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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 SIXTH INSTALLMENT OF . . .

## A Series On Tribal Customs In New Guinea

ELD. FRED T. HALLIMAN  
(New Guinea Missionary)

continuation of the spirits —

IBATILI — The water spirit.

The water spirit is known throughout the Duna territory, and is also known as Tusk, since he is supposed to have a long tusk protruding from one side of his mouth. He is deformed and has only one leg and one ear. Although he has always existed, few men and women have seen him, because he changes into a tree trunk, a stone, or a dog, when someone comes closer to look at him carefully. He lives in the holes where streams run underground or emerge. Since Duna country is primarily limestone, underground streams are common. Women are forbidden to come near his dwelling place during menstruation, and breaking of this taboo can cause certain death to the woman or husband. A bloated stomach is the first sign

that someone or his kinsman has broken this taboo. Sometimes he puts his painful arrows under the skin of a man or a woman. Some



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people know how to remove these arrows by cooking the leaves of the wild begonia plant in ashes. Soon a small stone will appear among the leaves (hidden there

by the witch doctor), evidence that there was a water spirit arrow under the person's skin. Ibatili, the water spirit has always existed, and it is he that created the gourd plant that the Dunas use for carrying water, and the wild taro plant. He is considered to be generally friendly, but may cause landslides, hide pigs, or cause illness if he is hungry for pork.

The witch doctors claim to be able to subdue them and even kill them if given their price. If someone is having trouble of any kind near a stream the spirit man will announce that Ibatili is angry or perhaps hungry and for a sufficient fee he can put his spell on him or even kill him. If someone was ill and the spirit man decided that the water spirit made the person ill after collecting his pay he would go to the bush and then later return with blood on his axe and a gory tale of having killed (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## Are You At "Wit's End Corner"?

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Christian, with troubled brow?  
Are you thinking of what is before you,  
And all you are bearing now?  
Does all the world seem against you,  
And you in the battle alone?  
Remember — at "Wit's End Corner"  
Is where God's power is shown.

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Blind with wearying pain,  
Feeling you cannot endure it,  
You cannot bear the strain,  
Bruised through constant suffering  
Dizzy, and dazed, and numb?  
Remember — at "Wit's End Corner"  
Is where Jesus loves to come!

Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Your work before you spread,  
Or lying, begun, unfinished  
And pressing on heart and head,  
Longing for strength to do it,  
Stretching out trembling hands,  
Remember — at "Wit's End Corner"  
The Burden Bearer stands.

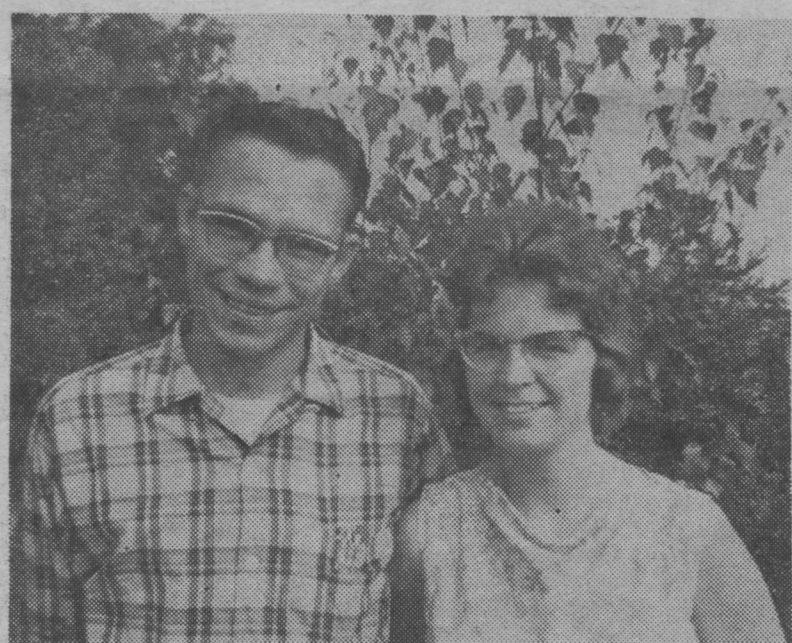
Are you standing at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Then you're just in the very spot,  
To learn the wondrous resources,  
Of Him who faileth not!  
No doubt, to a brighter pathway  
Your footsteps will soon be moved,  
But only at "Wit's End Corner,"  
Is "the God who is able," proved.

## THE ALL-SUFFICIENT GRACE OF GOD

ELDER FRED W. ROBERTS  
(New Guinea Missionary)

I had never seen a famine before coming to New Guinea, but now in full swing. Each year when the anga nut (pendanis nut) is plentiful, all the natives do during this time is sit around and eat them. They do not make a new garden at this time they have plenty of sweet potatoes to eat as well. The natives really look forward to this time of year, but they do not look farther to the time when the anga nut and sweet potato will be gone till it is too late.

Brother Halliman has taught each year to make gardens, but they have not fully learned the lesson yet. This last year it seems that everyone forgot to plant a garden. I cannot buy sweet potato of any kind now, and have been able to get very little for the last month. I understand it will be at least another month before the gardens begin to produce. A flu epidemic hit this area a week ago. The people have very little to eat, so it seems that



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most of them will get it before the epidemic dies out. In the last month there have been a large number of deaths in this area. Some of the older people are dying from the flu.

Some of the women are tying sweet potato vines around their waist because they don't have enough to eat. Most of the natives are killing their pigs and (Continued on page 6, column 2)

## The Naturalists' Unsolved Problem of the New Birth

ELDER BOB NELSON  
Saline, Michigan

The Marxists prove that all thoughts result from class conditioning—except the thought he is thinking while he says this. The natural scientist with his strict laws of an interlocked total system, proves all mental thoughts are determined wholly by the motions of atoms in one's brain, except this brilliant conclusion which was the result of free-will. The Freudian proves that all thoughts are merely due to psychological complexes, except the thoughts which constitute this proof itself. The sociologist proves beyond a shadow of doubt that all our thoughts are determined by previously learned behavior so that we are creatures of our culture, except this proven theory which was arrived at by great individual rational thinking.

