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

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HERE IS THE FOURTH INSTALLMENT OF . . .

A Series On Tribal Customs In New Guinea

ELD. FRED T. HALLIMAN
 (New Guinea Missionary)

the age of the widow and the man's wealth. The relationship between step-parents and step-

the case of an illegitimate child that is usually cared for by the mother.



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Adoption
 Children are adopted only within a clan. The child then has all the rights and privileges belonging to a child that is not adopted. The step-father weaves aprons and belts for the boys and the mother i.e. step-mother, weaves string bags for him, in the case of a girl the mother makes the skirts and string bags. The child inherits clan ground from his dead father and from his step-father. The parents of the adopted girl receive the bride price of the girl when she is married. Now that tribal warfare has been subdued by the Government there are not too many orphans. A man might buy a widow and all of her children for 8 to 16 pigs depending on

children are primarily the same as that of blood relationship. In

Taboos
 With the introduction of Christianity and as a result of some folk being saved many of the taboos described here have either completely disappeared or are on their way out. The Duna men believe that women are essentially dangerous, particularly during menstruation, therefore social contacts with women are kept to a bare minimum. It was taboo for a woman to be in the clearing around a man's house and he would not disgrace himself by going into her house. Women are not allowed on men's trails and even now since roads have begun to be built when a woman meets a man she usually steps down into the side ditch until he goes (Continued on page 8, column 1)

The Near East Crisis And What It Could Mean To Us

MILBURN COCKRELL, HENLEYVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Muslim president of the United Arab Republic (Egypt), touched off global concern when he recently demanded the withdrawal of a 14,000-man United Nations surveillance force from the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula, where Israel and Egypt meet. Nasser also announced a blockade against Israeli shipping at the Strait of Tiran. This stopped Israeli ships from entering and leaving the Gulf of Aqaba and halted Israeli shipping from the port of Elath at the southern tip of Israel.

us weekly confirm the presence of the age long animosity between Isaac and Ishmael. Whether it be repeated incidents along the Gaza Strip, or war over the Gulf of Aqaba, we are reminded repeatedly that the contention between the sons of Abraham is not yet at an end.

Nothing less than the complete extinction and annihilation of Israel has been the goal and aim of the Ishmaelites down the course of their national history (Ps. 38:1-8). When Nehemiah was rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, he was opposed by the Arabians, the sons of Ishmael (Neh. 2:19; 4:7; 6:1). Centuries later the blessed Son of God was on trial for his life before Herod, a son of Ishmael. In our time the Ishmaelites are among the greatest adversaries of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

From Dan. 11:42 we may note that sometime before the Battle of Armageddon, the Antichrist (Israel's king at that time) will attack the land of Egypt. Could this mean that the rapture is to occur very shortly??? Time will tell.

TWO VIEWS OF BILLY THE HERETIC

A Tulsa traffic cop called it the biggest traffic jam since Dick Nixon's 1960 campaign visit. Close to 25,000 people — in 10,000 cars — turned out when Evangelist Billy Graham, 48, came to town to help fellow evangelist and millionaire, Oral Roberts, 49, dedicate his new Oral Roberts University, whose philosophy of education is 'to develop the mind, the body — and the soul.' Set on a 450-acre campus in suburban Tulsa, the modernistic school already has an enrollment of 456 students, mostly children of Oral Roberts' 'Pentecostal Holiness' followers. And Graham predicted a vast spread of religious education in the U. S., with O.R.U. leading the path, then thundered: 'This institution ever moves away from faith in the Bible and the Word of God, then let us pronounce a curse on it.' 'Amen,' cried the crowd. (Time, April 1967.)

The great theologians of today are: Rudolf Bultman, Karl Barth, Paul Brunner, Reinhold Niebuhr, Paul Tillich, and Carl Henry. (from the booklet, "Evangelism and the Church Today," by Billy Graham).

THE TRUTH

RADIO MESSAGE DELIVERED BY BRO. WILLINGHAM IN PASTOR GILPIN'S ABSENCE.

By JIM WILLINGHAM
 Ashland, Kentucky

In John 18:38, there is recorded this question: "What Is Truth?" It was the question of Pontius Pilate. It is still the question of every skeptic, and agnostic, and atheist, and infidel, and unbeliever, and doubter in the world today. But like Pontius Pilate, they do not expect an answer, and, like Pontius Pilate, they do not get one.

You will note that although Pilate asked Jesus Himself, yet he did not receive an answer. Why? Well, I am sure that you have heard many answers, but I am going to give you the Lord's own answer. Listen. The Word of God tells us in Matthew 13:11:

"He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

And in Luke 8:10:
 "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand."

And in John 12:39, 40 we read:
 "Therefore they could not be-

lieve, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their

has said, it is not given unto them to know it. But to some it is given. Jesus said:

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."—John 8:32.

Now beloved brethren, the Bible also says:

"He is the rock, his work is perfect; for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."—Deut. 32:4.

To know the truth, then, is to know God, for God is a God of truth. And, to know the truth is to know the Son of God, for Christ is the truth. Jesus said:

"All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal (Continued on page 5, column 3)



ELDER JAMES WILLINGHAM

heart, and be converted, and I should heal them."

So you see that some could not, and some now, cannot know and believe the truth, because, as He

MOCK MILLENNIUM

The Bible plainly teaches us that Christ will return one day to reign over the nations, and every time God starts to do something the Devil comes up with a counterfeit. And so it is that Satan is up to his old tricks again by trying to bring in a false millennium.

Here in our country, and in the region beyond, socialistic politicians and religious liberals are doing their utmost to bring about a "Great Society." This they propose to do by education, sanitation, legislation and organization. To aid this program they promulgate the "Fatherhood of God" and the "Brotherhood of Man," the very spirit of Antichrist. These efforts, though noble in the eyes of the mere man of the earth, are but the vain efforts of old Adam to regain his lost Paradise and to build the Kingdom without the King. One of these days religious liberals and socialistic politicians will realize that they have been looking toward and working for Satan's millennium.

Even the true churches are being influenced to a degree by (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"APOSTASY PREDICTED"

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."—Amos 8:11.

There is a famine, generally speaking, so far as truth is concerned. I'd like to read to you a half dozen Scriptures to show you that this famine is merely a fulfilling of Scripture, and that apostasy is definitely predicted in the Word of God.

We read:
 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the

church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall GRIEVOUS WOLVES enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."—Acts 20:28-31.

Paul had been with the Ephesian elders for three years, which was the longest ministry that the Apostle Paul had any place. Though he had been there for

three years, he is telling them that they can expect two things to take place: grievous wolves are going to enter in among them from without, and also there are going to be people rise up from within that shall speak perverse things, to draw disciples after them.

Now that is a prophecy of the apostasy that we can expect in the world.

If you think the world is getting better, then listen:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come A FALLING AWAY FIRST, and (Continued on page 2, column 2)

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A Recap of Bro. Halliman's Tour Of Western States

By F. T. HALLIMAN
Chicago, Ill.

I left Chicago about noon on April 17 and headed North West across the United States. I visited a few friends along the way out and started visiting with the first church in Seattle, Washington. I visited several churches in Washington, Oregon, and California during the month of April. The highlight of the visit in Oregon was a fifth Sunday Fellowship Meeting sponsored by the First Baptist Church, Fossil, Oregon of which Elder Ralph Doty is pastor.

This series of services actually began on Friday night and went through Sunday afternoon. I was with the church, Thursday through Sunday night. I met many folk at that meeting whom otherwise I probably would not have met.

Upon leaving California I started back east and visited churches in New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, and Missouri.

Some of these churches I was with only one night while others I was with as much as three days. All of these places proved to be a great blessing to me and I met many folk that I had corresponded with over the years but had never met. The fellowship was grand at all the places and my ministry was well received at every place that I visited.

Several of the churches I could only be there for one service and in most of these our services would last from two and a half to three hours, yet there was no indication that the people were tired when we finished then. Besides holding services in church buildings I preached in one home and one store. For all of you that helped to make this trip a blessing to me I thank God for each of you.

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"Apostasy"

(Continued from page one)
that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."—II Thess. 2:3.
Notice again:
"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times SOME SHALL DEPART FROM THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." — I Tim. 4:1.

