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MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS TO . . .

MISSION BOARDS

Years ago, as a boy preacher, out of ignorance, I believed in mission boards. I was listed as a pastor of the Southern Baptist Convention. I even made speeches (I thought they were sermons then) in behalf of the cooperative program.

One day after Brother H. B. Taylor went to Glory and a church had been organized at Murray, Kentucky, in his honor, I was invited by Brother Carroll Hubbard, who was then pastor of the church, to be on a Bible Conference program in Murray, Kentucky. One afternoon between sessions, I took a walk with Bro. Joe Brandon far out in the country. In the course of the conversation, I asked Brother Brandon if he had ever read Brother Taylor's tract written in defense of mission boards. He declared that he had read it and didn't believe it, and he had told Brother Tay-

lor so. He called it heresy of the worst type.

This was startling news to me, for it was the first time I had talked with anyone who dared speak against mission boards, or who had dared to question the Scripturalness of the same.

On coming home from this conference, I began to search through old issues of Brother Taylor's paper to see if in the later years of his life he had changed any relative to his former position. Imagine my surprise on finding what I had not noticed before, an article by G. J. Rousseau on the subject of "Self-Perpetuating Boards." The first two paragraphs of this article as it appeared in Brother Taylor's paper follow.

"Not only Baptists, but all intelligent citizens of this Republic, rise up in arms when it appears that corporations, which have be-

come the trustees of the funds of the people, have in one way or another contrived to have a hand-picked board of control. State and Federal legislatures have enacted laws seeking to prohibit this sort of thing.

"Baptists are loudly and emphatically on record against any suggestion even of a self-perpetuating board of control over their institutions. But . . . What do we actually have? Particularly nothing but a self-perpetuating system. Is this too startling a statement? Let us see."

In the balance of this article, the author completely annihilated mission boards and especially self-perpetuating ones in which the members select their successors, whereby he showed beyond a shadow of a doubt that a self-perpetuating board is nothing more or less than a monopoly or (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Baker Rebukes Those Who Compromise With Rome

In Tallahassee, Florida, a Baptist preacher by the name of Roberts, pastor of a 4400 member church, affiliated with the SBC, recently had a Catholic priest to fill the pulpit on Sunday morning. The compromising Baptist preacher who did this, referred to the response as "fabulous." We would like to remind him that the way Catholics have treated Baptists (especially in the dark ages), has been "fabulous" too.

Without comment either pro or con, the Western Recorder carried the report of this disgraceful religious debacle on the part of these Tallahassee Baptists. Would to God that we might have an editor again like T. T. Eaton, J. W. Porter and others! True Baptists everywhere are sick of the pussy-footing and compromise of our modern Baptist editors.

We are happy to share Bro. Baker's excellent rebuke with our readers.

To the Editor of "The Western Recorder"

Dear Brother Daley,

In the November 10th issue, on page 9 you have an article that, in my opinion, is not another first, but another long stride toward union with Roman Catholicism. This is a deplorable situation, in the light of what Rome has done to millions of Baptists and Protestants.

It seems to me that we Baptists have our hands full, preaching and teaching the TRUTH, rather than mixing with KNOWN heresy. Sometime ago, I read an article where a (may I call each of these SO-CALLED BAPTISTS) Baptist preacher had had a Roman Catholic Priest help him in a marriage ceremony, or I guess it was the other way around, the preacher said the prayer, and the priest married the couple. It was merely a show on the part of the priest.

It is my opinion, that any Bap-



Eld. Edward Baker
Dayton, Ohio

tist preacher who will ask a Roman Catholic priest to marry him (Continued on page 8, column 1)

Calvary Baptist Church Invites All Who Can Possibly Attend, To Be With Us For Rally Day, On Thanksgiving Day. U Are Welcome!

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THERE IS NO DOCTRINE IN ALL THE BIBLE LIKE THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION, FOR IT IS . . .

CHEERING - THRILLING - MISSIONARY

By ROY MASON
Aripeka, Florida

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1966 CONFERENCE IN ASHLAND

"That the purpose of God according to election might stand."—Rom. 9:11.

This passage relates to the birth of Jacob and Esau. Usually the first-born inherited the birthright, and was given the preference, but in this case God elected and foreordained that Jacob should have first place, in spite of the fact that Esau was born ahead of him. It was Jacob, in the plan of God who should be the ancestor of Israel — Jacob whose name Israel should wear down through the centuries. And this was not happen-so, for God planned it so before either of the boys were born. I have heard it preached that God foresaw that Jacob would turn out the best

and that God upon that foreknowledge elected Jacob to have the pre-eminence. Let me seek to discredit here and now the idea that God's election is based upon, or predetermined by his foreknowledge. God does foreknow all things, for the Bible says, "known unto God are all his works from the foundation of the world." Things are to take place exactly as foreknown of God, else he would be guilty of foreknowing a lie! But, I repeat, foreknowledge is not the determining thing. What IS THE DETERMINING THING? Ephesians tells us in these words, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will."

As it was in the case of Jacob,

so it has happened over and over again, that the natural order has been strangely and mysteriously changed from the human stand-



ELD. ROY MASON

point, but in reality it happened that the purpose of God according to election might stand. God's purpose according to election has

always stood — it stands this minute — and it will stand unto all eternity, and I say, Thank God this is true!

From the time I began to read and study the Bible, I have always believed in election, and I mean an absolute, unconditional election. Some profess to believe in election, but theirs is a namby-pamby theory that has no foundation in the Bible. Such persons are like the woman I heard about, who spoke to her dog and said, "Get out." Instead of going out at the door, the dog ran under the couch. She said, "Well, go under the couch then." She accommodated herself to the dog's wishes, in order to have her way. Now I don't believe that God is subject to man's whims and notions like that woman was sub-

ject to her dog. The story is told of the evangelist who used every form of invitation and every gimmick he could think of to get professions of faith and when no response was made he backed off sadly and exclaimed "Poor God!" God had tried his best to save some people, but such was man's strength of will that God couldn't do it! I believe that all of this stuff about God wanting and trying to save people but being unable to handle man's will, is stuff and nonsense! He who knocked arrogant Saul of Tarsus flat to the ground and saved him, can and will save anybody he goes after.

As said a moment ago, I have always believed in election from the time I began to read the Bible, for I have always believed in a mighty, sovereign, and all- (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"JOY IN THE LORD"

"For the joy of the Lord is your strength."—Neh. 8:10.

I might say by way of preface that this text was written at the time when they were getting ready to have a public reading of the Word of God. As Ezra, the scribe, stood up on a pulpit above the people, and opened the book of the Lord, and started to read unto the people, and to explain the Word of God, so that they heard God's Word distinctly and understood it, then it was that Nehemiah said, "For the joy of the Lord is your strength."

I am rather of the opinion that lots of people think there isn't

any joy in serving the Lord. In fact, I have come in contact with so many individuals in my ministry who have told me that they did not see how a Christian got any joy out of life. I'll never forget the fellow who over thirty years ago said, "You don't drink, and you don't play cards," and he named probably a half dozen things a Christian oughtn't to do, and which he knew I didn't do. Then he said, "What do you get out of life?" Then I'll never forget his closing statement when he said, "life must be a mighty drab existence for you."

I am satisfied that his opinion

was about the opinion of lots of people in this world. I am sure a lot of people think that a Christian must have an exceedingly drab existence, and that life does not mean but mighty little to a Christian. However, in order that you might know that there isn't any pleasure even for that man who is living in sin, listen:

"Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."—Heb. 11:25.

God didn't say that there were not some pleasure in sin, but He said it was only seasonal — it (Continued on page 2, column 2)

LAST CALL FOR RALLY DAY

This is our last appeal to our readers relative to Rally Day of 1966, and with this issue we urge everyone who believes the Truth for which we stand, to send an offering for the support, and on-going of TBE.

Frankly, our offerings to date have not been the equal of our usual Rally Day offerings. Of course, a few days yet remain, and we sincerely trust that God puts into the hearts of our readers to send worthy offerings within the next week.

I ask one simple question: DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE MINISTRY OF TBE? If so, I ask you to show your confidence with an offering to assist us in bringing it to you. We have carried the burden of the paper all year, and we are calling upon our readers today to assist us.

