN.—Gal. They had food every day, for Heaven, and on occasions gave 3:22. them quail that flew in waist high, and all they had to do was just knock them down, and they then had "quail on toast" We covet your prayers for his every day for breakfast if they

Whenever you get a person in rebelling, complaining mood, about him. He was born Sept. 4, it is pretty easy for him to 1929. Deceased Aug. 3, 1966, at the stretch the truth considerably, age of 36. He was survived by his and that is exactly what that Garden of Eden, because of man's wife, Dalphia, and three lovely crowd was doing. They were rebellion against God. belling, and they even go so far as to lie when they complain 4, 1949 and baptized the following to Moses-lying about the food Sunday by the Thornton Baptist and the water situation. As a Church of Thornton, Calif. He result of this, God sent serpents. was ordained to the office of In other words, the serpents deacon June 1st of 1958. He was came because the children of BIT the people; and much peoordained to the full work of the Israel were in rebellion against ple of Israel died."-Num. 21:6.

chapters of Genesis. Isn't that the story of the entrance of sin into the human family? Isn't faithfully until the time of his that exactly what happened in the Garden of Eden? God said, I realize he was a young man, "The tree which is in the midst but the Master wanted a prime of the garden, you shall not touch it. If you do, you are going to die." What did Eve do? She rebelled against what God said, and when she partook of the fruit of that tree and carried it to her husband, the Word of othy 2:19). God says that he ate also with Timothy would indicate in the New Testament (I Tim. 2: the foundation of the world; and 15) that Eve sinned thinking that she was going to be wiser, but that Adam sinned with his eyes wide open, knowing that and calleth those things which he was going to die. I think he be not as though they were" (Roloved his wife so much that he mans 4:17), stays not for the would rather die than live with- being of things, to determine His out her, so he sinned. He ate eternal purpose by; but having of that forbidden fruit and the all things present to Him, and two of them died. They died in rebellion against Almighty God.

Well, beloved, the serpents 1:4; II Timothy 1:9). came among the children of Israel because of the complain- election is so far off from making ing and the rebellion on the works in us foreseen the ground part of the children of Israel. or cause of the choice: that it con-Sin itself began in exactly the same manner, for had it not been only the persons, but the graces for the rebellion on the part of Adam and Eve against God Al- And hence it is, that it is said; mighty's revealed will — if it we are predestinated to be conhad not been for that rebellion, sin would never have been a reality.

We read:

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They the salvation and calling of which are ALL GONE ASIDE, they are we are now made partakers, is all together become filthy; there no other than what was given is none that doeth good, no, not us in Christ Jesus before the

When God turns His eyes introspectively toward this earth, posed in Christ Jesus our Lord. God sees man as a sinner. God sees every man as a sinner. And when God looks with His X-ray eyes upon man, He says that there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

We come to the New Testament and find the same message. Listen:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and virus of sin itself. wanderings. They had water come short of the glory of God." -Rom. 3:23.

So I say, beloved, the rebellion on the part of the children of Israel caused God to send the serpents. There has been rebellion on the part of mankind from the Garden of Eden forward, and this has cursed this world. Just as Israel"s camp was cursed specifically with serpents, so God has cursed this world from the

THE ISRAELITES WERE AC-TUALLY BITTEN.

We read:

"And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they

pents were crawling around on forth sin; and sin, when it is (Continued on page 3, co the ground, but actually the Israelites were really bitten by the serpents. The same is true so far as the human family is concerned. Our spiritual condition is the result of the instigation of the old serpent, even Satan himself. As these Israelites were bitten by the snakes so that many of them died, so it is with this world -this world has suffered from a snake bite. It has suffered because the old Devil came into the Garden of Eden impersonating the serpent, and he brought sin into the Garden of Eden.

For whom was this brazen serpent put up? It was put up for people who had been suffering with the venom of the fiery serpents. For whom did Jesus Christ come to this world? For people who have been suffering with the

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ALL THE BOYS WHO DESPISE ELECTION AND DO Let's go back to the early TWISTINGS AND TURNINGS BECAUSE OF IT OUGHT TO

JOHN BUNYAN'S STATEMENT ON ELECTION

As Stated in THE WORKS OF JOHN BUNYAN Volume II, pages 598, 599

1. I believe that election is free and permanent, being founded in grace, and the unchangable will of God. (Romans 11:5,6; II Tim-

2. I believe that this decree, choice, or election, was before so before the elect themselves, had being in themselves: For "God who quickeneth the dead, His wisdom, He made His choice before the world was. (Ephesians

3. I believe that the decree of taineth in the bowels of it, not that accompany their salvation. (Romans 8:29), not because we are, but "that WE SHOULD be holy and without blame before him in love." (Ephesians 1:4, Ephesians 2:10). He blessed us according as He chose us in Christ. And hence it is again that world began; according to His eternal purpose which He pur-(Ephesians 3:8-11; II Timothy 1:9; Romans 8:29).

is He in whom the elect are always considered and that without Him there is neither election, tual calling. (II Peter grace, nor salvation. (Ephesians Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter

John Bunyan (1628-1688)

Wrote the famous book PILGRIM'S PROGRE

Spent many years in o ford jail for preaching the pel. He still preached to who gathered outside and hundreds were save

1:5,7,10; Acts 4:12).

5. I believe that there any impediment attend election of God that can their conversion, and eter vation. (Romans 8:30-35: 11:7; Jeremiah 51:5; Acts

6. I believe that no m know his election, but by ing. The vessels of merch God afore prepared unto 8 thus claim a share there mans 9:24,25).

7. I believe therefo election doth not forestall vent the means which God appointed to bring Christ, to grace, and to g rather putteth a necess the use and effect there 4. I believe that Christ Jesus brought to Heaven the in whom the elect are although the faith average considered and that without that is, by the faith Christ, which is the end

III

THE BITE OF THE FIERY SERPENT WAS MORTAL.

These serpents were not playthings in any wise at all. Rather, as result of the bite of these serpents, people died. They were having funerals every day because the people were being bitten by these fiery serpents. So I say that the bite of these fiery serpents was mortal.

May I bring this over to the New Testament and tell you that the bite of the old serpent, even Satan himself, was a mortal bite to the sons of men. Every man that was ever born into this world has been born with a sinful disposition, and that sinful disposition results in a spiritual death ultimately. Listen:

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his wine of the wrath of Go It wasn't so bad that the ser- lust hath conceived, it bringeth into the cup of his indicates were growning around an arrangement.

finished, BRINGETH DEATH."—James 1:14,

Eve lusted after that the forbidden tree. She lusted after it, but she to the extent that she the fruit that was offered and that resulted in death.

