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

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WATCH OUT BRO. D. N. (Dangerous Neophyte) JACKSON! MANY HAVE BECOME LIBERALS AND RANK MODERNISTS, WHO FIRST BECAME ARMINIAN, FIGHTING . . .

## THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION

By ROY MASON  
Aripeka, Florida

individuals with the beliefs of either of these two leaders as relates to their views along various other lines, nor does it relate to the personal faults or vir-



ELD. ROY MASON

tues of these two men. Further to be a Calvinist or an Arminian does not involve that one shall interpret the five points held by

Calvin or Arminius exactly as they did. For instance, Bro. Jackson declares that he does not hold to all of the five points of Arminius, and I for one do not wish to identify him with any of those five points which he repudiates. I heartily wish that he would come entirely clean and would repudiate them all. However, he holds to what might be termed the "hard core" of Arminianism, and so should be called Arminian in theology.

As for myself, I am willing to be called a Calvinist in the theological sense. I subscribe to what is called the five points of Calvinism, although I do not carry all of the five points to the extremes of some. My being a Calvinist in this commonly accepted theological sense, does not identify (Continued on page 5, column 4)

## BIBLE CONFERENCE

(Continued from last week)  
This is my first visit to Ashland to attend the Annual Bible Conference sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church, and I must hasten to state that I'm so thankful to God for having been numbered with those who were present. To me, it was an experience long to be remembered and a most wonderful blessing which has given me rise to a height not attained since Jesus saved me by His grace.

Never, have I enjoyed such splendid fellowship with so many fine Christian people who must surely love the Lord and His pure Word. Nor can I give expression as to how I feel in regard to the sweet hospitality displayed to all by the Calvary Baptist Church.

It is my prayer that God may continue to bless you and to give you encouragement and support in those things which He has called upon you to perform in His name and for His worthy honor and glory. Pray for me.

Cloyd E. Brittain  
Dayton, Ohio

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Just thought I'd write a few lines to let you know that I haven't forgotten the conference. It was a great conference, in my opinion, and although I don't know how to express myself in words, I wish to show my appreciation to all concerned and thank you for the invitation, the

hospitality, the food and those that prepared it, the lodging, and everything that went in to making it pleasant and enjoyable. May God richly bless you for your love of the truth and your love of the brethren.

Also, my daughter Dianna and her girl-friend Rosalie thought that fellow Gilpin was about the best comedian they have heard since T.V. Only they thought he was a coward with a big yellow streak runnin' up his back (or was it a BIG coward with a yellow streak?) because he never did use those SHARP-TOED boots, and those chairs were HARD, and some of the preachers kept on preaching and preeching, and those chairs kept on getting harder and harrder and they wondered if they would ever get to stand up again, (or was it be able to SET down again?), anyhow, what was worse yet, to top it all off, that fellow (Gilpin) preached lonnger, or was it lonnnnnger than all them preachers put together. Anyhow the TOP of them enjoyed it even tho the BOTTOM was having a HARD time being still.

Well, I didn't want to write a book, I just wanted to let you know I enjoyed it, I believe it was one of the best, and want you to know that even though it's over and gone, yet, it is not forgotten. And, I might add, neither (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## Calvary's Annual Rally Day, Thanksgiving

### Mission Boards Are Robbing Christ's Church Of Honour

All Baptist historians, theologians, and exegetes of note agree that there is no authority in the scriptures for mission boards. We quote from various authors on this point:

Benedict:  
"In describing this machinery, I shall attempt to show that it is the fault of the churches which has called it into action; and furthermore, that it will be difficult to dispense with it until they so come up out of the wilderness, that they shall have learnt to do their work without themselves and go alone."  
Armitage:  
"Yet this fact is perfectly clear, viz; that the New Testament contains all that entered into faith and practice of the Apostolic churches. When the line is drawn between the close of inspiration and all after time, what follows stands upon another and

a lower level, and can be no authority whatsoever."—Pg. 116.

He devotes an entire chapter (pp. 114-128) to "The Apostolic Churches — the only Model for All Churches," and makes his argument under these propositions:

1. "The Word of God was their only rule of faith and practice."
2. "In the Apostolic Age, the church was a local body; and each church was entirely independent of every other church."
3. "Each of the Apostolic churches elected its own pastor directly, in the exercise of their free suffrage."
4. "The Apostolic churches were actively independent of the state." Under the first item, the Bible was the sole rule of faith and practice, he says: (Continued on page 6, column 3)

Calvary Baptist Church is planning a fall Rally Day in behalf of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to be held Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

In the providence of God, we were hindered from our annual Rally Day which we anticipated in the early summer, and although God has blessed us greatly through this year, we have missed the extra funds that come in by way of these rally days. Realizing this need, and since some of our recent visitors at our Bible Conference suggested a fall Rally, our church in session on Wednesday, September 28, voted to hold our Rally Day in connection with our Thanksgiving services.

#### WHAT IS RALLY DAY?

I think everyone realizes that in view of rising prices both of labor and materials, it is impossible to print and mail THE BAPTIST EXAMINER or any other publication for the price of the subscription. When we have good job business in our printing shop (Continued on page 8, column 5)

### "Unmerited Grace," Eternally Marvelous, Wonderful, Amazing

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1966 CONFERENCE IN ASHLAND

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"By grace are ye saved." Therefore "I am what I am by the grace of God." And I will be what I will be in the hereafter by the grace of God. In all probability the doctrines concerning the grace of God are the most misunderstood doctrines in all the Bible. In the first place, none of us can comprehend fully the doctrines of grace. Grace is something that just transcends poor finite man's understanding. He is just simply not able to ascend to the heights of it, and neither is he able to fathom the depths of it. He has been trying to define the term grace throughout the centuries, but he has never been too well satisfied with his definition.

In my younger days I was more or less content with the defini-



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tion which says grace is the unmerited favor of God. And surely (Continued on page 6, column 4)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "REBELLION"

"They are of those that rebel against the light."—Job. 24:13.

Rebellion is a common sin on the part of most everyone. I have been very much impressed in noticing how much rebellion has influenced the lives of certain outstanding world leaders. For example, Adolph Hitler had a mother who smothered him with her love. She was what we would say a possessive mother, and she yielded her possessiveness over her son to the extent that she kept him entirely aloof from the female specie. Finally, when he was 15 years old, a little girl by

the name of Stephanie refused to smile at Hitler, and they say he tried to kill himself, because she refused to smile at him. That's rebellion!

Then in like measure I think about Mussolini. I suppose there was never a more rebellious individual than Mussolini. He had no parental affection ever showered upon him. His father was a most vicious man and he beat and whipped his son Benito sometimes a half dozen times a day. This boy Benito Mussolini grew up rebelling at everything. He rebelled at moral standards when

he was just a child. History has uncovered the fact that by the time Mussolini was sixteen, he had his first attack of venereal disease. By the time he was 18, he stabbed one of his mistresses. Mussolini grew up without a friend. He lived without a friend, and he died without a friend, determined to get even with the world. That's rebellion.

I suppose that I could stand here until midnight, and call attention briefly to world rulers, just like Hitler and Mussolini, who as a result of rebellion be- (Continued on page 3, column 1)

### A COLORED MAN'S PRAYER

"O Lord, give Thy servant this mornin de eyes of de Eagle, and de wisdom of de owl. Connect his soul with de Gospel Telephone in de Central Skies. Luminate his brow with de Central Sun of Heaven, Pizzen his mind with love for de people. Turpentine his imagination. Grease his lips with possum oil. Loosen his tongue wid de sledge hammer of Thy power. Lectrify his brain wid de lightnin of His word. Put petual motion on his arms; fill him plum full of de dynamite of Thy Glory. 'Noint him all over wid de kerosene of Thy salvation and set him on fire, Amen."

### HOW DIFFERENT THESE BROTHERS!

Ingersoll's Brother — When the father of Col. Ingersoll died, the great apostle of unbelief came to pay his last tribute to the devoted brother. He stood by the grave, with one foot resting upon his brother's chin, with the tears raining down his cheeks, as he said something like, "Life is a dark barren valley between the ice-clad peaks of two eternities. We strive sometimes to look out the darkness for the light. Sometimes we cry for help but the echo of our own cry." (Continued on page 8, column 3)

RALLY DAY NOV. 24 . . . PLEASE PRAY, ATTEND, GIVE, WRITE!

It is one thing to trust God when all is going well; it is quite another thing to trust God when nothing is going right.

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**Bro. Gene Hensley To Hold Revivals In Two States**

Elder Gene Hensley of Stockdale, Texas, is to assist two good Baptist churches in meetings in October.  
The first of these is with Bro. Howard Shepherd of Oneca, Florida. This meeting is to be held October 11 through the 15th. The second of these meetings is to



Elder Gene Hensley, Stockdale, Texas

be with Brother Charles Penley in the Faith Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama. The date is October 16-23.  
Here are three good men who will be together and I trust that God blesses Pastors Hensley,

Shepherd, and Penley, in these meetings. Attend if possible, and if not able to do so, at least pray for these meetings.

**Bro. Lloyd Wyrick Commends Roberts As Missionary**

The Macedonia Baptist Church is happy to announce that Elder Fred Roberts has made application with the Australian government for permanent visa into



Eld. Lloyd Wyrick

New Guinea. He and his wife, Sister Karen, hope to leave America about December the first.

They are members of Macedonia, and shall work in the mission field with Bro. Fred Halliman under the authority of Macedonia Baptist Church. We are thankful to the Lord that He has lead Bro. Roberts into this field. To all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have poured out their hearts before the Lord in this matter, we wish to say thanks and request your continued faithfulness.

The offerings for Bro. Roberts will be deposited in Macedonia's "New Guinea Mission Fund" account, at the Main State Bank in Chicago, Illinois. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the "New Guinea Mission Fund." Please designate amount for Bro. Roberts. All offerings not designated shall be used in the mission field as usual with full cooperation between Macedonia, Bro. Halliman and Bro. Roberts.