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Texan Says There Is No Greater Mission Work Than TBE

Eld. Gene Hensley
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I contend as many other preachers do, especially the pastors of churches, that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is a great help. Not only is the preacher in the position to get much needed help from the sermons printed, but we also find comfort and encouragement, because we know we are not standing alone, in the fight for the Truth.



Eld. Gene Hensley

Not only the pastors and preachers, but the church membership as well receive much help, and are blessed by it. They learn that their old preacher is not the only one preaching the doctrines of Grace and Bible truths. It is a strength to all, and encourages us all to keep on keeping on.

As a mission work, I know of no greater work today. THE BAPTIST EXAMINER is getting the much needed truths out to the grass roots, where babes in Christ are ready for some meat of God's Word. How good it is to see many

young preachers these days, standing for the doctrines of the Grace of God. I believe this is primarily because of the ministry of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, through helping young preachers to the truths, and the value of the preaching in their pulpits, shall never be known down here. But some day when we all get home, there will be a great time of reviewing the things that were recorded in the Books. I do believe God keeps a record, and some day it shall be revealed. I do believe TBE is a worthy cause and all who have been blessed by its pages in the past and at present, and have benefited by it, should support it.



"Joy In The Lord"

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only lasted for a little while. So the individual who thinks that a Christian doesn't get any joy out of his life, I'd remind that unsaved man, that the very things he thinks of as being enjoyable today, they don't really last. He is not really getting any pleasure, except a momentary, fleeting pleasure from the things that he thinks are so satisfying.

The fact of the matter is, worldly things just don't satisfy. I turn to the experiences of Solomon, and if ever a man enjoyed the things of the world, it was he. I have often said that Solomon galloped down the rose-lined avenues of sin at a furious pace, and if ever a man was a 33rd degree sport, it was Solomon. He took in everything that the world had to offer, yet when he got through, how much satisfaction had he gotten from it? Solomon tells us himself, for he says:

"I made me great works; I builded me houses; I planted me vineyards; I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all kind of fruits; I made me pools of water, to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees; I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me; I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces; I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, as musical instruments, and of all sorts. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour; and this was my portion of all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, ALL WAS VANITY and vexation of spirit, and THERE WAS NO PROFIT under the sun."—Eccl. 2:4-11.

Now to that individual who thinks the world can satisfy, and to that individual who thinks he can find a greater joy in the world than he can in the service of the Lord, I would ask him to read and re-read the words of Solomon, who had houses, and vineyards, and gardens, and orchards, and fruit trees of all kinds, and pools of water, and artificial means of watering all of his orchards and gardens, who

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Elmo Woodson
Little Rock, Arkansas

I thank God for the opportunity and the means to support The Baptist Examiner. It has no equal, in my estimation, when it offers praise to and exalts the Lord Jesus and has absolutely none for man outside of Him. Thank the Lord for an editor such as Bro. John R. Gilpin.

had servants, both men and women, who had great herds of cattle, who had all the silver and gold that could be imagined, who enjoyed the pleasures of the kings of the world, who had women singers and men singers, and musical instruments of all kinds. After mentioning all this, he said, "Whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them," yet he said, "I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit."

I tell you, beloved, there is a joy in the serving of the Lord that Solomon never found, until after he passed through this experience. I want to show you some things that bring joy in the service of the Lord.

I

SALVATION.

My salvation brings more joy to me than anything else in this world. David said:

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."—Psa. 51:12.

This is the passage of Scripture that most of the Arminians quote when they want to prove that one can be lost. They say that David lost his salvation. No, he didn't, beloved. David lost the joy of salvation. There is a lot of difference between an individual losing the joy of salvation, and losing salvation itself. You can't lose your salvation, but you can lose your joy. David had lost his joy of salvation, and he prayed for a restoration of it. In other words, there is a joy in salvation.

Beloved, just as David prayed for the joy of his salvation to be restored, I thank God for the joy of salvation that I feel within my soul today. When I turn to the Word of God and read about Hell, I get happy, because Hell is in the background for me. When I turn to the Bible and read about Heaven, I get happy, because Heaven is in the foreground for me. When I turn to the Bible I read that I have nothing to fear, come what may, for God is on His throne. He is leading, and directing, and controlling me from day to day. I tell you, my salvation makes me happy.

Then I think of the contentment that I have right now. There isn't anything in this world that will make a man contented like

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knowing that his heart is right with God. When I remember that I am fitting today perfectly into the plan of Almighty God for my life—when I remember this, that God's plan for my life is being

perfectly fulfilled in the life of Jesus Christ, I tell you, it makes me happy when I think about my salvation. No wonder David mentioned it—the joy of it, and (Continued on page 3, column

"Joy In The Lord"

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wonder he prayed for the re-
storation of that joy. Any man
who has lost the joy of the
Lord out of his life, and is un-
able to experience the joy of his
salvation, is naturally going to
miss it, and is going to pray for
God to restore that joy of sal-
vation to him.
I say to you, first of all, our
salvation makes us happy, and
there is a happiness about our
salvation that the world can't
begin to offer.

II

IN BEING IN GOD'S PRE- SENCE.

There is a happiness about be-
ing in God's presence. The Psalm-
ist David refers to the presence
of the Lord, for he says:
"Thou wilt shew me the path
of life: IN THY PRESENCE IS
FULNESS OF JOY; at thy right
hand there are PLEASURES FOR
EVERMORE."—Psa. 16:11.
Beloved, being in God's pres-
ence brings a joy.
It is a fact that we are all
always in God's presence. The
Word of God indicates that you
can't get out of the presence of
God. Listen:
"If I ascend up into heaven,
thou art there; if I make my bed
in hell, behold, thou art there.
I take the wings of the morn-
ing, and dwell in the uttermost
parts of the sea, Even there shall
thy hand lead me, and thy right
hand shall hold me."—Psa. 139:
10.

So I say it is true, in a sense,
that we are always in God's pres-
ence, but there is a peculiar truth
that the saint, the child of God,
has a particular experience of
being in the presence of the Lord
that the unsaved man knows
nothing at all about.

The unsaved man also is in
God's presence until God casts
him into Hell. We read:

"Who shall be punished with
perlasting destruction FROM
THE PRESENCE of the Lord."—
Thess. 1:9.

I say, beloved, it is true that
every unsaved person is in God's
presence, in a sense, and will
always be in God's presence until
he is cast into Hell, but there's a
particular sense in which it is true
that a Christian is in God's pres-
ence in a special way every day.
I turn back to the Old Testa-
ment and I hear God speaking
Moses at the burning bush,
saying:

"Put off thy shoes from off thy
feet, for the place whereon thou
standest is holy ground."—Ex.
3:5.

I say, beloved, whenever we
are in the presence of the Lord,
we are on holy ground.

It is hard for me to under-
stand the attitude that some peo-
ple take. I can't understand Jonah
wanting to get out of the pres-
ence of the Lord, for when I turn
to God's Word I read concerning
Jonah:

"But Jonah rose up TO FLEE
FROM THE PRE-
SENCE of the Lord, and went
unto Joppa; and he found a
ship going to Tarshish; so he
went down into it, and went
away from the presence of
the Lord."

Notice, Jonah bought a ticket
on a boat in order that he might
get away from the presence of
the Lord.

I tell you, there is a joy in
being in God's presence. When
I preach, when I pray, when I
meditate, I feel that I am in God's
presence.

Oh, don't you, some days, as
you go about your work, just
feel overwhelmed with the pres-
ence of the Lord—that is, if
you are saved? I remember one
morning years ago that I dictated
a sermon that I planned to use
on a future radio broadcast on
the seven sayings of the Saviour
on the cross. I suppose it took
between two and two hours
and a half to dictate the message
and the Scriptures. When I had
finished it, the young lady who
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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Please explain I Cor 11:14. Did not Jesus have long hair?"

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It all depends upon which Jesus we are talking about. If you have in mind the Catholic's Jesus that you see hanging on the walls of Baptist homes and Baptist churches, to be sure he has long, beautiful, lovely hair. Anyone can see that at a glance. Many painters have taken in hand to paint the Catholic's Jesus, but the two most successful ones were J. M. A. Hoffman, a German painter of the 19th century and Leonardo Da Vinci, an Italian painter of the late 15th and early 16th centuries.

