

Calvary Baptists Enjoy A Great Service On Thanksgiving Day With A Rally Day Offering Which Pays In Full All Our Financial Obligations

For The First Time Since 1958 We Are Debt-Free, And Today We Thank And Praise God For Our Friends And Supporters Who Have So Loyal Stood By Us Throughout The Many Years Of The Past

OUR ENEMIES SAID, "IT COULDN'T BE DONE," BUT THEY WERE NOT RECKONING ON THE GREAT GOD WE SERVE, AND TO HIM BE ALL THE PRAISE FOR THE GREAT VICTORIES HE HAS GIVEN US THROUGHOUT ALL THE 28 YEARS SINCE THIS PAPER CAME INTO EXISTENCE

Rally Day! Thanksgiving Day! Thursday, November 24, 1966. Calvary Baptist Church, along with friends and supporters of the truth, had a glorious season of fellowship in our services on Thursday morning, November 24. Elder James Hobbs of the King's Addition Baptist Church of South Shore, Kentucky, presided over the meeting. Prayer was offered by Elder J. T. Willis of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Garrison, Kentucky. The Scriptural devotion was read by Elder Larry Mullins, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Ceredo, W. Va. Elder Berkley Pennington of Ironton, Ohio, and Elder Dwane Gilliland of Silverton, Colorado, were also present, and their presence was an encouragement to the service. A number of letters from our friends near and far were read by Brother Marvin Fulton and

Brother Willard Pyle. Brother Fulton is pastor of the Whites Creek Baptist Church in Wayne County, W. Va., and Brother Pyle is pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lawrence County, Ohio. These brethren alternated in the reading of these letters and a genuine spiritual blessing was received thereby, by all those present.

The sermon for the morning, of course, was preached by your editor, from Exodus 21:1-5. It will be printed in an early issue of TBE (D. V.), and we trust it will be a blessing to our many readers, the same as it was a blessing to those who were present Thanksgiving morning.

This was the first time we have had Rally Day late in the year, and it was only held at this time this year because of circumstances which providentially prevented holding it in the early summer.

Within the past month, we heard from a great number of readers scattered throughout the entire United States. While the offerings themselves were not as large as usual, we heard from nearly twice as many readers as we have previously, on Rally Day, which is encouraging.

The offering for Rally Day amount to \$4,454.38, which means that we are ending the month of November debt-free of current expenses, and that we are able to pay off the old paper bill that has been hanging over us since 1959, when due to economic conditions we lost over \$15,000.00 on operational costs. What a joy it is, and how we thank God that we are able to say that TBE is now debt-free. I am not saying that I am debt-free as I still owe quite a lot on our printing equipment and building. However, I do say with a

grateful heart that TBE owes nothing.

In the rush of the past month, it could be that we overlooked some request you may have made in a letter. We tried to be careful, but we have handled a lot of mail, and we may have overlooked some request by way of subscription or book order. Feel free to call such to our attention as we want to handle all our mail for God's own glory. If we have failed to do as you have requested, you'll do us a favor by writing us at once.

You may be wondering how long we will be able to keep the paper free of any obligations. I think all of our readers know without my saying it that we can now keep it debt free, and keep it in the mails, *only as God puts it upon the hearts of our readers to help us*. May I hereby encourage all of our readers to not only remember us much in prayer, but

to send us their offerings and subscriptions from time to time as God permits, and leads. Usually after a time of great blessing, a "let-down" follows. I trust it shall not be so this year. It requires between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00 a month to keep the paper in the mails. This sum is needed to buy paper, hire printers and mailers, and pay Uncle Sam to bring it to you. Not one penny of it goes to your editor. Ours is a labor of love which we gladly perform. The money, Mrs. Gilpin and I have for living expenses, comes from Economy Printers. Since I am giving my life for TBE, and have for years, I feel perfectly free to call upon our readers to give liberally for the on-going of the paper. I trust God puts it on the hearts of many of you to write us and support us in December. We ask you today to praise God with us for His amazing goodness to us.

Verbal Inspiration Taught All Through The Word of God

By WARREN VANHETLOO

Bible believers hold to what is known as verbal plenary inspiration of the Scriptures. Verbal inspiration is that extraordinary and supernatural influence exerted by the Holy Spirit upon the writers of the 66 books of the Bible by which their words were also the words of God, and were preserved from all error and omission, thus producing an infallible original record. Plenary emphasizes that every single part is its entirety inspired.

Each writer was guided so that his choice of words was also the choice of the Holy Spirit, thus making the product the Word of God as well as the work of man. This was not mechanical dictation, although some parts of revelation were given by direct dictation.

Revelation is that direct divine influence which imparts truth to the human mind. Inspiration is that divine influence which secures the accurate transference of this truth into language by the writers of Scripture. Illumination is that divine influence which enables believers to understand truth already revealed. Revelation is what God gives; inspiration is His method of insuring the precise record of what He gives; illumination is the comprehension of that recorded revelation.

The world in which we live, particularly the scientific world, follows the inductive method of reasoning. Stanley E. Anderson of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, has considered verbal inspiration according to the inductive method and has presented the results used here.

The inductive method of studying inspiration may be defined as the words of Webster's dictionary as "the act or process of reasoning from a part to a whole, from particulars to generals, or from the individual to the universal." Such individual evidences of divine revelation and fact inspiration are not like links in a chain whose strength depends on its weakest part; instead, each proof is like a strand in a cable whose strength is increased by a proper combination of all strands.

If we hold to inspiration at all, we should not be afraid of verbal

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A CHALLENGING AND STIMULATING PRESENTATION AS TO THE . . .

THE LOCAL CHURCH

Elder B. Myron Cedarholm

Baptists are increasingly noting the emphasis on the local, visible church in God's Word. The word "church" (ekklesia), is used 117 times in the New Testament and in 99 cases it refers to the local, visible assembly.

As a result Baptists are giving themselves aggressively, enthusiastically and by the power of God's Holy Spirit, to the building of strong local churches and establishing as many new churches as possible at home and on the mission fields. We have accepted the commission of our Lord as our primary task in this life and age of grace, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16:18.

There are many interesting,

challenging ways in which the local church is described in God's Word. One that tremendously captures our attention and disciplines the direction of our Christian service is the teaching that EACH LOCAL CHURCH IS A CANDLESTICK.

Matthew 5:14,15 states, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

Here the Word of God teaches two wonderful truths; one, each believer is a light or a candle; two, that each light or candle is to be put on a candlestick so that it will be supported properly and be in a position to give forth its light.

In Revelation 1:20, the Word of

God teaches that a Bible-preaching local church is a candlestick, "... and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."

Dear friend, believer in Christ, where is your light shining for Jesus? Where He has ordained and commanded—the local church — or in some man-made fashion, interest or group? This is a soul-searching thought-provoking question.

Many Christians are frustrated in the Lord's work, defeated, discouraged, disillusioned, ready to give up and see no lasting results of their labors for Christ. Many are spending ceaseless and tireless efforts and have little or nothing to show for their ministry.

Many believers see no need of

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Tithing Has Always Been God's Plan To Finance His Work

By J. T. PARISH
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Jesus had more to say about Stewardship than He did about Heaven and Hell put together. He must have known that we would find it one of our greatest weaknesses.

You can be a tither and still not be a good steward in every realm of life, but you cannot be a good steward and not be a tither.

The question that we must consider is the Biblical basis for the tithe. If the Bible does not teach tithing, then we should not teach it. If the Bible does teach tithing, then we should both teach and practice it. What saith the Word of the Lord?

Abraham COMMENCED the tithe. The record of Abraham paying tithes to Melchizedec is recorded in Genesis 14:18-20. The objection that "tithing was only under the law" does not hold up to a critical look. Abraham paid tithes 400 years before the Law was given. He obviously did that which was right. He kept God's law before that law was revealed to man. For the law was not given until Moses received it upon Mt. Sinai.

The law COMMANDED tithing. This command is recorded in Leviticus 2:30-32. God would not have commanded something that was wrong. Through Moses, the lawgiver, God gave this command. It has always been a sin to fail to do God's command. It is a sin to fail to tithe.