So I would remind ! as the bite of the serpe a mortal bite, so sin is to every one of us. It re our spiritual death. Liste

"Wherefore, as by one entered into the world DEATH BY SIN; and st passed upon all men, for have sinned."—Rom. 5:12

"But the children of th dom shall be cast out in darkness; there shall be and gnashing of teeth."

"The same shall drink

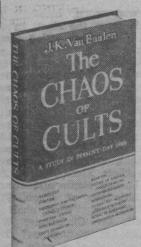
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ontinued from page two) shall be tormented with and brimstone in the presof the holy angels, and in VINE ORIGIN. resence of the Lamb; And noke of their torment ash up for ever and ever." 14:10, 11.

say to you, beloved friends, de of these fiery serpents nortal to the children of and the bite of the old t, the Devil of Hell, is ally mortal to the sons of for it results in death; means nothing more nor origin. an an eternal Hell, being led from Almighty God.

IV

THE WAS NO LIMIT TO of divine origin also. STAGE OF POISONING.

nit, I say, as to the stage soning.

ely healed.

here is another individual for man's sin. outskirts of the camp who ning, glistening luster of man and his wife. razen serpent on the pole, he sees the luster of the serpent, and he is healed. beloved, there was no there is no limit spiritso far as unsaved people youngster, almost pureved to be sure—but he has tasted even the vices of or he may be an old sot come a servant of the Devil, slave to Satan. Regardless vile the individual may how pure the individual be, by looking to Jesus he can be healed — he can he can become a child

rejoice when I read this to see that God didn't limit to this brazen as to the stage of pois-Beloved, there is no limit ners. Instead, we read:

Luke 19:10.

be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."-Isa. 1:17.

THE REMEDY WAS OF DI-

Moses didn't suggest this remedy. Moses in no wise at all produced it. Rather, it was of Divine origin. The Word of God would tell us when the people cried to Moses, that Moses went to the Lord in prayer for the people, and God said, "Make thee a fiery serpent." So you see that

May I remind you that our remedy for sin was a remedy that didn't come from man, but rather, it came from God. It was

the remedy itself was of divine

When sin first came into the back and read the story in human family, what did Adam chapter of Numbers and and Eve do? Immediately, when individual who looks to naked, as a result of the sin they orazen serpent. There was had committed, they took fig leaves and sewed them together to make clothes for themselves. be the man has just been That was man's remedy for his He looks and he is im- sin. That was what man thought would be satisfactory. Up to that here is another individual time they had never been anyen minutes. His voice has than a little baby is conscious begun to fail. His hands now, but when they sinned, they become nervous. His eyes realized their nakedness, and ded. But he looks, and he they sewed these fig leaves together. That was man's answer

As you well know, that wasn't ctically dead and the news satisfactory. God looked at those out that Moses has put a man-made clothes that Adam Serpent upon a pole in and Eve had produced, and God ddle of the camp and that gave to them clothes made from reads, who looks to that the skin of an animal — in all serpent will be healed of probability, a lamb. At any rate, pent bite. That man is so an innocent animal died, and and so lifeless that he God took the skin of that animal with glazed eyes, can see and made clothes for a guilty

Beloved, whenever you dress glances, and in the sun- up, and look at the clothes that you are wearing, you can say this: "I am wearing these clothes because of sin. If it hadn't been the stage of their poison- for sin, I would never have worn

oncerned. A person can be clothes that Adam and Eve made, God wasn't pleased with the Their remedy for their sinful condition was not satisfactory, and God by-passed it. The result lived out his life and lamb that died for their sins. was that God gave to them a

I say, beloved, the death of that lamb in the Garden of Eden looked forward to the time when the Lamb of God was to die upon cross of Calvary. So when we look backward, we can look all the way back to Adam and see the lamb dying for a guilty man and his wife, and we come this way 4,000 years and we can guilty men and women, on the and he had a cane, with a serpent cross of Calvary.

Oh, I would remind you that the Son of man is come to the remedy in the Garden of to save that which was Eden was of Divine origin. The remedy that we have at Calvary me now, and let us reason is also of Divine origin. Just like her now, and let us reason is also of Divine origin to the sing be as scarlet they shall Moses for the serpent - bitten

be as white as snow; though they ARE YOU DOING FANCY TWISTINGS AND TURNINGS OVER his Son, made of a woman, made THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION? IF SO, READ . . .

B. H. CARROLL'S REMARKS ON AND ELECTION

B. H. CARROLL (1843-1914) Founder and First President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.



the chapter of Numbers and and Eve do? Immediately, when The last clause of verse 48, which reads thusly: "As many as were ordained to eternal life, believed," needs some explaning indicate the control of the circumstance of t

When I was a young fellow and had not imbided the doctrine of predestination, I wanted that to read, "And as many as believed were ordained to eternal life." Perhaps that is the

way you want to interpret it.

Brother Broadus said, "Let the Scripture mean what it on a tree."—Gal. 3:13. wants to mean," and you let that passage stand — ordination been bitten maybe ten more conscious of their nudity, to precede eternal life. Ordination to eternal life takes place

> Paul, in Romans 8, gives us the order. Many modern people do not believe it. We seldom ever hear anybody preach a sermon on it. I heard a strong preacher once say, "I iust can't believe it." Romans 8:29 reads, "For whom he did foreknow, he also foreordained to be conformed to the image of his Son ... and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified."

> Justification comes at believing. So unless that passage "As many as were ordained to eternal life, believed"

would break Paul's chain all to pieces.

Settle it in your mind that salvation commences with God, and not man.—(Pages 279, 280, Commentary On Acts).

What is election? Choice toward individuals. When was this choice made? Before the world was. As we were not there then, in whom was it made? In Christ. To what end? That we should be holy and without blemish in love. He blessed us at that time in foreordination. What does that mean? To decree beforehand. Concerning whom? The particular individuals that were elected. Unto what? Unto adoption as sons. Through whom? Through Jesus Christ. According to what? According to the good pleasure of His will. To what end? To the praise of the glory of His grace. (Page 79, Commentary on Ephesians).

was of Divine origin, so the rem- was for the head of that ser-

THE REMEDY INDICATED A

DEAD SERPENT. This is something that I have never said before. In fact, I never considered it until of recent date when I began to think about it. Years ago, I saw a preacher who was preaching from this story another Lamb dying for and from the 3rd chapter of John, carved on that cane. The serpent was coiled all the way around the cane. Finally, at the top, at the handle of the cane, was the head of the serpent. Somehow I got my theology from that man's

> It is sad how we get our theology confused because of something that we see or something that were under the law. Listen: that we hear. You go to church and hear an unscriptural song time was come, God sent forth (Continued on page 6, column 1) and you think that it must be true because it is sung at church, and you thus get your theology confused because of an unscriptural song. Or you may go to an art museum and see some piece of statuary and think it must be so, and you get your theology confused. Thus it was that I got my theology confused years ago as a boy preacher in seeing this cane that this man had, with the serpent coiled all the way around the cane, and with the head of the serpent as the handle of the cane.