Hoffman's Jesus, who is a figment of Hoffman's own imagination, came on the scene some eighteen hundred years after Jesus of Nazareth walked the hills of Judea. Still he is the most popular adornment for the homes, churches, and literature of the religious world. Da Vinci's Jesus was brought into existence along about the time Columbus discovered America. This Jesus is also very popular with his followers, the religious world. I am told that Da Vinci used a beautiful young Italian woman to pose for him as he painted his famous Jesus, and that he then added the beard and whiskers. The marked feminine features in his face seems to bear that out. Hoffman's Jesus and Da Vinci's Jesus both have lovely long hair, but let us bear in mind they are no relation to the Jesus who said through His servant Paul, "If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him."

Then the Methodist Jesus who stands out in ankle deep water while John Somebody pours a little water on his head has pretty nice long hair too, but he, like the Catholic Jesus, is no relation to the Jesus who is the Lord of glory. Don't you agree with me that a Jesus and a John who would walk out in the river and then pour a few drops of water on his head would not have sense enough to make favorable mention in God's Bible?

We can rest assured that the Jesus of the Bible did not have long hair. He would never do anything that was contrary to His teaching, and I Cor. 11:14 is His very own teaching.

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My answer begins with a question. What makes you think Jesus had long hair? I assume you are referring to the so-called pictures of Christ. You ought to know better than to accept an artist's conception of Christ. The Bible tells us that we should not have graven images as our gods. (Ex. 20:4; Lev. 26:1) These pictures are not true pictures of Christ. Nowhere in the Bible do we read of a description of the earthly form of Christ. The artists always picture Him as an ef-

feminate person, whereas the Bible tells us He drove the money changers from the temple and told the Pharisees they were a "generations of vipers." That does not sound like the weak character you see in the pictures. All of the pictures show Him with long hair, yet the Bible says "... if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him" (I Cor. 11:14). I Peter 2:22 in speaking of Christ says "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." If Christ did no sin, He certainly did not do anything to bring shame upon himself—therefore He did not have long hair.

The questioner asks us to explain this verse. It simply means what it says. Even nature shows that it is a shame for man to have long hair and glory for a woman to have long hair. The best way is to notice babies. Boy babies will have short hair and girl babies will have long hair.

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I don't know that I can add much to what the verse says. In consulting various translations of this passage I note that Phillip gives the following as his translation into modern speech:

"Isn't there a natural principle here, that makes us feel that long hair is disgraceful to a man, but of glorious beauty to a woman?"

The language seems to imply that there is within us an instinctive aversion to seeing a man going around with his hair lopping around his ears and over his collar. The best example I know of is the "Beatles" and those who are seeking to follow their style. Yes, I feel that nature itself teaches me that such a hair style is a shame and a disgrace, and personally, I have a strong impulse to get a pair of scissors and begin to work on the male creature who goes about with his hair hanging over his shoulders.

The questioner is evidently bothered about what is said about a man having long hair in view of the fact that Christ is always pictured with long hair, so the question is asked, "Did not Jesus have long hair?" I don't know. Let us remember that the pictures of Christ are Catholic fakes. Often around Baptist churches we see those fake pictures of Christ that have been imposed on the world by Catholicism. Such ought to have no place or part in a Baptist church house. No, we can't prove that Jesus had long hair from such pictures. No authentic picture of Jesus exists. "But didn't men wear their hair long back in the time of Christ?" some one asks. I don't know of any way this could be proven. Personally, I doubt it. That is, I doubt that men let their hair scraggle pell mell and Beatle-like, with no trimming at all. An occasional Israelite was raised a Nazirite, like Samson, with no scissors ever used. Or a man took the Nazirite vow and during its duration let his hair grow. If men in general had let their hair grow wild, then the Nazirite would not have been distinguished from others. But evidently the Nazirite did look different, so this is a good argument for the belief that men did have their hair groomed. Then of course the verse that the questioner calls attention to, strongly argues that men did not go unshorn in that day. As to exactly

what style of hair cut they had, we can't say.

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In this chapter the Apostle Paul is explaining to the church at Corinth and to all other churches the issue of headship. It seems from this chapter and chapter 14 that the women had taken to themselves authority which the revealed will of God forbids. So Paul in this chapter and in chapter 14 puts the woman in her place — a place of subordination to the man.

"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." Verse 3.

He further explains this headship between the woman and the man, by explaining the difference between the way the woman is to wear her hair and the man his. He tells us that the woman is to wear her hair longer than the man as her outward symbol of her subjection to the man. Therefore he tells the women that it would be a shame for a woman to be shaven or shorn as men are, for she would thus deny that which her long hair symbolizes. He then tells the men that it would constitute a shame for him to have long hair (like the woman) for his hair is to be shorter, denoting his authority over the woman as her head.

Historians tell us that the Hebrews kept the distinction between the sexes, by clipping the hair of the men (though not as much as we do). Now this distinction was observed by all Israel with the exception of those who took the vow of a Nazirite.

"All the days of the vow of separation, there shall no razor come upon his head; until the days be fulfilled, in which he separateth himself unto the Lord, he shall be holy, and shall let the locks of his hair grow." Num. 6:3.

A Nazirite was one who dedicated for consecrated his life to God. During the time of his dedication there was the restriction that his hair could not be cut. There were many Nazirites in the Old Testament but they were only types and shadows of the perfect Nazirite, Jesus Christ. He was the only one from His youth until His death, that completely separated Himself to the Father. Jesus saith unto them: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work." Jn. 4:34.

Since Christ was the true Nazirite, and the only true Nazirite, then it was necessary for him to wear the badge of a Nazirite — namely the long hair. To an ordinary man it is a shame for him to wear his hair longer than the woman. He should cut his hair, and make it shorter than the woman, to manifest his authority over the woman. But with Christ the issue is different. He wore His hair long as the outward symbol to all who saw Him, that He was subject to the Father in all things. For Him to have worn His hair like any other ordinary man would have been a shame (as was the case of Samson when his hair was cut) and He would have defiled His head of consecration to God.

The heart of Christ was fixed upon God with such a devotion that all Hell could not shake. There was nothing that ever came into his life that interfered with the work that He came to do, even to the cutting of his hair.

"Doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair it is a shame unto him." I Cor. 11:14.

His consecration to God caused Him to become a shame for us, even to becoming a curse for us (Continued on page 8, column 5)

"Joy In The Lord"

(Continued from page three)
was then working for me, turned to me and said, "You know, Brother Gilpin, I feel very definitely the presence of the Lord as I have taken this dictation." The strange thing about it, was that my heart echoed exactly her words.

I say, beloved, there is a joy for the Christian in being in the presence of the Lord.

III

IN BEING A SEED BEARER.

There is a joy in being a seed bearer. The Psalmist would indicate that a Christian ought to be a seed bearer, for we read:

"They that sow in tears shall REAP IN JOY. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed; shall doubtless come again with REJOICING, bringing his sheaves with him." — Psa. 126:5, 6.

I am afraid that all too few of us really witness for the Lord like we should. I somehow feel that the majority of us fail to realize that our responsibility and our business every day is to witness for our Lord. I think we get so busy in our own work that we just forget about the fact that actually we should be bearing precious seed. One man said, "Preaching Jesus Christ is my business. I cobble shoes to pay expenses," and I think we ought to take that same attitude. Our business is to preach Jesus Christ — to explain the Word. We do what we do in life in order to pay expenses.

I tell you, beloved, being a seed bearer brings joy. No man ever yet has witnessed to an unsaved man to see that individual come to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ without a realization of untold joy.

IV

IN READING GOD'S WORD.

There is a joy even in the reading of God's Word. Listen:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart; for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts." — Jer. 15:16.

Notice Jeremiah's experience. He said, "I found thy words, and I ate them, and there was joy and rejoicing in my heart."

I don't get time to read the Bible like I should, like I ought to, or like I want to. I say to you frankly, I have a conviction that you and I as God's children ought to take time out every day for the reading of God's Word — not just a Sunday morning reading or an evening reading, but during the day we ought to take time out, or to find time during our busy activities to read the Word of God, for the Bible says if you take the Word of God unto yourself, as Jeremiah did, there will be joy and rejoicing in your heart.

I want to tell you, that man of the world who thinks he is having a good time, who thinks the world is bringing satisfaction to him — that man has never known the joy that I know whenever I take time to read God's Word.