Jesus COMMENDED tithing. He criticized the Pharisees for keeping this one portion of the law and yet omitting other weightier matters. But the fact remains that He commended them for tithing. This is recorded in Matthew 23:23.

Paul and the early church CONTINUED tithing. He spoke of proportionate giving in I Corinthians 16:2. He told the Corinthians to give as God had prospered them. This is proportionate or percentage giving. Those who had been prospered much should give much. This is the genius of the tithe.

Questions To Consider

A law stands until it is repealed. When was the law of the Tithe repealed? Does the New Testament anywhere repeal this law? (Continued on page 8, column 1),

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"BLESSINGS THAT COME FROM GOD TO YOU"

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and redemption."—I Cor. 1:30.

Of recent date I was reading from F. B. Meyer, one of the great writers of the past, and he made a statement that impressed me much. He said, "I believe if there is one thing which pierces the Saviour's heart with unutterable grief, it is not the world's iniquity, but the church's indifference." I agree with that statement implicitly. I recognize the fact that there is lots of iniquity in the world. I am sure that every one of you would agree that there is an abundance of sin, immoral-

ity, and vice in the world. However, I don't think, if you would lump it all together and totalize it, that all of it together can pierce the Saviour's heart as greatly as does the indifference on the part of the people of God.

Frankly it has been hard for me to understand indifference. Nobody is ever indifferent to the appeals of the flesh. For example, let it be announced that a child is lost out here in the woods. There isn't one individual that would fold his arms and say, "That means nothing to me." The majority of people would be ready to spend the entire afternoon seeking and searching for

that lost child. We are not indifferent to appeals that relate themselves to the flesh and to the physical, but we are terribly indifferent when it comes to spiritual appeals. I can tell you that your own children are lost, and are hell-bound, and are on their way to eternity without God, and you do nothing at all about it. You are not at all concerned about it, and you allow it to pass, as though it were a matter of fact. However, if one of those children were sick, or one of those children needed a blood transfusion, or one of those children needed something so far as his body was (Continued on page 2, column 2)

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Election Discussion With D. N. Jackson Greatly Appreciated

There has never been a discussion of doctrine carried on in TBE which has been more appreciated and more enjoyed than the discussion of election which we have been currently carrying.

Brother D. N. Jackson, et al., have been denying the doctrines of unconditional election, limited atonement, and irresistible grace for a long time in their papers, and it has been a joy to us to carry the articles that we have, relative to these truths.

Brother D. N. Jackson, himself, is an unusually fine gentleman. I don't doubt that he is the greatest debator in America today. We think his articles concerning the church have meant much to the cause of Christ through the years. It is just hard to understand how a man who has been such a notable defender of the faith, could be so exceedingly lax as to the doctrines of grace.

A number of our brethren have been enjoying writing the articles that have been printed concerning Brother Jackson's heresy as to the doctrine of grace. It has seemed to inflate Brother Jackson's ego in that he thinks that it takes that many men to handle him. If it weren't for inflating it still more — almost to the bursting point — we would turn loose 53 preachers of his own Baptist group and let them have their

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say on this doctrine, as there have been that many of the ABA who have desired to get into the act. We have not printed any of the letters, or articles, since we don't want Brother Jackson to think that it takes all the ABA, and all the independent Baptist preachers of America as well, to answer his ridiculous and unscriptural rantings.

One brother from right in Bro. Jackson's hometown wrote this last week:

"I sure get a big laugh at the way it has been laid on the line to D. N. Jackson and these Arminian preachers. They make me sick. I was blinded so long by their false teaching. I will never understand why a man with the knowledge of the Bible which Brother Jackson possesses cannot see and understand the true Word of God."

Then a brother in Florida writes:

"I hate to see you destroy the most holy Brother Jackson. When he is destroyed the 'god' of the NABA preachers will be gone."

Out in Missouri another brother writes:

"I think you have done a very commendable job in exposing Brother Jackson's position regarding election."

I pray that God will open Bro. Jackson's eyes. We have a number of brethren who are beginning to accept the five points of Calvinism and most of the credit is due TBE."

And on and on. We could quote dozens of comments to show that this discussion has been deeply appreciated and a blessing to many.

The one I am concerned about most though is Brother Jackson, himself. He is a good man — one of the very best — and I pray for him that God will truly open his eyes, and help him to see the error of his way. The things that he has written by way of answer to us in the paper have been so ridiculously far-fetched and unscriptural that we would be amused if his position were not pathetic. I ask our readers to remember Brother Jackson especially in prayer that God would teach him the great doctrines of grace, so that he won't go to Heaven with his Arminian theology.

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concerned, you would be most anxious to take care of the welfare of that child.

We read:
"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"—Lam. 1:12.

Beloved, whenever I look up to Calvary, and whenever I look out on the world, I ask the same question, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"

I go back to this statement on the part of F. B. Meyer and I say that I agree with him fully. I believe that the indifference on the part of God's people pierces the heart of our Saviour more than iniquity, the vice, the immorality, and all the things that are wrong in this world. I am convinced that I am just as neglectful, and as slothful, and as indifferent as you — and maybe a little bit more — and I wonder why that I am. However, I have come to this place: I realize that if there is anything in this world that will shake our lethargy, and our indifference, and our carelessness, it is a proper view of Calvary. I don't think there is anything else that will shake us from our lethargy, and our indifference, and our carelessness half as well as to get a proper view and a proper prospective of Calvary itself. Believing this, I want to come immediately to my text, which presents to us a marvelous picture of what we have in Jesus Christ.

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THE FOUNTAIN FROM WHICH ALL THESE BLESSINGS FLOW.

There is a fountain from which all these blessings of wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption flow. My text says, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus." So, beloved, all of the spiritual blessings that mean so much to us, and help us so much — the wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption — all those blessings flow from God. I think it is well for us to remember that the blessings which we are about to study, and which I trust will be the means of shaking us loose from our indifference, eminate with, and flow from the Father to us.

Listen:
"I have glorified thee on the earth. I have finished the work WHICH THOU GAVEST me to do."—John 17:4.

Notice, the Son says that what He has done, it was done because it was given Him of God to do. In other words, all that Christ has done for us flows out from the Father.

Listen again:
"I have manifested thy name unto the men WHICH THOU GAVEST ME out of the world: thine they were, and THOU GAVEST THEM ME and they have kept thy word."—John 17:6.

"For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that THOU DIDST SEND ME."—John 17:8.

"Father, I will that they also, whom THOU HAST GIVEN ME, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."—John 17:24.

You can therefore see that all the blessings we have spiritually by way of wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption, all come from the fountain-head of God.

Notice again:
"Come, ye BLESSED OF MY FATHER, inherit the kingdom PREPARED FOR YOU from the foundation of the world."—Mt. 25:34.

"Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children with her sons, worshipping him, and desiring a certain thing of him. And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for

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whom it is PREPARED OF MY FATHER."—Mt. 20:20-23.

Every one of these verses tell us that what we have, comes to us from God the Father.

Listen again:
"What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had AFORE PREPARED UNTO GLORY."—Rom. 9:22, 23.

Notice that it was God the Father who prepared the vessels of mercy. And whom did He prepare? It was the vessels of mercy. I ask you, where do we get mercy? It comes from God the Father.

So I say, as I come to discuss these four great blessings of wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, I would remind you at the very outset that these four blessings, and all other spiritual blessings that are ours, come from God the Father. They flow forth from Him.

Oh, doesn't that make you love Him a little bit more this morning? Doesn't that make you thank God today just a little more for your experience in Christ? Does not that make you feel just a little closer to the Lord, to know that God the Father had prepared all these for us in Christ Jesus before the world began? Sometimes we think about the material blessings that are ours, and we sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The time when we ought to sing the Doxology is when we think about our spiritual blessings. It is not when we think about the food we have to eat and the material blessings we have to enjoy, nor when we think about the good times we enjoy in this life, but the time when we ought to praise God is when we think about the spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ Jesus, because they all come to us from God the Father.

II

THE BLESSINGS GOD GIVES US.

