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NATIVE MARRIAGES

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Now the birth of Jesus Christ on this wise; When as his her Mary was espoused to "ph, before they came togethwas found with child of Holy Ghost,"-Matthew 1:18. says of espoused, (Mnes-", "to woo and win, to espouse Promise in marriage.... to woo "oman and ask for her in "lage." Espoused being a state Te the two have agreed to married or the parents have hem aside to be married, but have not actually been ried yet. This was the state ary and Joseph at the time ^{y conceived} Jesus of the Holy

New Guinea it is easier to



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girls are espoused early in life. Many times the parents decide whom their children will marry. Sometimes this is done when they are young. Obviously, in these cases the child has nothing to say about his spouse. In America two people fall in love (they should anyway); and if they are old enough, they get married. Really very simple.

In New Guinea after being espoused the trouble starts. Before they can get married, the groom must pay the number of pigs set by the bride's parents. If the groom doesn't have enough pigs, he must borrow some from his relatives. There is no installment plan here. In a case that now exists, the man and woman (both at least 28 and saved) are erstand the word espoused than in America. Many boys and (Continued on page 8, column 1)

An Intelligent Preacher

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"The knot was tied, the pair were wed. And then the smiling bridegroom said Unto the preacher, 'shall I pay To you the usual fee today? Or, would you have me wait a year And pay you then a hundred clear, If I should find the marriage state. As happy as I estimate?' The preacher took no time for thought, To his reply no study brought. There were no wrinkles on his brow, Said he 'I'll take three dollars now'."

"After a certain preacher had performed a marriage ceremony, it is said that the delighted bridegroom suggested that he could pay the "parson" a reasonable fee in cash for his valuable services, but if he preferred to wait a year and the new partnership should prove as profitable as he had every reason to expect, he would then pay the officiating minister a round hundred dollars. The reply of the preacher is incorporated in the above verses.

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GENESIS TO REVELATION, THE BIBLE TEACHES

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Beloved, let us love one anfor love is of God; and One that loveth is born of and knoweth God. He that



love. In this was mani- life." — Rom. 5:6, 8, 10. the love of God toward us, that God sent his only

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begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation honest people honest. What other for our sins." — I John 5:7-10.

Certainly the love of God covers a lot of territory. We give thanks to Him that He reveals His mighty love unto us in His wonderful Word.

No, brethren, God's love is not according to anything that we were, or ever will be within ourselves. We see recorded in the Word of God our condition when God loved us. Knowing this is true, and seeing our condition when God loved us, we know that His love was not according to anything that we were.

DIDN'T DESERVE HIS LOVE

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of th not knoweth not God; for ciled, we shall be saved by his

Notice our condition when God

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book brings such results to the reader who obeys its commands? To the helpless it offers help. Psalm 19:7

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The Most Encouraging of **Doctrines – ELECTION**

ELD. ROY MASON Aripeka, Florida

In this article I want to tell how encouraging, how blessed, how helpful the doctrine of elec- Bible from saying what it wants tion has been to me all down to say. Yes, it is important to through the years. Before I do know the correct translation of this though, let me say a few words about the efforts that are being made to milk the doctrine of election dry of its meaning. A good sample of this is found in the articles now being published by Bro. Jackson in his paper, "The American Baptist." Arminianism is a weak sort of thing, and it is to be found in the weak theology of those denominations who have thrown out doctrine after doctrine of the Bible, until like Methodism for instance, their leaders - some of them - are declaring that "God is dead!" Calvinism characterizes people who believe something! That's the pity about the case of Bro. Jackson. He is a staunch contender for many of the great things of true Christianity, so it ill becomes him to belong to the Arminian crowd. He says of

but he is just fooling himself!

a It is not my purpose to deal labors until one becomes sus-SUNDAY 8:30 A.M loved us. e sinners. we in detail with his recent articles, picious that he is determined were ungodly. When the Lord PASTOR JOHN R. GILPIN for they contain a rehash of Ar- at all odds to destroy the real (Continued on page 5, column 2) is the speaker for each broadcast minian doctrines that have been significance of the passage that

answered over and over. However let me note several things about his articles in passing.

1-He makes great use of "the Greek" in attempting to keep the



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passage, but Bro. Jackson

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PALMS AND

the first day of the of Tabernacles, the Israelhad to bring the boughs and thes of certain trees into the ence of the Lord, and rejoice he him seven days. Two parts Honed, namely: "Palm trees and willows of the brooks" 23:4). These trees are emconfronting us in our earthgrimage.

in trees symbolize triumph, thest in life can be likened them "the weeping willows."

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tree-world are specifically unto them, saying, The kingdom up also the wheat with them. Let of heaven is likened unto a man both grow together until the atic of the various experi- enemy came and sowed tares gather ye together first the tares, field; But while men slept, his est I will say to the reapers, BEFORE GOD. sprung up, and brought forth my barn."-Mt. 13:24-30. them. On the other hand, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed passage of Scripture is a good loss, disappointment and hath it tares? He said unto them, sent to us the fact that there coming to the conclusion that by (Ps. 137.0) pointment and hath it tares? He said unto them, sent to us the fact that there coming to the conclusion that by

BY NATURE THERE IS NO which sowed good seed in his harvest; and in the time of harv- DIFFERENCE IN ANY OF US

We read:

"What then? are we better than way. But when the blade was them; but gather the wheat into they? No, in no wise: for we have ^{92, renown and success fruit, then appeared the tares I want to show very definitely Gennes, that they sinned, ^{13est} in All that is best and also. So the servants of the house- that there is a contrast between **DER SIN. For all have sinned**, ^{13est} in All that is best and holder came and said unto him, saints and sinners. Certainly this and come short of the glory of} before proved both Jews and God."-Rom. 3:9, 23.

 $(P_{S}, 137:2)$. We sometimes An enemy hath done this. The are the two seeds here within nature there is no difference in M_{S} are the weeping willows." servants said unto him, Wilt thou this world — one that is illustrat- any of us before God, for we are the weeping willows." are the reverse to all then that we go and gather them ed or likened unto wheat, and all sinners in God's sight. A lot unued on page 8, column 3) up? But he said, Nay lest while the other is illustrated or likened (Continued on page 2, column 1)

ruins his theory.

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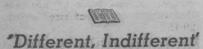
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(Continued from page one) of people don't like to admit it.

A lot of folk don't like to confess it. However, it is a fact that there is no difference in any of us the same. My text says there is before God. We are all sinners no difference. in God's sight. Listen:

"The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are ALL GONE ASIDE, they are ALL TOGETHER BECOME FIL-THY: there is NONE THAT DO-ETH GOOD, no, not one."-Psa. 14:2, 3.

When God turns His telescopic eyes from the heavens upon us, He sees us as a group of filthy no-good sinners that do not understand, and who do not seek God. Lots of people don't like nitely, for we read: to admit it. I re emh er a w an years ago, who said to me, when talking about her husband, "God will think twice before He will damn a man as good as my husband." Beloved, I don't think God will think once, for the Word tians and Israel."-Ex. 11:7. of God would indicate that we difference.

The Baptist Examiner come short of the glory of God." This Week's Chuckle committed, and he will be care- horse his exercise. I have ful lest he commit the same sin thought, that is exactly the

Judging from human standards, somebody may be a little more Editor corrupt than someone else, but from God's standards, there is no difference. You are a sinner.