Brother Roberts came to us from the "Missionary Baptist Church" of Citrus Heights, California. We heartily recommend him to you as one who stands for the faith once delivered to the saints and as one who has endeared himself to Macedonia and his former church which gave their highest recommendation for Bro. and Sister Roberts.  
—Bro. Wyrick

**Bro. Roberts Tells Why He Is Going To New Guinea**

How does a missionary, who has announced his intention of going to Brazil, suddenly come to the conclusion that he has been mistaken as to the field on which the Lord would have him labor? The answer is that he does not "suddenly" come to that conclusion. When I first felt called to do mission work the field was indistinct and yet I felt that God would have me prepare for a labor in fields where the Gospel had not yet been heard. From the day I surrendered my heart and life and answered the call to serve the Lord on a foreign field, I have tried to keep my heart and mind under His leadership and walk step by step as he has directed; but sometimes we are not as spiritually perceptive as we should be. Knowing of the work in Brazil through a missionary who visited in our church in Citrus Heights, I came to see the need for laborers in that field. Brazil is a very large country and Baptists have been in that area a relatively short time, yet there are many Baptists preaching the Gospel there. A definite need for more laborers in that area was impressed on my mind. In time I began to feel that this was the area in which the Lord would have me work.

I was sent out by the Lord's church in Citrus Heights, California as a missionary to Brazil and began to visit the churches on the west coast preparatory to leaving for Brazil. Eventually, my path led to Fossil, Oregon where Brother Ralph Doty pastors the First Baptist Church. We



Eld. Fred Roberts

enjoyed visiting with the church in Fossil and spent several days in Brother Doty's home. He and I had many chats — sometimes into the wee hours of the morning. Brother Doty had a tremendous knowledge of New Guinea and Brother Fred Halliman's work there and for some reason our conversation often dwelt on this subject. Brother Doty pointed out that whereas on many foreign fields there are many missionaries, in New Guinea there is only ONE REAL Baptist preacher, and that Brother Halliman had labored there alone and away from family and friends... willing to suffer untold hardships, and difficulties unimagined by most of us in this country. He pointed out that one of the many pressing needs there was for more laborers. While Bro. and Sis. Halliman and their children have a family fellowship that none of us can imagine; yet there is a very real loneliness for companionship with other brethren of similar backgrounds. Bro. Doty lives in a rather isolated area and knows something of what it is like to not have brethren to visit from time to time. There are, of course, the native brethren, and (Continued on page 8, column 3)

**BRO. D. N. J. AND THOSE WHO DESPISE ELECTION AND DO FANCY TWISTINGS AND TURNINGS OVER IT OUGHT TO READ**

**ELECTION CONSISTENT**

By ANDREW FULLER (1754-1815)

Fuller "held the rope" for missionary William Carey. He was the author of a number of doctrinal and practical works.

(The following from Fuller's COMPLETE WORKS, pages 341, 342).

The doctrine of election, as it is taught in the Scriptures, is of humbling and holy tendency. The whole difference between the saved and the lost being ascribed to sovereign grace, the pride of man is abased.

Upon every other principle, it is the sinner that makes himself to differ; and who, must, therefore, find whereof to glory. We may allow ourselves to be unable to repent and believe without the aid of the Holy Spirit; but while we maintain that these aids are afforded to sinners in common, and that faith, instead of being "the gift of God," is the effect of our having improved the help afforded, while others neglected it, if we think we do not ascribe the very turning point of salvation to our own virtue, we greatly deceive ourselves.

But election, while it places no bar in the way of any man which would not have been there without it, resolves the salvation of the saved into mere grace: "and if of grace, then it is no more of works; otherwise grace is no more grace." Such a view of things tends to humble us in the dust. It is frequently the last point which a sinner yields to God; it is the giving up of every other claim and ground of hope from his own good endeavors, and falling into the arms of sovereign mercy. And having here found rest to his soul, he will not be less, but more attentive to the means of salvation than he was before. His endeavors will be more ardent, and directed to a better end. Then he was trying to serve himself; now he will serve the Lord.

**Election and Means**

But if election be viewed in certain connections, it will cease to be a doctrine according to godliness. If faith and works foreseen be connected with it as the effects, the interests of sobriety, righteousness, and godliness are relinquished. If we take our views of this great subject with simplicity from the Word of God, we shall consider it, like other Divine purposes, not as a rule of conduct to us, but to Himself. We shall agonize through life that we may at last enter in at the strait gate, no less than if all was in itself uncertain. Nay, more so; for as Paul's assuring the mariners that there "should be no loss of any man's life" would, if believed, inspire them with hope; so our being predestinated to be conformed to the image of Christ furnishes encouragement to be pressing on towards the mark. And as they were told, nevertheless, that except certain means were used they "could not

be saved," so we can have evidence of our "election to salvation," but as being the subjects of "sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."



Andrew Fuller

Thus, while the blessing is an antidote to despair, means connected with it are preservative from presumption. In short, we shall view the doctrine of election in much the same light as we do other Divine appointments concerning our life in the present life. We are given to believe that what we enjoy in this life is so ordered by the will of God, and so much the effect of providence, that there is no ground whatever of boasting in any creature; yet we do not on this account neglect to plough, sow, or pursue the good and avoid the evil.

**Believe the Word; Fret Not About "Consistency"**

A "fleshy mind" may ask, How can these things be? How can predestination be made to comport with human agency and accountability? But a truly humble Christian, finding both in the Bible, will believe both, though he may be unable fully to conceive of their consistency! and will find in the one a motive to depend upon God, and in the other a caution against slothfulness and a presumptuous neglect of duty.

A Christian minister also, if he takes his views simply from the Scriptures, will find nothing in this doctrine to hinder the free use of warnings, invitations, and persuasions, either to the converted or to the unconverted. Now that he will found his hopes of success on the pliability of the human mind; but on the power and grace of God, who, while he prophesieth to the dry bones, he is commanded, is known to inspire many with the breath of life.

Thus, while the apostle, in the ninth, tenth, and eleventh chapters of his Epistle to the Romans traces the Divine sovereignty, his calling some from among the Jews, and leaving the greater part of them to perish in unbelief; he nevertheless, so long as they were in the world, was deeply concerned for them. Even in his preaching to the Gentiles (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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## "Rebellion"

(Continued from page one)

what they were, but I want to talk to you about people rebelling against the Lord. To me, rebellion is a much more serious thing than for a child to rebel against his parents, or for an individual to rebel against society.

### I

#### SCRIPTURAL BASIS FOR THIS MESSAGE.

We read: "Only REBEL NOT ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread to us: their defence is departed from them, and the Lord is with them, and he will tear them not."—Num. 14:9.

This was spoken when the children of Israel were encamped at Kadesh-Barnea. The spies had gone over into the land of Canaan and had come back with a marvelous report. They had brought back the fruit of the land, to say, "There is a sample of what you will find over there." They told of a wonderful land it was, and how marvelous the country was. Two of them, as you may remember, Caleb and Joshua, urged the people to go immediately into the land. It was these two who said, "Don't rebel against the Lord, for he is in the land of Canaan. He will be bread to us. We can eat them up. Their defence is departed from them, because the Lord is with us." Therefore, said, "Don't rebel against the Lord, for he is with us."—Num. 14:9.

Let's notice another example of rebellion. Listen: "Likewise when the Lord sent Moses from Kadesh-barnea, saying, 'Up and possess the land which I have given you: then YE REBELLED against the commandment of the Lord your God, and believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.'"—Deut. 9:23.

You will notice that Moses was speaking to the children of Israel encamped on the plains of Moab, before his death, and just before he went to the entrance of the land of Israel into the land of Canaan, after their forty years of wilderness wanderings. It was at that time that Moses reminded them of what they had done, and he said, "You rebelled forty years against the commandment of the Lord, in that you didn't believe

what God said, and you hearkened not unto His voice."

Beloved, when you don't believe what God says, that is rebellion.

Notice again: "Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because YE REBELLED against my word at the water of Meribah."—Num. 20:24.

If you will pause long enough to consider, Meribah was the place where God told Moses to speak to the rock. Previously, he had struck the rock and water had flowed out. Now God says, "Speak unto the rock," but in his anger Moses said, "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" Then he came down with his shepherd staff across the rock. He thus broke the type and he violated God's Word. He abused the commandment of the Lord. He rebelled at God's instructions. God gave the water, but Moses and Aaron had done wrong, and now Aaron is come to the end of his journey. God allows Moses to live a little while longer, but God takes Aaron with Moses up into the mountain and there upon the mountain God says, "Moses, you strip your brother. Take his clothes off of him." The Word of God tells us how Moses stripped the clothes off of Aaron, and then God says, "Moses, put those clothes upon Eleazar, his son, and let Eleazar take the place of Aaron. Then when Moses had stripped off these clothes from Aaron and put them upon Eleazar, the Word of God says that Aaron died there on top of the mountain. He wasn't sick. He didn't go to the hospital. There wasn't anything wrong with him so far as human infirmity was concerned. He just died. God took him, not in the paleness of health, but in the blossom of health. God took him. Why? Because he rebelled against God's Word at the waters of Meribah. He rebelled against God's revealed will and this caused God to take Aaron's life on the mountain.

Let's notice another instance of rebellion. We read:

"But if ye will not obey the voice of the Lord, but REBEL against the commandment of the Lord, then shall the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers."—I Sam. 12:15.

This is Samuel's proclamation of the kingdom following the time when Saul had been anointed as the first king over Israel. The Word of God says that Samuel called upon Saul to be obedient unto the Lord. He gave Saul a warning when he said,

"If you will not obey the voice of God, but rebel against His commandment, then God's hand will be against you."

What a warning to Saul who takes upon himself the position of a king — the first king over Israel prior to this time! Israel had been a country that had been ruled by God. They had a theocracy — a rule of God. Now they have a monarchy — the rule of man. Saul becomes king, and the first message that Samuel gives to him is, "Saul, be sure you are obedient to the voice of God. Don't rebel against what God says."