What are these great blessings that God the Father gives us? He tells us there are four of them: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

The First Of These Blessings Is Wisdom

The world thinks you are a wise man if you can fathom languages, and if you can take care of mathematical equations, and if you can delve into the sciences. If someone is able to speak some 10 to 15 languages, he is considered truly a man of wisdom. Any man who can think up mathematical equations and can solve them is looked upon as a man of brains. When a man can understand the sciences — biology, physics, and the laws relating themselves to the chemistry of life, he is considered to be a wise man. May I remind you that the Apostle Paul said:

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."—I Cor. 3:19.

The world may look upon such an individual as a wise man, but God says that the wisdom of this world is just foolishness.

Another individual that is con-

sidered a wise man by the world is the business executive. Let a young man start out in life and in a few years — ten to fifteen at best — he has amassed a fortune, and the world looks upon him as a wise man — a go-getter — an up-and-coming man — a man of this generation — truly a man of wisdom. But Solomon said:

"For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven."—Prov. 23:5.

Beloved, if that is a sign of wisdom, then when a man becomes bankrupt, pray tell me what that is a sign of? I am saying, beloved, this isn't wisdom. It is not the wisdom that is spoken of in this text.

If a man is able to indulge in the flesh and takes what this world has to offer and enjoys it, the world thinks he is a wise man. He has learned how to eat, drink, and be merry. He is truly an Epicurean so far as this life is concerned. The world says that he is a smart man, for he is taking his pleasure where he finds it. I would remind you that the wisdom of a beast, for a sow wallowing in the mire is finding her pleasure just where she pleases, and the man who gets pleasure out of this life, and thinks of those as the acme of wisdom, that individual is enjoying the pleasures and the wisdom of a beast.

I'll never forget a fellow several years ago who was talking to me one day. He said, "I wonder what you do for a little fun, and he enumerated a number of things. He said, 'You don't drink, you don't play cards, you don't go to shows.' Then he said, 'What a drab life yours must be.'"

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thought about it after the conversation was over. To that man the acme of life was cards, and picture shows, and the things of this world, and anything less than that was something drab.

Now the world, I say, looks upon wisdom of this type as something unusual, and the man who can find his pleasure in the things of this world, or the man who can make wealth and get riches, or the man who can fathom into the very depths of the sciences and all the mathematical equations and can understand languages — the world thinks of such an individual as wise. But, beloved, I'd like to tell you that the man who knows all the languages of this world and all the sciences, the man who has amassed much of the wealth of the world, and the man who has indulged in all the flesh has to offer — that man is an idiot in the sight of God, and he hasn't learned the wisdom that comes from God. My text says that Christ is made unto us wisdom. This is the true wisdom of God.

It challenges you to walk out from this service, put your hand on the shoulder of the first ten individuals that you meet, and I assure that nine out of ten will tell you that so far as their idea of life is concerned, they may be doing a few things that are wrong in the main, they are doing pretty good, and they are hoping to go to Heaven when they die, the basis of what they are now doing.

Would you say that man is a wise man? Would you say that an individual that expects to be saved because of what he is doing has any wisdom? I say to you, that man is a rank idiot in the sight of God. Only when God reveals truth to an individual to the extent that man sees himself a vile sinner — only then, and only then, can such an individual begin to get wisdom.

I had a letter recently from an old friend of ours whose husband is now in Glory. He was a good man all of his life so far as the world goes, but one Sunday he heard me preach over the radio, and in the sermon, I said, "You'll never be saved until you come to the place that you stand before the mirror and say to that individual you see in the mirror, 'You are a wretch; you ought to go to Hell. Regardless of how you have behaved, you ought to spend your eternity in Hell.'" His brother heard me say that Sunday night, and God saved him as a result of it, before the dawn of a new day. His widow wrote me recently to remind me what I had done, as she said, her husband years ago. Actually, I hadn't done anything. It was the Lord that did it, because it was God who told her husband that he was a sinner. That man got something. That man got wisdom when he realized the truth.

When the Apostle Paul went on the river bank in the city of Philippi, there was a crowd gathered there for worship services. The Bible says:

And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped

God, heard us; whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." — Acts 16:14.

Where did Lydia get her wisdom? The Lord gave it to her?

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth he said:

"For our rejoicing in this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, NOT WITH FLESHLY WISDOM, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward." — II Cor. 1:12.

Why is Paul rejoicing? Not in that he has taught them something by way of fleshly wisdom, but he is rejoicing in that he has had some conversations with them about spiritual things.

I say to you, beloved, only when an individual comes to the place that he learns something from God can he say that he has learned the ABC's of wisdom.

Notice again: *"Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence." — Eph. 1:8.*

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with THE KNOWLEDGE of his will in ALL WISDOM and SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING." — Col. 1:9.

I am trying to say to you, you just don't know anything until the Lord teaches you. People get so mixed up by preachers, and so confused as a result of listening to various preachers. When a person begins to get knowledge is when the Lord teaches him first of all that he is a helpless, depraved, vile, sinful corrupt being. Until you have learned that about yourself, you have never learned any wisdom.

The Word of God would tell us that if we are going to have such an experience, it has to come from the Lord, for the Lord has to teach us. Listen:

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and OF A SOUND MIND." — II Tim. 1:7.

Beloved, God has to give us a sound mind. Until He does so, we don't possess a sound mind. It is only when God gives it to us — it is only when God teaches us, that we can say that we have a sound mind.

Would you feel complimented if I were to tell you that you were a lunatic? Would you feel complimented if I were to say, "Brother, sister, you are off your rocker?" Well, I say to you, every individual who hasn't trusted Jesus Christ, who hasn't come to realize that he is a sinner in need of Calvary, who hasn't come to believe that Jesus' death at Calvary has paid for his sins — the individual who hasn't seen the truth is definitely a lunatic.

Now I don't mean mentally. You may have plenty of sense so far as this world is concerned. You may have plenty of intelligence so far as the making of money is concerned. You may have outstanding success in these things, or in the entertainment world. Until you see the truth that you are a lost, corrupt, depraved sinner, you haven't yet begun to learn true wisdom. Where do you get true wisdom? It comes from God, for my text says, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom."

The Second Of These Blessings Is That of Righteousness
We read:

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and RIGHTEOUSNESS." — I Cor. 1:30.

How much righteousness do we have in ourselves? God's Word tells us. Listen:

"And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." — Isa. 64:6.

Talk about inflation; this is the most deflating verse in all the Bible. I want to tell you, beloved, if there is anything that lets the air out and deflates an individual, and pulls him down to his right size, it is to read Isaiah 64:6,

which says, "And all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

You meet a man on the street and you ask him how he is living. He'll say, "I'm doing pretty good." "Going to Heaven when you die?" "Well, I hope so." "Why?" "Well, I am doing the best I can." Beloved, he is hoping on the basis of what he does that he is going to Heaven when he dies, yet God looks down at him, and holds His nose as He sees that individual, and says, "The best there is about you is just like a dirty, filthy, rotten, repulsive rag."

The New Testament also tells us what God's estimate of our righteousness is. Listen:

"For they being IGNORANT of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." — Rom. 10:3, 4.

Notice, he says that this crowd of unsaved Jews to whom he is writing are ignorant of God's righteousness, and isn't the world trying to establish their own righteousness? Isn't the world seeking today to make it appear that each individual of the world is a righteous individual? Find the worst man there is in this town and he won't admit he is a sinner, until God begins to deal with him.

Years ago, I saw a fellow so drunk that he couldn't stand on his feet. Of course, he wouldn't admit it. He was, in his opinion, holding a telephone pole to keep it from falling, but in reality it was the telephone pole that was holding him up. When I paused beside him and tried to deal with him for the Lord Jesus Christ, he said, "Oh, yes, you are John R. Gilpin. I know you. I hear you every Sunday night. You are my favorite preacher." I thought, "My preaching surely has done you a lot of good."