Usually at morning, if I have a few minutes before breakfast, I spend it out on the porch reading and enjoying God's Word. And what a blessing it is to me! I heard a man say years ago, "I have made it a rule in my home — no Bible, no breakfast. That ought to be the rule of every home — no Bible, no breakfast. You and I wouldn't think of hurrying off in the morning to begin our day's activities without taking time to eat. Beloved, our souls need food much more than our bodies. We need to read God's Word."

During World War II, I was at Wright Airfield in Dayton, Ohio, one day, and I noticed a big plane come in. Those "grease monkeys" just swarmed all over that plane checking every point, making all kinds of tests, refueling it, and getting it ready to

go up again. I thought as I stood there, if it is important that this plane be refueled and everything be checked before it starts out on another flight, how much more important is it that my soul have some attention every morning before I start out on another day's activities.

I turn to the Word of God and I hear the Lord Jesus saying:

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." — John 15:11.

The Word of God has been spoken for one purpose — that His joy might remain in us. contend that there is a joy in

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the reading of the Word of God. Some people, when they get up at morning, do other things, but if I have a few minutes time before breakfast, I want to be sure that those few minutes are spent in meditation with God's Word. Some people wouldn't dare go through the day without reading the paper. Some people wouldn't dare miss a day watching some program on television. Some people wouldn't go through the day without hearing God's Word. Do you know who they are? They are really true born-again Christians who find time for God, that they might through the Word of God have the joy of the Lord in their lives.

V

IN BUILDING A CHURCH BUILDING.

How appropriate this is for us since we are now starting to build a church building! I found in the Bible a man who was happy because of the building of a church building. Listen:

"Then the people REJOICED, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord; and DAVID the king also REJOICED with great joy." — I Chron. 29:9.

These people were getting ready to build a temple. They are happy, and they rejoice as they make plans and preparations, and as they build it.

I remember a man thirty-five years ago who lived in a community where I then lived. We were getting ready to build a church building. This fellow had told me that he was considering moving his church membership from a church in South Carolina to be a member of our church. He came to services one Sunday night and I made mention of the fact that we were making plans to immediately start a new building. I noticed when the service was over that he just picked up his hat and walked out rather hurriedly. I noticed that he didn't come forward to be received into the church, and I wondered why, after he had told me it was his intention of uniting with us. When I sought him out the next week I couldn't get anything out of him, but his wife called me an hour or so after I left their home and said, "Brother Gilpin, I want to be honest with you. My husband isn't going to unite with the church, for he says he doesn't want to help build another church building."

Beloved, I think we were just as well off — in fact, a little better off — (Continued on page 5, column 1)

It is by our own sufferings that we learn to sympathize with others in their sufferings.

Will You Give Us A Genuine Clasp Of Confidence November 24?

You're Wasting Your Time On The West Coast Without Jesus In Your Life TBE's Messages Are Greatly Appreciated

Nineteen-year-old Jim Bakich of San Jose, Calif., claims to have a record by revolving in a wheel for 337½ hours. A year ago, at the height of "seesaw" rage, contenders in the teeter-totter record, and still tottering, learned that the world's record was really 200 years, so they decided to "teeter" and pass the 200 mark. "It was they found out," observed bystander, "otherwise they would have quit too soon, and it would have been a waste of time" (Reader's Digest).

people are wasting their lives in "teetering" away as the hours pass. Apparently millions see no point or purpose in life, and are merely "marking time" until they pass on.

It is only when the Lord Jesus Christ comes into a man's heart and life that he awakes to the fact that God has a purpose for each life, and we are to seek to know and do His will. When once we are "in Christ" as the branch is in the Vine, we will "bear fruit" for God, and glorify Him in our sojourn here below.

—Christian Victory



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Joy In The Lord

(Continued from page 4)
I think we prospered. I profited by making that we were getting to build a church building. It kept another unsaved from joining the church. I want to say this, if a man is with God, it thrills his heart. It blesses his soul to think he is going to have a part in building a temple for

God answers your prayer.

May I say in passing that I have had more answered prayer this year than I ever had in any one year of my life. I think of the number of things that I know God has done in my behalf. I think of things that I have tried to do and failed, and then, like you and everybody else (and we ought to admit such with solemn shame), I then turned to the Lord, and sometimes even before I finished praying, God has given an answer. If you had the patience and the time, I could spend two or three hours telling you how God has worked, and has done things in my behalf these past few months. I say, beloved, there is a joy in answered prayer.

I challenge you today to go home and spend some time with God. Pray for yourself. Ask God to help you to grow in grace. Pray for your pastor. Pray for your church. Pray about our building program. Pray about your home. Pray about the unsaved members of your family. Pray about your service for the Lord. Pray about Brother Halliman and our mission programs to the ends of the earth. Just ask God for things particularly, and see what God may do.

The trouble with most of us when we come to pray is that our praying is about like sheet lightning. You know sheet lightning at night is beautiful as it flashes all over the sky. It flashes everywhere, but it hits no place. It is that forked, jagged kind of lightning that does the destructive work. Most of our praying is just like sheet lightning, for we pray all over creation, and never hit anything particularly.

God help you and me to pray specifically, and then wait on God for answered prayer. I say, there is a joy in answered prayer that you'll never get from any other source.

VIII

AT THE PROSPECT OF CHRIST'S COMING.

There is a joy in the prospect of the coming again of the Lord Jesus Christ. All my life I have anticipated that I was going to live to see the coming of Jesus. There have been some times when I have gotten sick, and when I felt pretty low physically, but there never has been a time yet that I have doubted that I was going to live to see the return of Jesus Christ. I may not. I may be in the grave years on top of years before the Son of God comes, but I believe that I am going to live to see His return with these natural eyes. Whether I do or not, I know there are going to be a lot of God's children alive when He comes.

Beloved, the fact that He is coming — the positive proof I have out of the Bible that He is coming — puts a joy in my soul. We read:

"Whom having not seen, ye love: in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with JOY UNSPEAKABLE and full of glory." — I Pet. 1:8

"But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Thank you for your letter of Oct. 31 regarding the TBE Rally Day. I am only too happy to say a word in behalf of The Baptist Examiner. There are many, many Baptist papers, some of which have found their way into my mail box, but without exception, all of them fall far short of The Baptist Examiner. All of the papers except the Baptist Examiner seem to be doing one of two main things: either they are pushing some extra-Scriptural organization — something other than a church of the Lord Jesus Christ — as an entity which should have undivided support, or they are contrary to the Scriptures. In the former case, they spend page after page in issue after issue trying to convince themselves that their super organization has some basis or legitimate reason for existing. In the latter case they spend an equal amount of space promulgating some doctrine which usually contradicts the constitution on which most of their supporting churches were founded.

My years of association with the Baptist Examiner and its Editor, John R. Gilpin, have been a time of spiritual satisfaction. Every preacher as well as every real Baptist needs a continual source of reviving messages and I know of no earthly source where the truths of God's Word are more faithfully and fearlessly preached and taught. The Baptist Examiner has always been an inspiration and support to me in my ministry.

As far as value is concerned, I know of no paper of any kind that has more information for the child of God. TBE is really a great bargain. Where else can one obtain a paper of at least eight pages of Bible teaching, sermons by really God-called preachers, edifying Spiritual material of all kinds, and get it NOT once a month, but receive it EVERY WEEK and all for only \$2.00 a year? I can not say enough in support of this great Baptist paper.

Your Brother in Christ,
RALPH A. DOTY

partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, YE MAY BE GLAD also with exceeding joy." — I Pet. 4:13.

When is God's glory going to be revealed? When He comes. And, beloved, He is coming, for He has some work to do. He has some things that are unfinished. He promised when He wrote this Bible that He was going to destroy the Devil — that the Devil was going to be cast into Hell,

and He hasn't done that yet. My God is going to keep His word. Jesus Christ has to come back, for the Devil has to be cast into Hell.

Also, Jesus promised in Revelation 17 that He was going to destroy that woman and her harlot daughters, which is a type of Roman Catholicism and the Protestant churches that have come out of Rome. He promised to destroy them. He even went so far as to say that they would be burned and destroyed with fire. He has to come back, and the prospect of His coming brings a joy.

Many years ago, when I was a wee lad of a preacher, I was invited to come to Elkhorn City at the head of the Big Sandy River to preach in view of being called as pastor. I'll never forget that trip, and anybody who rode a train in those days would have a hard time forgetting. Today it is no trouble to get a seat on a train. The fact of the matter is, they almost give you a seat, and practically pay you for taking a ride today, but in those days trains were crowded. There was no air conditioning, and there was plenty of smoke and cinders. Oh, yes, I can remember those days when it was a problem to ride a train.