The marvel of the above mentioned thinkers is that individual thinking is contrary to their view of life. On the basis of their naturalistic approach it is actually a miracle to think a thought.

Then to compound matters, the naturalistic thinker after presenting his theoretic philosophy will conclude his book or article by



ELDER BOB NELSON

saying, "We ought" to improve our status in life, or "We ought" to give more thought to these ideas so we can solve our problem (Continued on page 6, column 1)

SATAN'S  
ROCK 'N' ROLL  
MILBURN COCKRELL  
Henleyville, Miss.

Today's music indicates that we are living in a jungle society. The similarity between the primitive beat of the jungle drum and the big-beat of the rock 'n' roll is very apparent. It appears to me that a supposedly enlightened American public does not know the difference between music and noise. Rock 'n' roll is a universal language. TIME magazine recently called it "the international anarchy of a new and restless generation." From Brazil to Boston, from England to the Iron Curtain, these nerve-shattering, empty-headed kids to the big Kennedy dances to the big Radio stations rock around (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "The Death Of The Pope And What He Has Learned"

You (about 1,000)  
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"And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments."—Luke 16:23.

May I preface my message this evening by saying that I have nothing but absolute and genuine love for any and every Catholic or Protestant, or any and every Baptist who might differ with me relative to any portion of God's Word. I have no desire to antagonize anyone, although I am sure that what I have to say will be accepted antagonistically on the part of many individuals who will read this message as it

appears in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. Frankly, beloved, I just want to be sure that I give you the truth of the Bible. I want to fearlessly and frankly present to you this message, based upon God's book, in contrast to the teachings of Catholicism as an institution.

You may have questioned my text this evening as to its propriety, and yet I make no apology for reading it in connection with the death of the Pope. I say to you frankly, if the Pope believed what he stood for, and what his church represents as to doctrine, the Pope is in the middle of Hell

at this very hour. I say, I make no apology for saying that the Pope is in Hell,—that is if he believed what his church stood for. On the contrary, if the Pope did not believe the teachings of Catholicism, and if he secretly crossed his fingers when he went through the ritual of Catholicism, then he was a hypocrite, and the Word of God very definitely talks about the future home of the man who is a hypocrite. Listen:

"So are the paths of all that forget God; and THE HYPOCRITE'S HOPE SHALL PERISH" (Continued on page 2, column 3)

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the spirit that caused the illness.

### Balendali, The Hunting Spirit

The hunting spirit and his wife, Halengabu, and all the smaller spirits that go by the same name, show Duna hunters and dogs where the possums are located in the bush by a thought pattern. Before leaving on a hunting trip, a hunter will pray that the hunting spirit will show him in which trees the possums are located. Whether Balendali controls men or dogs is uncertain. The hunting spirit also causes sores and illness in most everyone except young unmarried men whom he favors. If the spirit man divines that it is the hunting spirit causing the illness, up to half of a pig may be sacrificed to that spirit. As they throw the pig into the fire they will say "There you go, Hunting Spirit, make so-and-so well." Of course a person may die anyway in spite of the sacrifice and, if so, another half of a pig must be sacrificed to the hunting spirit at the funeral feast; otherwise the Hunting Spirit may become angry and enter any of the near kinsmen attending the funeral feast and cause them to become ill.

The Hunting Spirit is responsible for pig fertility. "Oh, Balendali has been good to me," a man may exclaim as he sees a large new litter. One of the piglets is then assigned to Balendali and is sacrificed when full grown. If it is not sacrificed as promised, the Hunting Spirit will refuse to give large litters of pig, show the hunters where the possum are, or cause illness in any sub-clan members.

### Tindi Angia—The Mother-Of-The-Ground Spirit

This spirit, unlike its name (Tindi is ground and Angia is mother) is a male spirit who is thought to live in the ground and possibly to have created it. He is responsible for the well being of the land, particularly to prevent landslides. Many years ago a large portion of the ground on our mission station, in back of where our house now sits, caved off and slid into the river below—it was attributed to the fact that the ground spirit was hungry for pork and since no one sacrificed any to him he made the ground slide into the river. He never attacks unless he is hungry for pork.

### Tuwage

Tuwage is a male spirit who lives near the Strickland River, on the border of Duna country. A man who practices Tuwage sorcery (called gama) possesses a tuwage string bag filled with feathers of a certain bird and some small smooth stones. The

## TWO QUICKIES

Brother Cyril W. Auer of Glendale, California says: "TBE is the cream of Christian publications to me."

Our aged friend, Emma McKandles of Texas, sent us a contribution this past week, which is according to her habit. In doing so, she reminded us how Sister Anna Sawyer had sent her a subscription to the paper back in 1938. Sister McKandles has been a subscriber ever since, and a most wonderful supporter of the truth for which we contend. Sister Sawyer passed on to glory several years ago, but the work she began carries on.

bag is hung in the spirit man's house and during the night the spirit Tuwage comes into the bag and can be heard rustling the feathers and whispering. For a price of five or six pigs a man could persuade a Tuwage spirit man to kill someone. It was at this time that he would come at night into the bag at the call of the sorcerer. He could reply in a whisper that he would go and kill the intended man. Then, leaving the bag, Tuwage would find the victim, cut open his chest and stomach and fill it with stones and sticks and sew him up and leave him dead. No pig sacrifices could make Tuwage change his mind. A man who felt he was to be a victim of Tuwage could die of sheer fright. This is the strongest type of sorcery that we know anything about. The natives have often told me how that they would (before the Government came) cut open the chest of someone that died mysteriously, to see if Tuwage was the cause of death. Sometimes the sorcerer himself might commit the murder, place the stones and small sticks near by, then go inform the kinsman that he had found him dead and produce the stones and sticks as evidence that Tuwage killed him. It was the thought of this spirit that caused 22 of my carriers to leave me stranded one time while on my way to the Strickland River.