Beloved, I have a feeling when Moses put that brazen serpent up on the pole out in midst of the camp that the head of that

brazen serpent was impaled on that pole. Why? It had to show forth death. The only way that

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see that the brazen serpent was Listen: dead.

Did the brazen serpent have had to die, and I am convinced that the Son of God who had to die, was prefigured by this brazen serpent. This brazen serpent was made exactly like all the snakes that were crawling around on the ground. In shape, in size, and in appearance, it was the same as all the balance of the snakes that were crawling on the ground. The only difference was that this brazen serpent didn't have any poison.

The Lord Jesus Christ was He was made of a woman, made and that is Jesus Christ. under the law, to redeem them

under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."-Gal. 4:4, 5.

The only difference between Jesus Christ and us is that the Son of God, who was made exactly like us - a man in the flesh, did not have any sin; and when He came to the end of the way, you can see death written all over the cross of Calvary.

I contend, beloved, that the brazen serpent when put up on the pole, was impaled there so as to indicate death, and when an individual who was dying, looked at that serpent which indicated death, he was healed thereby. This would tell us that you and I who are dying in sin, and you and I who are suffering in sin and are going to a Devil's Hell - this would tell us that the only way we could have life is through a dying Christ, who died for our sins. In other words, death is slain by death. Listen:

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth

VII THERE WAS JUST ONE REM-EDY.

There was just one remedy that Moses had given, by God, in behalf of the Jews. God didn't say, "Moses, here are a half dozen things you can do." Instead, He just gave them one remedy, and only one remedy. That brazen serpent was the only remedy that this snake-bitten group of people had to depend upon.

Beloved, so far as we are concerned, we have just one remedy. Not two, not three, not a half dozen, but just one.

You go to church and may-be the preacher will offer you more than one remedy. He may tell you to be good. He may tell you to join the church. He may tell you to confess your sins to an earthly man. He may tell you to be baptized. He may come up with a half dozen remedies. God just had one remedy for this snake-bitten people, and that was people in the wilderness - as it serpent could show forth death the brazen serpent on the pole. God just has one remedy today edy that God has given us for pent to be impaled on the pole for salvation and that is the death sin is likewise a remedy of Divine in order that the people might of Jesus Christ on the cross.

"I am THE DOOR; by me if any man enter in, he shall be to die? The Lord Jesus Christ saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."-John 10:9.

"Jesus saith unto him, I am THE WAY, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."-John 14:6.

"NEITHER IS THERE SAL-VATION IN ANY OTHER; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."-Acts 4:

Brother, sister, I say to you, there was just one remedy for the snake-bitten Israelites, and made exactly like you and me. God has just one remedy for us

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In John 3:17 the Greek is in the subjunctive mood, which is the mood of hesitation or doubt. Surely there is no doubt that the elect will be saved. Therefore, does John 3:17 refer to the world of the elect?

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Yes, this verse has reference to the world of the elect and it further explains the 16th verse where Christ expresses the Father's love for the world of the elect. In verse 16 we hear Christ tell Nicodemus that God loves the world, and that this love was so great that He gave His Son for that world; then in verse 17, He explains the result of that love which God had for the world, for it was the Father's love for the world (elect) which caused Him to send His son into the world (universe) not to condemn the world (elect) but that the world through Him might be saved.

There is no doubt in my mind but that the purpose of God, in sending His Son into the world will be fully realized, and it can only be realized with the salvation of every one that He loved, and for whom He sent His Son into the world not to condemn, but to save.

"For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back." Isa. 14:

From this verse I can safely say that there is no one (including Satan and all sinners), who can turn God aside from fulfilling the things that he has purposed.

"For who hath resisted His will?" Rom. 9:19.

those whom He loved, sent His Son into the world, in the likeness of sinful flesh, for their salvation, and though all Hell rise up in opposition to Him, still His purpose

"For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world."

were no opposition.

will be carried out as if there

This verse tells us in no uncer-3:17 is. You will notice in this which is God-given, are not of the the same

(elect) an understanding, that we take an isolated statement in the

may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and Eternal life." I John 5:20.

From this verse it is evident that God sent the Son into the world to give to us an understanding of Him that is true, and through this understanding have the knowledge of eternal our life. It is also evident, that not all have this understanding, thus not all mankind are of the world, that God sent His Son to save.

The world then of John 3:17 loved and for whom He sent His other Scriptures relative to the only begotten Son to die.

God's love was the cause, and refer to the world of the elect. the blood of His Son which was shed at Calvary was the means of this world's (elect) redemption, and this world includes all who are saved both among the Jews and the Gentiles.

The word "might" of verse 17 does not express an uncertainty, but rather it declares a positive action on the part of God to save every one that He sent the Son into the world to save. This word signifies to us that through the Son they should be saved.

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in John 3:16 the word God desiring the salvation of "world" here in this verse has so many different meanings that for anyone to try to prove a point solely on the basis of this word would be showing an utter disregard for the terminology of the word. I once heard a Baptist preacher rant and rave for some forty-five minutes telling us that he could tell everybody that God loved them, and his proof was John 3:16. Now it is true that this word does mean everybody in tain terms what the world of John very rare instances. But for a man to use this word "world" in John verse that life is not offered, but 3:16 as a sole proof that God loves rather it is given. God has, and everybody when the word has He never will offer salvation to some eighteen or twenty other the sinner. He comes with an ir- meanings is ridiculous to the resistible power, and gives salva- point of becoming utterly disgusttion to those that He loved, and ing. The only safe way for us to sent His Son into the world that interpret any Scripture with this they might be saved. Therefore word in it is to do it in the light those who die without this life of other Scriptures dealing with world for which He gave His Son. 2 Pet. 1:20 that no Scripture is of first part. It is true that this pas-"And we know that the Son of any private interpretation. That sage is in the subjunctive mood, by grace through faith, and even God is come, and hath given us simply means that we are not to but in this case does not express the faith is given him as a gift, (Continued on page 5, columns of the continued on page 6, columns of the columns of the continued on page 6, columns of the columns o

Bible and build our theology uncertainty the subjunctive is for if left to himself he wo around it without any regard for used in the first person, rarely in exercise saving faith. All of other Scriptures relating to that the second or third." Please notice would not be bestowed upon same subject. When a man bases that this subjunctive is in the 3rd were he not TOTALLY UNA his teaching on one word without person - not the 1st person and OF HIMSELF. any regard for other Scriptures on the subject, his ignorance is showing like the flashing light on a state trooper's car.