But, beloved, those words that were spoken by Samuel to Saul, might as well have been unspoken, because Saul paid no attention. He gave no heed to the words that were spoken to him. Instead, we find that when God told him to go out and kill the Amalekites, he spared Agag, the king, and he spared the best of the sheep and the cattle. When he came back home, Samuel said to him, "Have you done the thing that the Lord has commanded?" and Saul said, "Thy servant has hastened to perform all the commandment of the Lord." But Saul was lying unto Samuel.

You know, God has a way of uncovering his children when they lie. Just about the time that Saul said, "I have hastened to perform all the commandment of the Lord," an old cow bawled and a sheep bleated. Saul said, "If you have, what is the meaning of the lowing of the cattle and the bleating of the sheep that comes to my ears?" Saul was equal to the occasion, for he said, "The people brought back the best of the flocks and the herds for sacrificial purposes. He blamed the people. He had failed to do what God said. He lied when he said he had done what God said. Now he has lied a second time, in that he blamed the people for the sin of which he was guilty — the sin of rebellion. Then it was that Samuel said:

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For REBELLION is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."—I Sam. 15:22,23.

You will notice what had happened. Saul had refused to do what God told him to do. He rebelled at the commandment of God. Now Samuel says, "Your rebellion is on a par with witchcraft, and stubbornness, and iniquity, and idolatry."

I ask you, are you ever rebellious against what God says? Have you ever taken a rebellious attitude toward what God says within His Word? If you have, beloved, God says that you are on a par with a witch, and that your sin of rebellion is on a par with stubbornness and iniquity and idolatry.

Let's notice another Scripture which shows us how God condemns this sin of rebellion. Listen:

"Whosoever he be that DOTH REBEL against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage."—Josh. 1:18.

This is the time when Joshua is anointed to be the leader in the place of Moses who had died. We find the people saying to Joshua, "You stand up and do what God says and we will stand with you, and the man who rebels against your commandment, we will put to death."

Talk about rebellion being a small sin! Beloved, rebellion is a terrible sin in the sight of God and man. So terrible was it that God's people said, "If we as the people of the Lord rebel against what you tell us to do, death shall come to the individual who is in rebellion."

I have read to you some half dozen Scriptures that I might impress upon you this truth, that rebellion is a terrible sin against God. Now, I would like to tear

a few pages out of God's Book and just see whether or not you are of perfect obedience, or if you stand guilty of imperfect obedience — that is if there be even the slightest rebellion on your part against God.

### II

#### HOW PEOPLE REBEL AGAINST THE LIGHT.

There is a tremendous amount of rebellion in the world today. The reason that I am preaching this message is because it has been called to my attention of recent date how much the world is in rebellion against the teachings of the Bible.

Let's look at it from the standpoint of marriage. We read:

"Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."—Mt. 19:6.

I can remember the time when I was in Georgetown College that I prepared an article on the subject of Divorce. I went into the library and made a careful and candid study of all the books and magazines that could be found in the library. At that time, 40 years ago, there was one divorce to 8 marriages.

But how is it today? There is one divorce for every 3 marriages, and people get a divorce today on the most trivial grounds. I think when I read the papers, how exceedingly foolish and silly are the grounds that are cited as a basis of divorce. Beloved, when I think about these things, I am wondering why people are rebellious against the writings of God's Word, when God says, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Let's notice the question of child discipline. I am old fashioned from the standpoint of child discipline, in that I believe in the discipline of children. When I say that, I quote from the Word of God. Listen:

"He that SPARETH HIS ROD hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes."—Prov. 13:24.

We are living in the day when people are quoting psychology and are saying that you dare not chasten a child because it will form an inferiority complex on the part of the child, and the child will not be able to stand up against his problems in life, because he has been beaten down as a child.

Beloved, that is not what God says, for God says, "If you love your child, you will chasten that child." In the light of this, I am wondering how much rebellion we have on the part of parents today so far as child discipline is concerned.

Then in the matter of child training, I have a conviction that parents ought to train their children to do the things of the Lord, yet the majority of parents don't try to train their children. We read:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."—Prov. 22:6.

Do you believe this, beloved? I believe it. I believe God teaches it, and I believe when our chil-

dren depart from the truth, it is our failure as parents because they do so. Otherwise, I would have to disbelieve the Bible. I would have to pass by the Word of God. I would have to reject what God says. God says, "You train up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Most modern parents let their children grow up without training, without guidance, and without counsel. I say to you, one of the most pitiful things that I can think of is the way that children are allowed to grow up today without any training, and guidance, and counsel on the part of the parents. If you fail to train your children, you are in rebellion.

Let's look at rebellion from another standpoint. I think this Bible teaches that married people ought to have children. I am satisfied that this is the teaching of all the Word of God. Listen: "I will therefore that the younger women marry, BEAR CHILDREN."—I Tim. 5:14.

Beloved, you can't turn away from this verse of Scripture and shrug your shoulders and say "Well, we are living in a different day. We have so much trouble raising a family today, and we just can't live in the light of this Scripture, because things are different."

Beloved, God never put one difference there. God never put one single qualification there. He just said, "I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children."

Listen again:

"Lo children are an HERITAGE of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that HATH HIS QUIVER FULL of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."—Psa. 127:3-5.

We are living in a day when people are rebelling at the idea of childbearing. I have been impressed so much in the last few months of the extremes that people go to to keep from bearing children. It has gotten so easily possible for women to buy contraceptives of various types so as to prevent the bearing of children. Beloved, it is nothing but rebellion against the Word of God. Mark it down, this is rebellion, for God says that young women are to marry and bear children, and I believe God meant exactly what He said.

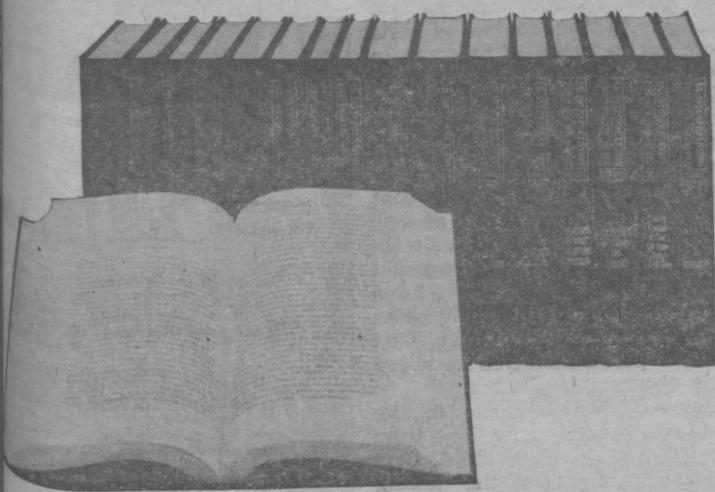
I am going to make a statement that I have made privately to a number of young people when they have come to me to talk about matters pertaining to their married life. I will say to you, I would advise any young man and young woman when they get married, to accept every child that God gives to them, with no rebellion on their part as to what God sends to their home, and see if God doesn't provide for them in caring for that child.

I remember an old Baptist preacher years ago who decided when he was a young man that he wanted to get married. Of

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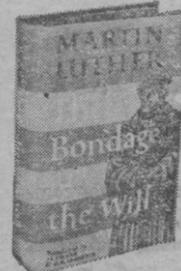
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"Does II Peter 2:1 speak of saved people turning away from the Lord, or is it speaking only of false teachers? If the latter, how can they deny the Lord?"

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The first verse of II Peter 2 evidently has reference to false teachers. Just as Israel had false prophets, so the apostle foretells that false teachers will arise among Christians. These will sneak in heresies of the most dangerous kind — "destructive" heresies as the marginal rendering has it. These heresies will be of the kind that "denies the Lord," who according to their profession, is supposed to have "bought them."

What Peter foretold has come to pass, and there have been many illustrations down through the centuries. Moreover, we have many illustrations today. What of the religious "liberal" of today who denies the virgin birth and the full deity of Christ? According to a statement I read of the beliefs of Martin Luther King for instance, he does not believe in the full deity of Christ. He is thus a denier of the Lord, for Jesus is not Lord unless he is deity.

And what are "damnable" or destructive heresies? They are not heresies relating to minor matters of doctrine, but heresies that relate to those things that have to do with salvation itself. For instance, what about the heresy that baptism helps to save? It is a "damnable" heresy, for belief in such will send a soul to hell. What about the damnable heresy that one must add the keeping of the Law to belief in Christ in order to be saved? It is a heresy that will send a soul to hell.

The second verse goes beyond false teachers, and relates to those who are led astray. Sometimes saved people follow off after heretics, even though they do not embrace all of their error. I think I have met a number of saved people who were identified with false sects, but they were, in spite of what their religious leaders taught, and because they did not actually believe all that their sect or denomination held in the way of doctrine.

Yes, these men are false teachers, and this verse under consideration declares very emphatically that they are. In 2 Pet. 1:21 there is the mentioning of holy men of God speaking as they were moved

by the Holy Spirit. In the beginning of Chapter 2 the Spirit tells us that even at the time that holy men spake, there were false prophets among them, who prophesied but were not sent, who spake but God did not tell to speak. Read Jer. 23:11-32.

Then the Apostle tells us that there shall also be false teachers among us. The evidence that they are false teachers is that they deny the Lord. I cannot conceive of any individual being but a false teacher who denies that God is, and that in Him we move and have our being. A man can be wrong on many things and still be considered a child of God, but I could not consider him to be a saved person who denies that God is the creator of all

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things, or who denies the gospel which is the declaration of what Christ did for us on the cross. They profess that they know God; but "in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." Titus 1:16.

"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever." 2 Pet. 2:17.

The querist desires to know how they could be false teachers and still deny the Lord that bought them. They are denying the Lord which bought the people (elect) that they are trying to deceive. When the Lord died on the cross, He paid in full the price for the redemption of all of the children of God, and any man who denies this could be nothing less than a false teacher. Yet, as we listen to our radios and televisions we can say that perhaps 90 per cent or more of the so called preachers and teachers of this age are false preachers and teachers, for we hear them teaching that one is saved by being baptized, praying through, keeping the law, and then if you do not hold out faithful to the end, you will fall from grace. Such teaching is in reality denying the Lord and thus they are false teachers. They are not denying the Lord that bought them for I do not consider them to be the children of God, but rather they are denying the Lord that bought the elect.