A few years ago I was back in my home town, where I was born and grew up. I saw a man that I used to work with when I was just a boy. He was drunk and was lying in the street with his feet sticking out toward the center of the street with his head lying upon the curb for a pillow. He was totally drunk. He could not navigate one step more. I saw a woman come along the street that I had known from the time that I was a child in that town. In the eyes of the world, she was a good woman. am sure she was a moral, respectable lady. She loved music. She loved the finer things of life. I am satisfied, judging from the standpoint of the world, that you would have said there was a lot of difference between that woman and that man. As he lay there in the gutter, I can see her as she passed around on the other side of the street. Like the parable of the Prodigal, this woman took a wide sweep to the other side of the street, lest she be contaminated by this drunk who was lying in the gutter. As I saw these two, the question came to my mind: As God looks This is the title of a fifty-two down from the skies above, how

and this man in the gutter? I got up on the Union Central

this serially in THE Building in Cincinnati a few feet to the sidewalk below. I and a baby buggy. I could scarce-When this book was first print- ly distinguish the difference bewe have all sinned and come short of the glory of God.

> In the eyes of the world, maybe one person is worse than another, but I have the idea that the heart of every man is just exactly alike. The worst drunk in the world and the most moral man in the world; the most moral woman and the most immoral woman that walks the earth, in the sight of God, stands virtually

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SAINTS AND SIN-NERS.

II

There is a tremendous difference between saints and sinners. sins."-Eph. 2:1. In the eyes of God there isn't any difference so far as our human nature is concerned, but between saints and sinners, there is a tremendous difference.

If you will turn to the Word of God, you will find that difference is spelled out very defi-

"But against any of the chil-dren of Israel shall not a dog



same as the Egyptians. But when heaven to him, and he never the day came that God sent a came back. But when Noah sent the fifth grade had been se plague of flies throughout the out the dove, it came back. That the principal's office, and land, God put up an invisible dove didn't want to soil her feet principal couldn't find her barrier between Goshen and the in the mud, and she wasn't derest of Egypt, to the extent that sirous of feeding upon those around to another teacher's there wasn't a fly in the land putrifying carcases. of Goshen, though the land of Egypt was overrun with flies. God made a difference between man of the world enjoys dabbling return the paddle. the two. When God caused lice around in the mud and the muck to be upon man and beast, those Egyptians suffered from the lice child of God doesn't want to. Incrawling all over them, but the stead, he wants his life clean in children of Israel didn't have a God's sight. I say there is a lot single louse. When the time came of difference between saints and for the last of these plaguesthe death of the firstborn-God made a tremendous difference. The difference there was the difference of blood.

As God put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel, am contending that the Egyptians stand for the world and Israel stands for the saints of God, and that in this world now, God makes a difference between base-born Egyptians and Heavenbound saints of God. I would like to repent: because he hath apto give you a few of those differences

fathers are concerned. That un- hath ordained; whereof he hath saved man has a different father given assurance unto all men, in than that man who knows the that he hath raised him from Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour. If you are saved, you have God for your Father, whereas if you are unsaved, you have the Devil for your spiritual father. Listen: overlooks, or by-passes an un-"Ye are of YOUR FATHER saved man's sin. That is how God THE DEVIL, and the lusts of deals with the unsaved. Some

8:44. "For ye are all the CHILDREN

OF GOD by faith in Christ Jesus." -Gal. 3:26.

If you are unsaved, the Devil is your spiritual father. If you are saved, you have God as your spiritual Father. What a difference as to fathers!

There is a difference as to natures. The man that is unsaved has two natures, but one of them is dead. He has a live physical nature, but he has a dead spiritual nature.

We read:

'And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he reminded them of the fact that there had been a time when they were dead in trespasses and sins. Then they were alive. but previously they were dead. Notice again:

and precious eat eding o promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DI-VINE NATURE, having escaped that the LORD DOTH PUT A the corruption that is in the world The man that is saved has a rivers to blood and the water within him. He has a live spirit-There is a difference when they both have sinned. When an unsaved man sins, unless the Spirit of God has begun a work in him, it doesn't bother him one particle. He rather enjoys it, and maybe anticipates a repetition of this same sin. When a child of God sins, he knows that he has wronged his Heavenly Father, and has wronged his Saviour, and has wronged the Holy Spirit greatly by the sin that he has

again.

that in the flood. When the flood passed them. He is payin waters were going down off the face of the earth, Noah sent out ting them go the way they the raven and the dove. You will But God doesn't deal with notice that the raven never came people that way. Saved P back. He enjoyed that muddy God paddles. And if that d water. He enjoyed dabbling around in the mud and muck and filthy debris left by the flood. He enjoyed those rottening, putrifying carcases that were floating around in the water covered with mud. That was just school teacher. This teacher

Beloved, I say to you, that is to take the paddle back the way of a child of God. The office, get his whipping, and and the filth of this world, but a sinners.

There is a lot of difference in God's dealings with them. Do you know how God deals with an unsaved man? He just throws the bridle reins down on his back and turns him loose. God isn't dealing with the unsaved today. He is just letting them do as they please. Listen:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere pointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in right-There is a difference so far as eousness by that man whom he the dead."-Acts 17:30, 31.

God just winks at the unsaved man's sin. In other words, He just looks the other way. He your father ye will do." -John unsaved people say that God whips them every time they sin. Beloved, He doesn't do any such thing. If you are an unsaved individual, God by-passes, or winks at your sin.

We read:

"For WHOM THE LORD LOV-ETH HE CHASTENETH, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."-Heb. 12:6.

Beloved, God doesn't do anything with the unsaved in this world. Rather, He just lets them go.

There used to be a man who lived near me, when I was a boy, who had a stablehorse. He drove a stake down in the ground and tied a long rope to it, and that horse would prance around and around, and every time he that rope would get shorter did, and shorter. He would keep going one way until he had his head practically pulled down to the ground, and couldn't move at all. Then the man would come "Whereby are given unto us out and start him in the other a church where I preache direction and he would unwind Sunday morning years ag

they with the unsaved — We have a good illustration of just on a tether. God has attention to them. He is just express it, I say this, God beats the Devil out of us, beloved, you have plenty of Devil to beat out, too.

I was talking to one members this week who telling me how a little be dle. So she sent this little to borrow a paddle, and he

I thought about this, after individual told me this stu am not sure but that God



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There is a difference saints and sinners go to Have you ever noticed saints and sinners go to sain how they react? A drinks in the Word of God the preacher has to say fr Bible is food for his soul water to quench his thir he just drinks it in. Bu about a sinner? He will down and study the kn the floor, or he will look watch, and wonder how s preacher is going to get th He wonders when the sel going to be over. It is a bol thing to him. There is a difference in saints and in church.

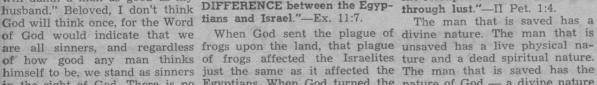
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Notice again:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and it affected the Israelites just the

move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how DIFFERENCE between the Egyp- through lust."-II Pet. 1:4.

in the sight of God. There is no Egyptians. When God turned the nature of God - a divine nature



turned into blood all over Egypt, ual nature. What a contrast!

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"They say that I am growing old, I've heard them tell it times untold, In language plain and bold – But I'm not growing old; This frail old shell in which I dwell Is growing old, I know full well; But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning grey? Grey hairs are honorable, they say, What if my eyesight's growing dim? I still can see to follow Him, Who sacrificed His life for me, Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if time's old plough Has left its furrows on my brow? Another house, not made with hand, Awaits me in Glory Land. What tho' I falter in my walk? What tho' my tongue refuse to talk? I still can tread the narrow way I still can watch and praise and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen, As in the past it may have been Still I can hear my Savior say In whispers soft, "This is the way." The outward man, do what I can To lengthen out his life's short span. Shall perish and return to dust As everything in nature must.