While it is true that the state- be saved. ment in this verse before us is in the subjunctive mood, other question. Does this refer to the Scriptures on this subject prove beyond any shadow of doubt that there is no doubt about the salvation of this world under consideration in this verse. The angel told Joseph in Mt. 1:21, "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He SHALL save His people from their sins." Here in John 3:17 His people are designated "the world." In John 6:37 Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth Me SHALL come to Me." Here the Here the dividuals. (which is God-given) we now ones whom the Father giveth to Lord are designated "the world."

It may very well be that the Holy Spirit put this statement in the subjunctive mood in order that those who refuse to believe does not mean all men universal- Scriptures like the two just menly, or every man individually, but tioned might have something to only those that God the Father argue about. But, in the light of subject, John 3:16 and 17 can only

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As the questioner states there is indeed no doubt about the elect being saved, for "no man can pluck them out of his hand."

The word "world" used here is the Greek "Kosmos" which signifies mankind. John 3:16 for instance does not mean every individual, but rather the world in an etheric sense. That is people of all races of mankind, rather than just Jews, as so many of that day seemed to think. The statement, "God so loved the world, etc." is immediately qualified by "that whosoever believeth . should not perish"

Who then will be saved? They who believe. Who will believe? Answer: "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed."

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hesitation or doubt. Since I am not a Greek scholar I must rely on what the text books tell us, so I began by locating the word in my Greek New Testament. The words in question are (hena sotha) which is, according to Harper's Analytical Greek Lexicon the 3rd person singular, Aorist 1, subjunctive passive of (sozo). Taking this information I examined my Greek text books. In An Introduction to Greek by Crosby and Schaeffer on p. 95, paragraph 176, we read "(hena) may introduce a subjunctive to express purpose ." In Essentials of New Testament Greek by John Homer Huddilston on p. 36, paragraph 88 -"rule of syntax: clauses of purpose take the subjunctive with (hena)." On p. 205 and paragraph 115 - "In questions of doubt or

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therefore is not to express doubt but purpose.

The purpose of the coming of Christ was that the world might

Now for the second part of the world of the elect? Of course. There can be no doubt.

There could be none in hell if this Scripture referred to the that ye might have life. world of all living human beings. is characteristic of fallen This passage tells us that the purpose of Christ's coming was that sistible grace of God, none the world might be saved.

We know that there are some in hell (Luke 16:19-31). Therefore this shows that John 3:17 is not except it were given unto talking about the world of all in-

God does not fail or lie so the MAN CAN COME" by and world here must be the world of himself. Read the context

Five Points

(Continued from page one) roborated by the Bible-not five attempt to reconstruct the points as distorted by the Hard- acter of God. How many shells or anyone else. What are have I heard people say the Five points? Bro. Jackson reference to election, correctly states them as follows: DOESN'T SEEM FAIR TO I—Total Inability. II—Unconditional election. III — Limited from all eternity and not Atonement. IV - Irresistible "That doesn't seem fair to Grace, V - Perseverance of the You would think to hear Saints. Bro. Jackson deals with talk that they have a two of these in his magazine standard than God, and article, and I shall follow his would get the idea that lead and consider only two in are clamoring for salvation this article.

I—TOTAL INABILITY. who believe in the sinner's total back and refuses them. inability do not believe that man "sorta" half-way fell. We do not believe that he is a when he wants to be "pretty good scout" after all. We Fallen man does NOT wa do not believe that he has a be saved. He wants to follow mighty, sovereign, free will so master, the devil, and we powerful and free that even not for the elective gro the Holy Spirit cannot turn him God none of us would be to repentance when he sets that will. Just what is wrong with CHOSEN ALL TO LIFE? unregenerate man anyhow?

1—He was shapen in iniquity and conceived in sin. So says the Bible. (Psa. 58:3; Psa. 51:5)

2-He is spiritually dead dead as a door nail. Ephes. 2: 1-5, "Who were DEAD in trespasses and sins . children of wrath even as others. Just how unable is a dead man? Ever hear an undertaker tell a dead man to get up and walk to MIGHTY, FREE WILL of the hearse? No more impossible turn to God when and than for a spiritually dead man they sovereignly please of his own volition to turn to the Lord.

But speaking of the spiritually dead we read in the same chapter, "But you hath He quickened." Further in explanation in verse 88 we read, "For by for Scripture proof? Jer. GRACE are ye saved, through faith." "Ah," says the Arminian, 'there is where man shines.' Not so, for immediately we read, 'And that (faith) is not of yourselves, it (faith) is the gift of God." So there is not one ounce Before we answer the last part of merit attributed to man. He ARE ACCUSTOMED total f the question let us study the is quickened from a spiritually EVIL." Is that not total rest part. It is true that this pasdead condition and saved wholly ability?

3-He loves "Darkness" than light." (John 3:19) picture of unregenerate clamoring and crawling to the light is false. He loves darkness. 4—He will not turn to C

Jesus said, (John 5:40) WILL NOT COME UNTO and were it not for the ever come to Christ. Christ plainly says (John "No man CAN come unti of my Father." That's total vengeance. with a you will find that the doctr election just stated by caused nearly all of his cro leave him. People back didn't like it, and they don't it today. Man is by nature minian. Arminianism is "Why should God choose entrance into God's Kind We while God sternly holds is not a word of truth in half-way fell. We No person will ever go to

But WHY HASN'T know, and no other knows. Certainly he was no obligation to do so, sino saved people hate God al everything they can to his laws. If you doubt recommend that you rea . by nature morning newspaper.

Deniers of total inability sume that unregenerate me the exercise of by truth is they are depraved tures with depraved wills such would never turn to were it not for the enabl that he gives. Is this statt too badly? Well, how about "Can the Ethiopian chang skin or the leopard his sl The manifest answer possible." Now read of the verse: "Then (if th pard can change his spots) YE ALSO DO GOOD,

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Ontinued from page 4) to the second point of IM, UNCONDITION-ECTION. Our belief in this ot involve that we must Bro. Jackson's interpreof it, nor does it inthat we must accept Mr. interpretation. Some ago I was asked to define lef in election. I gave the wing statement which repmy understanding of cripture's teaching on the then, and years of furudy has not caused me to the statement goes

d in sovereign grace, actpon good and righteous known only to himself, mity, before the foundathe world chose certain from among the race of for himself. At the time that God unconditionected these to eternal life, sewise ordained the means ent to bring the elect in a saving knowledge of This election is not from, but is in Christ, and the salvation of the is inseparably connected he means ordained of God to pass the thing he

been my experience and ditional He of it. ETERNITY. know that our Baptist who are theologically "Calvinists," have never bed to any such belief. not believe that ANY-IS SAVED IN ETERN-Salvation is in TIME, and place when men repent lieve. However the Scripleach that God "gives reodness of God that leads entance." They also teach ore stated, that even faith gift of God.