### Hewa—The Sun

The sun is a rama spirit which rises out of the mountains in the east and crosses the stone sky and then in the evening goes into the mountains in the west. The sky is stone and at night one can see light shining through the little holes in the stone (the stars). During the night the sun walks through Duna country checking up on everyone. Like other rama spirits the sun has a temple and is thought to embody a round stone in a bowl which in turn is his headdress. The sun is supposed to have created the world and is thought to be the father of all things. It was he who gave his inheritance to the white man his first son and only recently has the white man come to share axes and other precious metal goods with his younger brother the black man. At least two years after I had been living among these people many of them still thought that my family and I came from the sun. They had seen the planes fly over long before one ever landed there and their only explanation was that they had come out of the sun and even after they saw a plane land they were even more convinced of it then. I don't think any of them think that thought now.

### Ima Rowane

Ima Rowane is said to attract men but first it is thought to bewitch women who in turn have no choice but to cast a spell upon a man. Sometimes men get literally petrified over this spirit and even starve themselves, whether purposely or from fear of going out of their houses to get food I do not know. Usually the bewitched woman is known by her piercing look and clear skin. When we first began to have services with these people it was hard

to get the Duna men to close their eyes during prayer, lest some witch give them the stare and they be victims of the Ima Rowane spirit. This spirit cannot be appeased with sacrifices. After the man on whom the spell has been cast, has died, the witch is known to come during the night to steal his rinini (spirit). She picks up the corpse to butcher it as a pig is butchered. If close kinsmen suspect that Ima Rowane caused the death, they will hide near the coffin with bows and arrows to shoot the witch. If they miss, they can still be assured of her death by returning to their houses and unstringing their bows, never mentioning the incident to anyone else. The witch is supposed to die when the bow is unstrung. If they do mention their hiding near the coffin to shoot the witch, even if she is already dead, she will come alive again.

There is a bird that sings at night and if you are in their house talking when this bird begins to sing you are informed to stop talking lest the spirit hear and some of them are made the next victim. No amount of arguing can convince them that this spirit does not exist.

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## Death of Pope

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ISH."—Job 8:13.

"And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his PORTION WITH THE HYPOCRITES." — Mt. 24:51.

This is speaking of individuals who go to Hell, and it says that their portion in Hell is the same as the portion of the hypocrite. Therefore I say to you, if the Pope believed what his church stands for, and that which he was supposed to represent, then the man couldn't be saved and he is bound to be in Hell; and if he didn't believe it, he is a hypocrite, and the Word of God says that the hypocrite's place is in Hell. Therefore, beloved, I think my text is most appropriate, when it says that "in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments."

I might add that I have only one hope that the Pope might be saved. Naturally, I would hope that he is saved. I don't want the worst enemy that I have in this world to go to Hell; I want every man to go to Heaven. I would be glad if every one of Adam's descendants could be saved and in Heaven. I don't want any man to go to Hell, but the only hope I could have relative to the Pope's salvation, is the hope that I have relative to certain individuals in this world, that when they come down to the hour of death, they'll throw overboard all that they have believed in life, and swim to Glory on the plank of free grace.

I think, beloved, that there are many Protestants and Catholics who come down to the hour of death to realize that baptismal regeneration, and church salvation, and the teaching of penance and sacraments have not brought peace, and in the hour of death they cast these all away, and trust fully in Jesus Christ. If I did not believe that, then I say that I would never expect to see a Protestant or Catholic in Heaven; but believing that does take place, I have a hope that perhaps many Protestants and Catholics will be in Glory because in their dying hour they lay aside

## Brother Buchanan To Hold Revival For Georgia Church



ELD. GORDON BUCHANAN

Brother Gordon Buchanan of Griffin, Georgia, is scheduled to be with the Rye Patch Baptist Church of Rye Patch, Georgia for a revival meeting, August 14 through 19.

Brother David West, whom we also know and love, is pastor of the church.

This means that two good men will be working together, and we would urge our friends who live close enough, to attend this meeting, and we would urge all others to remember them definitely in prayer.

In the providence of God, Brother Halliman will be with this church on Tuesday evening (August 15) of the revival meeting, and to say the least, I would like to be present to be with these brethren for the services.

everything they have trusted in life, and then trust only in Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

The newspapers in the last few weeks have been cluttered considerably with the illness and ultimately the death of the Pope. As you are well aware, the Associated Press in the past two weeks has had more to say relative to the Pope, than they have had to say concerning anything else. I have noticed, among other things, that practically every writer has said that the Pope was a man of integrity, a man of peace, and that he was a profound and learned student.

What they have said about the Pope is no more than what they have said about all the other popes whose death I can remember. I can go back to 1939 to recall the death of the first Pope whose death I particularly remember. They said he was a man of peace, a learned and profound student, and a man of integrity. Then in 1959 when Pope Pius XII died, they said the same thing. Now in 1963 when Pope John XXIII passes out of this life, they say for him that he was a learned and profound student, a man of peace, and a man of great moral integrity.

As for the latter of those statements, I don't suppose he could be much else than a man of moral integrity in view of the fact that he was 82 years of age. I rather imagine that he would be bound, from the standpoint of physical activity to be a man of moral integrity, in view of his age. As for his being interested in peace, I'll have more to say about that as I proceed in this message, but just now I would like to say a few things relative to his being a profound and learned student. I would like to say that I am satisfied that he has learned a great deal more in the last several days than he learned in all the 82 years of his life. I wouldn't be a bit surprised to know that he has learned an awfully lot that he never did know so far as this world is concerned. I am satisfied that no

man has ever learned as much in so short a time as the Pope has, since the hour of his death.

I  
HE HAS LEARNED  
NEVER WAS THE VICAR OF  
CHRIST.

You know of course the Catholics say that Peter was given the position of primacy, that Peter became the Vicar of Christ on earth, and that Peter handed that position down to his successors, and that those successors down through the ages handed it down to one another until the days of Pope John XXIII. I am satisfied that Pope John XXIII learned a very few seconds after he breathed his last that he never was the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. We read "But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood." —Heb. 7:24.

This is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ, and it says that He has an unchangeable priesthood. The word that is translated "unchangeable" means that it is a priesthood that isn't abrogated, that it doesn't pass to another. When it says that it is an unchangeable priesthood, it means that Jesus Christ remains a priest forever, and that He doesn't hand that priesthood over to anyone else. If there were no other Scriptures besides this, I would know that neither Pope John XXIII nor Simon Peter, nor anyone else was the Vicar of Jesus Christ because the Lord Jesus Christ has retained His priesthood.