The inward man, the scriptures say Is growing stronger every day. Then how can I be growing old When safe within my Savior's fold. E're long my soul shall fly away And leave this tenement of clay, This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise To seize the everlasting prize-I'll meet you on the streets of gold And prove that I'm not growing old!."

-Author Unknown

(Continued from page two) m was a nurse; the other a young woman about twenars old, who was the nurse's of Romans 8:28, which says: sister, and who lived in urse's home. As they startme from church that Sun-It that a wonderful mesthat Brother Gilpin preached morning?" The other lady Well, to tell you the truth, bored to tears, and wonwhen he was going to get

hat a contrast between the ere is a big difference when and sinners go to church. is a difference when inners have troubles. Unpeople have troubles. And, people have troubles. There n, when in trouble.

Different, Indifferent' trouble, it may upset him when it first falls upon him. When it it first falls upon him. When it first becomes his lot, he may be terribly grieved and upset, but then he comes to realize the truth

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are morning, the nurse said, the called according to his purpose.

The child of God comes to a place Job did. Job had a lot of problems. The Sabeans and the Chaldeans stole his camels and his cattle. Fire fell down out of Heaven and burned his sheep. A cyclone came out of the skies and One knew the Lord; the crushed the house where his sons didn't know the Lord. I and daughters were having dinner, and all of his children were killed because of that cyclone. Yet, beloved, the Bible says that and sinners are in trouble. Job fell on his face before God and said:

"Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall lot of difference in their I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; the child of God has Elessed be the name of the

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1929 to almost 1940. I can remember two individuals who suffered the same type of loss, on the same day, in the same manner. One of them was a child of God. I can see him now as he smiled at me and said, "Brother Gilpin, God has had His way, and it is all right." I can see the other man, when I went to his home, because his wife asked me

Lord."-Job 1:21.

an unsaved man? Well, an un-

things that we passed through

to visit them. She said, "He is so crazy he doesn't know what he is doing. I am afraid he is going to kill himself before the day goes by." When I walked into the house, I saw a virtual maniac walking backwards and forwards across the room, swinging his arms, cursing at the top of his breath, and pulling his hair literally out of his head. They had the same problem, the same difwhat a difference between the saint and the sinner!

There is a lot of difference in 5:10. saints and sinners when they come to die. Oh, what a differherd. Though He leads me to be judged on the basis of what (Continued on page 4, column 5) through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. in contrast, the unsaved person will clutch the covers and pull them over his head because he is already suffering the pangs of the damned. At a hospital one night I saw a young woman whose life had been anything but what it ought to have been - I saw her grab the covers and pull them over her head. I saw her as she clenched her hands to the extent that her nails bit into her flesh. I heard her as she shouted that the demons of Hell were already seated upon her bedstead, waiting for her soul. Just down the hall a few doors away, I saw a little girl some nineteen years of age, die a few days before. I can hear her say, "This is the happiest day of my life." I was in a revival back in the mountains of Kentucky, and I mentioned this experience. A lay-

man, later, said, "Brother Gil- you think. I am not going to be Beloved, when a child of God pin, I know the meaning of that judged on the basis of human is in trouble, he knows that God in my own life. My wife and judgment. But divine judgment is having his way. But how about my wife's sister died of the same is going to weigh the good and disease, in the same bed, and in the bad, and I am going to the saved man will walk the floor, the same room, one month apart. judgment to be paid. I am going

of my life.' She said, 'I hope you Most of you can't recall what don't feel badly when I tell you Do you know what the unsaved the depression was like, but a few of us are old enough that that. I was happy the day we is going to the judgment for? He got married. I have been happy we can remember some of the lots of days since then, but this Judge, like a criminal comes beis the happiest day of my life." in the depression that lasted from He said, "One month later, I saw my wife's sister die, and he is a sinner. He knows he is she clutched the covers, and said that she was sliding into the jaws has done lots of things that he of Hell itself."

I tell you, beloved, there is a and sinners when it come to dying.

There is going to be a lot of difference at the judgment. When going there to see whether or not I am saved. I am not going there to see whether or not I am going to Heaven, or going to Hell. When I go to the judgment, I am going there for payday. I am going to walk up before the Paymaster. Listen:

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; whose son had died. She knew, that every one may receive the ficulty, and the same God, but things done in his body, according to that he hath done, wheth-

All the good is going to be weighed, and all the bad is going "No, sister, you are wrong. You ence when a child of God comes to be weighed. You may think will see him again. You will see down to the end of the day. He you have seen a lot of good on him at the judgment bar of God, folds his arms across his pulseless the part of your pastor. You may and you will witness against him, breast, and closes his eyes for think you have seen a whole lot for the things that he has done. that last final sleep, and maybe of bad on the part of your pastor. You will see him cast into Hell mumbles. "The Lord is my Shep- But you know, I am not going eternally. Furthermore, you will

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and pull his hair, and curse when My wife looked up at me and to payday for my rewards, when troubles fall on him. Said, This is the happiest day I go to meet God.

But how about the unsaved? goes to the judgment before the fore a court. He wonders what is going to befall him. He knows a vile sinner. He knows that he ought not to do. Therefore, when he comes up to the judgment lot of difference between saints bar of God, he comes there cringing as a coward before the judge. Listen:

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was go to the judgment I am not cast into the lake of fire."-Rev. 20:15.

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I saw a woman some years ago and I knew, and everybody else knew, that he had died, without the Lord. As she turned away er it be good or bad."—II Cor. from the casket, I can hear her 5:10. now as she said, "Goodbye, Son. I'll never see you again." I said.



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"If God's calling to salvation is effectual and irresistible, why then isn't his call to service effectual and irresistible? It is the cry of pastors everywhere today that they can't get the saved to serve the Lord. I believe in this business of effectual calling, but why can't God seem to get his people to serve him after they are saved?

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I believe that God's call to salvation is effectual and irresistable, and I also believe that them." the call to service is also effectual and irresistible.

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power." Eph. 3:7.

You will notice from this verse that Paul says, he was made a minister, and then he tells us how -that by the effectual working of His power. When God calls, the same power that went out in Paul's call, goes out in every call.

Now there may be a feeling of unworthiness on the part of those who are called, but this does not hinder or set aside the call to service. A Biblical illustration of this is found in Ex. 3 where Moses objected to the call on the basis of unworthiness. God knew of his objection beforehand, for He already had-Aaron near to speak for him. If Moses could have successfully resisted the call of God, then Moses would have been God, and thus a sovereign.

The Holy Spirit reveals to us in I Cor. 12:4-10 that there are many different gifts, and diversities of operation or works. Then He tells us how these gifts are divided among the children of God.

"But all these worketh that viding to every man severally as He wills." I Cor. 12:11.

From this verse I gather that the gifts, or the call to service, is not based upon the free will done. of the saint, but upon the choice of the Holy Spirit as He calls men into the service of the Lord.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Eph. 1:18.

This verse is part of the apostles prayer for the saints of God, and in this prayer he is praying for knowledge for the saints concerning God's call to service. He then proceeds to pray that the power of God might be manifested in

"And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power." V. 19.

It is through this power that the saints of God fight the good fight of faith. Even after we are saved, we are but sheep in the pasture of the Shepherd. The sheep is a weak defenseless animal, therefore if we are to be of use in the Master's service, we must be empowered with power from on high. When God puts forth His power, it is irresistible, whether it comes upon the dead sinner or upon the live saint.

I realize that God must guide us, but He doesn't guide on the basis of free will in the sinner or the saint, but on the basis of His will being worked within

"For it is God which worketh you both to will and to do His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13.

"Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Heb. 13:21.

From these verses it is not difficult to see that God's call to service is as effective as in salvation.

The queriest says, "why can't one and the selfsame Spirit, di- God seem to get His people to serve Him after they are saved?"