wise, we who believe in of this are theologically ated as "Calvinists," do not that men are eternally o go to Hell, as stated by ackson. It takes a divine cause men to turn to takes no divine decree men to go to Hell. Apart intervention of God, WILL NOT turn. It is Arminians also believe intervention of God, the Holy Spirit tries to n the Holy Spirit flunks just can't overcome that uman will. "Poor God!" a tricky evangelist, had pulled every evan-

HARDSHELLISM. I think he nor head a "college." lief in unconditional election.

what is called our Calvinistic views, Bro. Jackson would cause us to believe that God decreed of sin." He thinks our doctrine would cause us to blame God for prostitution, broken homes, theft, imbecility, etc. After the manner of the shrewd debater, he seeks to prejudice his read- and fatally bound to their own ers by means of such misrepre- ability to redeem themselves by sentation. No, we electionists their own depravity, don't be ation that railers against don't believe that God is the invariably resort to author of sin, when his Word and mis-represent the so plainly teaches that Satan is of those who believe in the guilty one. But we do beelection. Bro. lieve that God has elected, preis no exception. He in- destinated, and foreordained the Calvinism to mean that eventual abolition of sin, and the VES AND SEALS THE eternal punishment of the author

And Sand

Church ... Endure?

(Continued from page one) accused of cannibalism at the Lord's Supper and the Great Society of that era had them stop the memorial. They were unto life"—that it "is even accused of sacrificing Christ in the Supper. Gibbon points out that they rejected the Roman gods. In the second century they were called Montanists. In the third and fourth centuries tional election, and who fourth and fifth centuries they they were Novationists. In the were called Donatists. In the sixth and seventh centuries they were Paulicians. In the eighth, ninth and tenth century they were Catheri or "Pure Ones" or Albigenses. In the twelfth to the fifteenth century they were Waldenses in the Valley of the Piedmont or Anabaptists.

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Mark 4:26, 32 states that first there was the seed, then the trick, and failed to have leaf, then the corn, then the birds ofessions. "Poor God!" he on the stem. The buzzards had

just couldn't such was mighty He was the self-appointed modhuman will. That sort of stuff erator of the first association, disgusts me. I believe that when or maybe it was a synod or the Holy Spirit goes after a per- convention. He probably had a son, he always fetches him. Right Reverend Doctor Degree Dan. 4:35, "He doeth according ment pressure from the ego of to HIS WILL . . . and none can the like of Constantine that stay his hand, or say unto him, brought pressure in Acts 5:29. what doest thou?" The disciples said to the editors The disciples said to the editors In his magazine article, Bro. of the scratch sheets, "We must Jackson identifies what is theo- obey God not men." They would logically called Calvinism, with never be president or moderator must know better than this. Christians hate, despise and ab-Hardshells are anti-missionary, hor man-made crosses. The ma-They ignore the command of the chines and politicians said "Comsovereign God who says, "Go in- promise." The Bible their foundto all the world and preach the er left them said, "Preach the gospel to every creature." They Word as it is to men as they likewise ignore God's use of are." They were to endure afpredestined means to bring fliction as good soldiers even things to pass. These things do when religion organized against not characterize the common them. In John 16, their Head run of Baptists who hold to be- had told them not to be offended. When the boys with all their Applying his OWN logic to fake degrees and yea many "articles of faith" forsake the Word for tradition, don't be offended. When the Machinery dethe "institution of all manner cides it doesn't need the Grace of Gold, don't be offended. When the self-styled religious leaders charge God with, "What doest thou?" don't be offended. When the people become inextricably

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one army and comes to shoot the Supreme Court and the of regeneration. Regeneration is you, don't be offended. If your council of churches. They are logically prior to faith. vote for the Great Society or slowly but surely stamping out opposition always comes from she sails nevertheless. The Ruler lutely sovereign and free. the Devil. It comes because the of the seas is in charge. He charts God of Heaven allows it but its course. He is its Captain. He He commands the storm.

founder did for them: Acts 2:41, chain" for fear that the man added to the Church; 2:47, daily of God had not been completely the saved; 4:4, about 5000; 4:32, fitted for his task by the Word

kept a remnant distinctly apart baptized; 9:31, the Church had for a testimony. Sometimes they rest; 9:35, turned to the Lord; may have been amid the debris 9:42, many believed; 11:24, much but they have "overcome him by the Blood of the Lamb and TO the new Church. They had no by the word of their testimony. They have been the hounded and persecuted flock, light, salt, temple, body, or bride who "loved not their life even unto the death." They have believed the Word. They have preached the Word. They have sealed their testimony with their blood. They are not in love with this world, and this world does NOT love them. The world despises these little groups called Baptists. Do not be offended. Someday an angel will put one foot on the land and one foot upon the sea, raise his hand toward Heaven and proclaim, "Time shall be no more," and the Church that Jesus built will sail into the eternal harbor of God and cast their crowns at the feet of Him who gave them.

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"Serpent of Brass"

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Brass has a tendency to glow and glisten and shine. When they put that brazen serpent upon the pole, as the wind might blow, the serpent would weave backward and forward as the pole would move. The sun would glance from that brazen serpent, and that brazen serpent in the sunlight would shine and glow as the light from the sun fell upon the brass. In other words, as it reflected the sun's rays, the people all over the camp could see it. If it had been absolutely stationary, some folk might have had a hard time seeing it. But it wasn't positively stationary, but upon a pole it naturally would weave with the wind, and as the sun would fall upon it, it would reflect the sun's rays throughout all the camp.

May I remind you that this brazen serpent is a picture of what we read in the Gospel, for as it reflected the sun's rays, so the Lord Jesus Christ reflects the

love of God to us.

Oh, will you stand and look up to Calvary. Do you want to see God's love? Look at it as a hand is nailed to the cross. I can hear an archangel as he shouts from heaven, "Jesus, would you have me come and tear your hand loose from the cross and wave it triumphant?" Beloved, I see that hand as it clenches the nails that holds it to the wood of that cross, and I can see Jesus as He see the reflection of God's love. as the crowd would mock Him. He hasn't spoken a single word. my being to hear Him saying: rectly, when he says:

"Father, forgive them; for they

He might have hurled the last one of them into Hell, but He Till all the ransomed church of didn't do it. Instead, He prayed for His enemies. Talk about the love of God; when Jesus Christ prays for His enemies, you have

or at any place. As that brazen serpent reflected the rays of the flects the love of God.