This verse is a prophecy of what we can expect in the latter times. At the same time, it is a promise, for it says that some shall depart from the faith. It doesn't say that everybody will depart, but that some shall depart from the faith. I think that it is well for us to remember that we have a promise that not everybody is going to apostatize, but that there is an elect number in this world that are going to stand for the things of the Lord.

Notice another Scripture:
"This know also, that in the last days, PERILOUS TIMES shall come." — II Tim. 3:1.

This tells us some of the things that we will find in the last days, and every one of these twenty-odd characteristics mentioned, are things that will lead us to see that men apostatize and turn from the Word of God.

Then we read:

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when THEY WILL NOT ENDURE SOUND DOCTRINE; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." — II Tim. 4:1-4.

Sometimes it is a good idea to get your auto battery recharged. Well, I would like to give your spiritual battery a charge, or it may be a recharge, or maybe both. I would like to give you what the Apostle Paul gave to this young preacher, Timothy. He said, "I charge you that you preach the Word."

Notice again:

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should EARNESTLY CONTEND for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UN-AWARES, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and DENYING the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." —

Appreciated Letter From Bro. Mason

Yes, Bro. Jackson has really been . . . I think he is hopeless. I doubt if the angel Gabriel could change his mind, but we both know that the time is coming when he is slated to find out that God has been running things, is running things, and will continue to forever run things, and that the "sovereignty of man" is a figment of Arminian imagination.

I shall remember you day after day as I pray.

Cordially,
Roy Mason

Jude 1:3, 4.

Jude was planning to write a book on the common salvation, but while he was giving this consideration, apostasy arose so greatly that he was apparently sidetracked from his original plans, and he wrote the Book of Jude relative to apostasy.

Having read to you these half dozen Scriptures, I would like to read you some articles which illustrate these Scriptures:

"Total wealth of religious institutions in the United States is estimated at \$79.5 billion in a new Philosophical Library publication, 'Church Wealth and Business Income.' It puts the Jewish holdings at \$7 billion, the Protestant at \$28 billion, and Roman Catholic at \$44.5 billion."

Of course Baptists are listed in with Protestant groups, but can you imagine the wealth that is tied up in the United States so far as religious institutions are concerned, in the light of this Associated Press dispatch? It re-

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minds me of that day long ago when the Apostle Peter was going into the temple, when a lame man lying there, asked alms. Peter said:

"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee."—Acts 3:6.

There have been a lot of changes since the days of Simon Peter, for he said, "Silver and gold have I none," but the Associated Press says today the religious institutions in the United States have property valued at \$79.5 billion.

It also reminds me of what the Apostle John said would be true in the last days. Listen:

"Because thou sayest, I AM RICH, and INCREASED WITH GOODS, and have need of nothing." — Rev. 3:17.

If this church at Laodicea had need of nothing, they were so wealthy that they didn't even have need of God. I think that this church had gone on record saying, "We are rich and have need of nothing." I think that this church, doing as it did, is true and characteristic of the churches of today, for the majority of churches don't need God.

I was invited to become pastor of a church in West Virginia a number of years ago. They gave me every inducement in the world. They told me how they kept a ham in the pastor's ice box all the time. They told me of the hardwood floors they had. They told me all the things that they had to offer by way of material things. Then I asked them this,

"Do you have the Holy Spirit?" One of them said, "Well, to tell you the truth, Brother Gilpin, we haven't even considered that we need Him."

Beloved, I think there are a lot of churches just about like that. Most of them wouldn't be as honest as this man was, but the majority of churches have everything else in the world but God. This church at Laodicea had gone on record as saying, "We have need of nothing," which included God.

CHURCH WORLDLINESS

Here is another instance of apostasy: About a year ago, over in dignified, quiet, sophisticated Boston, Massachusetts, a Congregational Church pastored by Frederick M. Meek, encouraged 1100 youngsters to praise the Lord with a rock-and-roll beat, right within the church building. Newsweek Magazine of May 9, 1966 tells it like this:

"A procession of boys and girls placed a Bible, bread and Coke, a pool cue and billiard ball on the Communion table to symbolize Religion, Eating, and Playing! Then a dozen teenagers, some in shorts, crowded into the church aisles to Frug on the Rug and do the Watusi. At the conclusion of their shenanigans, they prayed: 'Help us to remember that to you good looks are deeper inside than a clear complexion and neat-looking hair. In the name of the One who knows what it's like to be unpopular, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'"

Now I don't know anything about what the Frug is, or what the Watusi is. I think they were talking about dancing, but I don't know. I understand that Bill Moyer, a Texas Baptist preacher who was LBJ's secretary, was photographed over in Washington one morning between 2:00 and 3:00 o'clock doing the Watusi, and I gathered by that, that it was a dance. But can you imagine a so-called church having 1100 young people praise the Lord with a rock-and-roll beat? Can you imagine them dancing in the church aisles — some of them even in shorts? Can you imagine the prayer that was prayed "in the name of One who knows what it's like to be unpopular, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen?"

Of course we don't recognize this Congregational Church as being a true church of the Lord Jesus Christ, but while we don't recognize it as a true church, the majority of the world will recognize it as such. In fact, it is one of the oldest churches on the American continent (so-called, at least), and I might say that what took place in this Congregational Church has likewise taken place in Baptist Churches as well.

CHURCH MODERNISM

The third indication of apostasy that I wish to mention is taken from a Toronto, Canada, paper, and the headline says: "Anglican Suggests Christianity Without God." Now here is the quotation:

"An outspoken Anglican Church intellectual says Jesus Christ was a human being with faults. He said a belief in God is no longer necessary to Christianity. In a new book, 'A Church Without God,' he explores a new form of Christianity stripped of belief in God, the Divinity of Christ, life after death, and the inspiration of the Bible. In his book, 'A Church Without God,' the Anglican minister further says, 'Christ walked and breathed the air, lived it up among drunkards, and maybe got drunk.' When — in the gospel story — the woman wiped Jesus' feet with her hair, she performed a highly sexual action. Did Jesus at the moment experience acute sexual excitement?"

I'll not read you anymore, for I think that is enough to show you the drift of today. And that

AN UNCOMPROMISING BAPTIST

I would rather be a real Baptist: and never swallow a drop of the devil's nasty dope, than to be a stupid Roman Catholic and kiss the ring of that renegade, the pope.

I would rather be a real Baptist: And to the river Jordan gladly go; Than be a highfalutin Episcopalian; With his pockets full of worthless dough.

I would rather be a real Baptist: and never wear a priestly ugly collar. Than be a hide-bound Lutheran minister; Whose sacraments are not worth a lousy dollar.

I would rather be a real Baptist: Our Lord and Saviour ever please; Than be a highbrowed Presbyterian; Who spends his time at his social club. Liar if any, on his knees.

I would rather be a real Baptist: Serve and obey our Master Now living, who once was dead; Than be a proselyte-ing Methodist preacher; With a few drops of water on his empty head.

I would rather be a real Baptist: and always do, what is just and right; Than to take the oaths for my baptistery; And be a stubborn, selfish Campbellite!

Sincerely,
Walter C. Garrison
Waverly, New York

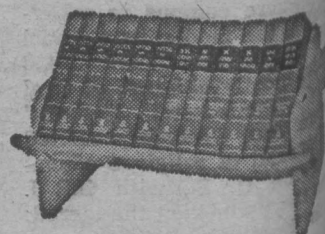
doesn't come from a man who says he is an infidel, but rather it comes from a man who claims to be a pastor of a church.

BILLY GRAHAM'S COMPROMISE

Now here is my fourth quotation. Responding to the introduction by Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale, at the NCC convention in Miami Beach on December 1, Billy Graham is quoted as saying:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: when I was invited to speak here I wasn't sure whether the program committee had gotten the right Graham, not because I was a little overwhelmed. I still am overwhelmed. And I'm sure that I owe, at least in part, this occasion to my long time friend and a person whom I admire so much, Mrs. Peale. I don't know anyone who has done more for the kingdom of God than Norman and Ruth Peale or have meant more in my own life — the encouragement they have given me. But I am highly honored to be here to address you. My denomination is not a member of the National Council of Churches and I am reminding of a man that asked another one on the street (he was trying to do some sort of business) and he went up to this man and he said, 'Are you a Christian?' He said, 'No, thank God, I'm a Baptist.' My wife is a Presbyterian. Her denomination is in the National Council so perhaps (Continued on page 3, column 2)

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I am here by marriage."