> question is, it only seems that time when we read it. way to us, for God's will, will be

"He worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Eph. 1:11

We may not walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, but the call is still effective and irresistible. Read Eph. 4:1-3

I believe there are three main chosen the weak things of the reasons why pastors have world to confound the things trouble getting their members to that are mighty." I Cor. 1:26-27. at are mighty." I Cor. 1:26-27. work. There are probably many Here again we see that the others, but as I see it, there choice for service is made by are three main ones. First, I God, and if He made it, then we am persuaded that all too many must contend that it is irresist- pastors are trying to get goats

to produce wool. These goats had resistible conviction that I should 12-15). This is not to be conrather eat the labels off tin cans devote my life to the ministry, with God's calling into s (beer cans preferred). Second, I am also persuaded that many pastors are all mixed up on the to even think of speaking in a preacher, I assure you he subject of serving the Lord. When attendance at church banquets, others have felt the same sense promoting church athletic programs, going from door to door persuading people to sign a card stating that they wish to become a member of the church, and many other things of like nature are termed "serving the Lord," the pastor has been getting his instructions from the wrong headquarters. And the third main reason is the weakness of the flesh on the part of saved people, ("The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak," Mt. 26:41).

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The call to salvation must of necessity be effectual simply because the lost person is spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1, Col. 2:13), and, therefore, he is utterly unable to even desire salvation. A dead person is not aware that he needs anything. But, when we have been saved by the grace of God, that is, we have been quickened (made alive) by His Spirit, we are "alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord," Rom. 6:11. We do not expect a dead person to do anything, but we do expect those who are alive to be doing something. And along with this spiritual life that is imparted unto us goes the responsibility to serve the one who has given us that life. I am persuaded that we can see this responsibility in many Scriptures such as Rom. 6:13 where we read "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead." This word "yield" PARISTANO in the first part of the verse and the word "yield" PARTISTEMI in the second part both mean to present. God sets bounds beyond which we cannot go, but within those bounds we have liberty. If we who are alive unto God have no freedom of choice as to our serving Him, I Cor. 3:11-15 has no meaning at My reply to this part of the all whatever, and we waste our



I don't think that I this question, since it involves the mystery of God's dealings with people. However, there are two suggestions that I would offer: 1. Within a certain limit, I would sav that God DOES effectually call people into specific service. A good illustration is the apostle Paul. Acts 9:15 says "He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings and the children of Israel." Again in Acts 13:2, we find it specifically stated that Paul and Barnabas were called to a certain service. The reading is like this: "The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.'

and I never even considered anything else, although it scared me public. I am confident that many of conviction.

2. My second suggestion is that many don't serve the Lord because of LACK OF GENUINE CONVERSION. Churches of today are running over with unsaved people, and this is largely because of the loose, careless and unscriptural methods of evangelism.

During revivals children are worked on, and sometimes whole Sunday school classes are induced to go forward and make profession of faith, at the special Sunday school hour on Sunday morning. Then the same children are not concerned enough to show up the rest of the week. Many preachers fail to preach the real truth about how to be saved. Such invitations as "Give Jesus your heart," are presented, and people have the notion that they are saved by GIVING the Lord something, instead of RECEIV-ING. Others are invited to "pray through to salvation." No wonder multitudes don't show any interest in the service of God, when they get into a church without even knowing God's way of sal- and see him judged, but yo vation. Preachers need to junk a lot of nice sounding "hooey," and need to get rid of a lot of preacherisms and preacher cliches. No man can make the way of salvation too plain, and let us remember that the devil doesn't mind how much we preach, if only he can get us to pass out traditional "hooey" instead of the word of God.

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of pastors that they can't get anyone to serve the Lord. Perhaps these brethren are trying to do the calling themselves.

It may be that you are referring to the need of Christians to serve the Lord in church work. Let me remind you that God has so ordained that we be responsible for our service. Paul, under inspiration of course (II Tim. 3:16), said, "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly be-Apostle Paul said: loved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord." (Phil. 4:1, 2). Read the rest of for one star differeth fro this chapter in Philippians and you will see that it is written 41 Beloved, it is going to in such a way as to show us that we are responsible for our glorious day when God actions. In fact we are taught some of us like a star, an that we will be judged accordlike a moon, and some pared to give a full answer to ing to our works. (See I Cor. 3: (Continued on page 5, coll OUR LORD PRAYS FOR HIS OWN A STUDY OF JOHN 17 By MARCUS RAINSFORD Cloth-bound — 476 pages. \$4.95 Nothing like it in print!

service, such as the ministri When God calls a man preach. Paul was called on road to Damascus and he not have resisted that call. is no question but what they do as God says. "Now there in the church that was a tioch certain prophets and ers; as Barnabas, and Sime was called Niger, and Luc Cyrene, and Manaen, which been brought up with Hero tetrarch, and Saul. As they istered to the Lord, and the Holy Ghost said, separa Barnabas and Saul for the whereunto I have called And when they fasted and ed, and put their hands on they sent them away." (Ac 1-3). Please notice that the no question but what they do the work that the Holy had for them. God calls, an serves Him. Sometimes we be prone to get overly

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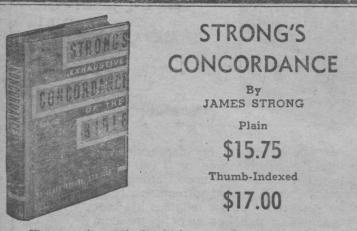
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There is going to be a difference throughout all t ture, beyond the judgment saved people are going to their future in a lake whereas the child of God ing to be spending eternit. the Lord Jesus Christ. B for once I am going to be majority up there. I have known what it was to be majority. I have always sented a minority. I repre minority so far as preach concerned. About all the ers in the country beli Santa Claus and the Easte ny, but me. One preache "You are the craziest know of. Every year my at Christmas time gives appliance of some kind, you would keep your moul you would get the same Well, beloved, I am not forward to getting thing keeping my mouth shut. looking forward to paydal the Lord is going to gi some things because I kel mouth open, and preached the things of the world.

"There is one glory of th and another glory of the and another glory of the other star in glory."-I



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ask you, beloved, who made the difference? I started out by Ving there is no difference be-" us - that in the sight of liffere we all have the same kind hature. I repeat, before we te saved, there is no difference, We are different when we Saved. Now who made the lifference?

"Oh, I came to a mourner's pastor. I prayed through." "astor, I joined the church." astor, I quit my meanness." "Pastor, I turned over a new "Pastor, I, I, I, . . ." Just up beloved. You don't even the first thing about who the difference. This text For who maketh thee to from another?" Beloved, it who made the difference. hadn't made the differwe would be right back Wallowing in sin today, ke every other sinner. You be a sinner just like every ^{Magh't made the difference.} unsaved person, if God

is a third thought-no and yet different, and indifferent. Let me disas last thought only briefread:

that pass by? Behold, and there be any sorrow like my sorrow, which is done wherewith the Lord afflicted me in the day of erce anger."-Lam. 1:12.

ings so carelessly, so far things of the world are me. ned. Would to God that sage would be the means king you loose from your and your indifference. to God it might cause you better Christian — a bet-

It is better to be slandered by some men than to be praised by others.

indifferent, in that we have failed Him. God revealed, made known, HIS LOVE WAS ACCORDING him. to live for the Lord as we should. and manifested His love toward May God bless you if you are us when He gave His Son.

begin to walk a little closer by and family, and then I never sup-His side. May you cease from ported them, and I had nothing to do with them, you would say, unsaved, may the Lord reach "That man isn't telling the truth. He doesn't love his family. If he did, he would do something about it."

> In the Bible, we see God loved us, and He did something about it. Thank God, He proved His love for us.