The Holy Spirit tells us that these false teachers or Christ-deniers were made to be taken and destroyed." 2 Pet. 2:12.

Jude tells us the same thing when he says:

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." Jude 4.

From these two verses it is evident that the false teachers who deny God the creator of all things, and Jesus Christ who made the supreme sacrifice for His people will be damned in the regions of Hell.

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Obviously this is not speaking of saved people because it says that they bring upon themselves swift destruction. When we are saved we are given eternal life. This life is never taken from us. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." (I John 4:9). Everybody memorizes John 3:16 yet many people do not learn what it says. Notice: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." These two passages of Scripture tell us that a saved person has eternal life and will not perish. John 10:27-28 tells us that we are in the hand of God and nothing can take us out of His hand.

What are false prophets? We have the answer in II Cor. 11:13-15. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

Having established the question as to who false prophets are, now we must consider the question pertaining to their denying the Lord. How can they deny the Lord that "bought them?" Obviously, the Lord did not buy them if they are unsaved. What is the answer? Remember the ministers of Satan are transformed into ministers of righteousness. A minister of righteousness preaches of the salvation of the Lord and the fact that He bought them with His blood. If a man is not a saved person, he is going to teach things that are contrary to the way of salvation, but he is going to be very subtle about it. He will preach about Christ and yet by his actions and the things he says actually be denying and belittling him. In this way he is "denying the Lord that bought him."

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I am unable to see anything that even looks like a saved person in this Scripture. There may be those who think these false

teachers are saved because the Lord has bought them. But the word AGORAZO that is translated "bought" in this verse does not mean to redeem. When speaking of our redemption the Holy Spirit uses either EXAGORAZO or LUTROO. The word AGORAZO simply means to buy or sell in the market. In Mt. 14:15 we see this word used by the disciples when they wanted the multitude sent away in order that they might buy food.

In Psa. 24:1, we are told that "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." Every person on this earth rightfully belongs to our Lord because they are His creation. But when Adam fell old Satan was permitted to usurp that which rightfully belonged to our Lord. In Psa. 50:10 He says "Every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills." But when Satan took over, the beasts began to devour and he devoured. At Calvary our Lord not only redeemed His people, He bought back this old earth along with everything in it, and everything on it. And when He comes back and takes possession of that which He has bought everything will act as if it belonged to Him. Even though there will be myriads of lost people on this earth during the millennium (Rev. 20:7-9) still every man shall sit under his own vine, and under his own fig tree (Mic. 4:4). The beasts of the forest will stop devouring each other (Isa. 11:6-9) and the mountains and the hills will sing His praises while the trees of the forest clap their hands (Isa. 55:12). Our Lord has bought these false teachers that He may deal with them as it pleases Him. This He could not rightly do while they were in the possession of another.

The question is, how can false teachers deny the Lord? My question is, how can a false teacher do anything else but deny the Lord? This word "deny" comes from ARNEOMAI which means to contradict. If a teacher did not contradict what our Lord has said, how could he be a false teacher? That is exactly what the false teacher does. For example, our Lord said, "from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female." But teachers like Rust, Brunner, Moody, et al, say it is a proven scientific fact that man has evolved from the lower animals. Do they not deny our Lord? Is it any wonder that our Lord has bought these false teachers that He may do with them as it seemeth good in His sight?

## "Rebellion"

(Continued from page three) course that is only a logical thing. He went to the church and said, "Brethren, I want to get married," so they prayed a little and they paid a little, and he got married. In the course of time there was a baby on the way in their home. He said to the church, "We are going to have a baby at our house," and they prayed a little and they paid a little bit more. The baby came and they got by. He said, "You know, that has happened ten times at our house, and every time the Brethren prayed a little bit more and paid a little more, and we have gotten by." He said, "I have come to this conclusion, that God makes a persimmon tree for every little opossum to climb up."

Beloved, I have come to the same conclusion a long, long time ago. If God gives a child, God gives provision for the taking care of that child. You may not be able to dress your child in the height of fashion. You may not be able to give your child all the things that you would like for him to have. But I will say one thing, you will have a peace of mind in knowing that you are not in rebellion against God, if you live in the light of this passage of Scripture that young women marry and bear children.

Let's notice something else. The Bible says that the husband, or the male specie, should be the head of the home. We read:

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN; and the head of Christ is God."—I Cor. 11:3.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For THE HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE."—Eph. 5:22,23.

As Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, so the husband is to love his wife and sacrificially care for her, and if he does, there is no wife but would gladly bow to her husband as her head. That is the teaching of God's Word.

But, beloved, that is not true today. That certainly isn't true today that the husband is the head of the home. Instead of the husband being the head of the home, I know dozens and dozens and dozens of homes where the wife rules the roost, and where the wife completely dominates so far as the home is concerned. I say it is rebellion, and God says that rebellion is on a par with stubbornness and witchcraft and idolatry.

Let's notice again. The Bible tells us how much work we are to perform. We read:

"SIX DAYS shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates."—Ex. 20:9,10.

I'll grant you that this is spoken relative to the Sabbath, yet there is not one hint in the Bible that God ever changed what He said relative to work. God says, "Six days shalt thou labour."

You say, "Brother Gilpin, the law says we are to have a 40-hour week." I don't care what the law says; God says, "Six days shalt thou labour." I am in favor of a 6-day working week like God says in the Word of God, and if we go contrary to it, it is rebellion against God.

Then when we come to the seventh day, most folk take that day for stores to stay open, which in itself keeps thousands of people away from the house of God. I tell you, if stores wouldn't stay open on Sunday, lots more people would go to church than do. It is rebellion against God.

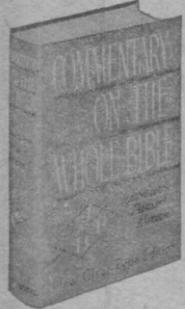
Let's notice again, for I want you to see that there is an awful lot of rebellion in this world so far as God's people are concerned. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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# "Rebellion"

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at the Bible's statements  
We read:

not even nature itself  
you, that, if a man have  
it is a shame unto him?  
a woman have long hair,  
glory to her: for her hair  
her for a covering." —

talks about the kind of  
women and men are to  
how is it today? The  
short hair and the boys  
hair. It is just exactly  
to what God says.

standing looking at a  
teenagers said to what  
was a man next to  
it awful the way these  
dress, and the way  
to their hair? Just look  
at that boy. Isn't that  
? This individual to  
was talking said, "I  
do you know that that  
laughter you are talking  
he said, "I am sorry that  
out your daughter. I had  
that you were her father."  
individual said, "I am not;  
mother."

you say this is a little  
the idea that women's  
short and men's hair is  
I see some of these  
comb their hair all the  
and their skull, and I see  
these women that have  
cut off until there is  
left. I come back to what  
and I say, "Oh, God,  
tion that is in this world

But we are living in  
Are we? There is  
new about this Bible. I  
just like God spoke it  
ago.

notice from the stand-  
clothes. How are people  
today?

woman shall not wear  
which pertaineth unto a  
man shall a man put on  
his garment: for all that  
is abomination unto the  
God." — Deut. 22:5.

have figuratively said  
men wear the pants in the  
mean by this that a lot  
the woman is the head  
case. But God says that  
is not to dress like  
men are not to dress

time, I would like to  
one of the sights I saw  
in a. I don't mean in  
with the church I vis-  
around the airport at  
isco. In all my life, I  
such sights as I saw  
port in San Francisco—  
dressed like men, and  
ed like women. God  
do it.

think again from the  
of modesty, and I tell  
you will find it — in  
ary. It is about the  
that you will find it  
read:

manner also, that wom-  
THEMSELVES IN  
APPAREL." — I Tim.

woman on the streets of  
some few weeks ago that  
enough clothes on to  
appear. They say skirt,  
all from the dictionary,  
noun. Beloved, it was  
ation so far as this  
concerned — an ab-

breveation — and very definitely  
an abbreviation at that. I am not  
joking, but I am speaking truly  
when I say that women could  
have gone to the store and got-  
ten a yard of goods and thrown  
half of it away, and still have  
made the costume she was wear-  
ing.

When springtime comes and the  
people start coming along the  
streets of Ashland in front of our  
printing shop, and around town,  
I think of an old song, and I  
change its words. I don't say,  
"Happy days are here again," but  
I say, "Nasty days are here  
again." Rebellion! God says wom-  
en are to dress in modest apparel.

Let's look at it from the stand-  
point of the preacher. God says  
for the preacher to preach the  
Word. Listen:

"Preach the Word." — II Tim.  
4:2.

It doesn't say anything about  
other things, but "preach the  
Word." But how few preachers  
preach the Word! Today we have  
the social gospel preached instead  
of the gospel of the Lord Jesus  
Christ. We are sending a group  
known as the Peace Corp all over  
the world instead of missionaries  
of the Son of God. I have known  
of people within the last two  
years who have joined the Peace  
Corp thinking that they were in  
the service of God, just the same  
as though they were going out as  
a missionary of the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

God said, "Preach the word."  
Therefore, I have no business  
preaching anything else but the  
Word of God, and it is rebellion  
when a preacher fails to do so.

Let's see what the Bible says  
about women keeping silent in  
the church. We read:

"Let your women keep silence  
in the churches: for it is not per-  
mitted unto them to speak; but  
they are commanded to be under  
obedience, as also saith the law."  
— I Cor. 14:34.

But how very few people be-  
lieve this!

You say, "Brother Gilpin, we  
believe it." That is true, but how  
few people believe that women  
should keep silence in the church-  
es.