IX

THE BRAZEN SERPENT WAS ENDURING.

The brazen serpent lasted all through the wilderness. How do we know? Later on, after they got over into the land of Canaan, is over. when they didn't need that brazen serpent, the people made an idol out of it, and worshipped it. Finally, it was destroyed. The man of God destroyed it because it became an idol unto them. So we know that this brazen serpent endured throughout all the wilderness wanderings - I am glad Jesus Christ is going to endure throughout all of our wilderness wanderings here within this world. Notice:

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." - II Cor.

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should stripes ye were healed."-I Pet. 24.

I tell you, as that brazen serpent endured throughout all the wilderness wanderings, so Jesus Christ is going to endure to the end of our wilderness experience.

Sometimes you might think that the Modernists or the higher critics will succeed and that the dies there, and from it I can Word of God is going to be set aside. Sometimes you may think I can see Him as He hangs there, that men like Professor Altizer who has come up with the idea that God is dead are going to Eventually, His lips begin to succeed. No, no, beloved, the old move and I strain every fiber of song writer has expressed it cor-

know not what they do."-Luke "Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its power, God

Be saved, to sin no more."

Thank God, as this brazen serthe greatest manifestation of the pent lasted throughout the wil-

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pretation - It would seem as test that we should leave all dis- no longer claim His pres one looks over the condition of cipline to the Lord, but that will our midst, which surely churches of God's people today not do. For us to leave to Him evidenced. May the Lord that we haven't apprehended that for which He has made us to realize that the church the true place and character responsible is presumption." No house or habitation of Go of the church according to the Word of God. We hear much preached about discipline, we read articles written upon this important subject; yet it is the least understood and when occasions arise in which it should be exercised, we are at a loss so it seems as to what, where, and how it should be done: Brethren, discipline is necessary and not to be passed over with the much heard expression today, "The Lord will deal with the situation." One very able teacher, sun, so the cross of Christ re- now with the Lord has said concerning this very thing, "There are generally found in an assembly those who oppose any disciplinary measure. Some take what may seem to them to be a

last until our wilderness journey

THE APPLICATION OF THE REMEDY IS BY LOOKING.

Moses didn't say, "If you will make an offering to God, and look." He didn't say, "If you bring a sacrifice, and look." He didn't say, "If you will do something yourself as well as look." Rather, the only thing that they were to do was to look to the brazen serpent. It was a "by faith"

Beloved, that is the way in which God saves sinners. It is "by faith" proposition. Listen: "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."—John 6:47.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and of believeth on him that sent me, in reverence of all them that live unto righteousness; by whose hath everlasting life."-John 5:

You know, beloved, this idea of looking, puts the priest out Corinthians" (2 Cor. 6:11). "Ye of business. It puts the religionists all out of business. The Campbaptized to be saved. No, no; priests say you have to make a absolved. No, no; away with the baptized folk in any given local-priest! I tell you, this idea of ity, having been organized by a priest and the religionists all out ple and hinders the manifestation assimilate it. We are to of business.

just as soon as they looked. Like- unspotted because it is God's HAVE I HID IN MINE soon as he looks.

that might be so. I don't know ent with His character. "Holiness learned from the Word whether it is or not. There is one becometh thine house, O Lord, Remember according to love of God to be found anytime derness, Jesus Christ is going to thing certain — I don't have forever" (Ps. 93:5). "Be ye holy, 3:16-17, the Word is much faith in it." Such individ- for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:16). If for four things. uals refused to look, and died. Would you sympathize with such a one? No, he has spurned the sympathies of the camp by refusing to look to the brazen serpent, and the man who dies and goes to Hell refusing to trust Jesus Christ as his Savior, has spurned the sympathies of the universe.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I will say that this is a great lesson for the sinner, but it is likewise a great lesson for the child of God. All that Moses did was to put that ser-pent on a pole, high enough that everybody could see it. Beloved, I am saying, here is a lesson for you and me, for us as teachers, as preachers, as laymen, and as Christian men and women. Our business is to hold Jesus high that men might see Him, and when they see Jesus, they receive salvation thereby.

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PAGE SIX

1. Its Consideration and Inter- very spiritual attitude and pro- occasion calls for it to be. doubt, in His Sovereignty He will as He is holy, it should a have His dealing with His people, holy. Disobedience in the but when God's will is made of God cannot but reflect known to us definitely and pre- honor on the head of the cisely in His Word, that will must Let us be careful to rule and not the will of some worldliness and everything would be church rulers. There would dishonor that p is no place in the church for Name. God grant us to human will. It is (or should al- that we shall glorify His ways be) God's will.

One thinks that next to the homeward. blessed Cross of Christ, Christ's Church is the greatest thing that has to do with the He has ever wrought and is the CATION of the church nearest and dearest to His heart, the world. Oh, how ma Brethren, if this is realized, we our churches fall down would see the important position when offenders have this subject of church discipline grave reproach upon His occupies in the Word of God mony and nothing is evel and the necessity of carrying it about it. Beloved of God, W out in the local church.

Perhaps we ought to make world and should have a clear what we mean by "discip- port of them that are line." I don't know of anywhere Matt. 5:16 says, in the New Testament where it LIGHT SO SHINE is mentioned and probably if we MEN, THAT THEY MAN were to ask a number of people YOUR GOOD WORKS." W what it meant, we would receive more than mere professi various definitions of the word. Our lives should preach to I would suggest that "Discipline" is the measure adopted to main- Christlike before the world tain godly order and government lights shine. Seeing out in the Church of God accord- works they realize our ing to the Word of God.

2. ITS INTENTIONS — The intentions or objects of discipline So, when our conduct as be are fourfold:

Godward b. Worldward

Offenderward d. Churchward

a. Godward — "God is greatly be feared in the assembly the saints, and to be had are about Him" (Ps. 89:7). "Holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever" (Ps. 93.5). "O ye are the temple of the Living God" (ver. 16). "In whom ye also are bellites say that you have to be builded together for an habitation of God thru the Spirit" (Eph. away with the religionists! The 2:22). These New Testament verses tell us what the Church of confession and have your sins God really is and any company of looking to the brazen serpent, church, is the temple of the living as an illustration of trusting God in that place. We should be Jesus Christ by faith puts the careful lest anything mar this temof God among His blood-bought our own. Only as we at This remedy meant instantane- people. So discipline's primary and meditate can we be ous healing, for they were healed objective is to keep the church say as David wise, the man who looks to Jesus HABITATION. The presence of THAT I MIGHT Christ is saved from his sins as the Lord in the Tabernacle and AGAINST THEE" (Ps. Temple worship was conditioned But alas, we don't hide How about the fellow that re- upon obedience to the Word of in our hearts and thus fused to look? Some people in God. It is the same today. His sin, causing us to learn that camp doubtless said, "Well, dwelling place must be consist- cipline what we should

as we travel Heavenward

b. Worldward -

a testimony to maintain and not only our lips. As Surely his principle applied lectively as well as indivibecomes dishonoring, then necessary to justify the before the before the world in dealing the one who thus brings re upon the Church of Go any of us holding a resp place in the church, let that our lives should be bla before the world and our words and deeds W reproach upon the church ly we should not have sponsibility connected The church is justified we are able to say to the when they tell us of the orable conduct of sol that they have been dealt

c. Offenderward - This is also important in INDOCTRIN have the of the offender, that is, he be taught the hard way should have learned by God's precious Word. We discipline is not exercised when (Continued on page 1,