May I say in that connection that the Apostle Peter never was any pope. Listen:

"And as Peter was coming, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up, I myself also am a man." —Acts 10:25, 26.

Does that sound like a beloved? When Cornelius fell down before Simon Peter, he said, "Man, stand up; give worship to me; give no reverence to me; for I myself am a man."

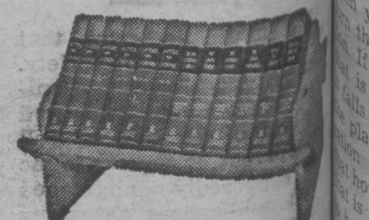
Then when Simon Peter visited in the home of Cornelius and had returned to his church at Jerusalem, the Word of God says that the church "laid him upon the carpet" because he had gone to visit with Cornelius, a Gentile. We read:

"And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised and didst eat with them." —Acts 11:1-3.

Can you imagine calling a man "upon the carpet" and making him give an account of himself because he has ministered to Gentile people? Well, that is what they did so far as Simon Peter was concerned, showing us plainly that Simon Peter took orders from the church, and that he didn't give orders to the church—that he was a servant of the church, and not a pope.

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### Death of Pope

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tell you, beloved, Simon Peter never was a Pope—he was never the Vicar of Jesus Christ, and nobody else has ever been, and Pope John XXIII who has died, learned a few seconds after he breathed his last that he was the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth.

#### II

HE HAS LEARNED THERE IS NO SUCH PLACE AS PURGATORY.

The Pope may have talked about Purgatory. He may have spoken of Limbo as a place where children go that die in infancy. He may have often talked about individuals getting into Purgatory, but, beloved, he has found now that there is no such place as Purgatory. I challenge him if he were alive today, to produce any Scripture that would indicate a place called Purgatory, for we read:

And as it is appointed unto all men once to die, but after this judgment."—Heb. 9:27.

There is not a word said here about there being an intermediate place. There is not any hint of the Word of God about there being a Purgatory that men go to. You know, the Catholics teach that there is a place called Purgatory, and that those who are not good enough to go to Heaven, (and by the way, no man ever be good enough in himself, but who might become better as a result of suffering—that they go into Purgatory and there their sins are purged away. In other words, they make Purgatory to thus become a great and successful reform school for all incorrigibles of earth who couldn't be corrected in time, but who are corrected in Eternity.

Now, the Word of God makes no reference at all to a place called Purgatory. Instead, it says that the next thing after death is the judgment. Listen:

If the tree fall toward the north, or toward the south, that is the place that it lies. If it falls toward the south, that is the place that it lies. The implication is in the Word of God is that however a man falls in death, that is the way that man is going throughout a never-ending eternity.

The Catholics themselves never thought about a place called Purgatory until 1438. They never

even considered that there was such a place. They never even invented Purgatory for fourteen centuries after Jesus Christ had gone back to Glory. However, 1400 years after the Son of God returned to Heaven, they found that Purgatory became a very important phase of their doctrine, especially important in that it swells the treasury of the church.

If you will go back to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ you will find a rich man that went to torment, and the Word of God says concerning this man that there was no way for him to get out. Listen:

"And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; NEITHER CAN THEY PASS TO US, THAT WOULD COME FROM THENCE."—Luke 16:26.

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These were the words of Abraham, who said, "We can't come to you, and neither can you come to us." However, 1400 years later, the Catholics found that there was a place called Purgatory, and that souls could get out of it and get away from their suffering. Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ put His stamp of approval upon this story of the rich man in torment and Abraham who said, "Neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence." In spite of all that the Pope may have said and written about Purgatory—in spite of all the Catholic hoax concerning Purgatory, the Pope has learned that there is no such place as Purgatory.

#### III

HE HAS LEARNED THAT MARY NEVER HEARD ANY OF HIS PRAYERS.

The Catholics have an idea that Mary is an intercessor. As you drive along the highway every once in a while you will find small billboards, (which is an imitation of Burma Shave in their advertising campaign), on which there is a prayer to the Virgin

Mary: "Hail, Mary, full of grace." As they ride along, I imagine that thousands of Catholics when they see those words on these billboards, make them their prayer unto Mary. I want to tell you, the Pope has learned that Mary never has heard a single one of his prayers.

In fact, Mary does not stand in a position as one to whom we should pray. Listen:

"Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou AMONG women."—Luke 1:28.

These were the words of the angel when he came to Mary at the time when she was to give birth to the Lord Jesus Christ. You will notice that he said, "Blessed art thou among women," and not "Blessed art thou above women." This surely does not indicate that Mary held a superior place.

I say to you, Mary has never heard a single prayer.

I remember several years ago, that I saw a picture of a poor sinner crouching, fearful lest he was going to be cast immediately and instantly, without any hope at all, into Hell. The Lord Jesus Christ was pictured with an angry scowl upon His face, with no pity at all, just ready as an angry tyrant to cast him into the flames of Hell. However, Mary was pictured, according to this Catholic painting, as the one who was praying to the Lord Jesus Christ that He would spare this poor sinner. In other words, she was pleading in mercy for the soul of this sinner.

Now that may be all right for the Catholics to put on canvas, but they cannot find where it is put in the Word of God. In fact, they never even thought of it until the year 600. In other words, it was 600 years after the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ before anybody ever blasphemously and impiously indicated that Mary might intercede to the Lord Jesus Christ. You can turn to the Word of God and find very quickly and easily how many intercessors there are, and how many mediators there are, and how many there are that can come between the soul of man and God Himself. We read:

"For there is ONE GOD, and ONE MEDIATOR between God and men, the MAN CHRIST JESUS"—I Tim 2:5.

Up yonder in Heaven there is one God; down here on earth is man; and there is just one mediator that can come between God and man, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. I say to you, the Pope has learned that Mary never did hear any of his prayers.

#### IV

HE HAS LEARNED THAT EVEN THE POPE CAN'T COME BETWEEN GOD AND MAN.