Sometime ago they ordained a  
woman down in one of the Carol-  
inas. She was going to be pastor  
of a church in one of the New  
England states. Imagine, a Bap-  
tist woman, ordained by a Bap-  
tist Church, to be pastor of a  
Baptist Church, yet the Bible says  
that the pastor is to be the hus-  
band of one wife. Contrary to  
the Word of God, and definitely  
and diametrically opposed to the  
Word of God, this church went  
ahead with the ordination of this  
woman. The Bible says, "Let  
your women keep silence in the  
churches," and whenever a church  
proceeds to do thus and so, that  
church is in rebellion against  
God.

Let's look at it from this stand-  
point: God gave as His purpose  
for us today that we should  
preach the Word of God, and thus  
call out unto Himself an elect  
people. Beloved, would you be-  
lieve me when I say that that is  
God's purpose for His church?

When they had that first Jeru-  
salem conference, God's Word  
tells us:

"Simeon hath declared how  
God at the first did visit the Gen-  
tiles, to TAKE OUT OF THEM

a people for his name." — Acts  
15:14.

Beloved, God's purpose is to  
call out a people for His name.  
But that is not the way it is be-  
ing done today. Instead of calling  
people out from the world, the  
churches are calling the world in.  
There are more goats in the aver-  
age Baptist church today than  
there are sheep by far.

You hear about the majority  
of churches building new build-  
ings and you say, "Well, they are  
progressing." Do you know what  
they are doing, beloved? They  
are not building churches for the  
saints of God, but they are build-  
ing additions, to house the hel-  
lions of the world that they have  
drawn in. God says we are to  
preach the Word of God for the  
purpose of calling out the elect  
unto Himself, but instead of call-  
ing them out, we are calling the  
world in, and we use every meth-  
od possible to get the world in—  
suppers, and bazaars, and sales,  
and baseball and football, and all  
kinds of things to drag the world  
in.

When the church goes out to  
secure a new preacher, the very  
first thing they have to know is,  
is he a good mixer? Beloved, we  
don't need a mixer in the church,  
but we need a good separator —  
somebody that will preach the  
Word of God in such a way that  
it will call out a people away  
from the world to the Lord.

Also, I want you to notice that  
there is not to be any union on  
the part of churches. Listen:

"Now I beseech you, brethren,  
MARK THEM which cause divi-  
sions and offences contrary to  
the doctrine which ye have learn-  
ed; and AVOID THEM." — Rom.  
16:17.

What do we have today? Union-  
ism. In fact, unionism is in the  
air. Ecumenicalism is in the air.  
The world wants to get back to  
Rome just as quickly as possible  
through unionism and ecumeni-  
calism, yet God says, "Mark them  
that cause divisions and offences,  
and avoid them." We are to stay  
away from them.

Beloved, we ought to shun these  
Protestants and Catholics just the  
same as we would shun a plague.  
I ask you, if you had a family,  
would you go into a home if you  
knew they had the scarlet fever?  
If you knew they had small pox,  
would you go there unless it was  
a matter of necessity? You would  
stay away. If you knew a child  
in a home had spinal meningitis,  
would you want to go into that  
home? Not unless it was an ab-  
solute necessity. You would shun  
it.

Beloved, we likewise ought to  
shun unionism and ecumenical-  
ism, because God said, "Mark  
them which cause divisions and  
offences contrary to the doctrine  
which ye have learned; and avoid  
them." If we fail to do so, it is  
just rebellion against the Word  
of God.

I might mention lots of other  
ways that we might be in rebel-  
lion. I might mention the fact  
that we are not to be leagued up  
with the world. I might mention  
the fact that God says that there  
is just one mode of baptism, yet  
the world says that there are  
three, and the man who accepts  
what the world says is just in  
rebellion against God.

I might mention the fact that  
some people say that one church  
is just as good as another and you  
can take your choice, yet the  
Lord Jesus Christ built His  
church when He was here and  
the man who rebels against the  
church that Jesus built, stands as  
a rebel in God's sight.

I might mention tithing. God's  
Word says that God's people  
ought to tithe. But folk say, "We  
need the money to educate our  
children," or "We need the money  
for Xmas," or "We can't go on  
vacation if we tithe." Do you  
know what I would do, beloved?  
I would forget about sending my  
children to school, I would for-  
get about Santa Claus, and I  
would forget about vacations if  
it took those things to be a

crook and a robber and thief in  
God's sight. That is rebellion  
against God.

I might mention the doctrine  
of election. We read:

"According as he hath CHOSEN  
US in him before the foundation  
of the world." — Eph. 1:4.

Beloved, isn't that precious that  
He has chosen us?

Here is a fellow who says, "I  
don't care what the Bible says,  
I don't believe it." Go ahead and  
be a rebel if you want to. Go  
ahead and be in rebellion if you  
desire to do so.

I used to have a farm on Uhlau  
Branch in Greenup County. There  
was a boy who lived on the join-  
ing farm that got into more mis-  
chief, and always seemingly got  
out of it, until eventually it  
caught up with him. The boy who  
was living on my farm said, "You  
know, Brother Gilpin, that boy  
knocked on the door of the peni-  
tentiary a dozen times and asked  
them to take him in, and they  
didn't do it until he finally forced  
himself."

Beloved, there are a lot of peo-  
ple just knocking on the door  
and asking God to give them a  
whipping. They are just knocking  
on the door and saying, "God,  
won't you please give me a whip-  
ping." Why? They are in rebel-  
lion. By their rebellion they are  
just asking God to give them a  
thrashing.

The man who says, "I don't  
care what the Bible teaches, I  
don't believe it," is just as idiotic  
as he can be. The Bible is final,  
and we should accept it as such.  
We are to live in the light of it,  
and if we fail to do so, we are  
rebels, for God says in the words  
of my text, "They are of those  
that rebel against the light."

## CONCLUSION

How many people there are  
who rebel against the light! Any  
departure from the Word of God  
is rebellion. Anybody that departs  
from the Word of God is rebelling  
against the light of God's Word.  
You are guilty; I am guilty; we  
all are guilty. There isn't one of  
us but that from time to time  
have rebelled in our departure  
from the Word of God.

May God help you to come to  
the place that you realize that  
your position should be that of  
"Speak, Lord, for thy servant  
heareth," and may you depend  
upon Him and do what God says  
within His Word. God help you  
not to be a rebel. May God help  
you to stand up for the Word  
of God.



## Election

(Continued from page one)  
fy me with Calvin in his views  
concerning infant baptism and a  
number of other things. Neither  
does it identify me with Augus-  
tine in his views along various  
lines. I am Trinitarian in my  
views, and so is pope Paul, but  
that does not identify me with  
pope Paul in all the immense  
amount of heresy that he holds  
along other lines.

So all of Bro. Jackson's space  
devoted to a history of Calvin  
and Augustine is really wasted.  
He starts out by saying, "THE  
DOCTRINE OF UNCONDITION-

AL ELECTION ORIGINATED  
WITH AUGUSTINE." Surely Bro.  
Jackson must have been spend-  
ing more time reading Augustine  
than reading the New Testament  
or else he would not have made  
such a horribly untrue statement  
as that. UNCONDITIONAL  
ELECTION IS TAUGHT IN THE  
NEW TESTAMENT which existed  
centuries before Augustine  
was born. For instance, Ephes.  
1:4 says, "According as he hath  
chosen (or elected) us in him  
(Christ) before the foundation of  
the world . . . having predesti-  
nated us unto the adoption of  
children by Jesus Christ to him-  
self according to the good pleas-  
ure of his will." Here we have  
election and predestination tak-  
ing place before the foundation  
of the world, and there is no con-  
dition attached to it. Paul is  
speaking here — not Augustine.  
Maybe I should say, The Holy  
Spirit is speaking here — not  
Augustine, for the Spirit inspired  
Paul.

Again, Bro. Jackson says, later  
in his article, "AUGUSTINE, IN-  
VENTOR OF THE DOCTRINE  
OF ETERNAL UNCONDITION-  
AL ELECTION." Wrong my  
brother! Augustine no more in-  
vented election than I invented  
the horseless carriage. Long be-  
fore Augustine ever came on the  
scene, the apostle John was given  
to foresee the end time of this  
age. He saw the rise of anti-  
Christ, and that he would for a  
time dominate the nations of this  
earth. Rev. 13:7 says, "And it was  
given him to make war with the  
saints, and to overcome them;  
and power was given him over  
all kindreds, and tongues and na-  
tions." What about God's people  
of that time, will they join with  
others in worshipping that mon-  
ster? John tells us that the only  
security will lie in God's prede-  
stination. Rev. 13:8 (marginal ren-  
dering) says, "And all that dwell  
upon the earth shall worship him,  
whose names are not written  
FROM THE FOUNDATION OF  
THE WORLD IN THE BOOK OF  
LIFE OF THE LAMB SLAIN."  
(Amplified Version translates as  
follows: "And all the inhabitants  
of the earth shall fall down in  
adoration and pay homage, every  
one whose name has not been re-  
corded from the foundation of the  
world in the Book of Life of the  
Lamb that was slain").

Well, here we have election  
with a vengeance! Augustine  
didn't invent this. Who all are  
elected? Only a certain group.  
Those not elected will follow off  
after anti-Christ. When were they  
elected? Not in time, but before  
the world ever existed. Why were  
these certain ones elected? Not  
upon the basis of foreknowledge,  
merit, for they had never even  
lived at the time the choice was  
made, and had neither done good  
or evil. They were not chosen  
upon the basis of foreknowledge.  
Nothing could be more absurd  
than the theory that God elects  
upon the basis of foreknowledge.  
That would make human beings  
to be in charge of human history,  
and would place the creature  
ahead of the Creator. Can you  
fancy God saying, "I see that my  
Son is going to be born in Bethle-  
hem, so I will decree that as the  
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### Election

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 place of his birth." Was Jesus born in Bethlehem because God foresaw that as the place of his birth, or was He born there because God elected that that should be the place of His birth? Who is running this world anyhow? Are men running things such that God merely okays the events of history, or is God running things such that human events shape up according to his decrees?