He said, "I believe we ought to pray." I said, "All right. If you want to pray, let's get right down here beside this telephone pole." It wasn't a bit of trouble for him to get down. All he had to do was to let loose of the pole, and he went right down. I started to pray, and I said, "Lord, have pity on this wretch." He jumped up and said, "I am not a wretch. Don't you dare tell the Lord I am a wretch." I got him down again and I said, "Lord, have pity on this drunken sinner." He jumped up again and said, "I am not a sinner." What was he doing? He was going about to establish his own righteousness. He wasn't willing to submit himself to the righteousness of God.

Now, beloved, that is an extreme case, but while that man was one of the "down-and-outers," I could take you out and introduce you to a half dozen individuals who are the "up-and-outers" who wouldn't admit that they are sinners either. What are they trying to do? They are trying to establish their own righteousness.

I ask you, how righteous are you? If we take what God says in the Old Testament, we find that our righteousness in His sight is but as filthy rags. If we take what God says about our righteousness in the New Testament, we find that we are just a bunch of ignoramuses — that we are

ignorant — we are trying to establish our own righteousness, and we are not submitting ourselves to the righteousness of God.

Notice some other verses which tell us about righteousness:

"THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." — Jer. 23:6.

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." — Rom. 3:25, 26.

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM." — II Cor. 5:21.

Paul is talking here about imputed righteousness — that God took our sins and charged them to Jesus; now God takes the righteousness of Jesus and charges it up to us. Jesus bore our sins at the cross, and we are going to wear His righteousness all the way through to the coronation and the hereafter.

The Apostle Paul, in writing to the church at Philippi, says:

"And be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." — Phil. 3:9.

Beloved, how do we get righteousness? It comes from God.

The Third Of These Blessings Is Sanctification

What is sanctification? It does not mean the removal of the old carnal nature, as so many people think. The Holiness people say that sanctification means you have gotten rid of all your old carnality and you can't sin. Beloved, if that is the meaning of sanctification, then you have an unworkable crossword puzzle so far as the understanding of the Bible is concerned. Listen:

"And God blessed the seventh day, and SANCTIFIED it." — Gen. 2:3.

I ask, did the Sabbath have a carnal nature? If the Holy Rollers are right when they say sanctification is the removal of the carnal nature, then when God sanctified the Sabbath, and set it apart as the day of rest for Himself, would you say that the Sabbath had a carnal nature that God took away from it? No, no, beloved, common sense tells us that He just set the day apart, as a day for worship and rest.

Notice again: *"And Moses said unto the Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and SANCTIFY it." — Ex. 19:23.*

God was getting ready to give the law, and He said, "Sanctify the mountain." Did that mean that the mountain had a carnal nature, a sinful nature, that He was going to take away? No, it just means that He set this mountain apart for His service. He called Moses up into this mountain, and gave to Moses the ten commandments, and the balance of the law. He gave to him the plan of the tabernacle, and told him how to make the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof. I tell you, beloved, sanctification means to be set apart to the service of the Lord.

When Jesus prayed that great high priestly prayer, He said: *"And for their sakes, I sanctify myself." — Jn. 17:19.*

Does sanctification mean the removal of the carnal nature? If so, then Jesus had a carnal nature because He is speaking of Himself. I tell you, sanctification does not mean the removal of the old carnal nature. That is hypocritical sanctification. That is sanctification with hypocrisy. That is sanctification apart from the Word of God. If a man talks

about living a perfect life — that he hasn't sinned in word, thought or deed in so many years — that man doesn't talk the language of the Bible. He isn't talking about Bible sanctification. He is talking about hypocritical sanctification whereby he is looking to his own flesh.

The Word of God says we are saved in three stages. First of all, we are sanctified by the Holy Spirit. Listen:

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT and belief of the truth." — II Thess. 2:13.

Notice, before the belief of the truth, comes the sanctification of the Spirit.

The Apostle Peter also talks about sanctification by the Spirit. Listen:

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." — I Pet. 1:2.

Before a man is ever saved, God sanctifies that individual, sets him apart, and marks him off as one that is to be saved.

A man goes down the street feeling as royally as humanly possible. He has no thought of dying. He has never given God a second thought. He lives for this world. But as he walks along, he hears a song:

"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

He hears another one:

"Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore."

He hears another one:

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee."

He may not even go inside the building where they are singing, but as he walks along these songs take a definite hold on that man's life. That man may not be saved for months, or for years, but I'll say that he'll never again be the same careless unawakened sinner that he has been in the past, and from that hour on, he is sanctified. (Continued on page 4, column 3)

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"Is there any truth in the theory of the Atonement which centers around Jesus Christ as being God's 'Idea' of man?"

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I am sorry, but I have never heard of this theory. I have never read anything about it and therefore cannot say anything about it.

However, I can say this, Christ is not an "idea," He is a reality. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matt. 1:23).

When Simeon saw the child Jesus he said that he was ready to die because he had now seen the salvation that God had promised. (Luke 2:25-34).

It is true that Christ is the perfect example, in that He lived without sin. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor. 5:21).

However, we cannot live as he did—perfectly. We are to follow His example to the best of our ability in order to let our light shine before men.

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Personally, I don't think so. This is one of those theories that go "beyond what is written." It sounds suspiciously like the neo-orthodoxy of the followers of Karl Barth. The Scriptures present Jesus not as some sort of an "Idea," but as the atoning Lamb of God, prefigured for centuries in the Passover observance, which pointed back to the lamb that took the place of the firstborn.

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I do not know whether I fully understand the question, but I will attempt to answer it as I see it.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." Jn. 1:1-2.

The Gospel of John begins with Christ's divinity, and it asserts Him to be God, and then definitely proves Him to be what He claims to be, by the works of creation.

John shows forth Christ to be more than just God's idea of man or an ideal, for He was more than just a man. He was God manifested in the flesh.

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is,

God with us." Matt. 1:23.

As a man, He was the creature not the creator. As a man, He could not have been the light and life of men, but as the Word which existed before man, He was the light and life of His people. John further tells us that, "The Word was made flesh." Jn. 1:14. Now the Word was God, not made God but rather He was made flesh. As flesh, He became man, but yet He still was God. From John's description of Jesus Christ, I cannot conceive of Him being merely God's idea of man.

When God made Adam He made him in perfection, for God could not have made him in any other way. He made him a perfect man. He did not make him a perfect God, only a man. He placed him in a perfect environment, yet Adam fell, whereas Jesus Christ was born and surrounded with an evil environment yet He sinned not. The answer to this perplexing issue is that Christ was more than God's idea of man — He was God in the flesh, and as such He could not fall or sin.

His sojourn on earth manifests to us that He was more than just the ideal man. His miracles that He performed show to us more than just a man. These miracles declare that they come from God.

I think that Isaiah reveals to us most clearly that He was more than an idea or an ideal man.

"For unto us a child is born (humanity) unto us a son is given (divinity)." Isa. 9:6.

The Father gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish. Read John 3:16. You will notice that the Father gave His Son not an idea of man, but rather His only Son to make atonement for the sins of His people. Mary gave to Him a body, but that body only houses the Son — it did not make Him the Son of God, for He was always the Son — yea even from before the foundation of the world.

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I am glad that the querist calls his question a theory. I must admit that I have never heard of this theory before. I am persuaded, however, that this theory dishonors God almost as much as Darwin's theory does. Whereas Darwin's theory leaves God completely out of the picture, this theory makes God unable to make a man like He wanted. I hardly know which is worse, to leave God out altogether or to make a puppet of Him.

If Adam was not God's idea of a man why did He not make him some other way? In Deut. 32:4 we are told that "His work is perfect." I refuse to believe that God botched His job when He made man. He "who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph. 1:11) made us just exactly like He wanted us to be. Jesus Christ was not an ideal man in the sense that He was what God wanted us to be. He was the God-man, therefore He was not like God wanted us to be. Peter tried putting two truly great saints on a par with our Lord (Mt. 17:4), but in verse 5 the Father put him straight in a hurry. God desires that we follow His dear Son, but He does not want us to be like Him in this life. One of the purposes of our Lord's coming back is that He may "be glorified in His saints, and admired in all them that believe" (II Thes. 1:10), and you do not glorify one who is your equal.