Well, in passing, I want to say that a further word about the Peales. To me, the Apostle Paul is appealing, but the Peales are appalling. After reading two of Herman Vincent Peale's books, I have absolutely no use for him and what he stands for, and I have still less use for Billy Graham, when he says they have meant more to him in his life than anybody else, and that they have done more for the kingdom of God than anybody else.

BISHOP KENNEDY APPROVES ESQUIRE'S FOOLISHNESS

Out on the West Coast there is a Methodist bishop by the name of Gerald Kennedy. He is the same Gerald Kennedy that held a revival meeting in Louisiana about a year ago, and Billy Graham wired the man that was in charge of the meeting and put his stamp of approval on Bishop Kennedy, this Methodist preacher. He told this man who was in charge that they had the greatest preacher in the world to hold their meeting. I printed a picture of the telegram in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, giving the exact words that he sent whereby he commended Bishop Kennedy.

Well, Bishop Kennedy quotes from Esquire Magazine in which he says that he believes he understands the younger generation, and he thinks he can understand our age and our sickness by observing Esquire Magazine. In Esquire it said that there were seven deadly sins: Chastity, poverty, anonymity, age, failure, ugliness and constancy. I saw the seven pictures that Esquire used to illustrate the seven deadly sins. Beloved, we used to think that virtue was something to be considered wonderful, but now he says that chastity is a sin. He says that poverty is a sin. He says that anonymity, which means to be unknown, is a sin. He says that failure, ugliness, and constancy is a sin. I looked up the word "constancy" in the dictionary and found that it means "steadfastness." Do you mean to tell me that if a man is steadfast — if he stands up for what is right, and won't give up — do you mean to tell me that that is a sin? Esquire said that these were the seven deadly sins to this generation, and this Methodist bishop, Gerald Kennedy, who had approval and approbation put upon him by Billy Graham, says "Amen" to Esquire.

APOSTATE MODERNISM

Here is a quotation from the Detroit Free Press, in which a so-called preacher spent from 800 to 1,000 words ridiculing Hell. This is what it says:

"I would say that Jesus be-

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lieved a number of things that were not so. He believed with those of His time that sickness was caused by devils, that mental illness was the result of demon possession, that on the cross He was momentarily abandoned by God, that His death would usher in the Kingdom of God, and, if He ever thought about it, He probably thought the earth was flat.

"Have you ever noticed that people nowadays who believe in Hell take some kind of perverted delight in the thought, always confident they know who is packaged and ticketed for the Fire, and always sure they are not to be among the cargo consigned there? Such humility!"

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less nights worrying about some never, never land of fire and brimstone. Rather, let's turn our attention to the brushfires around us—they're Hell enough."

SATAN'S MINISTERS

I went out on the West Coast to get this next quotation. The United Press Information, in a dispatch from San Francisco, quoted a man by the name of Lavey, who is a former animal trainer turned sorcerer, and who calls himself the "High Priest of the Devil." I rather think he has an appropriate name. In the light of what he says, and what he has done, I think he is very modest about his name. Anyway, he recently performed an unusual wedding ceremony. His legal right to marry the couple wasn't too important, because they didn't bother to get the required California marriage license. But this man who calls himself a minister of the Devil, pronounced the couple husband and wife, by holding a sword over their heads and giving them the blessing of the Devil.

Beloved, I remember reading

in an old, old Book about Satan's ministers. Listen:

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

Beloved, this man calls himself a minister of Satan. There are lots of people perhaps that don't call themselves ministers of the Devil, that are just as much ministers of the Devil as this man.

DANCING IN THE CHURCH

The First Methodist Church of Riverside, California, has now advanced in its modernistic trend to such a point that they are having a Sacred Dance Choir. Quoting from their church bulletin of November 9, 1966, the pastor says:

"Someone who saw our Sacred Dance Choir called the experience a 'worshipful thrill.' We believe you will feel the same way if you will be our guest at the Sacred Dance Concert planned for you this weekend. This is probably a first such concert in Southern California. In just the last decade, church leaders have recognized the rich heritage in our own faith which we had abandoned because it became too secular. There is now a National Guild of Sacred Dance, and in the east numerous groups exchanging programs. In Southern California considerable interest has been aroused. Over a dozen churches in this area have such choirs, or are planning them."

I don't believe the Wesley boys came from that heritage. I don't agree with John and Charles Wesley, but when I contrast them with the trend of Methodism today, I think they have left out and added something to Wesley's so-called church. The Sacred Dance Choir — it gives you a thrill! That is the first time I knew that you went to church to get a thrill.

BAPTIST APOSTASY AS TO BAPTISM

There is one other instance of apostasy that I want to mention. I read to you about a Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, who had discarded immersion, and are now taking sprinkling and pouring for baptism. I heard of that 45 years ago in California, but I never thought the day would come when it would become a common practice. But you can be sure of one thing — it is becoming such. And the one church in North Carolina this year will give rise to a dozen churches next year, and it will give rise ultimately to open church membership.

Beloved, I say to you, you and I ought to be faithful to the Lord. When I hear of things like this,

and when I learn of apostasy such as this, it challenges me to be a little more faithful. I have read these things to you this morning not just because they are interesting, but because I hope they will challenge you to be faithful to the Lord.

SAMUEL'S FAITHFULNESS

"And Samuel told him EVERY WHIT, and hid nothing from him. And he said, it is the Lord: Let him do what seemeth him good." — I Sam. 3:18.

Samuel told Him every whit and hid nothing from Him. That is the kind of faithfulness that every preacher ought to have. Every preacher ought to possess the kind of faithfulness to the extent that we preach every whit, and we hide nothing of the Word of God.

THE FAITHFULNESS OF OTHERS

"In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word from the Lord, saying, stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak . . . all the words that I command thee." — Jer. 26:1, 2.

What a challenge! "Stand in the Lord's house, speak all of the words that I have commanded you. Diminish not a word." In other words, don't leave out a single word of what I have commanded you to preach."

Listen again:

"Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I BID THEE." — Jonah 3:2.

Talk about a challenge for faithfulness, we have it here, for God said to Jonah, "You preach the preaching that I bid you."

Let's notice another Scripture to show you that God wants faithfulness on the part of His children:

"But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it

be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." — Acts 4:19, 20.

Beloved, God wants His children to be faithful. Would to God that you and I were like Peter and John! Would to God that Baptists in general were like Peter and John! Would to God that the majority of Baptists would take the same stand, to say that they could not but speak the things they have seen and heard.

In Acts 7, we have the story of Stephen making his defense before the Sanhedrin, and as a result of that defense, he became the first Christian martyr this side of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ultimately, the crowd that he was speaking to gnashed upon him with their teeth. Can you imagine a man preaching the Word of God so faithfully that everybody there got so mad that they cried out with a loud voice to try to stop him. Then when that didn't stop him, the Word of God says that they stopped their ears so they couldn't hear him. When that didn't succeed, they ran upon him with one accord and cast him out of the city and stoned him. Why? Because of the faithfulness of this Baptist deacon. Would to God that Baptist deacons and Baptist preachers today were as faithful to the Lord.

Paul said, as he wrote to the churches of Galatia:

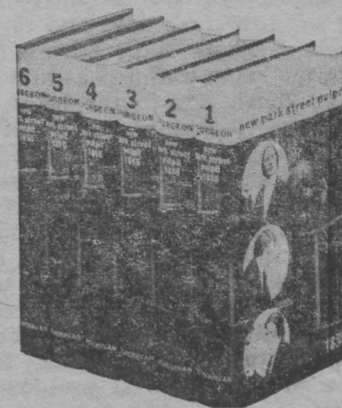
"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." — Gal. 1:10.

You can be certain of one thing — the preacher that pleases men is not a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. A preacher is going to be one of two things: He will either be a man-pleaser or a servant of Jesus Christ. There are plenty of

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"Why this confusion of the day of crucifixion? Was it on Friday, Thursday or Wednesday? Three arguments. Which is the correct one?"

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Before we begin studying the day of the crucifixion, we must understand when He arose. Matthew 28:1 tells us, "In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." In verses 5 and 6 the angel told them that the Lord was not there. He had already risen. Obviously, He arose on the sabbath day. Now, when did He rise? In the early, middle, or late part of the sabbath day. This question is also answered by the Scripture. It was within the last part of the last hour. (Personally, I would say the last minute of the last hour.) Mary stayed at the tomb and was weeping when Jesus appeared to her and said, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father..." (John 20:17). He had risen but had not yet presented the sacrifice (Himself) before the Father. (This is not the ascension spoken of in Acts 1, because He later appears before the apostles and tells them to touch Him.)