"Herein is love, not that we God of Heaven loved us, we were loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the pro-"Moreover, brethren, I declare pitiation for our sins."-I John

> How did God manifest His love toward us? We find the love of God manifested toward us, in that He gave His Son, and I want

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you to see the things that have befallen His Son because God did love us. Everything that I am going to read concerning the Son of God, God Himself determined.

"Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common do that? They did that because hall, and gathered unto him the Think about that! Why did God whole band of soldiers. And they love me? Why did God love you? stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had

TO HIS DETERMINATE COUNSEL

God determined everything that happened to the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We know this is true, because it is revealed to us within His Word.

"Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have iaken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain."-Acts 2:23.

He was delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God. Thus we know that everything we read about Him was determined by the Father to come upon Him.

You say, "Well, it was determined that He was delivered, but not that He should suffer the things wherewith they insulted Him. In Acts, we find that the church was praying. Peter and John had been turned loose and they went to their own company and reported unto them all the things that had happend unto them. They prayed, and here is what they said:

ORDINANCES "For of a truin against my holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel DETERMINED before to be done."-Acts 4:27, 28.

> Thus God did deliver Jesus up, and everything they did to Him was determined by Almighty God, the Father, to be done unto the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall God. see his seed."-Isa. 53:10.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."—Isa. 53:6.

Now that is love. That is God's love. The Scripture said when • What about a universal - invisible they had fulfilled all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the cross. They ful-

My brother, my sister, I thank God for that love. Herein is love. God revealed his love by the things He did.

Now it is easy to love the lovely, isn't it? It is rather hard to love the unlovely, although we are commanded to love them.

THE EFFECTS OF HIS LOVE

I want you to notice the effects of God's love in His children. In Hebrews 11:36-38, it tells us that they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, and tormentthe love of God was in them. That was the effect of God's love in them.

I read in Foxe's "Life of Martyrs" where it tells us that because of a man's love for the Lord Jesus Christ, he was flayed alive. sons of Jacob are not consumed." didn't know what the word

was the effect of God's love in

Revelation 12:11 says:

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

We see in the book of Revelation that there shall be given a mark in the hand or in the forehead, and those that will not receive that mark shall be put to death any way that the Devil sees fit. But we also see in Revelation 7 that there were 144,000 servants of God sealed in the forehead and they shall be killed, murdered, and plundered because they love the Lord-because God's love is in them. That is the effects of God's love with-

Then right on the heels of that, there is an innumerable host of people of all nations. kindreds, and people, and tongues, and tribes that stood before the throne with palms in their hands, dressed in white robes. One of the elders said, "Who are these?" And he said, "Sir, thou knowest." He answered, "These are they that came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The only reason on this earth that they would ever do that would be because they love the Lord Jesus Christ, and not because what they have done, or could attain unto, but because of what God has done for them, in that the love of God has been shed abroad in their hearts by the Holy Spirit, which has been given unto them. I thank my God and Father for the love of

WHOM GOD LOVED

Now whom did He love, and how did He love them?

"Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."-John 13:1.

God loved them unto the end. God never ceases to love His own. I am grateful for that.

In Jeremiah 31:3, He tells them that He loves them with an everlasting love. That is God's love. In John 6:37, Jesus said:

"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

Why will they come? Because they are given. Because God loved them.

Then we see the everlasting eternal security of those that God loves, for Jesus said:

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him ed. My friends, why did they up at the last day."-John 6:39. Jesus also said:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."-John 6:44.

The Lord tells us that He doesn't change, for He says:

"I change not; therefore ye -Mal. 3:6.

"I am the good shepherd: the

good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."-John 10:11.

for us. "Greater love hath no man than

friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."—John 15:13, 14.

I do not know why God loved me. I don't know that I have appeal to those of you who that reveals to me why God loved ever found a verse of Scripture ed, yet you are so indif- me. If you know why God loved am so indifferent. We you, or if you can figure it out, I would like for somebody to tell

WHY DID HE LOVE US

Why, I do not know.

"In this was manifested the platted a crown of thorns, they child of God — a better man love of God toward us, because put it upon his head, and a reed better woman — a better ant of the Lord. Would that the arouse that God sent his only begotten in his right hand: and they bow-Son into the world, that we might ed the knee before him, and live through him."-I John 4:9. mocked him, saying! Hail, King your indifference! Here is the manifestation of the of the Jews! there is no difference be-fested the love of God toward sinners. All have the same us. God revealed His love, or Yot Yet we are different, manifested, or made known His are saved, because God love toward us, because God sent robe off from him, and put his the difference. Then His only begotten Son into the own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him JEHOVAH OF THE they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come WATCHTOWER unio a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, By WALTER MARTIN and They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he NORMAN KLANN had tasted thereof, he would not drink. And they crucified him, 201 Pages-Clothbound and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled \$3.95 which was spoken by the pro-This is the best exposure of the heresies of the Russellites phet, They parted my garments Rutherfordites that we have ever seen or read. It covers the among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitry, the doctrines, and the anti-Biblical teachings of the ting down they watched him ament. We thoroughly commend it to our readers.

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unto you the gospel which I 4:10. preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ve stand; By which also ye are saved, if you keep in memory what preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."-I Cor. 15:1-3.

THE MANNER OF HIS LOVE

Here we can see the manner of God's love. This reveals to us how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. We were in sin when He died for us. That reveals in deed and in truth that He must have loved us. because He died for us.

We take knowledge concerning the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ for us, and that while we were in sin He suffered for us.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us

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to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit." — I Pet. 3:18.

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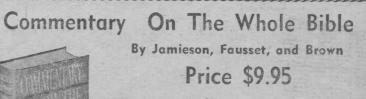
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"flayed" meant, so I looked it up, and found it mean "skinned." that the sons of Jacob have done, In other words, he was skinned and also the things that they alive because he loved the Lord have failed to do. We see all of

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(Continued from page five) the disobediences toward God the Father, but we see that God doesn't change toward them; therefore they are not consumed. In Romans 9:3 we read:

"For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

That is the Apostle Paul. He could only wish that concerning his kinsmen, because the love of God was in him. Before the love of God was in him, he killed, and plundered, and murdered them.

Then notice:

'That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed."-Rom. 9:8.

He said, "Abraham, I will give you a seed." Here he could wish himself accursed from Christ for brethren, his kinsmen, according to the flesh. But he said, the children of the flesh are not the 17:5. children of promise."

My friends, God loved a people with an everlasting love, and He promised that people unto Abraham, and God Almighty put himself under oath that he would see to it that he should have these children.

God said:

'By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand the which is upon the sea shore and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies."-Gen. 22:16, 17.

In Galatians 3:10 we read:

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

In Galatians 3:13 we see that: "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

Who put Christ on the tree? The wicked people? No, God did. God put His Son there,

Then we read:

"Whom ye slew and hanged on a tree."-Acts 5:30.

That was an accursed day. They spit upon Him - they crowned Him with thorns-they put Him to death-they gambled for His clothes-they divided His clothes among them. That was Christ, but it should have been you; it should have been me. He was only suffering this because God loved you, and God loved me. We should have had that done to us. And my brother, my sister, I was not worthy of that. I did not attain unto that. I did no work for that. That was because of God's love.

Why did God love me? We He said:

read: known, endured with much long might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory."-Rom. 9:22, 23.

Why did God love you, and why did God love me, and afore prepare you, and me unto Glory? do not know, do you? The Lord Jesus Christ forsook everything to come to this earth to love you and me.

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." ---Cor. 8:9.

HE FORSOOK ALL FOR US There He forsook riches and there He forsook glory.