In the passage referred to above, God not only unconditionally elected a certain group to eternal life, he went further and HAD THEIR NAMES INSCRIBED ON THE PAGES OF THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE! There is a song that occurs in some of our hymn books in which the writer envisages people as being saved and their names then written in the Book of Life. It goes something like this:

"There's a new name written up in glory,  
 And it's mine, O yes it's mine."

The author of that song should have read Rev. 13:8 and he would have discovered that people are not converted and their names THEN written down. Their names are written back before the world existed, and in due time they are saved because they are of the elect.

Bro. Jackson is very dogmatic, where dogmatism is very inconsistent, when in his article he says, "FROM THE APOSTLES TO AUGUSTINE THERE WAS NOT AN EXPONENT OF CALVINISM ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH." Evidently he means an exponent of the doctrine of election as later defined by Calvin. A bit later he says, "For some three hundred years this side of the apostolic period the gospel was preached, people were saved and Baptist churches were organized WITHOUT A CALVINIST AMONG THEM." How does he know this? HE DOESN'T KNOW IT! This is pure assumption. Had he lived during that period, and had he personally interviewed every Baptist, he could have stated their beliefs, but to suggest that Baptists by the thousands lived during a period reaching over several centuries, and that none of them believed in a doctrine so clearly taught in the Bible, is to make an unwarranted charge. To claim that their writings don't indicate a belief in election is unfair, because Bro. Jackson has an article in the same issue of his paper (page 4) entitled "Baptist Books Destroyed." He shows in the article that Baptist books and writings were widely destroyed by the pagans, by the Catholics, and later by some Protestants. If Baptist writ-

ings were so thoroughly destroyed, how can he speak for all Baptists and say that there was not a "Calvinist among them?"

During seminary days, one of my teachers, Prof. W. J. McGlothlin, was the author of a book entitled "Baptist Confessions of Faith." His book was largely a compilation of the Baptist Confessions of faith of the centuries. He showed that unconditional election is taught in German, French, Belgian, Swiss, Danish, Hungarian, and Russian Baptist confessions. A perusal of "Baptist Confessions Of Faith" pages 330, 334 will reveal how universally held was the doctrine of unconditional election, during the long period of time covered by this list of confessions. I am persuaded that if we had those writings of early Baptists that were destroyed, we would find that they were characterized by the same doctrine.

Finally, Bro. Jackson concludes his article by saying, "We know of no associational group of Baptists today setting forth a declaration of faith that contains the slightest coloring of Calvinism." Evidently Bro. Jackson just hasn't done any investigating. Southern Baptists admittedly have the largest group of Baptist churches on earth, and in almost every instance when a Southern Baptist church is organized it adopts a church covenant and articles of faith. In nearly every case, the Philadelphia Confession of Faith is adopted as the new church's expression of belief. In "Baptist Confessions of Faith" already referred to, the author, Dr. McGlothlin says, (page 298) "This confession (Philadelphia) is still widely used, and in the South it is probably the most influential of all confessions." Let it be remembered that this confession is highly Calvinistic.

It can be admitted that multitudes of Baptists are lamentably ignorant of what the Bible says toward Arminianism because it pleases the flesh and fits in with human sentimentality. This ignorance can be laid at the door of pastors who neglect to teach their people the Bible. Seminaries of today are loose in their teaching along most every line. I recall hearing a pastor who attended one of the largest Southern Baptist seminaries say that he did not remember election ever having been discussed in any class that he ever attended. I can name two independent Baptist colleges that completely ban all discussion of election from any and all of their classes. The drift towards Arminianism fits in with the general theological looseness of our day. It fits in with the current exaltation of MAN, and the degrading of GOD. This has pro-

ceeded to the point where some so-called theologians are wailing that "God is dead." I will venture to say that every religious liberal — every rank Modernist, first became Arminian in his thinking before he traveled very far down the liberalistic road.

### Mission Boards

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 "But still, wherever a human standard is set up in place of the Scriptures, it is always more zealously preserved than the teachings of revelation. A fanatic who corrupts the Word of God is more heartily fellowshipped by many modern churches, than he who opposes human decrees and inventions against the Scriptures; while he who insists upon obedience to their authority, excites the greatest possible odium, because, to do this wounds the pride of man. Men pay a great price for saying, that the right to legislate for Christian churches belongs to Christ alone. Yet, he has given his law in the Bible, and every form of church life that is not in accordance with that law, directly sets it aside. So then, in a very important sense, it partakes of disloyalty to say that Christ has not made sufficient provisions for His churches in the Scriptures, in everything that affects their well being."—p. 116.

3. S. H. Ford:

"Previous to 1792 there was no foreign missionary organization in existence . . . at Kettering (Oct. 2, 1792) . . . was formed the first missionary society of modern times — the parent of all foreign missionary societies in existence." — Brief History of Baptists, pp. 89, 90.

"There is no Scripture authority for boards and conventions. It cannot be found in the Word of God, for it is not there."

4. Richard Fuller boldly affirmed on the floor of the convention in Baltimore that it (the convention) was unscriptural and unwise." — J. R. Graves, in Tenn. Baptist.

5. J. R. Graves:

"We, no more than Brother C., believe that our missionary machinery is spiritual or expedient. The Scriptural plan is clearly exemplified in the New Testament, and is simple and effectual, and the sooner we return to it, as a denomination, the better for us and the world. Should we do it, and, in all our practices, and faith, stand upon the ground consecrated by the blood of millions of Baptist martyrs very soon every Baptist, who is a child of God, would be one, and there would be one flock and one shepherd . . . and why more money should be spent in Richmond, annually, to keep up the ponderous board machinery than is spent in either Africa or China we cannot see. There is a wrong somewhere about our foreign missions.

"If it is our mission to convert an entire world, why did not Christ set us an example by converting one city, or even the town in which He was born, and why did not the apostles leave us each a city wholly converted? For our mission boards to teach and preach that by the missionary enterprise abroad and the missionary church at home the whole world is to be converted to God, and a spiritual millennium introduced, is to teach a doctrine that will disappoint missionaries, discourage the churches, and promote infidelity and disbelief in the Word of God, in our humble opinion . . . Will Bro. Jeter inform

us from what conceivable source the board received its authority? From Heaven? Hardly. From men? From chief ministers. And who, pray, gave men and chief ministers the control and direction 'the care and government' — over the servants of Christ? Then will our excellent Bro. Jeter inform us and their missionaries too, by what authority, human or divine, they are authorized to put themselves in subjection to any man, or any number of men? If they can find authority to submit themselves to the godly judgment of a foreign mission board, perhaps that same Bible will allow them to take an oath to a bench of bishops or the Pope himself. Bro. Jeter will do Methodists, Episcopalians, and the Pope a very distinguished service by finding in God's Word authority for a body of men, whether denominated boards or bishops, to take control of the ministers of Christ and dictate where, when and how they shall labor, to say to them, do this, and they are bound to do it. I could as soon obey a bishop as a board. The principle enthrones episcopacy. It degrades the ministers of Christ to the servants of men . . . We are an honest and conscientious inquirer, having no ends to serve but those of the truth and honor of Christ. Our columns are open to all for a kind and brotherly discussion. There is a conviction in the minds of thousands of our people, the warm friends of foreign missions, that the present plan is wrong. Richard Fuller boldly affirmed on the floor of the convention in Baltimore that it was unscriptural and unwise."

"A thousand times better for that board to be blotted out than for it to exist an- (Continued on page 8, column 3)

### Unmerited Grace

(Continued from page one)  
 it is just that. But as I studied the subject more I became aware of the fact that this definition was not broad enough to take in all the meaning of that wonderful truth called grace. I came to see that grace is our receiving the unmerited favor of God when in actuality we deserve just the opposite. The ultimate of grace will be our spending eternity in the presence of our Lord, enjoying the bliss of Heaven with Him, singing His wonderful praises and reigning with Him for ever and ever when we really deserve to be roasting in Hell with the devil and his angels. But, who of us can understand all that goes with our spending eternity in His blessed presence, singing His wonderful praises and reigning with Him for ever and ever? And, on the other hand, who among

us can comprehend all that goes with spending eternity in Hell with the devil and his angels? It is just too much for us.

Sometimes we seem to get the idea that grace is something that is bestowed upon the Lord's saints and upon them alone. But as I studied this wonderful subject assigned to me, I came to see more clearly that the non-elect, even the worst of them, are the recipients of God's grace. The difference between the grace bestowed upon them and that bestowed upon us is in degree and duration. The non-elect know nothing of saving grace and all that goes with it. And the grace that is bestowed upon them ends with their death. At that time grace gives way to justice. But in our case, grace increases with our death, or with our being changed as the case may be, and justice never comes near us.

When we come to see that grace is receiving that which is given when we deserve the worst, we will be able to see that it is nothing short of God's wonderful and unmerited grace that placed a mark upon Cain and protected him from those who would slay him. There are three great reasons, as I see it, why the grace that was bestowed upon Cain was unmerited. First, he had been a sinner just as you and I were. The second reason was that he had murdered his own brother, cold blood, and that without cause. And third, he was the man originator of the false religious system that is so prevalent to this old religious world today. Who could say that Cain deserved any favor from God? To be sure his grace was unmerited.

Then it was nothing short of the amazing grace of God that kept the earth from opening up beneath the rest of those murdering and grumbling children of Israel and permitting them to go down into Sheol alive along with Korah, Dathan and Abiram and their families. So it has been throughout the centuries of man history. Even infidels and atheists have profited from the manifold grace of God.

We here tonight are enjoying these wonderful electric lights because Thomas A. Edison, an atheist that he was, was for time the recipient of God's grace. God gave this man the mind of a genius along with all that goes with that kind of mind when he deserved to be an inmate of some insane asylum.