I come back to this text which says:

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—I Tim. 2:5.

Forty years ago I was holding a revival meeting in the city of

Cincinnati, and as a young preacher, I dared one night to make a bold statement as to the church. I said that Jesus Christ established a Baptist church when He was here in the days of His flesh, and that the Devil in opposition, when he saw that he couldn't destroy the church, decided that he would build one, and he built it, and it became the first Catholic church. I said that every Catholic church from that time down to this was just an outgrowth of what the Devil had built. I went on to say something about the Protestants having come out of the Catholics, and that they were just an outgrowth of the Catholic church.

There was a young Catholic girl sitting in the congregation. After the service was over she came to me, and told me that she was a Catholic, and that she would like to talk with me at length about the matter. It so happened that she knew the lady in the home where Mrs. Gilpin and I were staying, and she asked this lady if she might go home and spend the night at her home so that she might have a conversation with me relative to the Word of God, in view of what I had said about the Catholic church being an institution of the Devil. Well, I sat with my Bible and read Scriptures to that girl until 2:00 o'clock in the morning. I don't think I ever got any place at all with her until I brought this Scripture before her, which says, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When I read this, that girl straightened up, and became all attentive. She said, "Is that in the Catholic Bible?" It so happened I didn't have a Catholic Bible with me, and I couldn't read it to her from a Catholic Bible, but I assured her that it was. She said, "Mr. Gilpin, if that is in our Bible, then the whole system of Catholicism is a failure

from beginning to end."

Beloved, that girl was exactly right, for there is just one God, in Heaven, and there is just one mediator to come between God and man, and that mediator is the Lord Jesus Christ.

On that day when the Son of God died, at the time of His expiration on the cross, the Word of God tells us that an unseen hand reached down out of the skies and caught hold of the veil of the temple and ripped that veil from the top to the bottom, as if to indicate that even God Himself, had torn that veil.

Up to the time of the death of the Son of God, a priest in the Old Testament was a necessity, but the day that Jesus Christ died, He became our great High Priest, and you and I from that time on, have been lesser priests, or believer priests under Jesus Christ. When the veil of the temple was rent in twain, that signified that our great High Priest had entered into Heaven, and that no longer did we need a priest on earth — no longer did any man need to go to a human being as a priest, but rather all we need to do is to come to the Lord Jesus Christ as our great High Priest in Heaven.

Listen:  
"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal PRIESTHOOD . . ."  
—I Pet. 2:9.

"And hath made us kings and PRIESTS unto God."—Rev. 1:6.

I say to you, Pope John XXIII has learned that even a pope can't come between God and man.

#### V

HE HAS LEARNED HE WAS NOT INFALLIBLE.

It took the Catholics a long time to learn that their pope was infallible. It took them a long time to learn that he couldn't make a mistake. Only about a (Continued on page 4, column 4)

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# The Baptist Examiner FORUM

Was Adam saved just like we are saved today—that is, by grace through God's election, or did God have a different method of saving people before Christ's resurrection to that of today?

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I do not believe that God has ever had, or will ever have but one way of salvation, and that way involves the death of the One who "stood as a Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world."

If God had a way of salvation for Adam and others of ancient times that was adequate, then why would he have given His Son to go through all that He suffered? Such would have been a useless not to say cruel sacrifice.

It is noteworthy that when John, as recorded in Revelation, was transported to the heavenly realm and heard the redeemed singing, they were not praising some kind of a way of salvation that saved Adam and a host of others. They were singing "Worthy is the LAMB for he was slain and hath redeemed us to God by His blood out of every nation..."

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Everyone that is saved is saved in the same way — through faith in Christ. This, of course, is by God's grace in Election. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8, 9; "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (II Thessalonians 2:13). One man in his study of Bible Doctrines said, "The atonement is the central theme of Christianity. Everything that precedes it looks forward to it, and everything that follows looks backward to it." Peter said, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12).

We are told in the Scriptures that Abraham was saved by faith. "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." (Romans 4:2-5).

In order to know if Abraham was saved in the same way or not let us examine a few pas-

sages of the Bible. "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them." (Genesis 3:21). Adam had already made clothes for himself, but they were not good enough. God had to make them. Man today tries to make a cloak of righteousness for himself but it isn't good enough. Isaiah explains this very well in chapter 61:10. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." Notice, also, the type garments that God used to cover Adam and Eve. The garments that Adam had made were made by his own hand; the garments that God made were through the shedding of blood. He used coats of skins. Some animal had to shed its blood to provide these garments. Lev. 17:11 tells us, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul." God was showing Adam that by placing the garments of skin upon him that he would be saved by the atonement. Hebrews 9:22 tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission.

We see that there was shedding of blood, to symbolize the sacrifice of Christ, and God put the garments on Adam, as Isaiah said. I Corinthians 1:30 and 31 shows us this.

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; that according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

Adam and Eve lived as a Christian should live. To be sure, they sinned — just as we sin — but there were evidences of their salvation in their life. When Cain was born, Eve said that she had gotten a son from the Lord, Genesis 4:1. If they were not saved they would not have thought of God in this at all. Later Abel and Cain both made sacrifices to God. Why? Because, obviously, they had been taught to do so. By whom? Their parents — who else? When Cain was wroth because God did not accept his sacrifice, God spoke and asked him why he was wroth. In other words, he should have known better because he had been taught to bring a sacrifice through blood.

Yes, my friends, Adam and many other Old Testament people were saved through faith in the atonement of Christ, just as we are.

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Yes, Adam was saved just like we are saved today. From the time of Adam until now, God has had only one way of salvation. That way is by His sovereign grace. Read Eph. 2:8-10. There is only one door that enters into heaven and that door is Christ.

Read Jn. 10:9. The evidence that Christ is the only entrance into Heaven, and that He was

that door in Adam's time is given by the Apostle Peter. "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifested in these last times for you." I Peter 1:19-20.

From these verses it becomes clear that Christ was made a sacrifice in the mind of God before sin entered. Adam became a sinner, but God had the remedy for his sin before he sinned. That remedy was the same one whereby you and I are saved. When we look to see what he did, then observe his need, then look to God to see how He supplied that need, it is very easy to see that Adam was saved just like we are today.