I remember a young lady who got on the train at Ashland, just as I did. By the time we got up to the head of Big Sandy, that young lady, just like I and everybody else, was covered with cinders and dirt, and we had a complexion that surely looked like we were one of Uncle Tom's boys. Just about four or five miles this side of our destination, I remember seeing that young lady go to the washroom, and come back, all prettied up. All the cinders and dirt were gone, and she was really a pretty young lady. Do you know why she cleaned up and fixed up particularly? She was going to Elkhorn City to be married, and she got ready when she knew the time was approaching that she was going to see her lover.

I tell you, beloved, the time of the marriage of the Lamb can't be far away, and it gives a joy to me. It makes me happy. As I think of that girl how she cleaned up and got ready in anticipation of seeing the man that she was going to marry — as I think of it, I say to you, that is exactly the attitude that every child of God ought to take about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It ought to make us happy, and if you think about it, it will.

IX

PREACHING THE WORD OF GOD.

Another joy is that of preaching the Word of God. I don't mean just from the pulpit, but if I have an opportunity to talk to someone, that is preaching. As you work every day, you probably have an opportunity to witness for our Lord, and every time you do so, that is preaching. There isn't anything that gives a person much more joy than to preach God's Word. Listen:

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." — Luke 10:17

Jesus had sent out the seventy disciples, and when they came home to make a report, the Word of God says that they returned with joy. What had they been doing? They had been preaching. Not just public preaching, but ministering and witnessing.

Notice again:

"Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." — Acts 5:29.

The crowd had said, "You have to quit your preaching. We don't want you to preach in this town." In answer to that, Simon Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men." Well, the crowd didn't like it and they took the preachers out and gave them a beating. Yes, the Word of God uses the word "beat." They beat them and said to them, "Don't

go out anymore in the name of Jesus. If you do, we'll beat you again."

Beloved, what would you do if you had gotten beaten for preaching? Would you have gone home and kept quiet? Let's see what they did. Listen:

"And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name." — Acts 5:41.

Beatings didn't keep them from preaching. Why? The Word of God says they rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name."

I tell you, beloved, there is a joy that comes to an individual who witnesses, and teaches, and preaches in His name.

CONCLUSION

In closing, I want to turn back to the Old Testament to one of the greatest stories we have in the Bible. Once upon a time Israel lost the ark. The ark of the covenant was a symbol of God's presence. The ark was not their God, but it was a symbol of the presence of God. The ark was captured one day by the Philistines. After a while the Philistines sent it back. They got tired of it. They didn't want it, and they sent the ark back home. They set it off on the side of the road, and David decided to have it brought up to Jerusalem. The Word of God says when David started to bring the ark to Jerusalem, they hired a man — a teamster, to haul it. You know that ark was not to be hauled — it was to be carried. None but a Levitical hand was to ever touch that ark. That ark was to be picked up and carried bodily by the Levites. David, though he was doing the right thing, was doing it the wrong way. It was right to bring that ark back to Jerusalem, but it was wrong to hire a teamster to haul it.

You know, beloved, you just can't get by with God by doing even right things if you do them in a wrong way. God caused the old oxen that was pulling that ark to stumble and the ark rocked backwards and forwards as if it were going to fall off the cart. The teamster, evidently feeling that he was responsible for the safety of this ark, reached out and put his hand on it to steady it, and when he did, God smote him right then. He dropped dead. He wasn't a Levite, and he had no business with his hands on that ark. He had no business in the first place driving a cart to haul it, but that wasn't his sin. His sin was when he touched the ark. And that ended bringing the ark to Jerusalem on this day.

They set the ark off at the house of Obed-edom, and there it sat. David pouted, and David mourned, and David went around sad and sorrowful because of what had happened. What was wrong? They were doing a right thing, but they were doing it in a wrong way, and God didn't bless it.

Time passed by, and God poured out His blessings on the house of Obed-edom because the ark was there. This news came to the ears of David, and David realized he had done wrong and repented. The Word of God tells us how David then did a right thing in a right way. He decided to bring the ark up to Jerusalem this time, not hauling it on a cart, but bringing it with the Levites, carrying it, as it should have been carried in the first place. The Word of God tells us that when they did a right thing, in a right way, that God blessed them, and oh, how happy they were! Listen: "And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also had on him an ephod" (Continued on page 6, column 1)

New Guinea Mission Fund

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"Joy In The Lord"

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of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps."—Chron. 15:27,28.

These people were happy because they were doing a right thing in a right way.

I trust that this might be a blessing and a lesson for us as a church — that we are to do right things, but we are not to do them in a wrong way. Rather, we are to do a right thing in a right way. We are to do right things in the Bible way. When we do, we can expect the joy of the Lord to come to us, as it did to David when he brought the ark up to Jerusalem having it carried by the Levites.

Yes, I say there is a joy in serving the Lord. I believe I am happier this morning serving the Lord than any man in Ashland who doesn't serve the Lord. I believe I have more joy this morning in my heart than the man that doesn't serve the Lord. He may have a joy of his sins, but they only last for a season. He may get some pleasure out of the things he does, but like Solomon, in the end he'll not be satisfied. The only joy that satisfies, and the only joy that lasts, is the joy of serving the Lord.

May God bless you, and may Jesus Christ be a blessing to your soul.

Mission Boards

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an oligarchy.

This ruined mission boards for me, and from then on, as I studied the Scriptures, I became convinced that all mission work, and everything else of a Spiritual nature should be done, in and through and by a New Testament Church, so that Christ might get glory through His church. This is as Paul prayed writing to the church at Ephesus:

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all the ages, world without end."—Eph. 3:21.

Yes, the majority of our mission boards are nothing but self-perpetuating monopolies and oligarchies. When they were started, a group met. One man agrees to be president, while another is to be vice-president. The third speaks up and says, "I will be secretary," and thus the majority of mission boards have come into existence, without any church au-

thority and without any church controlling their actions. If any good accrues in the future, Christ will get no glory through His church which He left on earth to carry on His work, but rather through the board which has become paramount, and which is robbing Christ of His glory, through His appointed agency — the church.

What a shame that brethren—good brethren, too, oftimes—would be guilty of bringing into existence an organization which is exterior and foreign not only to the Bible, but also to an unscriptural organization.

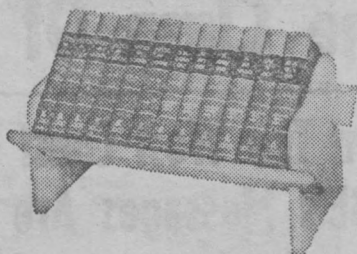
In spite of my deep-seated conviction against mission boards, in 1946 I was inveigled into becoming a part of one which is nothing short of a little cooperative program, for there is a semblance of democracy in that the leaders of the various mission boards are in a sense elected by the Convention; but in this one of which I became a part in 1946, there is not the least semblance of democracy.

It was in the summer of 1946 that I was approached by Bro. H. H. Overbey, secretary of Baptist Faith Missions, and Brother Joe Brandon, a Brazilian missionary. Brother Overbey wanted me to use THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to be a means of information and publicity in behalf of Baptist Faith Missions and asked me if I would consent to use it as such. I told him immediately that I had no interest in his work and cited my convictions against mission boards.

He suggested that we talk the matter over in detail and since I wasn't too busy in the shop, I went with Brother Overbey and Brother Brandon to Huntington, W. Va., where in Ritter Park we spent a good part of an afternoon. I showed him the article on "Self-Perpetuating Boards" referred to above, and told him I was not interested in becoming a part of such. After a long session, Brother Overbey asked me if I would go along with them and support the work, with the understanding that as soon as possible the board would be dropped and the mission work put under the auspices of the church of which he was pastor. I thought surely this evidenced good intentions on his part and I agreed to support the work and give publicity to it through the pages of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, with the promise from Brother Overbey that the board was to be discontinued as soon as possible.