To sum up what we have studied, let us notice: The women went to the tomb at the beginning of the 1st day of the week; the Lord rose at the last part of the 7th day and appeared to the woman before He went to the Father.

Now that we have established that Christ rose in the last hour of the sabbath day, we can establish the day of the crucifixion. Jesus said in Matthew 12:40, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." We know, then, that Christ had to spend three days and three nights in the tomb. By using simple mathematics we must say that Jesus was crucified on Wednesday, probably in the early afternoon, and buried in the last hour of Wednesday. Counting back, we see that He was in the tomb on Wednesday night, Thursday night, and Friday night; and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday which makes up the 3 days and 3 nights.

From our brief study, we find that Jesus was hung on the cross on Wednesday afternoon, buried on Wednesday night, and rose on Saturday night just before the dawn of Sunday.

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In order for us to determine the day on which our Lord was crucified we need to get all the known facts concerning the crucifixion together, and then believe them. It is not enough for us to just know these facts, we must believe them. In Mt. 27:57-60 we see that Jesus was buried

in the evening. In Mk. 15:34-37 we see that He died at the ninth hour (three o'clock in the evening). In Jno. 19:31-40 we see that His burial had to be rushed in order to be through with it before the Jewish Sabbath began at sun-down. This should establish the fact that our Lord was buried late in the evening, at the close of the day. Then in Mt. 12:40 Jesus says, "For as Jonas (Jonah) was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." I believe my Lord meant just what He said.

The next fact I would like to set forth is that Jesus was not in the grave early Sunday morning. In Mt. 28:6, Mk. 16:6 and Lk. 24:6 the angel tells the women that He has risen. Nothing that I can find says anything about His rising Sunday morning. The angel just says "He is not here; for He is risen." Then, since He was not in the grave early Sunday morning, we cannot count Sunday as one of the three days. Since He was to be in the grave three days and three nights (72 hours), and since He must rise at the same time of day that He was buried, therefore, He must rise late in the evening, because we know that He was buried late in the evening. If He was buried at 5 o'clock in the evening and He rose before 5 o'clock the third day, He would not have been in the grave 72 hours. If He rose after 5 o'clock, He would have been in the grave more than 72 hours. So if we really believe Mt. 12:40 we must of necessity believe that He rose at the same time of day that He was buried. Since He was not in the grave early Sunday, and since He had to rise late in the evening, then it just had to be late Saturday evening, because the women were there looking for His body early Sunday.

If Jesus was crucified on Friday and was buried at the close of the day and since He was not in the grave on Sunday, therefore He could not have been in the heart of the earth but one day. So, the Friday theory should be seen to be just plain old Catholic bologna that stinks to high heaven. If He was crucified on Thursday and buried at the close of the day, then He could only be in the grave two days. Let us note that absolutely nothing is said about a part of a day. He said three days and three nights. I believe we should take this literally. Why should we try to shorten the time our Lord was in the grave unless it is to conform just a little with Catholic heathenism? So let's take it for what it says, or just leave it off altogether. In Jonah 1:27 we read, "Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights." There is no excuse for anyone being confused as to how long Jonah was in the belly of that fish. No grammarian on earth could change that statement to make it any more clear. Jesus said He was to be in the heart of the earth that same length of time. Then if He was crucified on Wednesday and buried at the close of the day, He was in the grave all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Remember the Jewish day ended at sun-down. Then He was in the grave Wednesday night, Thursday night and Friday night.

As I see it, Wednesday is the only day that He could have been crucified on. No other day will fit the known facts. Catholics, through ignorance of the Bible thought that because Jno.

19:31 teaches that the next day was the sabbath day His crucifixion had to be on Friday. So, they twisted the Scriptures to their own destruction and damaged the thinking of a lot of Baptists. If we notice this verse very closely, we will see that the next day was not just a sabbath day, but a special sabbath day. John calls it a high day. In Ex. 12:16 we see this special sabbath day. It was the day following the Passover. Our Lord died at three o'clock on the Passover day at the same time the Passover lambs were being slain. In I Cor. 5:7 we are told that "even Christ our Passover was slain for us."

He was buried late Wednesday evening and rose at that same identical time on Saturday evening. He was in the grave three days and three nights, no more and no less. That makes Good Friday and Easter just plain old paganistic heathenism that Christians should shy away from as if they were the smallpox. Have you asked God to forgive you for ever having any part in such a mess? I have.

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The reason for the confusion regarding the crucifixion lies in the fact that men have failed to study the accounts of the crucifixion as recorded in the Scriptures—having listened to the voices of men rather than the voice of God. The voice of God (Word of God) tells us that He was crucified on Wednesday. The world would tell us that it was on Friday, but that is a mathematical impossibility.

Our Lord declared that He would be in the grave three days and three nights, and there is no way possible for anyone to get three days and three nights between Friday evening and Sunday morning. I do not care how you may juggle your figures, you cannot get three days in that period of time.

In order to prove to you that Christ was crucified on Wednesday, let us take up the whereabouts and actions of the women during the entombment. Their actions, and their travels, will tell us what day it was that He was crucified, and how long He remained in the tomb before the resurrection. We know that they were on the scene when He was crucified and that they knew where He was buried. Matt. 27:55-61. We also know that they observed the High Sabbath which was the next day after the crucifixion, for they were not allowed to work on the Sabbath day. Therefore, they rested the day after the death and burial of Jesus. That day was Thursday, for we read that they bought and prepared spices the day following the Sabbath.

"And when the Sabbath (High Sabbath) was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had brought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him." Mk. 16:1.

You will notice that it was the day after the Sabbath that the women prepared the spices. This action of the women two days after the crucifixion takes up to Friday. They did not visit the tomb on this day—the reason, the day was spent in preparing the spices, and they could not visit the tomb on the following day for that day was Saturday, and here again the commandment which they observed, kept them from anointing His body. The day was Saturday the regular Jewish Sabbath.

Thus the action and where-

abouts of the women during the entombment prove that there were two sabbaths during the time that Jesus was in the grave. It also proves that there was a day between the two sabbaths at which time it was lawful for the women to gather the spices and prepare them for the anointing of His body.

Thus by tracing the action of the women between the crucifixion and the resurrection, we can readily see He was in the grave three days and three nights. The next day after the regular sabbath we find the women visiting the tomb with their spices to anoint His body, but He was not there—He had already risen.

"In the end of the sabbath (Saturday regular Sabbath), as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week (Sunday) came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." Matt. 28:1.

Furthermore, if Christ were crucified on Friday, the day before the regular sabbath, then Mk. 16:1 and Matt. 28:1 do not agree for Mark says that the day following the sabbath the women prepared spices, whereas Matthew says they went to the sepulchre. From this we gather that they are having reference to two different sabbaths.

The Lord died at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, and it would take approximately 3 hours to get permission from Pilate for His body, and to wrap it in linen clothes, and place it in the sepulchre, thus making it about 6 o'clock when He was placed in the tomb. Three days and three nights later (72 hours) would make it the same time of the day that His resurrection took place.

In other words it would be approximately 6 o'clock on Saturday evening that He arose, at which time was the close of the Sabbath, for the Jewish Sabbath began at sundown, and ended at the same time the next day. Therefore, the correct day can only be Wednesday. Neither Thursday nor Friday could not in any sense be the correct day of the crucifixion.

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The above question is a two-fold one. First it asks about the why of the confusion concerning the day of crucifixion. The answer is, the confusion comes because of people being willing to accept the tradition of the Catholic Church instead of the teaching of the Bible. Added to this is the desire on the part of preachers (Baptists included) to be in conformity with "what is being done." Baptist preachers who know that "Good Friday" does not represent crucifixion day, readily join in "Good Friday" services with other ministers because it is the popular thing to do. Likewise many preachers just can't resist the temptation to join in a big Easter celebration.