Now let us look at Adam to see what he did. When we see that, we can then understand his need. God had placed Adam in the garden with the restriction that he was not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Read Gen. 2:17. Adam was happy there until Satan as an angel of light entered and beguiled Eve, deceiving her into disobeying the restriction that God had placed them under. She then gave to Adam and he did eat. As a result of his action he died as God said he would. Many declare that Adam did not die until 930 years later, but that was a physical death. He died the same day that he partook of the fruit, that is, he died spiritually, or was separated from Him, who is spiritual. Christ when He took upon Himself our sins died the same day, so did Adam when he became a sinner. Since Adam is now spiritually separated from God, we find him busily engaged in making a fig leaf apron to cover himself before God. This is a picture of depravity, for if he had not been blinded by sin he would have known that fig leaves could not cover him before God. The works of man's hands cannot make man presentable to God. Next, we find Adam hiding among the trees of the garden, showing further that he was separated (death) from God. Such is the deplorable condition of Adam and all his descendants.

Now let us look at what God did for this sinner, Adam. First He came seeking him. We read where God came down, and called him from among the trees. This is a picture of the seeking Saviour. We hear God say, "Adam, where art thou?" We never hear Adam nor his descendants say, "God, where art thou?" Despite all the doctrines that the free willers have manufactured, we have never read in God's Word of a seeking sinner. No amount of good works, prayers or weeping will cause God to set aside His Word. He had told Adam he would die, and die Adam did. There is no hope for Adam within himself but there is hope, for God comes down and calls Adam to Himself. Adam came out to God, being drawn (dragged) by the Holy Spirit. See John 6:44.

God then revealed to Adam that his leaves would not do. They were of wrong material and the wrong fashion. His covering was too revealing. It did not cover. He then showed Adam an animal which I believe must have been a lamb. God then slew the animal, which was innocent, yet God shed its blood and took its life, in order to make a covering for Adam. Therefore, for Adam to be dressed properly there must be death — shedding of blood, and the giving of a life. After slaying the animal, God took its skin and covered Adam and Eve, so they stood before God in peace, yet not in their own covering, but in the covering of a lamb which God had supplied.

Adam was saved as a result of this action by God, but the blood and death of the animal did not save him.

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should

take away sin." Heb. 10:4.

If the blood of this animal did not take away Adam's sin, then God must have been showing to Adam in shadow and type of Him who was to take away sin. When we look at the cross we see God's lamb (Jesus Christ) smitten of God, and afflicted with our sins, blood flowing from His body like the one in Eden. We see Him bow His head and give up the ghost in order to cover His children before God the judge. When Christ died God took His righteousness and imputed it unto us, as He did the skin of the animal in Eden. What God pictured to Adam, was that salvation was by grace, and that it was wholly a work of Him and not of man. Thus Adam was saved, just like we are today. (Continued on page 7, column 4)

## Death of Pope

(Continued from page three) hundred years ago they learned when he put his coat on that he couldn't make a mistake. Of course, when he had his coat off — when he didn't have his robe on, he was just like any other human being, but when he had his robe on, he couldn't make a mistake. Therefore they promulgated what they called the decree of papal infallibility, that when he speaks he could not make any error in any wise at all, but rather he was infallible in what he had to say.

Beloved, he has learned a lot since he died. He has learned that he wasn't infallible. The Catholics say that Simon Peter was the first pope. Well, Simon Peter learned pretty quickly after he made a confession to the Lord Jesus Christ that he wasn't infallible. Listen:

"But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, SATAN; thou art an offence unto me: for thou SAVOUREST NOT THE THINGS THAT BE OF GOD, but those that be of men." —Mt. 16:23.

Beloved, the only way that you can read this and say that Simon Peter was the first pope and that he didn't make a mistake, is to say that he didn't have his coat on when the Lord Jesus Christ made that statement, because the Son of God said, "Thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men."

I want to read you another instance to show you that Simon Peter was full of mistakes.

Listen: "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be BLAMED. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles; but when they were come he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision." —Gal. 2:11, 12.

Notice, the Word of God says that Simon Peter erred in this respect.

Then Paul went on to say: "But when I saw they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?" —Gal. 2:14.

I tell you, beloved, Simon Peter made mistakes. He was full of mistakes. I say again, Simon Peter wasn't a pope, but the Catholics say he was, and I go back to the man the Catholics claim was their first pope, and I say to you, he made mistakes, and all the popes through the years have made mistakes. Beloved, the pope that has just died has learned that he wasn't an infallible being.

VII

HE HAS LEARNED HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN READING THE BIBLE AND ENCOURAGING HIS PEOPLE TO READ IT.

If Pope John XXIII had an

opportunity to come back to this world, and you had an opportunity to ask him what he thought about the reading of the Word of God, and if he would recommend it, I am sure that he would say, "Go back to 1229 and read the edict that we passed whereby the Bible was forbidden to the laity to read." I dare say that he has learned that the Bible ought to be read by individuals here within this world.

Jesus said:

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are which testify of me." —John 5:39

Even Simon Peter tells us how important it is to study the Bible. Listen:

"Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, BY THE WORD OF GOD, which liveth and abideth for ever." —I Pet. 1:23.

"STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH." —II Tim. 2:15.

"And that from a child thou hast known the HOLY SCRIPTURES which are ABLE to MAKE THEE WISE UNTO SALVATION, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." —II Tim. 3:15

If you will read these verses, you will come face to face with this fact, that so far as the Word of God is concerned, it is to be read, it is to be studied, and it is that which brings us face to face with their Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, and that by sinners are born again through the Word of God.