Some would say that God made Adam like He wanted him to be, but he fell and became what God did not

want him to be. I refuse to believe a word of that. In Acts 2:23, we find that our Lord "was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God." And in Rev. 13:8, we find that He was slain from the foundation of the world." That being true, can we not say that Adam fell by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God in order that Jesus Christ would have something to be delivered for? It was predetermined that Christ was to be a Saviour, therefore, it was of necessity determined that there would be someone for Him to save. There could be no Saviour without a sinner to be saved.

No, as I see it, there can be no truth in this theory. God made man just like He wanted him to be, therefore, man is God's ideal man or He would have made him differently.



"Blessings"

(Continued from page three)
fied by the Spirit.

I think there's many an individual who walks the streets who has been sanctified by the Spirit, who never yet has been sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ. He has a God-consciousness that he never has had before. To me that is what sanctification means — a God-consciousness that begins in an individual, yet it may be months and years before he is saved.

I know of a man who claims that his consciousness of God began when he was 10 years old and God saved him when he was 84. He said that in all those 74 years there was never a time that there wasn't a consciousness of God in his life, but he wasn't saved until he saw the truth that Jesus' blood paid for his sins.

Beloved, I have the conviction that everyone that is sanctified by the Spirit is going to be saved, for we read:

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform (finish) it until the day of Jesus Christ." — Phil. 1:6.

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Christ." — Phil. 1:6.

I don't believe God ever begins to work in an individual but that this individual ultimately comes to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Now that is sanctification by the Spirit.

Then there is sanctification by the blood. We read:

"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, suffered without the gate." — Heb. 13:12.

When the Spirit begins to work in your life, then you are sanctified by the Spirit. But the time comes when you see the truth that the blood of Jesus Christ was shed for your sins. Then it is that you are sanctified by the blood. Listen:

"By the which will we are SANCTIFIED through the OFFERING OF THE BODY OF Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God." — Heb. 10:10-12.

Oh, what a glorious experience it is when a man who has had a God-consciousness for months and years sees that Jesus Christ has died for his sins! What a marvelous experience it is! I thank God whenever a man becomes conscious that there is a God, when he becomes conscious that he is a sinner and on the road to Hell — I thank God that he has had the experience of being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. But wonderful as it is to be sanctified by the Spirit of God, it is more wonderful to be sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ, for that day you have gone beyond the fact that you know there is a God, and you have gotten to the place that you see you are a sinner, and you see that Jesus Christ on Calvary's Cross died for every one of your sins — past, present, and future — and you are saved by the blood of the Lord.

But sanctification doesn't stop there. There is a third stage of sanctification, and that is by the Word. Listen:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might SANCTIFY and cleanse IT WITH THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD." — Eph. 5:25, 26.

Notice, he is talking about the saints of God being sanctified, or cleansed by the Word.

The same truth is presented to us again. Listen:

"Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth." — John 17:17.

This is an experience for the child of God only, when the Word of God begins to be revealed in his life. When a man reads the Bible and he starts doing something he hasn't been doing, what has happened? He is just being sanctified. Or he reads the Bible and he sees that he has been doing something that is wrong and he quits it, what has happened? He is just being sanctified.

I tell you, beloved, we are sanctified by the Word. When God begins to deal with you, He sanctifies you by the Holy Spirit. You'll never be the same careless sinner you have been in the past. You'll have a God-consciousness which you have never had in the past. When God showed you that Jesus died for your sins, you were then sanctified by the Blood, and now you no longer have just a God-consciousness, but you have a Christ-consciousness, for the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed you of your sins. Then as you go on in life and study the Bible, you have a progressive sanctification whereby you come to know the Word of God, and the God of the Word a little better than you have in the past. Now, beloved, where did that sanctification come from? It came from the same fountain. That fountain of the eternal Godhead is God Himself, and out of it flows to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

ness, sanctification, and redemption.

The Fourth Of These Blessings Is Redemption

When is a man redeemed? He is redeemed the day he sees that Jesus Christ has died for his sins. Listen:

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." — Eph. 1:7.

The word "redemption" means "paid for." I am saying that the word "redemption," to speak of the spiritual, means that our sins are paid for in full by the Lord Jesus Christ.

I suppose everybody knows what it means when the first of the month comes, and you get your bills. You sit down and some of the bills you pay "on account." That means on account of the fact that you don't have enough money to pay it all. Then maybe you take another bill and you write down in the corner, "in full." That means it is paid in full.

Beloved, you have been trying to pay your sin debt, and you have just been paying on account — not really paying at all — and the sin debt gets bigger, and bigger, and bigger all the time. But one day you see the truth that Jesus Christ died for all your sins — past, present, and future

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." — Eph. 1:3.

CONCLUSION

I ask, you, are you in Christ today? Is this your experience? I said at the beginning of my message that I hoped this would (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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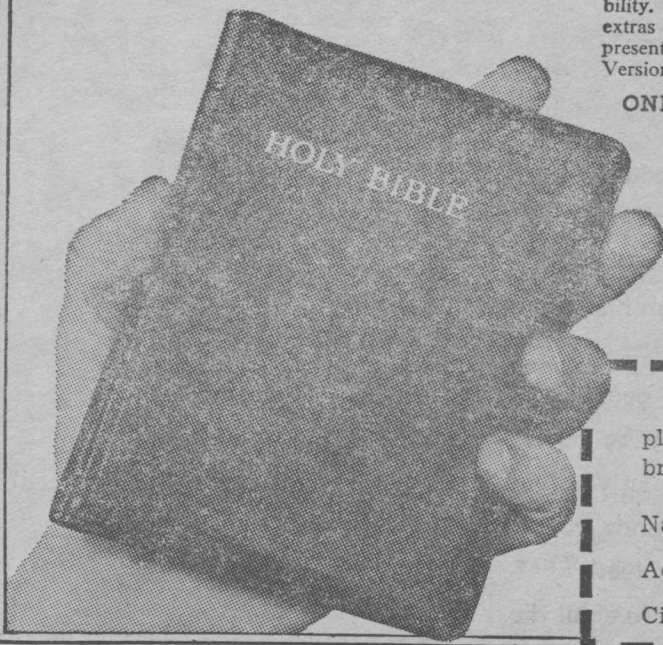
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I have just returned home from a 23 days stay in the Hospital — I had a blood clot in my lung. Now I am feeling better. I wish I could send you a check bigger than any you will get, but that I cannot do, but here is the widow's mite. *It is such a little bit to give for the best reading outside of my Bible.* What a blessing I get from this paper. Some of your sermons I read over three times. I really enjoy all the paper — also, the poems. Some of these, I send to the hospital. Some I give to Baptist people. You will never

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Mrs. Alta Brabandt,
Sumner, Washington

Dear Bro. Gilpin:
I do pray that enough will come in from the Lord's people to wipe out The Baptist Examiner's debt. I wish I had more to send to help out, but hope this will be of some help. I can never tell you how much The Baptist Examiner means to me.
Mrs. L. R. Frederick,
North Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Bro. Gilpin:
Please find enclosed a small contribution for the most wonderful paper I know of. It really is a source of inspiration to me.
Mrs. Harrell,
Murray, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:
I have been reading The Baptist Examiner for only one year, but it has been a real source of spiritual help to me. I thank God

for the stand TBE takes on the great fundamental Baptist doctrines. It is the only real Baptist paper that I know of today. Enclosed is a small offering for Rally Day.
Elder Elvis Gregory,
Columbus, Mississippi

Well, as I read the wonderful and helpful messages in TBE, it makes me wonder what I would do without it. All this makes me feel as if I ought to do a little to keep it going out to the Glory and Grace of God. So, I say again, I am glad for this truth for these last days. God bless you and staff.
F. E. Moore,
Metz, West Virginia

Bro. Gilpin:
Enclosed is my offering. I enjoy reading TBE so much. Sure get a blessing out of your sermons.
Mrs. Robert Birley,
Boaz, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:
Enclosed find \$5.00 for Rally Day. I hope you will get many gifts of a lot larger size than this.
Adeline Davis,
Greenup, Kentucky

Dear Bro. Gilpin:
Enclosed is my check of \$10.00 for Rally Day to advance the great work you are doing for the Lord. In regard to the Baptist Examiner, there is no other publication that I have seen that gives so much help to an understanding of Bible and Baptist Doctrines. I should like to be with you on Rally Day but we are in the midst of a revival in the First Baptist Church, Chapmanville, W. Va. May the Lord bless you and yours in all your efforts for His cause.
G. C. Legg,
Chapmanville, W. Va.