Of course Jesus was crucified on Wednesday. Since the Jewish day ended in the late afternoon around sunset, he was in the grave Wednesday night, Thursday night, and Friday night. That makes the three nights. He was in the grave Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. That makes the three days, and he arose at the expiration of the third day which was late Saturday afternoon and just at the beginning of what we call Sunday, the first day of the week. It is supposed by many that he arose on Sunday morning, yet the Bible doesn't say so. This assumption that he arose Sunday morning arises out of confusing Roman time with the Jewish time.

Properly speaking Sunday is

not the day that Jesus arose from the dead—it is the day that Jesus REVEALED HIMSELF TO THE DEAD. The contention of a day that Jesus was crucified on Thursday arises out of failure to understand that the Jewish day was out and a new day began IN THE EVENING.

Satan counterfeits every doctrine of the Bible. The parable of the leaven teaches that the leaven of evil will permeate the doctrines completely, and it is until you can't name a true teaching of the Bible that does not its satanic counterfeit. So crucifixion day, Friday is the devil's counterfeit, designed to make a liar out of Christ. Matt. 12:40 Jesus promised to be three days AND three nights in the grave. Eleven times is the promise reiterated in different phraseology in the New Testament. Examine I Cor. 15:4 and you will find that the teaching that Christ was in the grave three days and nights is A PART OF THE GOSPEL. Did the sign of Jonah fail? Is the eleven day repeated promise that Jesus would be in the grave three days and three nights a lie? Is an essential part of the gospel a lie? Did Jesus tell a bald-faced lie? If "Good Friday" is true, He is. As preachers—Baptists and others, meet in a union hodge-podge and moan and groan and repeat the "Seven Sayings on the Cross" and generally go on a binge of piousness in their "Good Friday" celebrations, they give the lie to Jesus Christ; the sign of Jonah and the gospel. Moreover, they are following the lead of the "mother of harlots" who foisted the whole Easter tradition on the world. What a re-soning is in store for Baptist preachers who are guilty of this when they stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

I have been criticized, and even ed and maligned for saying things, but no one has ever refuted the things I have said about Easter and Good Friday.

In connection with my Easter preaching over the air, a pastor wrote me and said, "I wouldn't raise the question you do about Easter and Good Friday. People come to me and ask me questions that embarrass me. I answered him by saying, 'Brother, you ought not practice that you can't justify, or engage in things that your are embarrassed about when people ask you to justify them by the Scriptures.'"

"Apostasy"

(Continued from page three) men-pleasers to be had. Every church could have without any trouble at all. I say that every church could have a true servant of Christ, but that every church should have for a true servant of Christ rather than a men-pleaser.

Notice again:

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and kingdom; PREACH THE WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." — II Tim. 4:1-4.

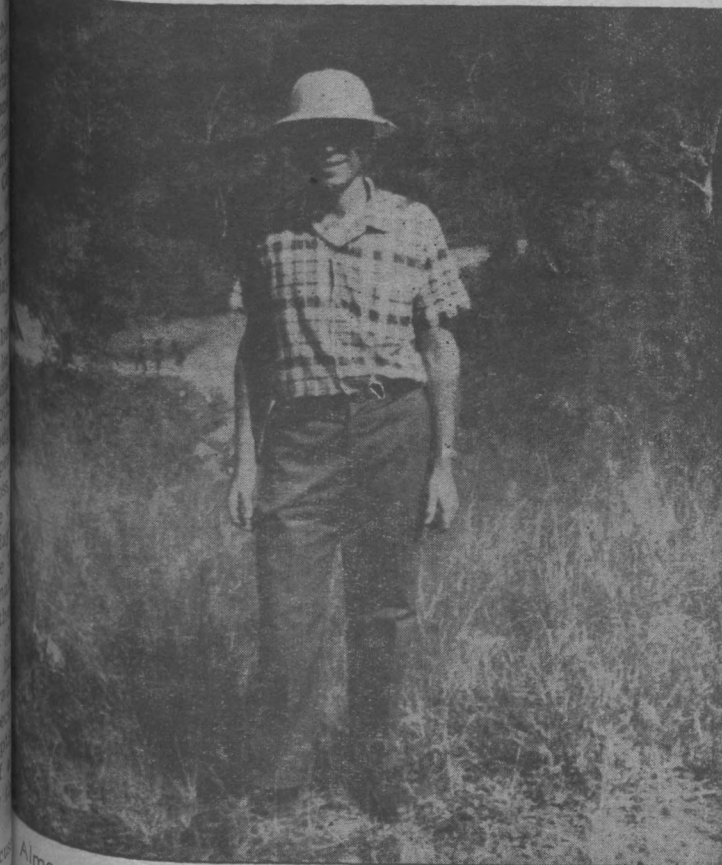
Paul said, "Timothy, get thee instant in season, and out of season. Preach the Word, for the time will come when men will go to get preachers that will just scratch their itching ears, and just tickle their fancy, and are going to turn from the truth unto fables."

Isn't that a challenge to be faithful? In the light of what I have read to you, isn't it a challenge to us to be faithful to the Lord? I never read a text like this. (Continued on page 5, column

New Guinea Photo Story

By FRED W. ROBERTS

I have recently retraced a part of the area that Brother Halliman spent 27 days on a patrol just before he returned to America, and while I covered a lot of territory I was out only about eight days. I found the terrain very rough and rugged, in fact the worst that I have traversed up to this time. At times water was very scarce as most of the country is limestone country which means that the ground is very porous and when it does rain the water soaks up into the ground — there are many underground rivers in this kind of country. While out on this patrol I made several pictures and some of them I would like to share with the readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.



Almost every where we go to preach we have to walk as there are very few roads, however there is one road that goes by the Mission and on past for several miles. This picture shows me standing at the point where we had to leave the vehicle and start walking through the bush trails.



I have written in a previous article about attending a native funeral and also about another woman hanging herself. In this picture can be seen three graves. The one on the right is that of a small child. The one in the center is that of a woman that had jumped in the Tumbuda River and drowned (the funeral I wrote about), and the grave on the left contains the body of a woman that hanged herself.

"Apostasy"

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...what I say, "God help me realize more and more that the world is turning to fables and legends from the truth. Lord help me be faithful."

...notice one other text:
...Demas hath forsaken me, he hath loved this present world, and is departed from us. Titus unto Dalmatia."—2 Timothy 4:10.

...what does this tell us, beloved? ...one thing: that even Paul's ...Demas had turned away from ...It doesn't say that De- ...It doesn't say that ...did anything of any im-

moral nature. It doesn't say that Demas was wrong in his living. It just says that he loved this present world. In all probability, he heard that there was a church over in Thessalonica that wanted a pastor and he was tired of the suffering that he was undergoing, so he deserted Paul.

But that wasn't the only one that left him. Crescens had gone to Galatia and Titus unto Dalmatia, likewise loving the world. Shall we not expect that these same things shall take place. So what can you do?

"We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather,
With smile or with sigh!
In sorrow or sunshine, in tem-
pest or calm!

Thy friendship unchanging, my
Lamp and my Psalm.

We've traveled together, my
Bible and I,
When life had grown weary,
and death e'en was nigh!
But all through the darkness of
mist or of wrong,
I found thee a solace, a prayer,
or a song.

So now who shall part us, my
Bible and I?
Shall 'isms' or 'schisms,' or
'new lights' who try?
Shall shadow for substance, or
stone for good bread,
Supplant thy sound wisdom,
give folly instead?

Ah, no! my dear Bible, expon-
ent of light!
Thou Sword of the Spirit, put
error to flight!
And still through life's journey,
until my last sight,
We'll travel together, my Bible
and I."
Would to God that you and I
might make that our slogan to-
day: "We'll travel together, my
Bible and I."

CONCLUSION

Beloved, don't be too much
alarmed of the things that are
taking place. God isn't defeated.
God is going to win out. There
never is going to be a time when
there is not going to be a Baptist
Church in this world. In spite of
all the apostasy, there will al-
ways be a Baptist Church in the
world someplace to stand for the
truth. As Spurgeon said, "During
the Dark Ages there was always
a Baptist to worry the Catholics.
There will always be a Baptist
Church in this world."

Jesus said:
"I will build my church; and
the gates of hell SHALL NOT
PREVAIL against it." — Mt. 16:-
18.

Then we find the Apostle Paul
praying mightily and fervently.
Listen:

"Unto him be glory in the
church by Christ Jesus THRO-
UGHOUT ALL AGES, world
without end. Amen." — Eph. 3:21.