And what of the infidel Baptist Seminary professors of our day who use their sharp tongues to cut out the Scriptures they do not like just as Jehoiakim did with his penknife in the long ago. What rip and tear God's precious Word to shreds, and teach men so, that still they live sumptuously every day, and that on an enviable salary which they receive from God's own treasury. What is God's longsuffering, patient, unmerited grace would permit such a thing to be? But the puzzle of all the puzzles connected with it is, (Continued on page 7, column 3)



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 hanks again, and may God be  
 you 'til we meet again,  
 at another wonderful Bible  
 erence, or at Jesus' feet—the  
 being far better.  
 Yours in Christ,  
 Eltham (AL) Teetzel  
 Cleveland, Ohio

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This Bible Conference is the  
 one I have attended and I  
 each one a direct blessing  
 the gracious Lord. I do not  
 of a place on earth today  
 one may have his cup fill-  
 overflowing with pure, un-  
 derated truths of God's  
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 beloved pastor bring their  
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 our way. Thank God, He  
 does have a few chosen ones  
 believe and preach the  
 ch. Amos 8:11 is a reality! My  
 and love for all.

Elder Edward Baker  
 Dayton, Ohio

★ ★ ★

A brief word to tell you  
 I appreciated your most  
 ous invitation to the confer-  
 It was a great day of spirit-  
 blessing for this Baptist  
 cher. The fellowship was  
 encouraging and the mes-  
 most enlightening. The folk  
 Calvary Baptist Church of  
 and treated us with supreme  
 ern hospitality.

Elder Bob (Skinny) Nelson  
 Saline, Michigan

★ ★ ★

was deeply impressed at such  
 wonderful, soul-filling  
 as I have never heard  
 before. I met such won-  
 derful Christian people whom I  
 come to love in such a short  
 I was very much blessed  
 had such a grand time and  
 say that each service was  
 wonderful. I love to be with such  
 people as the Gilpins.

Mrs. Georgia Halliman  
 New Guinea  
 (To be continued)

For me (he says) the death of  
 God is a liberating experience,  
 a highly moral experience. It  
 frees me to be committed to the  
 service of my neighbor, without  
 getting in the way." Then he  
 says, "One of the most exciting  
 things is the possibility of cele-  
 brating the death of God." Then,  
 since, according to him, there is  
 no God to resurrect us we are  
 not surprised when he says, "I  
 see no way of affirming the life  
 of the human community after  
 death. He too, has ceased to be."  
 When he was asked how he could  
 ethically justify his taking his  
 pay check from a professing  
 Christian institution he became  
 indignant. He called that an  
 impudent question, as much  
 as to say, where else under  
 heaven do you think I could  
 draw such a fat salary for teach-  
 ing such stuff as that? Even  
 the old devil himself does not  
 accuse God of being dead as  
 much as he would like for Him  
 to be dead. But still this dis-  
 gusting, loathsome, repulsive  
 and contemptible enemy of  
 God is permitted, not only to  
 live, but to enjoy the luxuries  
 of this life. God still sends  
 the rain upon his lawn and his  
 garden (if he has one) just  
 as he does upon yours or mine.  
 If we had God's power over  
 such a contemptible "critter" as  
 Bill Hamilton, we would prob-  
 ably withhold the air from his  
 nostrils, or take away our pro-  
 tecting hand from his automob-  
 ile at the opportune time and  
 permit him to burst his per-  
 verted brains out against a  
 tree. Oh! who can fathom the  
 depths of God's unmerited  
 grace even toward His vilest  
 enemies?

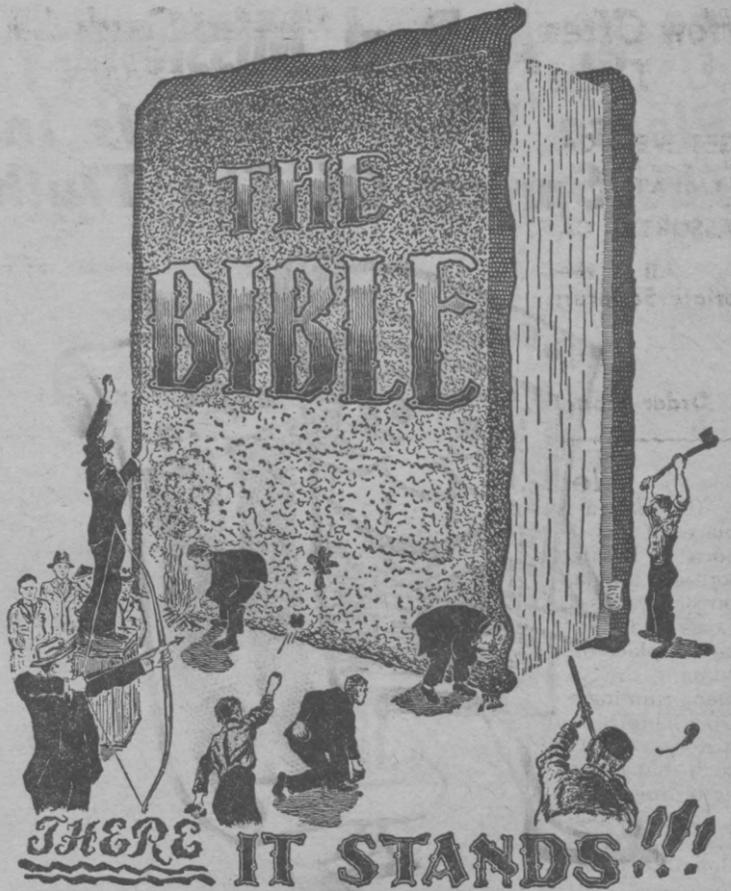
Surely no one will deny that  
 the grace which God bestows  
 upon His enemies is unmerited,  
 but what of the grace He bestows  
 upon His own? Is it merited  
 in any way? No, in no wise.  
 As we think upon the grace  
 which God bestows upon His  
 own, let us again go back to  
 the beginning of our race. If  
 there has ever been a man  
 who had reason to seek the  
 Lord, and to beg and plead  
 for salvation from his ruined  
 condition, it was Adam. Not  
 only had Adam been placed  
 in an earthly paradise, he  
 had been given dominion over  
 it. He had walked and talked  
 with God. They had enjoyed  
 sweet fellowship together  
 with an unbroken commu-  
 nion. He had been given the  
 most beautiful and lovely  
 wife that has ever lived. You  
 and I may think we have the  
 most beautiful and lovely  
 wife in the world, but we  
 must admit that our wives  
 were born with the marks  
 of sin upon them. They are  
 imperfect whether we can  
 see the imperfections or not.  
 But Adam's wife was the  
 direct product of God's own  
 hands, and all His works are  
 perfect according to Deut.  
 32:4. The lost sinner today  
 knows absolutely nothing  
 of sweet fellowship with  
 God, but Adam knew what  
 it was to have that fellow-  
 ship because he had experi-  
 enced it. So I repeat, if  
 there has ever been a lost  
 person on the face of this  
 earth who had reason to  
 seek the Lord and to pray  
 and plead for salvation,  
 it was Adam. But instead

of seeking the Lord and  
 pleading for salvation we  
 find in Gen. 3:7 that "they  
 sewed fig leaves together  
 and made themselves aprons."

Down in Birmingham there  
 is a building supply firm that  
 has a do-it-yourself depart-  
 ment where you can buy  
 tools and materials to mess  
 up anything from a chicken  
 coop to a dwelling house.  
 Well, the religious world  
 has its do-it-yourself depart-  
 ment and it had its begin-  
 ning here in Gen. 3:7. Adam  
 and Eve, no doubt compli-  
 mented each other on their  
 handiwork. For a time they  
 felt that their beautiful fig  
 leaf aprons would serve the  
 purpose. But in verse 8 we  
 read, "And they heard the  
 voice of the Lord God walk-  
 ing in the garden in the  
 cool of the day, and they  
 hid themselves from the  
 presence of the Lord God  
 amongst the trees of the  
 garden." I can just see  
 those old fig leaf aprons  
 flapping and fluttering in  
 the wind as they ran from  
 God. And I am persuaded  
 that by the time they were  
 hidden behind the trees  
 their beautiful aprons were  
 torn to shreds by the limbs  
 on the bushes. Oh! how  
 fragile are the works of  
 man's hands when it comes  
 to our salvation. If Adam  
 had run to meet God and  
 had pleaded with him for  
 salvation from his awful  
 condition, I would be an  
 Arminian today. But, since  
 Adam's totally depraved  
 condition would not permit  
 him to seek salvation, how,  
 under Heaven, can we expect  
 his offspring who have that  
 same totally depraved con-  
 dition to seek after salva-  
 tion? It is absurd for us to  
 even think they can so much  
 as desire salvation. Had  
 Adam desired salvation, he  
 would not have run from  
 God. The offspring of Adam  
 are just as content with  
 their fig leaf aprons as were  
 Adam and Eve until God  
 takes the initiative, and  
 quickens them. Surely no  
 one will say that Adam  
 deserved, or merited the  
 grace that was bestowed  
 upon him since he ran from  
 it. That grace was unmer-  
 ited to the nth degree.

But what of us? Do we  
 in this age deserve the  
 grace that is bestowed upon  
 us any more than did those  
 in Old Testament times? No,  
 not in the least. Let us  
 take a good look at a man  
 we see in Acts 9. This man  
 hated the ground that Jesus  
 of Nazareth had walked upon.  
 And he hated with a passion  
 the ground our Lord's saints  
 were walking upon at that  
 time. In fact, he was breath-  
 ing out that hatred rather  
 than the air around him as  
 he walked down that road.  
 But, when unmerited saving  
 grace was bestowed upon  
 Saul the next thing we  
 hear out of him was "Lord,  
 what will you have me to  
 do?" Is it any wonder then  
 that he said in I Cor. 15:10,  
 "By the grace of God I am  
 what I am?" If you feel  
 that you deserve whatever  
 you may have, I assure you  
 it is not grace.