I'd like to read to you a Catholic quotation concerning the Bible. Listen:

"Lastly, of all the advice we can give to your Beatitude, we have reserved to the end the most important, viz., that as little as possible of the gospel (especially in the mother tongue) be read in all the countries subject to your jurisdiction. That little which is usually read at Mass is sufficient and beyond that no one who ever must be permitted to read. While men were contented with that little, your interests prospered; but when more was read they began to decay. To sum all up, that book (the Bible) the one, more than any other, that has raised against us the whirlwinds and tempests which by we were almost swept away, and in fact if anyone examined it diligently, and then contrasted therewith the practice of the church, he will perceive the discordance, and that our doctrine is utterly different from, and even very contrary to it; which the people understand, they will not cease their clamor against it till all be divulged, and then they shall become an object of universal scorn and hatred. Wherefore, even these few pages must be put away, but with considerable caution lest so doing should raise up greater uproars and multitudes."

This came from the advice given three Roman bishops gave Pope Julius III as to how to strengthen the cause of Catholicism. That didn't come out of the Word of God; that comes from the pages of history. I tell you, beloved, I dare say that if Pope John XXIII had an opportunity to come to Rome tonight, he would mighty quickly say, "Let's reverse our position. Let's give the Word of God to the world, that the world may learn of Jesus Christ thereby."

VII

HE HAS LEARNED THE LACY OF PREACHING IN UNKNOWN TONGUE.

For six hundred years after the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ the language used in preaching was that spoken by the people. However, about the year 600 A.D. it became necessary for the Catholics to overawe the stititious minds of the barbarous people. When the Goths, Austro-goths, the Visigoths, (Continued on page 5, column



# IS BRO. D. N. JACKSON AN ARMINIAN?

I NEVER SAW A MAN DO SO MUCH FANCY TWISTING AND TURNING AS BRO. JACKSON. EVERY ARTICLE HE HAS WRITTEN PUTS HIM FARTHER AND FARTHER FROM THE TRUTH, AND EVERYONE KNOWS NOW THAT HE IS A RANK ARMINIAN, ALTHOUGH HE HATES FOR ME TO CALL HIM SUCH. PRAY FOR HIM, BRETHREN, THAT HE MAY SEE THE LIGHT!

## IS GOD NOT WILLING THAT ANYONE SHOULD PERISH?

II Peter 3:9 — "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

I know what every Bible student is thinking: "He has misquoted that passage!" You are exactly right. But the wording which I have given is almost invariably the same wording of the passage "quoted" by Arminians in an effort to dismiss the Bible doctrine of election. The Arminian will insist that this passage explicitly means that God wants all—every single person—to be saved. But this is by no means what the passage teaches, as we shall clearly see from "rightly dividing the word of truth." Even if the Bible did teach the Arminian idea that God wants every person to be saved, here is absolutely no illusion whatsoever in this passage to such doctrine.

Before going any further, let us read carefully the passage before us: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

First, let us notice to whom Peter writes these words. In verse one of chapter three he states: "Beloved, I now write unto you." By Peter's reference to this epistle as a second epistle, it is evident that the first epistle was written to the same folk. And in the first epistle, chapter one, verse two, he refers to his addressees as "elect."

So neither of Peter's epistles are written to anyone save the elect of God. And when in verse nine of this second epistle, chapter three, we read of the Lord's long-suffering to "us-ward," the reference is to the elect of God. And when we read that He is not willing that "any" should perish, the reference is restricted to the "us-ward" — not willing that any of the "us" should perish — being the elect of God. Likewise, the "all" whom He would have come to repentance are the same as the "us" and "any" — the elect of God to whom Peter writes.

But let us notice more particularly the first part of this passage. "What 'promise' is here referred to? And please notice, it is 'promise' and 'promises.' He speaks of one promise. But is the promise of salvation, as Arminians would believe? It is not, as the casual reader can easily perceive. The promise he speaks of is the Lord's second coming, seen clearly from three and four: 'Knowing this first, that the Lord's coming shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.'

Because of these scoffers' charges and blasphemy Peter deems it wise to set forth the truth as to the Lord's second coming and why it is that it has not yet come back to earth. The reason has not yet returned, says Peter, is that He is willing that any of those whom He has chosen Himself should perish, but that all of them should come to repentance, and be saved. God before declared through Paul the same truth, that Gentiles would not return until "the fulness of time" (Romans 11:25), that is, until all the "other sheep" (John 10:16) have come for safety. God's purpose is to "gather

together in one all things in Christ," and this He will do before the Son returns; He will save all the elect.

Some have thought the word for "willing" means only a "wishing" or "desiring." But this cannot be the true sense because God does not have a "desire" or "wish" that is opposed to His "will"; otherwise, God would be divided against Himself! If God wills the salvation of some, He does not wish or desire the salvation of all. After all, what is "wish" or "desire" but "will!"

Paraphrasing the passage, we would read it: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise of returning to the earth again, as some men have charged, but is long suffering to us-ward, the elect, not willing that any of us whom He has chosen for Himself before the foundation of the world to salvation should perish, but that all of them should in His own time be brought to repentance from sin and faith in Christ."

John Gill summarizes the passage thusly: "There was a promise of Christ's second coming, to judge the world . . . it was expected that this would have been very quickly, whereas it has been a long time deferred. Hence scoffers shall arise in the last days, charging the Lord with slackness and dilatoriness concerning his promise, though he is not slack with respect to it, but is long suffering towards his elect, waiting till their number is completed in effectual vocation, and for their sakes bears with all the idolatry, superstition, and profaneness that are in the world; but when the last man that belongs to that number is called, he will stay no longer, but descend in flames of fire, take his own elect to himself, and burn up the world and the wicked in it."

## Questions For Arminians

(1) Is God not willing that a single soul should perish? If so, why do a great host perish, for "who can resist his will?" (Romans 9:19, Psalms 115:3, Daniel 4:35, Ephesians 1:11).

(2) Is not God a weakling if He cannot do that which He wills?

(3) If God wills the salvation of some whom He cannot save, and Satan can take the same individuals "captive at his will" (II Timothy 2:26), is not Satan more powerful than God?

(4) If it is God's will to save all and He fails to do so, and if it is Satan's will to damn as many as possible and he does so, whose will has been performed — God's or Satan's?

(5) Does not God know who will be saved and who won't, even from the beginning? If so, why do you say that He is trying to save some whom He surely knows will perish? If you say, "Because they might be saved, finally," I ask, did not God, then foreknow a lie?