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of the church. Even in atter of discipline, God is our Example as we Heb. 12:6-10. The restora-His child, He ever has in Why shouldn't we? May ord help us to carry out he in the fear of God and doing our spirituality will e and God will be pleased

BJECTS OF DISCIPLINE

e following Scriptures one o draw attention to those lemanded action by the of God's people and how ction is to be carried out. he subjects may be noted ollowing order:

he Delinquent One (Mt. 18: When differences arise led in private, pardon eace being the outcome. the wrongdoer is proud es are summoned to hear and give their judgment amongst the Lord's people. matter. Seeing that wrong n done they join with the other in seeking to show ngdoer his sin and admonthen the church is inexhorted by the Church by pastor or committee. reds the exhortation, all is But if he does not, then Leave all discipline to the Says some. Others say, "Let a manifestation of love the offended one forgive get." Brethren, this is not The Lord declares offended one's attitude Let him be unto thee as en man and a publican (v. lat is, an outsider who is yet in the light, life and of the Gospel of the glory Christ. We must always that the procedure in three successive stages: AND TELL HIM HEE ALONE" — PER-

If he remains stub- God.

TAKE WITH THEE ONE MORE" - PRIVATEif this also fails TELL IT UNTO - PUBLICALLY.

personal trespass, a great writer has said, "Every trespass does not call for the action here described, for in many things we all offend and often forbearing love should lead us to pass over many things. Evidently it is what may affect Reproof — that is REPRO- the fellowship of the church, to ON. It shows us when and referred according to the Lord's words." "This is clearly a personal offence — as the words 'against thee' denote; otherwise individual action would be out struction In Righteousness of place. We are not called to to the path of righteous- affairs of our neighbors, unless hen the Scripture explains appealed to by both parties."

2. The Dividing One (Rom. 16: Assemblyward — Lastly we 17-18). Here the subject is not RESTORATION to a new one. The warning against fellowship. This object the danger which was threatenalways be kept before the ing the Roman Church is a timely one for our day. It indeed is sad to see those who profess to be ministers of Christ setting up their own little sects, parties, fellowships and circles, which are not sanctioned by the Lord at all. According to Tit. 3:10-11, one doing such is a heretic. Scripturally this word means, "one who in self-will presses his own opinions." Self interest is their ruling motive, thus bringing in the serious danger of schism in the church. The dividing one serves not our Lord Jesus Christ, but self exaltation is his main objective. We may also call this fellow, the dogmatic one as he is characterized by a pushing spirit and oppose any or all who would stand in his way. The prescription brethren, they should is not excommunication, but admonition. Rejecting the admonition, he is to be shunned or avoided. This type should not be perghty and shows no desire mitted to minister amongst us. things right, one or two Obedience to God's Word in this would effectively check division

3. The Dissolute One (I Cor. 5). This portion deals with the extremity of discipline, one of the gravest cases which may to repent. If this attempt arise for church action. The dissolute one is one who is an Now "The Delinquent open offender against holiness and righteousness. In other there are in the churches of words, he is a scandalous person, God today) of an overtaken an evil doer, a wicked worker. In one. An overtaken one is not one the Corinthian Church it was who practices sin, but being puran open course of wickedness sued by a temptation is suddenly brought to the church's attention stumbled and falls into defeat, by an immoral act, an incestuous for sudden temptation may prove union, which was a serious moral to be too much for us. How many lapse. "The church of God is re- of us have, at some time or other sponsible as to the character of fallen into this category? Taken its fellowship, and it is respon- off guard we may be overwhelmsible as to those who sit down ed by a sudden temptation to together at the table of the Lord fleshly desires, furious tempers, and are linked up in Christian or failure to judge our pride. service." It may not be open as What is the procedure here? Adin Corinth. If this is the case, it monition? Exhortation? Excomhas to be established by compet- munication? No, definitely not. It ent witnesses after careful in- is the restoration of the defeated vestigation. Proven to be wick- one, and this is not to be done ed, the offender is excommuni- by the inexperienced or unspiritcated, according to the Word of ual, but by those who are spirit-

also a wicked person, he who is THE "Covetous, or any idolater, a railer, or a drunkard (habitual) defeat. Note also that the spiritual worker must do this work in a "spirit of mockness" (hardless) ling a case such as this or an extortioner." Any practicing

as a brother.

4. The Defeated One (Gal. 6:1). This is the case (and how many ual. A spiritual person is one who It will do well to note that excommunication is not only for imingly, tenderly and graciously as he seeks to recover him from the a "spirit of meekness" (humbly. gently) "considering thyself" for it is possible that the spiritual one today may be the defeated one tomorrow.

> 5. The Disorderly One (2 Thess. A disorderly brother is one who conducts himself in a disorderly manner. One form of disorderliness in the Thess. Church was a certain remissness in daily work, and the result of this was that they became busy-bodies. Evidently then, as even now, there were those who did not like a good hard days work and so chose to take life easy. They were workers in one sense, as I understand, and the word here the evil of the dividing one (Rom. means, in its literal sense "workers round." They worked round the deceiving one, but may be the church, but their work was deceived himself, in that he is not unto edification, but rather convinced that his ministry is for defamation which is only tit- edifying to his hearers. So it is tle-tattle or evil speaking. Idle- not a question of his "erratic beness then may open the door to haviour in the church, but of serious evils and thus bring dis- obtrusive and unprofitable mincredit upon the precious Name of istry." We hear much of the our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. wrong application of 2 Cor. 3:17,

be withdrawn from.

6. The Disobedient One (1 Thess. 5:14). This is one who is characterized by disobedience to the Word of God, which is the only "Rule" that should govern and guide our lives. An unruly person then is one who is not subject to the "Rule" of God and as a result is rebellious in attitude unprofitable (vain talking). No towards those who are over them in the Lord (I Thess. 5:12-13). The disobedient or unruly one is to be warned and that warning should be heeded, which tremble to run to the platform, comes from the watchers of men's souls.