The next time that I talked with him about the matter was some six months later, and he assured me that when any of the

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members of the board moved away or if any one would die, that no successor would be elected to his place and that ultimately the board would come to an end that the work of Baptist Faith Missions would then be carried on by the church of which he was pastor. About a year later, he reiterated the same promise to me so that he not only made the promise in the presence of Brother Joe Brandon, but twice later promised me personally that the board would be discontinued. Lest anyone might doubt the truthfulness of these remarks or might be inclined to believe any contrary statement which might be made by Brother Overbey or anyone else, I append hereto the following statement signed by Brother Joe Brandon on February 22, 1957.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I, Joe Brandon, along with H. H. Overbey, went to Ashland, Kentucky, in the late summer of 1946 to talk with John R. Gilpin relative to printing MISSION SHEETS as a part of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Bro. Gilpin had objected to sponsoring MISSION SHEETS as a part of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, since MISSION SHEETS was the official organ on Baptist Faith Missions, which is a mission Board.

I talked with Brother Gilpin about mission boards when he and I were in a Bible Conference at Memorial Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky, a good number of years ago. I told him at the time that I did not believe that there was any Scripture for mission boards.

When H. H. Overbey visited John R. Gilpin, he took us to Huntington to Ritter Park and we spent the good part of an afternoon there, talking, planning, and praying for Baptist Faith Missions. Brother Overbey finally agreed that mission boards were unscriptural and stated that he would go along quietly concerning the mission board and that when any member thereof died or moved away, that no successor would be chosen, and that ultimately they would put the mission work under the auspices of the church of which Brother Overbey was pastor. It was because of this promise that the board would be discontinued and the work put under the church, that Brother Gilpin agreed to sponsor MISSION SHEETS in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

Signed: JOE F. BRANDON
Date: February 22, 1957.

It was because of these promises that I went along with Baptist Faith Missions for a number of years. I wrote hundreds of letters in their behalf every year. I encouraged everyone with whom I came in contact to support Baptist Faith Missions. I wrote editorials in their behalf. I printed their mission news once each month as a part of TBE. I did all this thinking I was doing right and believing that Brother Overbey would keep his promise to me and would eventually discontinue the mission board. I insist

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WHAT CONVERSION DID FOR A WICKED DOCTOR

A medical doctor who had lived a very wicked life became a Christian. A year later some of his old cronies dropped by to see him. "When you're alone," said one of them, "don't you sometimes wish you could do some things we used to do together?" "Well," replied the doctor, "I might, but you see, I'm never alone now."

that had it not been for his promise, I would never have supported Baptist Faith Missions in any behalf in the paper.

It was not until October, 1955, that I learned that the mission board was not to be discontinued and that Brother Overbey had no intention of putting the work under the auspices of the church of which he was pastor. Previous to October, 1955, there had been some things that had arisen which had gripped me, chief of which was that in a telephone conversation he told me that they had decided in a meeting at Toledo some five years previous, that they were not going to discontinue the board—but rather continue it. Instead of notifying me of their decision, they had allowed me to continue supporting the work for five years—a work which I never would have supported if it had not been for their promise to discontinue the mission board. As I say, there were other things in which we had differed, all of which were minor. However, when Brother Overbey gave me this information over the phone, I said, "Well, that is the straw that broke the camel's back."

I knew then that I was definitely through so far as Baptist Faith Missions was concerned. They were planning a Conference in Detroit for the Thanksgiving season and I did not wish to say anything that might hinder their Conference. Therefore, I went ahead and printed their mission news in the paper rather than break with them on the eve of their Conference, for I did not want anyone to say that I had done anything to hurt or hinder this Conference which had been so widely and largely planned. However, I did not print the mission news as a part of the paper after this Conference was over.

Regardless of the letters that have been written by Brother Overbey far and wide, and irrespective of the many telephone calls he has made, and the private conversations he has held, and regardless of all the accusations he has made against me in Mission Sheets, the fact remains that I supported Baptist Faith Missions in sincerity and with all good intentions, expecting that the promise that had been made to me to secure my support would be fulfilled; and when it was not fulfilled, there was nothing else to be done but that our paths should part and we should go separate ways.

I can say that I bear no malice in my heart concerning any of the brethren who have differed with me, and if God blesses their ministry, then I shall rejoice in it. I realize that if their ministry not be of God, then it will eventually be "rooted up."

* * *

If we come back to the Bible, we will come back to the church.

Election

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powerful God, who is running this universe and running it right on schedule. Do I understand all about election? No. The Bible teaches election, yet it teaches human responsibility. Can I explain how this can be? No. But neither can I explain the Being and existence of God. Neither can I explain the Trinity, yet I believe in the Trinity. I can't explain how geese and chickens and hogs and cows can feed on corn and how the food makes feathers on geese, bristles on hogs and hair on cows, but I know this happens.

Just remember—the Arminian and the Hardshell are both

rationalists, and they belong in the same class as the Modernists. Modernists reject part of the Bible because it is not in accordance with their puny reasoning. Arminians and Hardshells do the same identical thing with reference to election. One group goes off at a tangent on free-will; the other group goes off at a tangent in the opposite direction. The Arminian virtually makes man sovereign, while the Hardshell has a spell of the "can't hep it!" The right attitude is to accept the truth that God is sovereign; that election is true, yet that man is a responsible being who will be judged for his deeds. I can't reason out just exactly how it can be, but I accept it as a matter of divine revelation, with the willingness that God shall explain and reconcile in his own good time.

I believe that there are several mistakes made concerning the doctrine of election:

1—The first mistake is to HARP ON THAT SUBJECT ALL THE TIME, AND TO PREACH ON IT EVERY TIME ONE GOES INTO THE PULPIT. I know a preacher who drifts into predestination matter what subject he is supposed to be discussing. He has carried it to such an extreme that he has been given the nickname of "Old Predestination." Of course it is also a mistake to deal with this question so seldom that people remain in complete ignorance of it—and this is the mistake most often made.

2—The second mistake is to REFUSE TO MAKE A BIBLE STUDY OF ELECTION. I know of two independent Baptist Colleges that ban the subject of election entirely. No discussion of it is allowed in class rooms. I had a family that moved into our community. They had belonged to a church whose pastor ridiculed the Bible view of election. I mentioned election in a sermon one Sunday, and that family took it out on me. I learned that they had said that the first time I mentioned election, they would be "long gone," and they kept their word. No matter about the Bible—their minds were absolutely closed on the subject.

3—Another tremendous mistake is THE EFFORT TO HANDL GOD'S PART IN ELECTION. I have known men who feared to give a fervent gospel invitation lest some non-elect person might be led to make a profession of faith. Sometimes I have had a feeling that they were afraid that someone might elect into the Kingdom in spite of election. Listen: I remember day Jesus "on the last great day of the feast," stood and cried out, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." Following that pattern, why shouldn't I go wrought up enough to cry out, "If any man thirst, let him come to Christ and drink!" If I had a preacher helping me in a meeting he couldn't be too much in earnest. If he walked the aisles, with the tears flowing down his face and pleaded with the lost, God would be alright with me. I used that sort of thing when I was lost. A young man was preaching in a revival and I really got in earnest. He walked down the aisle and stopped his in front of me. He poked his finger down close to my nose and said, "Young man are you a Christian?" If he had thrown a fire cracker under my feet I wouldn't have been more startled. That was the first time I had ever really faced that question. I day I labored under misapprehension, until finally just before church time I trusted in the Lord to save me. When I went (Continued on page 7, column

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GOD'S DISTINGUISHING GRACE

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the great Shepherd to be saved by him.

Once more: God hath called us with an holy calling, not according to, not in consideration of our works, whether part of future; but according to His own purpose and grace, which he purposed in Christ Jesus before the world began. If, then, we are not called according to our works or worthiness but according to the everlasting purpose, and free distinguish-



Abraham Booth

ing grace of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will; much less is it to be supposed, that we were chosen according to them, or in any foresight of them.

To illustrate the truth and confirm the argument, it may be further observed, that faith and holiness, in the method of grace, occupy a middle station. They are neither the foundation, nor the topstone, in the Spiritual building. Though inseparably connected with election, they are neither its cause nor its consummation. That is sovereign grace; this infinite glory. Faith and holiness are, as one observes, what stalks and branches are to a root; by which the vegetable juices ascend, to produce and ripen the principal fruit. By grace ye are saved THROUGH faith — chosen to salvation THROUGH sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Consequently, they are no more the cause of election, than the means necessary to attain any valuable end are the cause of appointing that end; than which nothing can be supposed more absurd. Besides, if men were foreseen as possessed of faith and holiness, prior to their election, and independent of it, it is hard to conceive what occasion there was for their being elected. There could be no necessity for it to secure their final happiness. For the Judge of all the earth must do it: and eternal misery was never designed, to be the portion of any who believe and are holy; for peace and salvation are inseparably joined to such a state, and to such characters. To have ordained those to happiness and glory that were foreseen to be thus qualified, would, therefore, have been altogether unnecessary.