Dear Brother Gilpin:
I enclose a gift for The Baptist Examiner. I just finished reading your sermon "Where Art Thou" which is worth more than my little gift.
Marshall Efaw,
Chesapeake, Ohio

Dear Brother Gilpin:
Brother Gilpin, I am happy indeed to have this small part on this Thanksgiving Day. I am thankful for you and what you preach to a lost and dying world. The Baptist Examiner is in a class all by itself when it comes to giving out the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. I enjoy every word printed in it. I enjoy all the different writers. I was blinded so long by false teachings. I am praying that

our loving God will put it among hearts to send you a nice love offering this Thanksgiving Day. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones, TBE, and Calvary Baptist Church. In Christ's precious name,
Mr. G. H. Harris,
Jacksonville, Texas

Dear Bro. Gilpin:
Greetings in the name of Christ our Lord. I am sending a small Thanksgiving offering for the paper. You will never know the blessing your paper has been to me. I know of no other that stands for the truth it does.
James Gassett,
Bartow, Florida

Dear Brother Gilpin:
As you know, we are a small church and since we have recently taken on a radio broadcast, it is difficult for us to support any work outside of our missionaries and the church expenses. However, I do consider the Baptist Examiner a very worthy mission work, and so again would like to take a small part in your Rally Day. I believe that this is the (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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"Blessings"

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the means of stirring us from lethargy and causing us to draw closer to the Lord Jesus. Just that it may. I also trust God will take this message and burn it into the heart of individual who is lost, and that person to see that wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption come to them from God the Father through Lord Jesus Christ.
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THE BIBLE SAYS — OR DOES IT?

Many sayings and proverbs in common use are taken from the Bible. Can you tell them from those which are derived from the writings of Shakespeare, Plato, from Poor Richard's Almanac

—or the Koran? In the list below, circle the number before each quotation which you think is found in the Bible. You may be in for some surprises. Check your accuracy at the end of the quiz.

1. The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.
2. Open rebuke is better than secret love.
3. A fool and his money are soon parted.
4. Every day is a messenger of God.
5. No man can serve two masters.
6. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.
7. Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
8. It is a wise father that knows his own child.
9. The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.
10. Fair weather cometh out of the north.
11. The good deed drives away the evil deeds.
12. Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
13. Not life, but a good life, is to be chiefly valued.
14. There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will.
15. I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
16. Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die.
17. A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.
18. Make haste slowly.
19. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
20. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.
21. Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.
22. Cowards die many times before their death.
23. Wealth maketh many friends.
24. Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.
25. The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.
26. The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.
27. There is no new thing under the sun.
28. Character is much easier kept than recovered.
29. Man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.
30. Lost time is never found again.
31. The sleep of a labouring man is sweet.
32. Experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other.
33. A word to the wise is sufficient.
34. No prophet is accepted in his own country.
35. Be not righteous over much.
36. If wishes were horses, beggars might ride.
37. Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof.
38. God helps them that help themselves.
39. Pride goeth before destruction.
40. One picture is worth more than ten thousand words.

Half the quotations are from the Bible. If you circled 15 of the 20 Biblical references, you're a Bible student. But if you had less than half cor-

rect, be assured that you have plenty of company. If you identified the source of 25 or more quotations, you're a walking encyclopedia. See page 8.

Encouraged Us

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greatest paper printed in support of what I believe and preach concerning the Person of Christ, the Church, Christian living, and the Doctrines of Grace and many others. We pray for a successful Rally Day and that the Lord will continue to supply your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. I have a copy of the Baptist Examiner on file dated Dec. 1959, so I have been receiving it since then, and I want you to know how thankful I am to continue receiving it, and thankful to Bro. Ed Harrell in Rock Island, Ill., for starting it

coming our way.

Eld. Dale Fisher,
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Brother Gilpin:

We are so thankful for TBE. We praise God for a paper like this in such a time as this. I can't do as much as I would like to any more — but — we can pray. Take courage for we believe II Thess. 2:7 will come to pass soon. May God bless you and TBE.

Mrs. Grover Harmon,
West Lafayette, Ohio

In September 1950, the Lord saved me after hearing a Baptist Evangelist preach in a Mennonite revival service at Chester, Pennsylvania. Several years later, 1958, I was baptized into the Chester Baptist Temple. Reading the Baptist Examiner caused me to become a Baptist by conviction and leave the Mennonite Church. My parents had received a subscription for a year or two. Thanks be to God and those souls responsible for this part and present printed ministry to our home. My wife, Nancy, and children, are all saved and baptized in our church, too. We are working and awaiting the great Rally Day of

I Thessalonians 5:16 and 17.

Roy Sutherland,
Chester, Pa.

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Enclosed is an offering for TBE. Have expressed my appreciation for the paper before, but we appreciate it even more since coming to the Conference and meeting you and the members of Calvary Baptist Church. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless Calvary Baptist Church and you as you send forth the Truth.

W. F. Ashbrook,
Oil Center, New Mexico

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

You ask us to send an offering equal to the blessing we receive from reading TBE. Well, this does not equal the blessing. There is no equal. My husband is an invalid, and mentally ill, and I spend so many days by myself. Sometimes, I get a streak of self pity, then I pick up TBE and start reading. Soon, I am counting my blessings, so many more than

I deserve. And you ask me to equal that. May God in all His love keep TBE going. I am sure it has been and will continue to be a blessing to others.

Mrs. W. H. Buchanan,
Livermore, Kentucky

About ten years ago a friend sent TBE to us. I learned that the Bible teaching found in it far excelled any other Baptist paper I was taking and have dropped all but TBE. I support it because of its true Bible teaching. May it continue to tell forth God's work till Jesus comes. Tell it again; tell it till all have heard the word of God in truth.

Eld. R. C. Varble
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have Bro. Austin Fields to thank for the first year of TBE coming into our home. Although our mission is small at Latham, Ohio, thank God we have the truth preached to us. I pray this small offering will help in the publication of TBE and many hearts will be blessed by reading it. May God bless you to keep up the good work of spreading the truth of the Bible.

Mrs. George Pfeiffer,
Latham, Ohio

I am not very good at expressing what is in my heart or thoughts, but I truly get a blessing each time I read The Baptist Examiner and my prayers are that you can continue with it. I wish I could send more to help out but am sending \$5.00. Maybe it will help a little.

Mrs. Evelyn R. Baulton,
Plant City, Florida

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

I am enclosing a check for \$20.00 to help toward the spreading of the gospel through the Baptist Examiner. I thank God for those who will stand true to the gospel when so many are following the modern trend and compromising with the things of the world. May God richly bless you.

B. W. Daniel,
Gladys, Virginia

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

The Baptist Examiner to us, is like mail from home. We take it for granted. Our prayer — God grant us more concern for the financial support of The Baptist Examiner; that so great a help may never stop coming to our home. May God bless you, especially this Thanksgiving Day, and cause His people to be more generous in helping you with this work.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Van Hoose
Mansfield, Ohio.

Enclosed you will find a little offering for The Baptist Examiner. Just a token of appreciation for what it has really meant to me now for years. I keep the paper a long time. I read it several times. Then I let a friend have it.

Mrs. Otto (Eva) Davis,
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ever read. It gives us the Truth—the true Word of God. Bro. Gilpin, I do thank the blessed Lord, for a preacher like you that preaches the true word of God. Am sending in this letter five dollars. May God bless you and yours.

D. B. Ashbrook,
Hulbert, Oklahoma

Dear Bro. and Sister Gilpin, and all that help to get The Baptist Examiner out:

I doubt you will ever know just how much the Baptist Examiner means to the born-again child of God, till we see Jesus. I pray God's richest blessings continue till Jesus comes and He permits you to continue to get the paper out. Sending a little donation. Wish it could be lots more. Wishing all a happy Thanksgiving.