Beloved, there is always going
to be a Baptist Church. There
may not be any big ones. I think
the big ones will have Catholic
priests to conduct services for
them, and have Jewish Rabbis to
preach for them, like the big
First Baptist Church here in Ash-
land had. But in the final analy-
sis, God is going to win out. We
read:

And I saw an angel come down
from Heaven, having the key of
the bottomless pit and a great
chain in his hand. And he laid
hold on the dragon, that old ser-
pent, which is the Devil, and Sa-
tan, and bound him a thousand
years." — Rev. 20:1, 2.

Don't tell me that God's
church is going to fail. There is
always going to be a Baptist
Church. It blesses my heart, and
thrills my soul, to urge you this
morning to stand up for the Lord
Jesus Christ; to stand firm, to
stick close to your Bible; and
come what may, stand by us as
we try to preach the Word of
God.

May God bless you!

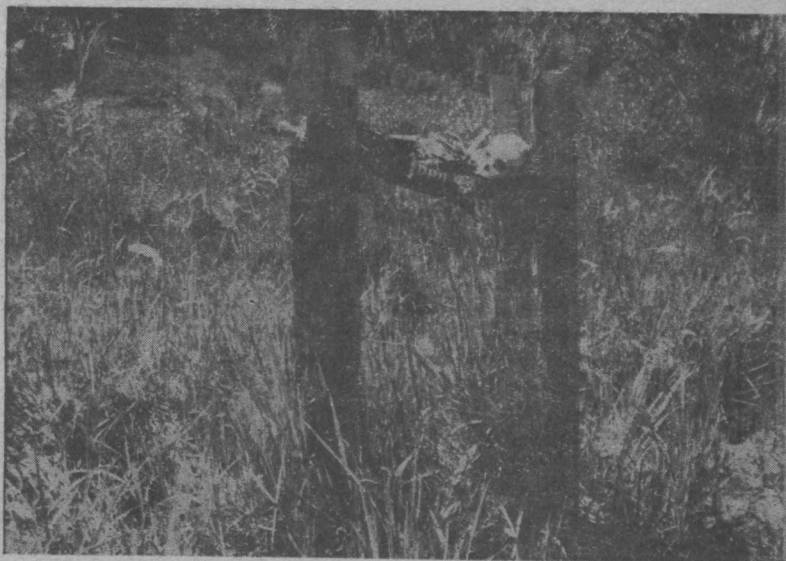


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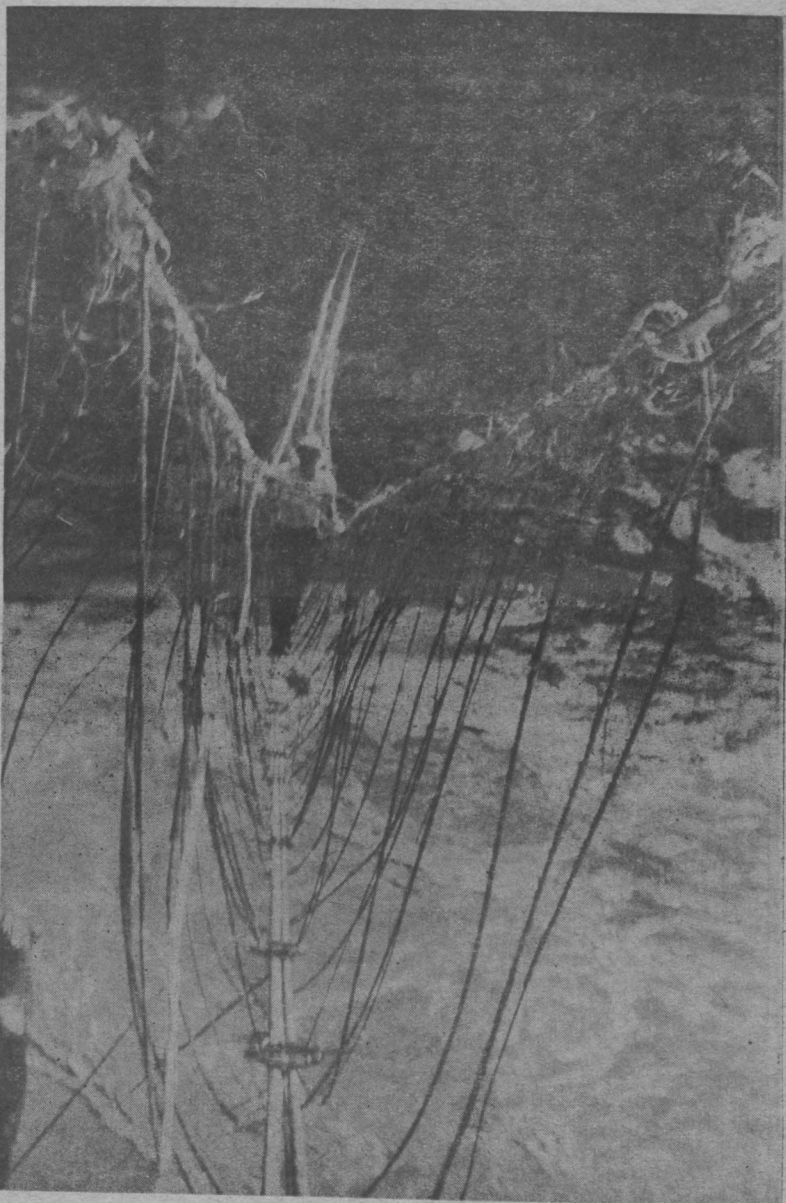
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him."—Mt. 11:27.

Here we see that only those
to whom the Son reveals the Fa-
ther know the truth. And I might
add that those only know the
truth to whom the Son has re-
vealed Himself. As another proof
of this I call your attention to the
passage which I have chosen for
my text, John 14:1-6.

"Let not your heart be trou-
bled: ye believe in God, believe al-
so in me: In my Father's house
are many mansions: If it were
not so, I would have told you. I
go to prepare a place for you. And
if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again, and re-



In this picture can be seen the skeleton of a man (the husband of the woman that had drowned), and shows how they cared for the dead before Brother Halliman came and also several years after for that matter. What you see in this picture was not the original but rather the final resting place of the remains of the body. When this man died his body was placed on something similar to this except it had a top on it and the sides were covered as well. After the flesh had completely decomposed then the remains, e.g. bones, were placed here just as you see them and will stay there until these timbers rot and fall down. Then nothing more is done with the bones.



In order to reach the people we wished to visit we had to cross the Strickland River, a deep, fast flowing, and swirling body of water that takes everything to destruction that comes its way. Brother Halliman had told me of this river and he mentioned the fact that he was a pretty good swimmer but had his doubts about surviving had he fallen into this river, and after having seen it I am inclined to agree with him. This bridge that I am crossing has been built recently as the one that Brother Halliman crossed rotted and fell down, although it was fairly new when he crossed it in January. Due to the elements these cane and vine bridges rot very rapidly. It took me 10 minutes to walk across this bridge, it is fully a city block long and is approximately 70 feet above the water. A close examination will reveal that this bridge is swaying considerably due to the strong wind currents coming down the Strickland gorge.

ceive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

These six verses have generally been used for funeral sermons. However, it has become my firm conviction that they have a much

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After we had crossed the Strickland we went nearly another day's journey on the other side and this is the place where we stayed and held some preaching services. Doesn't look exactly like the First Baptist Church building of Ashland or some other American cities but things happens in this and other buildings of like nature over here that do not happen in many churches back in America and that is, the truth is fearlessly preached. Brother Halliman and I are John the Baptist type of preachers, sometimes even living and eating about like he did.

so." Jesus says, "I would have told you." Beloved brethren, Jesus holds that His words, His teachings, are accurate, absolutely correct. His words and only His words are inerrant and infallible. And the whole Bible is a book of HIS WORDS. Listen:

"ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

And in II Peter 1:20, 21, we read:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

And in Matt. 24:35:

"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Jesus also makes his word authoritative: "I would have told you." "I am the truth." Bless God, His word is accurate and it is authoritative. If He were wrong

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in anything, His authority could be questioned on everything. I have heard it argued that the Bible could be wrong in its history and science, but still be right in its religion.