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." - John and they will end in hell. It is

He forsook Glory to come here and take our place. He forsook glory to come and die. He forsook glory to come here and shed His blood. He forsook glory to redeem us. He forsook glory because God predetermined that He of God. should come. He said, "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." Then later on He said "The cup that my Father giveth me, shall I not drink it?" Certainly, my brother, my sister, that was God's love. He forsook home to come here. He said:

"The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."-Mt. 8:20.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us. He revealed His love to us.

The Lord Jesus Christ said to Peter, "Lovest thou me?" Three times He asked that, and three times Peter said, "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs; feed my sheep." Peter needed the love of Jesus Christ.

First, he sustained him in his denial of the Lord Jesus Christ. Love will sustain us where that nothing else will sustain us. Peter needed the love of the Lord Jesus Christ to sustain him in the present occupation that Jesus was going to give him, and that "Feed, my lambs; feed my was, sheep."

Then Peter needed that love to sustain him in the coming death that he must die. He said, in sub-stance, "When you were young, you girded yourself; when you are old, you'll stretch forth your hand and another shall gird you, thus signifying by what death he should glorify God." He needed that love to sustain him when he was to die a death to glorify God.

We see in the Word of God that Jesus Christ said that God loves us as He loved Christ, and

his wrath, and to make his power with me where I am; that they about John 1:1 that says, "In the override man's mighty so may behold my glory, which thou suffering the vessels of wrath hast given me; for thou lovest the same logic he will have to vice, after every stunt had fitted to destruction: And that he me before the foundation of the deny the eternal existence of the by sadly saying, "Poor Got world."-John 17:24.

How we thank God for the love of God and what it means to us today.



Election

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to saddle onto them rank old Hardshellism. For instance, he keeps telling us that we who are Calvinistic in our views believe that God elected certain ones from eternity to be saved and that he elected the rest to be damned, without mercy. But I don't believe anything of the kind. God doesn't have to elect men to eternal damnation. All that is needed is to let them go the way THEY WANT TO GO, false to picture men craving, wanting, and begging the water of life, while God callously refuses it to them. To every offer of life eternal they say "No!" Every one of us would do this, were it not for the elective grace

- He pictures Calvinists as 3 teaching that the elect were saved in eternity before they ever existed. And he says, that he will

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join the Calvinists if they can point out one Scripture that says that anybody was saved in eternity. He is safe here, for we don't teach any such stuff. We believe that God chose or elected certain ones in eternity, and we believe it because the Bible says, (Eph. 1:4) "He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world." But people are saved in time, when God GIVES them repentance and faith.

4-He takes the foolish position that to use his own expression "God's decrees are based upon His foreknowledge." That makes poppycock out of the decrees and election of God. No use to decree something that He sees will come to pass anyhow! The basic question here is the ques-tion, "Who is running this universe — God or mere creatures?" If God has to wait until he sees what men are going to choose, before He makes a choice, then His choice is determined by and is subservient to men's choices. This is a good sample of Arminianism — big man and little God. No, the determinative thing is not foreknowledge concerning what men will choose, it is the eternal purpose of God. 5 — Bro. Jackson twists mightily in his effort to make 2 Thess. 2:13 fit into his theory. It reads, "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation." He says, "Calvinists claim that the term 'beginning' means in eternity." Then he takes some unparallel Scriptures where "beginning" is mentioned, in the attempt to prove it, like Mark 1:1 'The beginning of the gospel." But what about Gen. 1:1 "In

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"Father, I will that they also, the BEGINNING God created the people but they just would like "What if God, willing to shew whom thou hast given me, be heavens and the earth?" What him! And of course God course BEGINNING was the Word?" By Savior, and this I am sure he would not try to do.

Turning now from Bro. Jackson — a good man gone wrong of all that sentimental stuff on election—let me suggest some reasons why election has been such a blessing to me through the years. Many seem to think that electionists are a stern, hard jawed, forbidding, cold hearted people. I recall being at a social Daniel describes when h gathering in a Christian home. My views on election and antiworldliness had been exaggerated in the thinking of some. A woman who was a stranger saw me across the room and asked, Who is that man?" "That is Bro. Mason" was the reply. "No, it can't be" exclaimed the woman. "Why, I saw him laugh a moment ago." There are others who would insist that a predestinarian must be a person without a sense of humor, hard, cold, merciless. This is an unjust caricature. In the providence of God I was stopped on my way to hell, and was led to turn to Christ. I shall never forget how the truth warmed my heart when I learned from the Bible that God had me in His plans back in eternity, and when I learned that what seemed the chance word that stopped me and caused me to consider my lost condition, was not chance at all, but God's preordained means designed for that purpose. But let me tell you more specifically how election has been a blessing to me.

1-ELECTION HAS KEPT ME FROM UNSCRIPTURAL METH-ODS IN MY MINISTRY.

You have all probably seen what is yet in store tricky stunts and methods used in evangelism, in which people were manipulated into making professions of faith. Nearly all of such trickery has its foundation in Arminianism. The preacher thinks that it is up to him to get people converted, and one can picture such a preacher thinking back over a service and saying to himself, "If only I had used a few more propositions, maybe more people would have been saved." Churches are filled with people who are unsaved, largely because they were manipulated and propositioned into coming forward and making a profession. But the and may lose their salva man who believes in Bible election, doesn't feel obligated to try tricks and stunts to get converts. He faithfully preaches the gospel, and earnestly pleads with the lost, and if he doesn't have a host of professions, he can go home feeling that he has done all that God led him to do. Speaking for myself, throughout the years of my ministry I have been greatly dation of the world (B blessed with numbers, but these have not been obtained through throne of God. It would human schemes. I have sought to proclaim the gospel and have appealed to the lost, always with the knowledge that "as many as were ordained to eternal life" would believe, and that none

others would. 2-ELECTION KEEPS ME

will! One preacher closed God!" He was so badly it of followers, and no one follow him! I am sick and God trying to save peop can't. I am glad it's a lie glad that all of that stuff man's will being too hard fo to crack is balderdash! Th of the Bible is the God "He doeth according to h in the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the ear none can stay his hand. 4:35).

3-ELECTION GUARAN FULFILLMENT O THE OF PROPHECY ERY BIBLE.

Just remember this: Pr is nothing more or less that DETERMINED EVENTS. who deny the Bible doc election and predes would, if they were col deny the validity of all God elected that ecy. should come to earth, and should be born in Bethleh matter what any man o men should will about th HE HAD TO BE ter, THERE. It required an ed the Roman emperor that sus should be taken of the empire in order to bring and Mary to Bethlehem right time, but God saw to it happened. To hold the predetermines the event phecy but doesn't pred that certain ones shall be is shallow inconsistency

No one on this earth world, except those who believe the prophesies Bible. But we who take for what it says, know has a great future in s know that Christ will that he will take over ernment of this earth, he shall reign "until he all enemies under his fe

4-ELECTION GUARA THE ETERNAL SECUR EVERY BELIEVER.

It is noteworthy that nominations that in their ings hold that saved pe Arminian in their theology person who believes that person can be lost is whether he realizes it or every person who is not a believer in unconditional ought to be consistent e believe in "falling from All of those who were to eternal life" before margin) will show up an the whole plan of God sh fail to do so.

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the close of the recent World elism Conference, in Ger-Bro. C. E. Autrey, met some of the Southern Bapour generation. I could elp but wonder is this an on that we do not have now? It is a known fact we modern Christians are Betting the saving power of know that there are sixtyig at the rate of a thousyear. There are ten thouwns and villages in the thirty thousand other orld situation grows more and tense day by day. we frantically spin our the percentage of Chrisgrow fewer and fewer by oment, while the lost masultiply. The line that seppaganism grows thinner

World's population increascrease. of this world to Christ.