Gladys Edwards,
Pullman, West Virginia

May God bless the Calvary Baptist Church at Ashland is our prayer in this endeavor, for it must mean quite a lot to every member. May God bless and prosper each of you is ever our prayer. Please pray for us.

Malcolm Wood and Family,
Dalton, Kentucky

P.S.—Enclosed, please find my mite.

I am enclosing my check for \$5.00 for Rally Day, and I pray that Rally Day will go over the top for you there at Calvary Baptist Church. I just enjoy your paper from cover to cover. Keep it coming. I pray much for you and your church and paper. May God's richest blessings be upon you and yours.

Beatrice Strickland,
Zephyrhills, Florida

I get much pleasure and help from your paper, TBE, so for your Rally Day, I am enclosing this contribution in appreciation and to help you to keep your paper going. We sadly need more like it, so keep up the good work. May God be near and bless you and guide you in your work.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. deNeui
Ortonville, Minnesota

I've been reading TBE for almost ten years and am convinced that it is the most doctrinally sound weekly publication of this or any other generation. I considered myself a sound Baptist, yet when I began reading TBE, I became "converted" to the Sov-

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Local Church

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the local church, are opposed to the local church and teach that local churches are not of God and should not be joined. One theologian in a "fundamental" Bible school stated in a radio address that local churches were man-made and not of God. Nothing could be farther from God's truth which teaches that the local church is His institution. I Timothy 3:15.

If our light is to shine at all for Jesus Christ; if our light is to be sustained, supported, and continued if our light is to be effective for Jesus Christ and if our light is to shine far for Jesus Christ, there is only ONE POSSIBLE WAY ordained of God — out our light on a candlestick, that is, for every believer to obey God's Word, affiliate with a Bible-preaching local church, support that local church with faithful prayer, participation, attendance at all services, soul-winning, bringing in the converts to the local church, supporting a strong missionary program by the local church and a faithful giving of at least a tithe of all income.

Many believers are giving much time to the Lord's work but bypassing the local church. Many believers are also giving more time to legitimate community organizations such as PTA, etc., than to the local church.

God has ordained that our light, witness and work for Christ should shine — and that it can ONLY shine effectively on a candlestick — or in the local church. All of history supports God's Word, for in every age good mor-

als and godliness have been high and prevalent everywhere when the local churches were strong, but weak and absent when the churches were weak.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.

In Ephesians 3:10, the apostle Paul gives us a great statement concerning each local church's ministry. "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

That the apostle means the local church at Ephesus is very clear from two facts — first, the word, "ekklesia," which he used and which means a local assembly of believers; second, he was addressing and writing to a congregation of believers which he earlier had founded.

The "principalities and powers" are manifestly here the good angelic beings. In other words, Paul is teaching the local church at Ephesus that it is God's only witness to the heavenly angels above of the manifold wisdom of God! What a revelation! What a significant, holy calling and ministry for each local church!

Paul, no doubt, dearly loved the church at Ephesus. He founded it at great cost to himself for the gospel's sake. He, perhaps, endured great persecution in this wicked city of Asia Minor which was the location of the great temple of Diana and the center of the heathen religion of the day. Paul speaks of his ministry here in I Corinthians 15:32 as one where he "fought the beasts at Ephesus." Certainly not the lions and tigers or gladiators, but rather the religious leaders who despised and hated Paul and his gospel message. He reminds us that he spent three years in this city teaching God's Word and reminding the congregation of the apostasy which would come after his departure, Acts 20:31. Paul probably spent more time in this city than in any other place where he ministered. He was deeply attached to this congregation. So in Ephesians 3:10, he stirs this local church to action, faithfulness and dedication, reminding them that they are God's only witness to heaven and angels.

Every New Testament church is, as the local church at Ephesus, a witness to heaven and angels! Have you thought of your local church in this regard?

Why is a witness to heaven and angels necessary? The Bible teaches us that angels are very ignorant concerning salvation. Yes, believers are far more informed in regard to God's grace in Christ Jesus than the angels. Peter tells us in I Pet. 1:12, speaking about salvation, "which things the angels desire to look into." The angels just cannot understand how it is possible for a holy God to send His sinless Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to this sin cursed earth to take upon Himself the sins of mankind, atone for them, die upon the cross and be raised from the dead and reconcile sinful man to a holy God! The angels just cannot understand this! Thank God, each believer does — in a measure — because he has experienced God's grace and the forgiveness of sin which good angels have not experienced nor need to.

But, God has designed that the angels should know something about salvation, and God's only means to instruct the angels is each local New Testament church.

Beloved, does not this teach us that we should honor God's institution, the local church with our membership, faithful attendance at all services, praying regularly and often for our church, defending it against accusations and slander, upholding faithfully and supporting the pastor, all officers and members, being regular at visitation, honoring the local church with the tithe and offerings, daily remembering the missionaries and standing by everything in the local church that honors God's Word?

Certainly, if the angels are to be instructed concerning salvation only by and through local churches, then each local church ought to be all that God wants

it to be so that it will be an effective witness to the angels! If members are careless about their relationship to a local church in that measure its witnesses to the angels is made weak. Local churches are only what their members are!

Beloved, could it be that you might be confusing the angels by your relationship, attitude and support of your local church? May each of us be all that God's Word teaches us in regard to the local church that it might be an effective witness to the angels.



Encouraged Us

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reignty of God and related truths through studying the Bible to try to prove the things TBE teaches concerning these doctrines unscriptural. Yes, God opens the eyes of His sincere saints, even when they are trying to oppose some of His teachings. This small offering in no way expresses what TBE means to me, but it is a small token of my appreciation. May God bless you.

Douglas A. Moore,
Citrus Heights, California

Enclosed you will find a check for \$20. Ten dollars to help in publishing your paper and the other ten to be given to Brother Fred Halliman to help in his great work. I get much spiritual food from your paper. Take other Baptist papers, but think yours is the best. May you still go on with the good work.

Mrs. Claude Cate
Lonoke, Arkansas

Greetings in our Lord on your Rally Day. Wish I could be there. Pray this gift will help in a small way. God bless you all.

Mrs. Gunnar Anderson
St. Cloud, Minnesota

A few lines to wish you and Mrs. Gilpin a great big and happy debt-free Thanksgiving this year. We could never repay you for the good we get out of TBE and never want to see it leave us. Am sending three dollars. Wish I could send you more, but Social Security surely does limit you greatly in your giving. Wishing the very best and more letters and money than you can count the rest of this year. Praise the Lord.

Edgar Pennywitt,
Portsmouth, Ohio

I am sending you a small gift for Rally Day. I enjoy your paper and believe you are 100% right. Hope you reach your Thanksgiving goal. Will help as I can. May God bless you and yours.

Curtis Osborn,
Belmont, Mississippi

Thank you for the many, many blessings and growth experienced in God's Word via the arrival of TBE each week in our home this past year. My gift is small but my praise for the paper and its solid unflinching stand upon the Word, great. May God continue to grant you the health, strength, and give you the wisdom from on high to carry on this work to His Glory.

Mary Billings,
Old Bridge, New Jersey

Please find enclosed check in the amount of \$10.00. I think the Examiner is the best missionary publication in print today and don't think that I don't pass the word around. Our prayers are continually for your work and all the works that stand for the truths as presented in God's Book.

Mrs. William Kouns
Portsmouth, Ohio

Enclosed a small amount for Rally Day; only wish I could send more. I can hardly wait from one edition to the next and truly this paper has been a blessing to me and through these messages print-

ed in TBE, I have come to a fuller knowledge of God's written Word. I have come to a richer understanding of some of the great Bible doctrines that are denied or compromised in the majority of

the churches here up north. In fact, I have not been able to find a truly sound church as yet, but thanks to TBE, I can receive many blessings and fine Gospel Truths (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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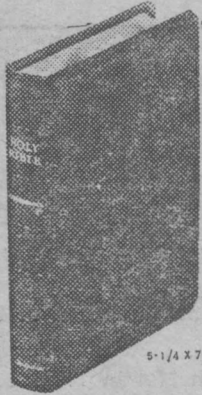
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Tithing

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Did God ever give any other financial system for the support of His work?