Well, I don't agree. Jesus said, Matt. 4:4, quoting the Old Testament:

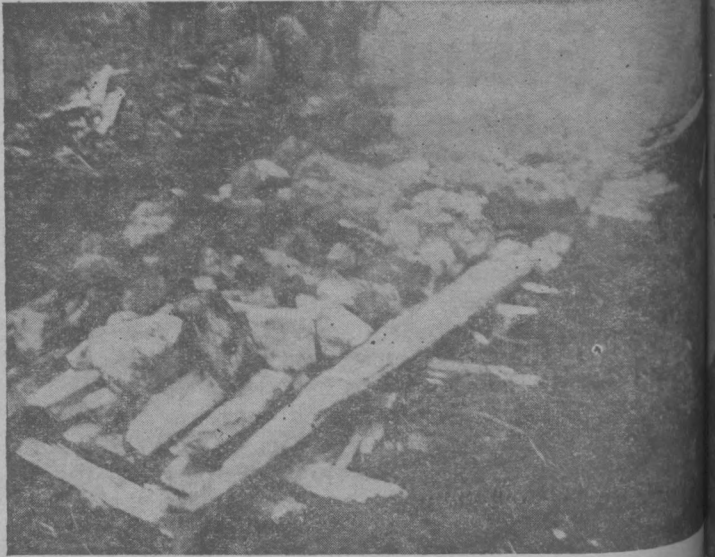
"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Now I ask, how can error enter into God's word, when it proceeds out of his very mouth, and He is truth itself personified and incarnated? How can He err? Well, He can't!

Some crazy people have claimed that Moses did not write the first five books of the Bible, and they say that doubting Mosaic authorship of these books does not mean that one doubts Christ's words. But beloved brethren, I want you to know that Jesus Himself answered that serpentine argument. Read John 5:46, 47. It says:

"For had ye believed Moses, Ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me. But IF YE BELIEVE NOT HIS WRITINGS, HOW SHALL YE BELIEVE MY WORDS?"

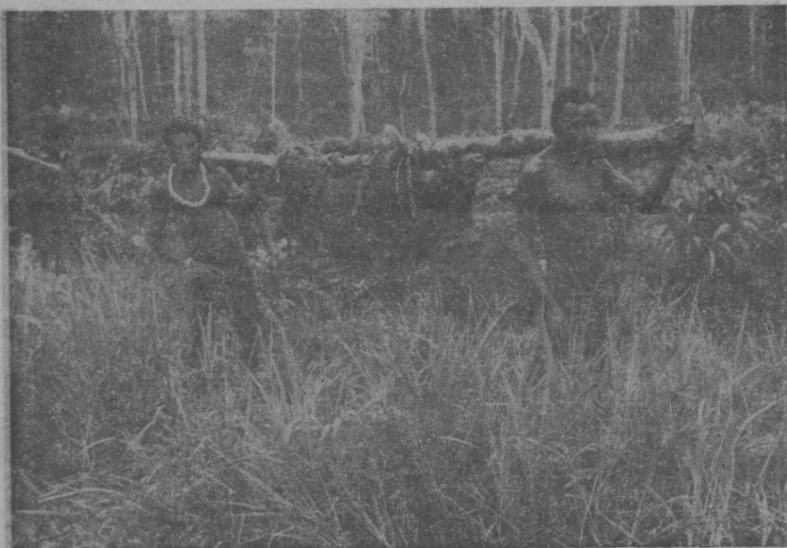
Well, how do you like that, Mr. Liberal, Mr. Modern Twister of God's own Holy Words? If you doubt Moses' writings, how shall you believe the words of Jesus? When I think of how much of my money went into the Southern Baptist Convention cooperative program, to nav men like Ralph Elliot, the former professor at Midwestern Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, to teach that Moses did not write Genesis, I get just a little scared at the thought of having to answer to God for throwing away His money — and that's all it amounted to. No, it was worse than that; it was giving God's money to the Devil to help him ruin the preachers, and the missionaries, and eventually the



After the pigs are killed and the hair burnt off they then fill up the trench with wood, get it to burning and then place rocks over them to heat. This picture shows the rocks heating.



While the rocks are heating the pigs are cut up and portions passed out to be barbecued and the rest will be cooked with the hot rocks. Here in this picture a man can be seen with his bamboo knife starting to cut the pig open.



Pigs are an eternal part of the lives of the New Guinea native and in this picture can be seen one on his way to the butcher shop. Most of them are carried either in this manner or else a man will put the pig over his shoulder, feet up as in this picture, and carry it. Soon after this picture was made this pig was killed by hitting it between the eyes with a large stick.



The natives have no way of heating water to scald and scrape the hair off so this picture shows how they go about getting the hair off, e.g. laying the pig over burning embers and then with a sharpened stick they scrape the burnt hair off.

The Truth

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concern to the people of God, and it is our purpose to declare some — not all — of these matters in this message.

THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS WORD.

Jesus said, "If it were not so, I would have told you."

Jesus here establishes the accuracy of His Word. "If it were not

whole "she'-ang" of Baptist Churches. How does it feel, Southern Baptist friend, to know that your hard earned money is going to help pay the salary of Bible denying men teaching in the Seminaries and colleges of the Southern Baptist Convention?

The question asked by Jesus in John 5:46, 47, is a question known as a condition contrary-to-fact. In other words, it only admits of one answer, and that answer is: "That you cannot doubt Moses' writings and still believe the words of Jesus."

Jesus not only shows the accuracy and authority of His word, but he also shows us the authenticity of it. It is authentic.

"Ye believe in God, believe al-

so in me." To doubt Jesus, is to doubt and vice versa. To say that He claimed to be God, is to say that He could not be God. His own words for 2,000 years, so that we are reasonably sure of His words, period. Of course, the careful handlers of His doctrine than that even spoke whether by His mouth or by the mouth of His people (Continued on page 7.)

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FRUG ON THE RUG

Why I Want To Attend Your 1967 Bible Conference

(LABOR DAY WEEKEND
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There are many reasons why I would like to attend the Bible Conference in 1967, but the main reason is that I, as one of God's lambs led into so many of the pastures of God's Word. The tables are laden with good things from Heaven, so I can sit down, and really enjoy these good things as they are delivered by the servants of

There are many conferences in these United States in the course of a year, but the tables of the Word, in most instances, are not with the Word, but with the traditions of men. I have had the privilege of attending every

Conference held by the Calvary Baptist Church, and in every one I can testify that the tables were laden with rich spiritual food. Knowing this, I look forward to Labor Day weekend at Ashland, Ky., for I will be attending (Lord willing) with anticipation of once more feeding with other of God's sheep in the pastures of God's Word.

Therefore, the Bible Conference of the Calvary Baptist Church is one of the highlights of a very busy year for this servant of the Lord.

The Lord willing, see you at the Conference on Labor Day Weekend.

The Truth

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Inspired, you shall stumble upon the text in John 14, for it is verbal or word inspira-

II

THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS

Our text shows us by implication and context that the origin of the church was not on the day of Pentecost. Instead it clearly states that His church originated sometime before Pentecost. Who are the eleven apostles? True, but do they represent? In what way are they addressed? In John 14:13, "He riseth from the dead." In 13:28, they are still alive. In 13:30 Judas takes the bag and goes out. In John 14:26, Jesus says, "Arise, let us go." Matthew's gospel says at this time they sang a hymn. Matt. 26:30: "And when they sang a hymn, they went up to the mount of Olives." The book of Hebrews tells us Jesus sang a hymn in the book of Hebrews 2:12: "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of THE

CHURCH WILL I SING PRAISE UNTO THEE." When did Jesus sing praise unto God in the midst of the church? Just before they left the place of the Lord's Supper. This proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the origin of the church was before the day of Pentecost.

Our text also teaches us something about the organization of the church. Christ, the only Head of the church, is here in our text addressing His church. It is a church of friends, for He calls them friends, John 15:13-15. It is a church of equals, of brethren, if you please, for He says in the Psalms and in Hebrews, "I will declare thy name unto my brethren." True, they are not equal to Christ but by His love and grace, but they are equals to each other. He calls them servants.

Further, it is a local church. Again, it is an autonomous body. It was a self-governing body. It could exclude members. Read Matt. 18. It could admit them. No one outside Christ could control it or direct it. And Christ, the head of it is in the midst of it.