Election

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 church that night, as I entered the building they were singing,

"Sunlight, sunlight in my soul today,
 Sunlight, sunlight, all along the way,
 Since the Saviour found me,
 Took away my sin,
 I have had the sunlight of his love within."

That was just how I felt exactly, and that sunlight has never gone out of my soul until this day. Before I went to bed, I prayed for the first time, and the next morning I got up and went to Sunday School for the first time in my life. I say thank the Lord for preachers who love God and human souls enough to plead even through their tears for men to be reconciled unto God. But listen — the minute a preacher starts some tricky proposition, or pulls some evangelistic stunt in an attempt to rustle in converts,

I'm off of him right there.

My subject is worded, "Election — cheering, thrilling, missionary," so I must move along.

1—Let me deal with the Cheering Part. Hardshells and extremists make a doleful doctrine out of election. I used to have an old Hardshell who came to hear me preach nearly every Sunday night. Often as he left the church he would say to me, "I have a hope — I have a hope." He didn't believe that anyone could be sure he was one of the elect. The best he could do was just to hope that he might be. "I have a certainty. I know I am of the elect, for I am trusting in Christ and his shed blood for my salvation, and non-elect people don't do this."

I lived right close to a Hardshell church once, and they had a series of meetings. I attended a meeting one night, and the preacher seemed scared for fear some non-elect person might get into the Kingdom. He made it clear over and over that he wasn't speaking to the lost — he was only trying to "feed the sheep." I might make the remark that the food he offered the sheep was mighty cold stuff. During my lifetime in the ministry I have never been afraid that the non-elect would get into the Kingdom in spite of God. It was my business to preach Christ the Saviour — not my business to know who might be elect. I have always left that with God. The Gospel of Christ is the very dynamite of God unto salvation. "My Word," says God, "shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish the purpose whereunto I have sent it." Turn the Word loose! Fervently preach the gospel, and rest assured that God will energize and bless it. I have preached over from one to fifteen radio stations each week for upwards of 30 years now, and few times I ever failed to preach to the lost. God has used the preaching in an astonishing way. For years our church has preached down through the West Indies, and there are men preaching the gospel down there who were saved under the radio ministry.

I have often thought of Paul. He carried on a missionary ministry down through the heathen world, and in place after place he had persecution, such that he had to move on to save his life. Finally he went to Corinth. Here again he met opposition. It looked as if he would have to clear out again. But the Lord appeared to him in the night and told him to stay. He encouraged him to stay right where he was, and what did he use to encourage

him? He used ELECTION. (Acts 18:9-11). Paul was promised immunity from personal violence. God predestinated that Paul should not be harmed. Wasn't that cheering? Not only that, he promised him success in reaching a lot of people. "I have much people in this city." Who were these people? Not people already saved, for at that time the Lord didn't have any people to speak of in Corinth. Who were they? They were people whom God had elected to eternal life, and Paul's preaching would call them out. Now you can study that passage all you want to, and that's all it can be made to mean. So, in one of the darkest periods of Paul's life, God cheered him with the doctrine of election. Election has never discouraged me — it has always brought cheer and gladness to my heart. As I have faced congregations I have thought "Maybe the Lord has some elect people here — and maybe he has ordained that my preaching should call them out." I preached in that hope, and hundreds of times it turned out that way. "As many as were ordained unto eternal life believed."

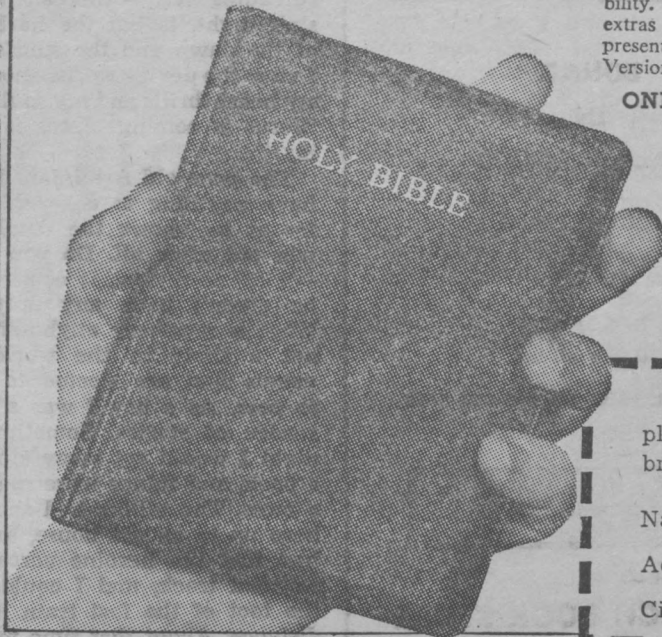
The same apostle Paul spent fourteen days and nights in a Mediterranean storm. All human hope was gone, but the angel appeared to Paul in the night and said to him, "Be of good cheer . . . thou shalt stand before Caesar, and lo God hath given thee the lives of all that sail with thee." He cheered him in that dark hour with the knowledge that he was elected to live and to reach Rome. And Paul spoke to his fellow voyagers and cheered them up. With what? With good old predestination. He told them that God had foreordained it that

all of them should be saved. Yes, election and predestination and foreordination are all cheering things.

2—But not only is election cheering—ELECTION IS THRILLING. I feel sorry for people who don't believe in Bible election, for they are in a world of uncertainty. They are in a world where the devil may finally win out. Such persons think of God as being surprised at the things he sees take place in the world. They are like the man who preached on the fall of man, and he pictured God as creating man in such high hopes. Then to His sad amazement He looked down into Eden one day and He saw Eve nibbling on the forbidden fruit, and saw Adam eating the same thing out of Eve's hand. The preacher pictured God as getting desperately busy trying in some way to salvage the situation. Is this the picture drawn here in the Bible? Not by a million miles. What about that passage that says that "Christ stood as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world?" God had the remedy for man's sin prepared even before the first man was created.

Scientists are saying that in all probability mankind will blow up the earth with atomic weapons. Some Russian or somebody else will get trigger happy — and boom! Up will go everything! I don't put that past human beings at all, but human beings are not running the universe. God has given us a picture of the future, and the thrilling thing about it is the fact that in this picture I see the Lord Jesus Christ on the throne running the whole world, and His word says, "They shall not hurt or destroy in all" (Continued on page 8, column 2)

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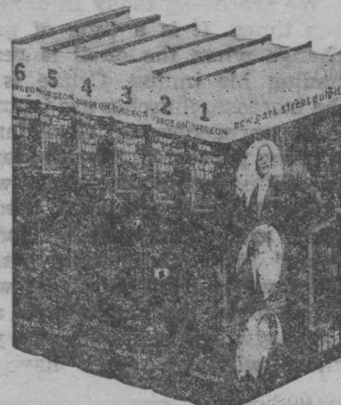
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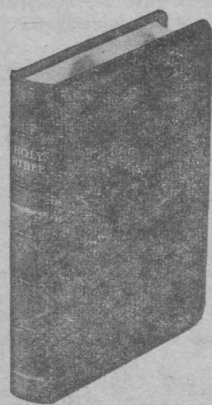
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Romanism

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an Catholic priest to fill his pulpit, is either not a Christian, or is a heretic. There are a lot of other titles that, in my opinion could be laid at their door, such as unsound, unfaithful, etc.

Rome says that she never changes. I believe that, in one sense of the word, they never fail to take every opportunity to destroy every other religion, including Christianity. Communism, and Catholicism will "cry" bigotry, intolerance every time they are in the minority, but put either of them in the majority, and see what goes with those who disagree with them. The proof of this statement is "Spain, South America and over in our good ole U.S.A."

I am enclosing an article from the Conversion Center. They believe that if Rome could, they would silence every other group, and so as one gullible preacher, who will allow a priest to fill his pulpit, when that priest has to get permission from a BIGGER MAN than he is, is condoning the beliefs and polity of that priest and that bishop, by his actions.