Do you know anyone who is worse off financially, physically, or spiritually because he tithes? If it was robbery for a Jew to withhold his tithes, what is it for a Christian to withhold his tithes? Malachi 3:6-10.

God gives us life, health, and the ability to earn money. Is it not showing ingratitude for us to withhold our tithes from him?

But I'm Under Grace

Wonderful! Should the person under Grace give any less than one under Law? Grace does not repeal the laws of God.

W. E. Doughty well said, "The tenth and beyond is the Bible rule. The Old Testament emphasis is on the tenth, the New Testament emphasis is on the beyond."

Notice what Grace prompts people to give. Zaccheus was under Grace. Grace caused him to part with half his goods and to return fourfold to those he had defrauded. Grace constrained the poor widow to give all her living. Grace caused the Macedonians to give beyond their power. Grace caused Barnabas to sell his property and give it all to the church. It is wonderful that you are under grace. How much beyond the law of the tithe has grace constrained you to give?

Conclusion

It is either a good thing to tithe or it is not. If it is not, why are tithers the happiest Christians? The finest kind of daring is that which trusts God. I dare you to try tithing for six months. Do you dare try Malachi 3:10 and Matthew 6:33? God will bless you abundantly!

Inspiration

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Inspiration: In syllogistic form we may put it this way: All Scripture is inspired of God; each word is a part of Scripture; therefore, each word is inspired of God. Surely God could inspire the words for the Bible as well as the thoughts. And since words are necessary to convey thoughts, the words of the Bible must all be inspired in order to guarantee an accurate transcript of God's

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will.

1. *History and archeology.* Modern archeological discoveries constantly strengthen belief in an infallible record. For example, concerning Tyre (Ezekiel 26:4,5), that once great city is now bare as the top of a rock — a place where fisherman spread their nets to dry.

2. *Prophecy.* The dozen or more prophecies concerning Christ in Psalm 22 were fulfilled literally. Many unlikely prophecies concerning Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Egypt, Sidon, and Nineveh have been fulfilled. The many predictions in Deuteronomy 28 have been fulfilled literally in Jewish history.

3. *Science.* The first chapter of Genesis records the creation and formation of 15 different things. No scientist has yet shown them to be in wrong order. According to the mathematical law of permutation, Moses had only one chance in 1,300,674,368,000 to record these 15 items in the correct order, but he got them all right. How could he have done that apart from verbal inspiration?

The law of genetics, "after its kind," is still binding upon all nature, in spite of the many frantic efforts to prove a theory of evolution. Moses wrote in Leviticus 17:11 that "the life of the flesh is in the blood," and it took medical scientists many centuries to discover the same truth. These examples of scientific accuracy, among many others, indicate precise inspiration, especially in view of the fantastic cosmology current among nations in Bible times.

4. *Logic.* Every effect must have an adequate cause. When we consider the vastness of Christendom with its many buildings, publications, missions, and world-wide beneficences of Bible-believers, we must postulate upon a book of man's own phrasing is like placing the Pyramid of Cheops upon its apex or the Empire State Building upon its slender television mast.

5. *Psychology.* Since regeneration is a supernatural event, it must have a supernatural cause. We know that the words of Scripture, as applied by the Holy Spirit, have converted millions of hard hearts, and that no other literature has ever done so. Once again we are driven to the conclusion that the words of Scripture have unique power.

The deep insight into human nature as revealed in the Psalms, Gospels, and Epistles shows a knowledge of psychology far beyond the human ability of Scripture writers. Only God knows the heart of man, and only He could enable chosen men to write the Word of God which is both quick and powerful (Hebrews 4:12).

6. *Philosophy.* The book of Proverbs is still unsurpassed for practical wisdom. The book of Psalms outshines a pagan philosophies as the sun outshines the moon. The Sermon on the Mount exceeds all the wisdom of ancient and contemporary philosophers, from Plato to John Dewey. Moreover, the ethics of the Bible are vastly superior to those of all other books combined. Divine inspiration is the only reason. And in the realm of metaphysics, the Bible is suggestive if not exhaustive, and yet it is a corrective of many false philosophies.

7. *Universality of the Bible's appeal.* The Bible meets the needs of all nations. In every land, those who accept the Bible are transformed by it. No nation can say that the Bible is provincial, but it would be a provincial book if those who wrote it had been left free to choose their own words for it. Apart from such inspiration, the Jewish writers would have produced merely another Jewish book, of little interest or value to the world of Gentiles. But God who loves all classes of men without respect of persons, caused the Jewish writers to produce a book with universal appeal.

8. *Moral influence.* No other book in the world even approaches the Bible in the extent and

purity of its wholesome effects. No atheist would care to live in a land where the Bible is not known. The Bible is the fountainhead of Christian missions, driving out superstition, ignorance, idolatry, animism, and self-immolation. The Bible and its Christ are the mainspring in rescue missions, saving alcoholics and dope fiends where no other force in the world can save.

This unique power of the Bible is not due to the superiority of the Jews over other people. David, Solomon, and Peter had plenty of faults; yet their writings are faultless. "The law of the Lord is perfect" only because it is wholly of the Lord.

9. *Christology of the Bible.* The prophecies and types of Christ in the Old Testament are beyond the ingenuity of man. The New Testament records of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, and promised return are likewise beyond man's inventive ability.

Who could describe a character like His, or compose such sentences of authority as those spoken by Him? The French infidel Rousseau wrote, "It is more inconceivable that a number of persons should agree to write such a history than that one should be the subject of it; for the inventor would be a more remarkable character than the hero."

10. *Scripture itself.* The evidences so far given are incomplete without the testimony of Scripture to its own inspiration. Since we believe that God inspired His Word, we may logically assume that He revealed the manner of its inspiration. Scripture itself is its own best testimony to the kind of inspiration that produced it.

I Corinthians 2:10-13 declares that no one can comprehend the thoughts of God (as held by the dynamic, or thought-inspiration theory of inspiration). The truths of God are imparted by words taught by the Holy Spirit. Verbal inspiration is also clearly set forth in I Thessalonians 2:13, II Timothy 3:16, and II Peter 1:21.

The Old Testament alone has over 2600 references to the fact that its writers were aware of the divine origin of their messages. The phrase "the Word of the Lord" is found about 500 times in the Bible; "the Word of the Lord came," 23 times; "God spake" or "the Lord spake," over 150 times; "thus saith the Lord," "the Lord saith," and "saith the Lord of hosts," 816 times.

Two verses concerning Balaam (Numbers 22:38 and 23:13) are remarkable proof of verbal inspiration, since Balaam was a hireling prophet who proclaimed the exact words that God put in his mouth.

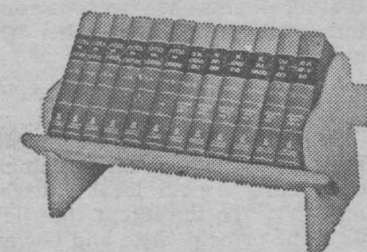
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Consider the high degree of inspiration necessary for the words of Scripture which in Psalm 19:2 are said to be perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, eternal, true, and altogether righteous.

The New Testament is just as explicit. In Matthew 5:18 inspiration is more than verbal; it extends to the smallest parts of the words.

Again many verses can be cited which support verbal inspiration; Matthew 10:20; Mark 12:36; Luke 16:17; John 3:34; 6:63; 8:47; 10:35; 11:51; 14:10; Acts 1:26; 28:25; I Corinthians 14:37; II Peter 3:16; Revelation 1:10, 11; 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14; 14:13; 19:9; 21:5; 22:18, 19.

Since the Bible itself gives repeated witness to its own verbal inspiration, every Christian ought to accept it and hold to it loyally. Why should any Christian hesitate to accept the Bible's own doctrine of its inspiration? The evidences of history, prophecy, science, logic, psychology, philosophy, universality, moral influence and Christology all corroborate the Scriptural doctrine of verbal inspiration.

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