It was a baptized church, an immersed or dipped church. Every man who was present, includ-



Here in historic old South Church (Congregational), Copley Square, in Boston, young folk danced the Frug, Watusi, Monkey, and other modern dances in the aisles during a worship (?) service of recent date. It will be noted that many others filled the pews listening to modern dance music that was being played. The church officials described this as an effort to "mingle modern ideas and behaviour with old fashioned principles."

Of course, we don't say that it was a true church to start with — just another "Synagogue of Satan," and it surely looks like it is fast reverting to the Devil.

ing Christ the Head of the church had been dipped in water. Furthermore, everyone of them had been baptized by a Baptist, John the Baptist whose baptism was authorized from heaven.

Again, it was a church which

had a closed, or restricted communion. Neither the man who owned, or provided the house, nor Jesus' own mother, nor any one, other than the 12 apostles were present. And I do verily believe that Judas went out at the end of the paschal feast and just before the Lord's Supper was instituted. It was a communion restricted to baptized members. To members walking according to the true doctrines or teachings of Christ. To members who were, of course, saved. And, most important of all, to members who were members of that one local body.

Our text, by context, indicates the occupation of His Church. Mt. 28:16 tells us specifically that the Great Commission was given to these eleven apostles. Who were they? The church. So the commission is a church commission. The church is to evangelize, baptize, and catechize or teach the converts all that Christ commanded. But I want you to note beloved brethren, that it is a Baptist evangelism.

Therefore, the union evangelism of the Fundamentalists and the ecumenical evangelism of the New Evangelicals stands condemned by the Word of God. This Baptist Church "KNOWS THE WAY." This church bears witness (John 15:27). This church is hated because it is a church of the elect (John 15:18, 19). This church is ordained of God, to go and bring forth fruit, and that its fruit shall remain (John 15:16). This church has the comforter (John 16:13).

No wonder Paul wrote: "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."—Eph. 3:10.

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

"But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and ground of the truth."—I Tim. 3:15.

III

THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS SALVATION.

There are many other truths in our text such as the truth about His return and the truth about the Deity of Christ. But time limits us, so we note here the truth about his salvation and that it includes this fact: It is sovereign. It is salvation begun and continued and consummated by a Sovereign God.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." This clearly shows that salvation springs from sovereignty. These men all know that Jesus had said, "All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me." (John 6:37). They also knew that he had said, "No man can come unto me, except the Father (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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past. It was considered a disgrace for a man to be caught on a woman's trail. It is taboo for one woman to step over another woman and if she were to step over a man it was believed that his blood would dry up and therefore he would soon die. If she were to step over food it would spoil and poison those who ate it and if she were to step over weapons they would become ineffective. It is also taboo for a woman to step over any kind of material used in building a house, also stepping over personal possessions — necklaces, string bags, etc. is considered taboo. When we first built our church building we could only get a few of the women in at first and after several weeks we got some of the men to come in and then finally all of them, but if a woman got up to take a crying baby out or if a woman came to the

services late all the men would get up until the woman had gone out or the one had come in and sat down. During menstruation a woman must stay in her house or in the garden, she must not see her husband nor send food to him until she is purified by biting on some bespelled leaves sent by the husband on the 5th day. One of the children is sent to tell the husband when this time begins and he will keep well out of sight until this period has finished. The Duna believe that a man seen by a woman during this period will lose his vitality, his skin will dry up and his hair will stop growing. (The men used to never cut their hair). Menstrual sorcery could be blamed on a woman if these symptoms were seen in a man, sometimes the wrong woman was blamed but always some woman was blamed. Menstrual sorcery was practiced by contaminating some of the food of the enemy with the blood which was considered

extremely dangerous and spells to nullify this type of pollution or sorcery could be purchased by a newly married man from a married kinsman. (Some of the so-called missions and missionaries used this gimic to try to attract the men to their mission and to try to make them think they held special powers over the women. I know for a fact and can prove that some of the missions in the Southern Highlands have given the native men aspirins and told them that would cure them or protect them from the dangers of women during sexual relations and/or menstrual periods). New born babies are thought to be polluted with menstrual blood and any man seeing a new born child could be weakened and killed in battle. Men or boys are forbidden to enter or come near a birth house. A woman during this period or one who had just given birth to a child was never allowed near a spirit house lest the spirit become angry and kill her or her family through sickness. If she went near the initiation house during pregnancy she was thought to be more likely to bear a deformed or stillborn baby. The bachelor rituals and initiation rites were supposed to rid the men of harmful influences of the female and they would sometimes spend days in these rituals and rites. Bachelors tended certain plants in their gardens called bog iris which were supposed to have protective and strengthening powers and if his bog iris plants began to wither that was supposed to indicate coming illness or misfortune as a result of breaking a taboo with women. I have nursed back to good health several men who were practically dead with malaria, but who thought they were going to die as a result of physical contact with women.

A man walking under a trespass taboo (a vine hung on poles with pieces of a woman's grass skirt hanging from it) would supposedly damage his vigor and well being. A woman is usually careful to pick up every piece of this that may have come out where she has been sitting. In the event she does not see it and a man sees it lying on the ground he will take a stick and carefully dispose of it by throwing it clear out of sight.

Actually these are only a few of the taboos of the Duna people. They lived in constant fear of something almost every minute of their lives, but I know many Americans who are almost equally as bad. What is this business about if one walks under a ladder he will die; if he breaks a mirror he will have 7 years bad luck (what is luck good or bad in the first place); stepping in some ones tracks you will get a head ache; if your nose itches or the rooster crows you are going to get company; and a dozen other things just as silly but taboos in our own society. The difference between the New Guinea natives and the highly civilized Americans is that when they profess to be saved they leave these things off but seemingly folk back here carry it over into their professed Christianity.

The Truth

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which sent me, draw him." (John 6:44, 65). When did God choose them to be saved? After he knew they would believe? No. At the time they believe? No. Because he knew they would do good works? No. Here is when, and how foolish it makes every one look who says otherwise:

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Eph. 1:4.

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a Sovereign Christ, it is implied in our text:

"No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Our text tells us not only of the sovereignty of Christ's salvation, but also the security of it. "And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." And, verse 7, "From henceforth ye know him, and have seen him." To know God is to have life. And to have eternal life in this world is to have Eternal Security.

Later on Jesus prays for these same disciples who made up His church:

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to thee. Holy Father keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled." — John 17:11, 12.

Brother, I tell you when Jesus prays that the Father would keep some, they are kept. Now I say by the Word of the Lord that is Eternal Security.

Lastly, our text indicates the surety of his salvation. Christ had already told them that all given by the Father shall come, and that they do not come except the Father draws them. They had heard him say, John 12:32:

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw (or drag) all men unto me."

I specifically read drag into this verse, because it is so used in John 21:6 and 8 and in other places.

No wonder the Psalmist says:

"Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple."—Psalm 65:4.

Jesus said:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

But by What? By His way, His truth, His life, His instructions, His teachings, His doctrines.

Ah! Friend, do you feel any desire to follow His way as I have preached it unto you? Do you desire to know more? Then look to Jesus. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Take Him at His Word, for He said:

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"—John 11:25, 26.

Do you believe, my friend? Believe in Christ. Trust in Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, as absolute and sovereign Lord. Take Him at His Word and your problems will be solved, your desires fulfilled, and your life changed. How? Not by your will. Not by your strength. Not by your wisdom or knowledge. Not by your good works. But by God's power. By God's will. By God's wisdom.

Surely we can understand better that new song they sung in heaven, when we believe in salvation by a sovereign God. That

new song says:

"Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals of: for thou was slain, and redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."—Revelation 5:9.

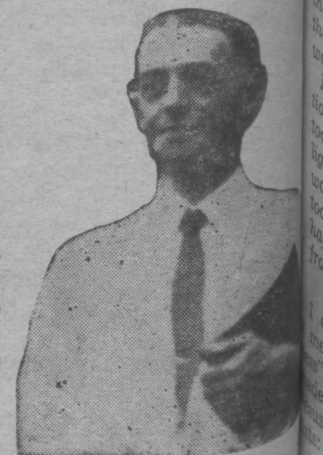
Amen and Amen.

Mock Millennium

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this modern, Satan-inspired. They are becoming social workers rather than religious workers. Few professed Christians "Thy Kingdom come," for are quite contented with present earthly kingdoms seem to have ceased to be soldiers and pilgrims in this unholy world, looking for our return, and to be building Kingdom down here.

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