Here is the statement that I am referring to: "At first Larry (the Roman Catholic priest) didn't think he would be able to accept, since he would have to get permission from his bishop." The above is what that Baptist preacher said, according to his article, or as he is quoted, in the above named article.

II John 1:9-11 condemns such heretical actions on the part of anybody who professes to be a Christian and there is no exception in the case of these preachers who consort with Roman Catholic priests.

The article goes on to say, "Larry even cancelled a mass he was to lead at that time, in order to preach at our church." Both the above quotations are from Roberts, the pastor of the church. Amos said, "can two walk together, except they be agreed." Paul said, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." The Holy Spirit directed this writing and the man who asserts heresy into his pulpit and brags about it, has, in my opinion, violated both these injunctions.

What would Baptists who have been beheaded, burned at the stake, chained together and pushed off of bridges and tortured in every conceivable way, have to say about Roberts statement, if they were alive today? AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, IF ROMAN CATHOLICS WANT TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH US BAPTISTS, THEY WILL HAVE TO RENOUNCE THEIR HERESY

AND COME TO A BAPTIST CHURCH, WHICH IS A DIRECT OFFSPRING OF THE CHURCH OUR SAVIOUR STARTED DURING HIS PERSONAL MINISTRY.

I wasn't forgiven by a Roman Catholic priest, but by the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a Christian, not a compromiser.

A brother because of Calvary,
Edward Baker

Election

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my holy kingdom saith the Lord, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

There is another thrilling thing about election, and that relates to Russia. The devil is using Russia today to keep the whole world in turmoil. They are hell raisers all over this world. 90 miles off the coast of Florida, there is the lovely island of Cuba. It has gotten into the awful clutches of communism, and people's lives have been made so awful that they have left everything and risked life itself in order to escape. Florida has thousands and thousands of Cuban refugees. Some people shudder as they foresee Russia and Communism taking over the world. God ruined the Russian hope of world empire centuries ago, when He revealed to Daniel that after the Roman Empire there would never be another world empire, with the exception of the brief rule of the anti-Christ. God has the fate of godless, atheistic Russia already predestinated, elected and foreordained, and the story is told in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. I read those chapters over and over again. It thrills my very soul to read of how God will utterly smash the military power of that awful nation.

We are living today in dangerous times. It is a time of great change when the devil is really having his inning. Crime is on the increase, churches are jammed with unregenerates. Christianity is being perverted, the seminaries are filling young preachers with infidelity, and so-called theologians are moaning that "God is dead." From the human standpoint we could take a seat with Elijah under the juniper tree, and could give up in despair. Do you know why we don't have to

mourn under the juniper tree? The answer is ELECTION! The Bible foretells these times, and says that such things as we are seeing will characterize the last days. But the growing and over-spreading evil — the darkness of sin's night, is but the harbinger of the dawn and the sunrise. As I view the devil's works about me, my heart thrills and my soul sings, "Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming!"

The poor old Arminian doesn't have anything to cheer him. So far as he knows the devil may win out after all. Do you know — if the Arminian is consistent — he doesn't have any prophecy. What is prophecy anyhow? It is not a thing in the world but events that are elected to come to pass. As a boy I was a great reader of stories. Sometimes at night I would get away along in a mess. The villain had shut the hero up in an old house, and he had tied the heroine across the railroad track, and I could hear the toot of the fast train in the distance. About that time mother would call from the other room and say, "Son it's time you were asleep. Turn out that light, and I mean right now!" What was I to do — leave my favorite characters of the story to die — leave the pretty heroine to be ground to sausage meat beneath that train? You can guess what I did — I hurriedly turned to the back of the book to see how things turned out. Yes, there they were my hero and heroine, living in a beautiful cottage, and their children were playing all over the front yard. So, the villain didn't get them after all! Oh listen — I've turned over to the back of God's great story too, and my soul has been stirred and my heart thrilled as I have learned how it all comes out in the end. The devil has been jailed, and God's people are living in peace and there is the New Jerusalem, and happiness — and out beyond that an eternity of gladness in prospect, glorious enough to make us jump up and down and holler "Hallelujah!" Say, some of you folks please remind me of what I am saying tonight, when one day we stroll down the streets of gold, or sit under the shade of the tree of life beside the River of Life over yonder! That's all predicted and elected to come to pass. I'm telling you that the devil, and Russia, and the dirty politicians and the whole devil's gang are not going to win out. Election simply ruins the whole outfit.

But now last of all, my subject requires me to speak on ELECTION — MISSIONARY. I wouldn't give much for anybody's election if it doesn't make him missionary. "But why be concerned about missions if everybody in God's elect plan is going to be saved anyhow?" — that is the question I am asked. The answer is, nobody is going to be saved, apart from means. When God elects a thing to come to pass, He likewise elects the means necessary to bring it to pass. I like to think that I have been God's means in reaching some people for Christ. Missions is God's means of reaching out into the lost world. I remember being in conversation with a Hardshell once and I said, "the thing that is wrong with you folks is you don't believe in the sovereignty of God." The Hardshell bristled immediately and said, "Don't believe in the sovereignty of God! Why if there is anything in the world that we DO believe in, it is the sovereignty of God." I said, "No — you just think you do." "What is a sovereign anyhow?" "Well, I guess it is a boss — it is a ruler." I said, "Your Boss said to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and you refuse to do it. If you believed in the sovereignty of God, you would try to do what He tells you to do."

California Pastor Commends TBE For The Truth's Sake



Eld. O. C. Harris
Citrus Heights, California

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Enclosed find an offering for Rally Day. I feel that the Baptist Examiner is a real vehicle of truth today for Baptists. The doctrines of Grace and the truth in relation to the church have been all but forgotten by the crowd pleasers of today.

I would like to say in support of the Baptist Examiner, that it's stand isn't shallow, nor is it presenting a veneer of truth to confuse the issues, but stands squarely and upright for depth and consistent presentation of the truth.

You can rest assured that the truth will be unpopular to the masses. Where and when have the masses ever reacted otherwise?

We stand with you for the truth's sake, and greater presentation of it through the Baptist Examiner.

God bless you,

Pastor O. C. Harris

There are several reasons for missionary work:

1—GOD SAYS FOR US TO TAKE THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD, and he means it. It isn't our business to begin quibbling and to say, "Lord if you have elected people to salvation, they will be saved whether we send the gospel or not." God curses a church with utter barrenness when the members talk like that. There is a little brick Hardshell church in Tampa that I have often passed. It is the stingiest looking little building. Services about once a month. No growth — no anything in the last 40 years. God simply doesn't bless a non-missionary church.

2—A second reason for missionary work, is that GOD USES THE PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL AS HIS MEANS OF REACHING THE LOST. "The gospel is the power of God unto salvation," and people are not saved in ignorance of the gospel.

3—A third reason, is that RESULTS OF MISSIONARY WORK PROVES THAT GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE UPON THE DOING OF MISSIONARY WORK.

I went to Brazil years ago as a missionary, and I got to see first hand, the blessings that have come through missions. Some of the finest, most radiant Christians I have ever seen, were those Brazilian people who had turned to Christ through hearing the gospel. Election as taught here in this Bible doesn't kill evangelism and it doesn't kill missions. The greatest preachers of the past have been strong predestinarians. They had the spirit of Paul who said, "I endure all things for the elects sake, that they too may obtain salvation with eternal glory."

But now, as I close, let me come

down to you people in this congregation. Let me make it personal — let me speak to you! Are YOU a Christian? Are you saved? Do you have Christ and Christ alone as your hope of eternal glory? Maybe someone says, "Am I one of the elect?" I can tell you in a minute if you will let me that you have received Christ as your Savior and are depending wholly on His blood cleansing from sin. Do you want to be saved? Do you want eternal life? If you do, that is good evidence that you are one of God's elect. And let me tell you this — if you want to be saved, you can be saved. You can come to Christ, and you have His own promise, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in nowise cast out." Praise God for good old Bible election! The fulfillment of all prophecy depends upon it. Our salvation has come about because of it. Our eternal security depends upon it. Satan will go down in defeat, and all the glories of God's wonderful future shall be ours, because God elected it so, and the "purpose of God according to election will stand."

The Forum

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that he might redeem us to God for there was no razor ever touched his face, no locks of His hair were ever cut, that it might become evident to all who saw, any all who read, that He was the true Nazarite, the Messiah, the one sent from God, to save His people from their sins.

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