7. The Dishonoring One (I Tim. 5:20). This is one who commits a sin which manifestly dishonors God and mars the testimony of the church. Gal. 2:

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comes manifestly known to the

church, it should publicly be rebuked. When this is not done

(and seldom is done today) oth-

8. The Deceiving One (Tit. 1:

9-14). The offence here is vain

talking, which is not as serious as

16:17-18). He may not only be

these things may be disregarded The disorderly one then, after ex- "Where the Spirit of the Lord as a brother." The liberty spoken here is not the liberty to speak, but "liberty to see

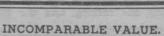
Christ without a veil." There are those who are gifted to minister, whether in our weekly gatherings or our conference sessions, but how many there are who like to be heard, and in getting up waste precious time by doubt, if more of the fear of God were in men today, they, not gifted as to ministering the Word or having not a message, would thus saving to be dealt with for ministry that is unprofitable. The procedure for discipline here is Tit. 1:3 "therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith."

9. The Dangerous One (1 Tim. 11-14 is an illustration of what 1:17-20) (Rev. 2:14-15). Of all the subjects of discipline, this one of evil teaching, is probably the most dangerous to the church of God's people in that it spreads so rapidly. Many who were kept from falling into a moral lapse have succumbed to this good knowledge of God's Word and a reliance upon God to combat false calls for a public conviction and doctrine. Without question, the reprobation, so that others may disciplinary measure in this case realize what becomes the church, is excommunication. There are which is God's habitation. The found those who deny that the 3:6). This type of offender is dissimulation of Peter's conduct extremity of discipline is to be also to be shunned or avoided, called for an open reprobation, carried out in the case of the because it denied the truth he dangerous one (evil teacher) but preached. Lord help us to see the Scripture is clear that, those that when a believer's sin be- who err from the truth, undermining the foundation of our faith, must be excommunicated.

> Let us remember that discipers are free to repeat the same line should always be exercised for the glory of God, for the clearing of the church before the world, to teach the offender a lesson, and last but not least, always with the view to restoration to God first and secondly to church fellowship. Lord help us to behave ourselves in the house of God and to adorn the doctrine of God in all things.

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Election

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To know someone in the Scriptures is to have an intimate acquaintance with him. To foreknow would necessarily imply that God had an intimate acquaintance with certain ones in advance. Those whom God knows are regarded with favor and special objects of God's care. Since time means nothing with the Lord, those whom He foreknows are also regarded with favor and are special objects of His care. To the unsaved God will say, "Then will I profess unto them, I never knew you." Mt. 7:23.

In His Sovereign Pleasure

Why did God elect some to Salvation? I do not understand His reasons. But I realize that God does not require us to understand so much as He requires us to be- hired some helpers. Some worked lieve His Word and to act upon all day and some only one hour. it. "Having predestinated us unto The man paid those who worked the adoption of children by Jesus all day what he had promised but Christ to himself, according to they were unhappy because the the good pleasure of his will . . (Eph. 1:5). "According to the good were paid the same price. Now pleasure of His will" God pre- was this man unjust? He had destinated us. God chose some to done the workers no wrong. He Salvation because He wanted to. He didn't ask man about it before doing it. "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the not God, likewise, choose whom same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto to others? None deserved salva-dishonour?" (Romans 9:20, 21). tion. All we need to do is to admit that

No Foreseen Merit

The Arminian says, "God predestinated us only in the sense that He knew what we would do. Seeing our merit he elected us to

descending, moved him. God is his own motive. His love is now

In Ephesians 1:4 we read, "Achim before the foundation of the

adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." He according to any foreseen merit for Him.

blood, the forgiveness of sins, ple in Corinth. "Be not afraid, but makes the Baptist Exal according to the riches of his speak and hold thy peace; for I dependent, doctrinal, grace." According to the riches of am with thee, and no man shall and missionary; because

He Chose Certain

"I do not believe that God would choose some to salvation and not choose all" is the most often heard objection made by the rejectors of this doctrine. My answer to this objection is, "Believe it or not, that is exactly what the Scriptures say that God did."

"Knowing, brethren, beloved, your election of God." I Thessalonians 1:4.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world, to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty." I Cor. 1:26, 27.

"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant ac-

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cording to the election of grace. saving. He has commanded And if by grace, then is it no preach the Gospel. Let us more of works: otherwise grace faithful to do what He has is no more grace. But if it be of manded and leave the works, then is it no more grace, otherwise work is no more work. What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded." (Rom-

"Ye did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that ye should go and bear fruit." John 15:16.

ans 11:5-7).

It makes little difference what we think or what our opinions are, the Scriptures plainly tells us that God did choose certain ones to obtain eternal salvation.

Is God Unjust?

Would this not make God unjust? Let us see what the Scriptures say about this charge.

Jesus told about a man who hired some helpers. Some worked ones who worked only one hour paid what he had promised. If he wanted to give something to those who worked only a short time that was his own business. "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own?" was his reply to the complaint. Can-He will? Has He done any wrong

God takes no pleasure in the who are lost will not come to Him to be saved.

What About Missions?

Would the doctrine of election not be a hindrance to missions? Not if properly believed. A belief salvation." That would make sal- that God will save everyone hinvation of works rather than ders missions. Universalism is the grace. That would make our sal- greater hindrance to missions. vation depend upon our merits Also a belief that God will save rather than the merits of Christ, apart from the hearing of the Gos-McLaren says, "God's own mer- pel will hinder missions. "It hath cy, spontaneous, undeserved, con- pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those that believe." "Go ye therefore into all drawn out by our loveableness, the world and preach the Gospel but wells up, like an artesian to every creature," is Christ's spring, from the depths of his na- command. God knows these who are his but we do not. It is our business to declare the Gospel cording as he hath chosen us in message and leave the results him before the foundation of the with God. It is encouraging to world, that we should be holy and know that God has chosen some without blame before him in to eternal life. It is encouraging love:" God chose us before the to know that He has chosen to foundation of the world.

use us as instruments for the use us as instruments for the In Ephesians 1:5 we read, "Hav. spreading of His Good News. It meaning of "free will." ing predestinated us unto the was said of Paul, "he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name a plain Baptist paper. S before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel." So it can Bible truths; not for jus predestinated us according to the be said that as God's children we hobbies. It belongs to no good pleasure of his will and not are also chosen to be witnesses factions among Bap

Paul was encouraged in his In Ephesians 1:7 "In whom we missionary endeavor by the false practices of all have redemption through his knowledge that God had elect peo- tions. Being a Bapt His grace does not sound like our set on thee to harm thee: for I have much Acts 18:9, 10.

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