What Is The Answer?

church buildings for the in a year. centuries. We (Southern start 10,769,538 new would be about one tril- rolled in their Sunday School ars. The population of the Would have to start 21,- three a whole year to win one. new churches at the ering cost of two trillion dol-

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the printed page. This too is impossible. About three-fifths of the world makes less than fifty dollars annually. So if our government would give us ten hours free time per week and let us eaders and discussed with world we could not evangelize it broadcast to every country in the plan to evangelize the by this method for the simple reason there would be no tele- ceived a letter from my grandvisions to see it by.

If a printing firm printed for into the hearts of the willing to distribute these to evof the world. It is shock- ery living soul on this planet, we could not evangelize it for the dead churches right simple reason that about three-America. Rural churches fifths of the world cannot read. The answer to this is obviously, "No."

The only answer is a return to States without an open New Testament evangelism. For tinues to answer prayer. I say eighteen hundred years now there continues, because time after have no resident pastor. has been a lost art. This art is personal evangelism. The two father's prayers. For instance, basic methods of the New Testa- grandbaw praved for my sister. Personal Evangelism. Both of saved, my mother was revived, these methods began to dim by and I was saved. My cousins who controversy and apostasy . . . this an uncle who is now going to brought about the dark ages. church. My grandmother men-This was the situation until the tioned it in this letter. Well, I seventy million last year, reformation. Luther's reforma- have heard my grandfather menwe the best, most dedicated tion was a revival of theology. tion him in prayer, missionaries in the He left Eschatology and missions They won fifty thousand out. He re-discovered the truth tinued to pray for me, I rejoiced people to Christ, this is that every Christian is a priest. cent of one days popula- The great truth every Christian God has continued to answer These dedicated is a prophet has not been re-diswere forced to begin 1967, covered until this day. Mass 23 hours and 52 minutes Evangelism was re-discovered by At this rate if the popula- the Wesleys and Whitefield. For to stop now, if not an- the past two hundred years we Was born it would take have only known Mass Evangeyears to win the lost lism and Enlistment Evangelism. The end result is we have produced a generation that knows rippling on water from the force ^{Inore} churches. If this is ism. Now only three out of a hun-Christ intended then the dred Southern Baptists ever make blocks). Grandma clasped us to did not know it. There an effort to win another to Christ

Our Enlistment Evangelism has have been two hundred not been successful. Within rearting thirty-three thous- cent years one large state conwches, with an average vention enrolled less than one PERIENCE. ship of 325 per church. If new member per Sunday School to church the world's in a whole year. One church with Population now we would some fifty-five adult classes confessed they had fewer than one at \$60,000.00 per church dozen unsaved adult people en-

Will double by the close one year to win one. In 1900 it In 1850 it took five Christians century, or the next thirty took fourteen a year to win one. This means if we were to In 1919 it took twenty-one a year the world in our genera- to win one. Today it takes thirty-

The question we face is did



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God Answers Prayer

Just this past weekend I remother, whom I suppose I love more dearly than any one else in us three billion, six hundred mil- the world except Jesus. It was a lion copies of the plan of salva- little saddening in one respect, for tion free and if we had people she told of how much worse they had been, and how grandfather now has Diabetes.

But in another respect it was quite cheering, because she told how she and grandpaw (as I like to call him) prayed for us every night. It was cheering, for it reminded me that God contime he has answered my grand-

So when I read that they conand was cheered by it, because their prayers over the years. I well remember one day, when my school, a storm was coming up. Grandpaw was not at home, but Grandma was. As the storm rose of the wind which blew under dead. her (Joy was six and I was about eight) and she cried out JUST THAT. WHAT AN EX-

Just here I recall Paul's words concerning prayer:

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4: 6, 7).

Jesus mean what He said? Was task is not impossible. It can be was in the home of a very fine PERSONAL WITNESSING. THIS is impossible. In order He a mere dreamer when He done by Baptists alone in seven layman. He had been this boy's IS THE ONLY METHOD THAT pastors for these we commissioned His church commissioned His church to years. It has been established that Sunday School teacher when he CAN POSSIBLY WORK ... HOW evangelize the world? Is it an if each person hearing some gos- was a Junior. His eyes moistened SHALL THEY HEAR? THEY have to double our memand have everyone of have everyone of impossible task? The answer to sip would pass it along to two when he told me how glad he WiLL HEAR PERSONALLY OR question one is "Yes." He did other people within fifteen min- was the boy was saved. I felt NOT AT ALL. are going it would take mean what He said. If He didn't utes the entire world would know million years "to church we cannot justify our existence, about it within eight hours. The unless we are of the social gospel tragedy is we are not spreading will be able to witness question is, "No." He was not a combat division on Okinawa An Exposition World by Tel-star or by dreamer; He was a realist. The heard of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt by short wave of twelve minutes after he had died at Warm Springs, Georgia. Christ One of the Greatest Books Hebrews died for the sins of the world alof All-Time most two-thousand years ago and 58 per cent of the world has never heard His name. **Christian Martyrs** By Some years ago India, with four hundred and eighty million peo-A. W. PINK Of The World ple, was taking a census. They started at noon and were to be finished by evening. Every living By JOHN FOXE over 1300 pages soul was to be enrolled. This (1517-1587) could be done. There were two-2 volumes hundred thousand workers. This \$3.95 made the difference. Think what eleven million Southern Baptists \$11.95 could do in one day if they would. If we get the work of evangelism the all-time great Christian classics, this book tells the of the saints' martyrdom at the hands of both heathen done, God's people, all of them, Romanist. Beginning with the early church and the aposare going to have to get on the This is the most thorough and the most complete job. goes through history, telling of the faith of those who not their lives even unto death. exposition of Hebrews ever printed. Packed with ser-I believe our people want to do something about our world. Our mon material. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH THE BAPTIST EXAMINER P. O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky, 41101 P. O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101 **APRIL 22, 1967** PAGE SEVEN

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people are tired of "church visitation." They are tired of a lot of things. If you think I am all wet talk to some of your honest laymen. The type of so-called evangelism we are asking our people to participate in has no romance or challenge to it.

During the holidays, a college ment was Mass Evangelism and my mother, and me. My sister was girl called me. She was trying to raise some money to go to the west coast, to California, to atthe close of the second century were in trouble in St. Louis, have tend a conference on Soul Winand had passed off the scene by all pretty well straightened out. ning. Why? Why did she feel she between Christianity and the close of the fourth due to Grandpaw prayed for them. I have needed to do this? Why wasn't this done in a local Baptist Church?

How many of our churches teach their college young people how to win others to Christ before they go away to college? I confess I do not agree with all Campus Crusade does, or doesn't do. Neither do I agree with a program that hires 200 workers and spends one million dollars to win sister and I came home from two hundred students to Christ in a year. I do not agree with a program that allows a "Moslem" student to remain on the campus in fury, I could actually see the of a Christian college almost a floor making motions like waves year without ever hearing that Christ had been raised from the

I get rather disturbed when I am ushered into a Junior or Intermediate department during a Sunday morning of a revival to loud, "O Lord help us! Keep us have an evangelistic service. This safe! Save us!" and GOD DID is better than nothing I agree. is better than nothing I agree. Wouldn't it be much better to train these teachers and students to be soul winners, letting them have the thrill and joy of winning their friends and pupils to Christ? Wouldn't it do something to your church if teachers and class members walked down the aisle of your church Sunday after Sunday with people they had won. Why don't they? Whose fault is it?

> I was in a home some weeks cause ago. The pastor and I had gone to visit a teenage boy and I won IF THE WORLD IS TO EVER him and his brother to Christ. I HEAR IT WILL BE THROUGH

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someone had robbed this fine layman of a blessing. Why didn't he have the joy of winning this boy years before? Was it because he didn't care? No! He loves the Lord and lost souls. He is faithful and supports his church and the of missions around the world.