Since we do not merit  
 the grace we receive in this  
 life, what of that we receive  
 in the next one? In I Pet.  
 1:13 we read, "Wherefore  
 gird up the loins of your  
 mind, be sober, and hope  
 to the end for the grace that  
 is to be brought unto you  
 at the revelation of Jesus  
 Christ." We have been the  
 recipients of so much grace  
 here in this life, none of  
 which we deserve, or merit,  
 but still we are told that  
 more grace is to be brought  
 to us at the revelation of  
 our Lord. This grace is to  
 be manifested by His resur-  
 recting those of His who  
 have died, and by changing  
 those of His who are still  
 living at that time. It is  
 to be manifested by His  
 clothing us with bodies like  
 unto His own glorious body.  
 In Isa. 61:10 we read,  
 "He hath clothed me with  
 the garments of salvation,  
 He hath covered me with  
 the robe of righteousness."  
 You and I deserved to be  
 clothed in the garments of  
 utter destruction, and to  
 be covered with the fires  
 of hell, but in spite of all



our unworthiness He has  
 clothed us with the garments  
 of salvation and has covered  
 us with the robe of righteous-  
 ness. Who, O, who could  
 dare ask for more? But in  
 Phil. 3:21 we are told that  
 He "shall change our vile  
 body that it may be fashion-  
 ed like unto His glorious  
 body." And in I Jno. 3:2,  
 John says, "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." Who  
 of us feel that we are worthy  
 to be clothed in bodies like  
 unto His own glorious body?  
 But not only are we to be  
 clothed in bodies like unto  
 His own glorious body, but  
 in I Thes. 4:17 we are told  
 that we are to ever be with  
 Him. Who, O who, can com-  
 prehend the unmerited grace  
 of God?

This is the time when  
 we will experience the literal  
 fulfilment of Gal. 1:4. There  
 we are told that He "gave  
 Himself for our sins, that  
 He might deliver us from  
 this present evil world." So  
 when we are caught up in  
 the clouds to meet the Lord  
 in the air to ever be with  
 Him, we will be completely  
 delivered from this present  
 evil world. In order for us  
 to really appreciate this  
 we need to know something  
 of this evil world that our  
 Lord is to deliver us from.  
 The Greeks have two main  
 words for evil. One is KAKOS  
 which means that a man is  
 evil and corrupt, but he is  
 content to just rot in his  
 own corruption. He does not  
 care whether you are like  
 him or not. In some cases  
 he may even warn you not  
 to become like him. The  
 other word is PONEROS  
 which means that a man is  
 evil and corrupt, but he is  
 not content unless he is  
 corrupting everyone

else. This is the word for  
 evil in Gal. 1:4. This old  
 religious world is not content  
 unless she is corrupting even  
 our Lord's elect ones. And  
 when we come to see what  
 a good job she has done with  
 her Christmas, her Easter,  
 her T-shaped cross and her  
 many perverted ways of  
 salvation in which God is  
 dethroned and man enthroned,  
 we can really appreciate  
 our being delivered from  
 her grasp. How we should  
 appreciate the unmerited  
 grace of God that has done,  
 and will do all these wonder-  
 ful things for us.

Then this grace that is to  
 be brought to us is to be  
 manifested by our Lord's  
 taking unto Himself those  
 of His people who have  
 made themselves ready (Rev.  
 18:7) to be His bride. And  
 after this His abounding  
 grace is to be manifested  
 by His permitting us to  
 reign with Him for ever  
 and ever. (Rev. 22:5). O!  
 the wonderful things that  
 are ours because of God's  
 unmerited grace. But, to  
 me, one of the most astound-  
 ing things found in the  
 whole Bible is that found  
 in I Cor. 1:8. Here we are  
 told that we are to be  
 "blameless in the day of  
 our Lord Jesus Christ." Just  
 think of that! What but the  
 unmerited grace of our  
 great and Almighty God  
 could ever make you and  
 me blameless at any time?  
 And how we should thank  
 Him, and sing His praises  
 continually for His unmer-  
 ited grace. For had He  
 died ten thousand deaths  
 on Calvary's Cross, and  
 had He suffered the pangs  
 of hell six thousand years  
 instead of the six hours  
 on that cross, it would  
 have availed you and me  
 absolutely nothing were  
 it not for His wonderful,  
 marvelous, amazing and  
 unmerited grace.

## Unmerited Grace

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 God's wonderful grace is the  
 work of William Hamilton, a  
 professor at Colgate-Ro-  
 der Divinity School. This  
 man calls himself an atheist,  
 and at the same time calls  
 himself a Christian. He is  
 quoted recently as saying,  
 "We are atheists, but Chris-  
 tians." As we used to say  
 in the hills of west Ala-  
 bama, "That's a new wrinkle  
 on an atheist, that is, until  
 the work of William Hamil-  
 ton." Who ever heard of a  
 man who goes on to say,  
 "We do not adore, we do  
 not believe in God." Even  
 the old man himself tells  
 the truth some-  
 times. Then he goes on to  
 say, "My death is not a  
 sad thing."

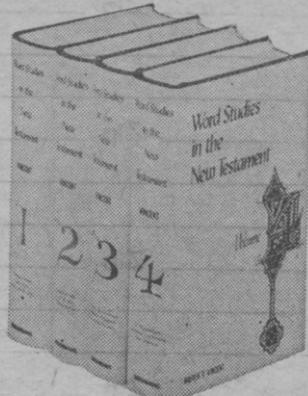


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### These Brothers

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Then he bowed his head on his hand and sat down weeping.  
Moody's Brother — When a brother of D. L. Moody died, representative men from New York came to say great words at his funeral. D. L. Moody, leaning on his elbow on the coffin, with his face bathed in tears, said, "Friends and neighbors, I thank God that He gave me a brother. I thank Him also that He permitted me to lead him to Jesus. I thank God that I can now look down into his face and know that I shall see him again." Then he stood a moment with hands uplifted and eyes looking into the eternities until suddenly he shouted in such triumphant tone that the multitude around him could not fail to hear him: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"—Selected.

### Election Consistent

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he had an eye to them, if by any means he might provoke to emulation them that were his flesh, and might save some of them." And though he taught believers from among them to ascribe their salvation entirely to electing grace, and spoke of the rest as being blinded, yet he represents that blindness as being their own fault, to which they were judicially given up of God, Romans 11:7-10.

### Bro. Fred Roberts

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yet these brethren have an entirely different background than the Hallimans have. Although these natives are saved and many are church members, yet they are living in a stone age culture far different than what Bro. Halliman and his wife are used to. Bro. Doty seemed to have a concern for the work in New Guinea and an infectious zeal that strangely began to affect me also. After our discussions about the work in New Guinea, I was never able to forget Bro. Halliman and the needs of the field there. I felt like the Apostle Paul must have felt after he had seen the vision in which the man stood and called, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

From those days spent with Bro. Doty in Fossil, Oregon, the field in New Guinea has never left my mind. When I got down to Bro. Gilpin's, I studied the bound volumes of The Baptist Examiner and read everything Bro. Halliman had ever written about the work in New Guinea and after much time in prayer, I have come to firmly believe that the Lord has providentially brought all of these things to pass to show me His will and to lay on my heart the work in New Guinea. My wife, Karen, is just as anxious to enter into this field of labor as I am.

—Fred W. Roberts

### Mission Boards

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other day for the dishonor of Christianity." In Tennessee Baptist, December 25, 1858.  
"Our missionary organism originated with our English brethren at the time of the missionary zeal through the influence of Cary, Marshman, and Fuller... Let it be borne in mind then, that our missionary organism is of human origin, and of a very recent date entirely outside and independent of the churches, and not known in the primitive ages of the church."—Tennessee Baptist, Sept. 8,

1860.

"The churches of Christ have never heard of such a consolidated missionary machinery as we now have until a few years past. Brethren, stop, think of it, is it Scriptural? Was it known in the age of the world when missions were most successful?"

"The first radical fault in our missionary scheme is that it is a centralization—a centralizing operation. It takes out of the hands of many of our churches and places our missionary operations in the hands of a few. Such has never been the character of our missionary organizations and they have failed; the present is a failure; all future ones of a similar kind will be. The churches are called upon to surrender all intimate concern in the management and planning for, and directing the missionaries and the mission work into the hands of a central board; and content themselves with supplying the funds when called upon by the agents.

"In this article we shall maintain that these organizations in their present form are not only contrary to the letter, but also to the genius of the gospel, and also to the usage of the Baptist denomination."—Tennessee Baptist, May 12, 1860.

6. H. C. Holcomb:

In conclusion, we give briefly two objections to the missionary organizations of the present day:

"1. They are dangerous to the independence and rights of the churches. I would give instances and proof of what I say, but presume they will not be disputed.

"2. And lastly, they detract from the honor and dignity of the church of Christ; they rob God in the house of His friends. He has designated that His church shall be the beauty and praise of the whole world, and finally that it shall fill the world with His glory. We sometimes hear some Christians say that some of those societies of men are ahead of the church in benevolence and charity. Such sentiments do but too plainly prove that the church of Christ is robbed of its honor, and the glory of God is given to men. Now, brethren, let us return to the ancient order of things. Let us confess our departures from the word of truth before God. Let us anew consecrate ourselves with all our possessions, talents and influence to God in His church. And to His great name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen."—In Tennessee Baptist, Sept. 7, 1859.

7. J. N. Hall, Editor, American Baptist Flag:

"Surely no such an organization (the convention) has no sort of right to take absolute control of the mission

work of the churches, for the churches have no sort of control over the convention. The whole thing (Mission Boards) as now constructed is in direct contradiction of genuine Baptist policy, and the wonder is how the fathers ever consented to the organization of such a convention. Let the churches get into the saddle, and with reins in hand, let them manage the mission work as the Lord directs."—Baptist Flag, May 26, 1898.

"J. R. Graves, N. M. Crawford and a host of others in the fight contended for just the same things the Flag now contends for."—Baptist Flag, May 19, 1898.

"There were no mission and Bible societies in the days of the apostles."—"On Campbellism," p. 56.

### Rally Day

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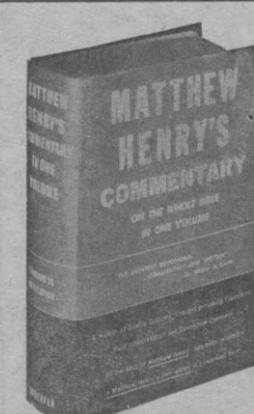
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