Scriptural church have been es-

and an and an

Palms and Willows

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or poor, wise or unwise, saved

or lost—our life is a mixture of

palm trees growing in the sun,

and drooping willows of the

brook. There is a time to laugh

and a time to weep. Our smiles

and our sighs, our triumphs and

trials, our pleasures and pains,

(Eccl. 3). Our feast days are of-

ten followed by fast days; one

day we are pierced, the next we

The Israelites had to bring both

palms and willows before the

Lord in the spirit of praise. The

lesson here for us is that we must

bless God for the things we do not

like as well as for the things we

do like (Eph. 5:20; II Cor. 12:9-

sons slain, possessions plundered,

and was smitten with a loathsome disease, yet he said, "What? Shall

we receive good at the hand of the

yet will I trust him" (Job 2:10;

13:15). Shortly, Job learned that

beneficial palms (Job 42:10-16).

Heaven nothing but palms will

ever grow. When John was grant-

ticed that the saints were clothed

hands. There will be no weeping

willows in Heaven (Rev. 7:9).

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Election

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earth and themselves. Crime is

happily and optimistically on, for

Though He slay me.

providently intermingled

palms may indicate.

are

evil?

are praised.

Fred W. Roberts

(Continued from page one) in love. Brother Halliman and I both think it is real love. They want to get married in the worst way, but he cannot get enough pigs at one time to pay the bride price; consequently, they can't get married. Brother Halliman wives is heathen, but it will take a long time to change them.

young couple came to discuss their marriage plans. They had woman decided she doesn't love him. After talking to them for a not want to marry him that he the bride she had to live with

their business what they wanted marriage. to do. They could get married native style if they wanted. If as there is always something said, "All that the Father giveth hell, angels, Satan e he forced the issue, she would going on like this. "For I am me SHALL COME UNTO ME, answers the ultimate que have to marry him.

to get married. They were both saved and both said they loved has taught them that buying the other. Brother Halliman married them. That night the bride ran home to her mamma. The I had a case yesterday where groom came to Brother Halliman the next day to see what should be done. This case became inbeen espoused early in life. Later volved. While the man was talkboth were saved. The man is a ing to Brother Halliman about preacher and doctor boy; and he what should be done, one of the wants to get married, and the other natives spoke up. He told pigs have all been paid. The Brother Halliman that the marriage should be annulled. When Brother Halliman asked him why, while, I told them I would not he replied that he had loaned marry any couple unless they the groom some pigs for the both loved each other. The man bridal price. He wanted it anasked me if he should get his nulled so he could get get his pigs back. I told him if she did pigs back. Brother Halliman told

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weapons will not destroy man everything will not go to the bad.

> and a happy ending. As we read Psalm 119:104, 105. the last chapters of God's Book,

should get them back. It was the groom or he would annul the We electionists don't believe any ings excel all other books." such poppycock! We know that else can you find the answ Life is really interesting here Jesus spoke the truth when he such subjects as God, he jealous over you with godly jeal- and him that cometh unto me I such as: (1) Where did I ousy: for I have espoused you will in nowise cast out." Jesus from . . . God created me In a case Brother Halliman to one husband, that I may pre- has taught us to pray, "Thy will Why am I here on this dealt with, a couple came to him sent you as a chaste virgin to be done on earth as it is done in ... to glorify God and enjo Christ." - II Cor. 11:2. We who heaven," and we know that this forever; (3) And where an are saved and a member of a will come to pass.

6-ELECTION GUARANTEES pends on your coming to poused by the Father to Christ. THE SUCCESS OF THOSE as Savior. Psalm 12:6. Pr WHOM GOD CALLS AND 9:10. SENDS FORTH.

It makes us missionary for we Bible was in composition believe in the sovereignty of some 1600 years in dil God, and our Sovereign tells us countries, in various lang to go into all the world and with some 40 different preach the gospel. When we with all sorts of occupation No matter who we are-rich preach what God tells us to, we der varying conditions an are guaranteed success, for God in rare occasions did they has said, "My word shall not re- each other, yet it is one turn unto me void." We don't coherent, progressive in the have to trick people, we don't yet fully complete. This have to resort to all sorts of un- never been duplicated. Jo ethical schemes to succeed. Under 35. Most people do not kn Biblical preaching God's elect main character, theme, and will be called out, and in the end Eph. 1:4-14. EVERY SINGLE ONE IN GOD'S ELECTIVE PLAN WILL SHOW UP IN THE PRESENCE OF minute ways, complete, for GOD. There won't be the slight- ing of events and persons est failure! Hallaleujah!

I close with a personal word. I even today's and tomorrow have spent more than 50 years in the gospel ministry, and am what II Tim. 3. is sometimes termed a "senior citizen." The rest of this present life, may be counted in months, but I am not gloomy. Through show the hero's faults a the years I have believed in a as well as his good points 10). Job had his home burned, sovereign God who predestinates is always given but sin i all things according to his sov- condoned. ereign will. I think that He pre- author is God even though determined the fields in which I man writers record the " should labor, and that he used Lord and shall we not receive me as a means of reaching his elect. Praise God, there have he could. been many of these! Election has cheered me and encouraged me message. No problem in the greatest of all Gardeners is all along the way, and I know life is left out. From able to transform willows into that he holds the future in his death, from youth to a hands just as he has held the we find God dealing w It is blessed to realize that in past. Satan won't win out! He areas of life. The story won't get any soul predetermined from eternity past to etern to salvation! My own future is ed the vision of Heaven, he no- completely safe in his hands, and when it is sunset for me on the contains history, philosoph in white and had palms in their shores of time, it will be dawn chology, sociology, genetic and sunrise upon the hills of tronomy, etc. eternity!

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2. It is indestructible. Nations. kings, emperors, and all sorts of tists — some of them, predict that rulers have tried to destroy it. is our standard for rig human beings will destroy the Atheists have ridiculed it; philosphers have brought scorn upon believe the Bible? "to who growing tremendously and dire it; even religious leaders have we go ... predictions are made as to the denied its authority but the Book nal life? (John 6:68) "yea, outcome. All sorts of gloomy pre- still stands. The Bible may be dictions are being made, but we neglected, yet it still remains the Rom. 3:3,4. unconditional electionists can go best seller. I Peter 1:23-25.

3. The Bible is always fresh. It we know exactly how it will all is an ancient book yet it is up to turn out. We know that atomic date. It never grows old. It was good years ago and it will be good and the earth. We know that tomorrow. Old grandma or young junior can read it and obtain How? We know it because we some spiritual help. You can read have God's chart for the future, it through over and over and and he has predetermined the each time you are delighted with continuation of the earth, the re- "new" truth. Its message will turn of Christ, his Millenial reign, speak to you! Hebrews 4:12,

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5. It has marvelous unity

6. It has prophetic trut find prophecies given in de centuries before fulfillment ditions are revealed. Matthe

7. The unusual honesty writers. They write of the well as the good. The This shows the Man could not make such if he would, and would

8. The completeness ture. What books deal w tremendous sweep? II Pete

9. The character of thos love this Book. You will find the finest, the noble the righteous aligned on t of the Bible. You will not the wicked and sinful fo

pose it. II Cor. 2:17. Without this divine Boo wrong? What if people for the words be true and every man

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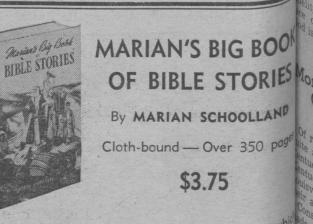
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