(6) (For those who believe in eternal security but do not believe in election): If God is not willing that any should perish, and yet in the end millions, yea, multi-millions do perish; what assurance have you that His will to keep the saved firmly secure from perishing may not also come to naught as His will for the salvation of all men? Is His will to save less powerful than His will to keep?

(7) Does the Bible not teach that repentance is the sovereign gift of God? (Acts 5:31, 11:18; II Corinthians 7:10; II Timothy 2:25; Jeremiah 31:18, 19). If so, and if God would have every single sinner to repent, why does He not give to them the gift of repentance?

judge, they were lighting her into Purgatory, I said to my doctor friend, "What did you think of it?" He said, "Well, the first part of it was upon the high pedestal, and the second part of it was down on the floor with the rest of us, and it looked to me like it was a pretty good two-act show." That was his response to what had taken place.

Beloved, all I have to say is this, it never was known for a man to speak in the Latin tongue until 600 A. D., and in the light of what Paul says, it would have been far better off if the Catholics never had started preaching in Latin. I am satisfied that if Pope John XXIII could come back, he would say, "Brethren, let's speak plainly and slowly and softly, and make the Word plain, that men might understand what God has to say within His Book."

## VIII

### HE HAS LEARNED IT WAS WRONG TO CHANGE THE MODE OF BAPTISM.

I suppose you know that the world got wrong on baptism through Catholicism. Their idea was that you have to baptize a man in order to get him saved and ready for Heaven. In other

words, they have always believed and taught baptismal regeneration. If one is sick and not able to be immersed, then you have to do something about it; you can't let him die without baptism and therefore it is necessary to sprinkle him. Their idea was the same relative to babies: "If we are going to be able to save the soul of a babe, we have to baptize that babe. We can't immerse him when he is sick; therefore we have to sprinkle." That is how the world got wrong on baptism.

But, beloved, what does the Word of God say? If you will go back to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ, you will find that He Himself set us an example, and that example was baptism by way of immersion. Listen:

"But John forbade him, saying I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; And lo a voice from heaven, saying,

This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."—Mt. 3:14-17.

When Paul would write to the church at Rome about baptism, he said:

"Therefore we are BURIED WITH HIM BY BAPTISM into death."—Rom. 6:4.

Notice, Paul refers to baptism as a burial. Beloved, you don't bury a person when you sprinkle him. You don't bury one when you pour a little water on his head. The only time in baptism when a person is buried is when he goes down under the water by way of an immersion.

If you want a definition of the word "burial," go back to the time when Abraham was traveling through the country of the Hittites. The Word of God says that his beloved wife Sarah had died and he had no place to bury her, so he went to Ephron the Hittite to buy land. He said:

"Give me a possession of a burying place with you, that I may BURY MY DEAD OUT OF MY SIGHT."—Gen. 23:4.

Notice that Abraham said, "That I may bury my dead out of my sight." Beloved, a burial puts a person out of sight.

I tell you, if Pope John XXIII could come back to this world, I am of the opinion that he would say, "Brethren, I have learned something. I have learned that the world got wrong on baptism because of us, and I want to teach everyone to return to the original position of baptism by immersion."

## IX

### HE HAS LEARNED THAT SALVATION IS NOT BY CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

The Catholics say that original sin is washed away by baptism, and that all future sins are taken away as a result of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper when an individual receives the bread that has been blessed. In other words, by his biscuit worship, or by his idolatry whereby he sees in that little piece of biscuit the body, blood, diety, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, the Catholic is supposed to be absolved from any future sins.

I tell you, beloved, Pope John XXIII has learned that salvation doesn't come by church membership, he has learned that salvation is not through the sacrament of baptism, and he has learned that salvation is not through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Jesus said:

"For this is MY BODY of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."—Mt. 26:28.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome, he omits saying anything about baptismal regeneration or about church salvation, but rather he says:

"Much more then, being now JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through him."—Rom. 5:9.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Hebrew Christians, he said:

"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but BY HIS OWN BLOOD he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."—Heb. 9:12.

"And without shedding of BLOOD IS NO REMISSION."—Heb. 9:22.

The Apostle John said:

"And the BLOOD of Jesus Christ his Son CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."—I John 1:7.

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins IN HIS OWN BLOOD."—Rev. 1:5.

Don't tell me that a man is saved by being a member of the Catholic Church or any kind of a church. Don't tell me that a man is saved by having his sins washed away in water. Don't tell me that the partaking of a little piece of bread on the tongue will be the means of absolving you of

any sins you commit thereafter. Rather:

"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' Name."

I tell you, beloved, Pope John XXIII has learned that there is no salvation in church membership, nor in any of the sacraments of the church.

## X

### HE HAS LEARNED THAT CATHOLICISM HAS BEEN WRONG IN PERSECUTING THOSE WHO DIFFER.

We read:

"And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus; and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration."—Rev. 17:6.

In the Bible, a pure woman represents a pure church, whereas an impure woman represents a false church.

If you will read the seventeenth chapter of Revelation, you will have the story of the old whore and her harlot daughters.

I'll not take time to give an exposition or an exegesis of this passage of Scripture. However, I'll just say this, as I have many times in the past, that the old whore is nothing else but a picture of Roman Catholicism, and her harlot daughters are the churches that have come out of Rome. And what does it say that this whore is guilty of? Among other things, we are told she is "drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus."

Beloved, talk about the Pope being a man of peace? Did you ever read where he said at any time that he was sorry for the attitude that the Catholics had taken for the past several hundred years during the Dark Ages in putting Christians to death?

Did you ever read that he said anything about the time when the preachers of a certain area refused to have their babies baptized and the Catholics killed them and set their heads on stakes ten feet apart on each side of the highway for 30 miles? It is almost 30 miles from here to Grayson, Kentucky. Can you imagine driving from here to Grayson and every 10 feet on each side of the highway seeing a lifeless head staring at you—the head of somebody who loved his Lord too much to have his baby sprinkled or to submit to sprinkling as valid baptism? Did you ever read that the Pope said he was sorry for the attitude of his ancestors in doing that?

Did you ever read where the Pope, who was supposed to be such a great lover of peace, said one word by way of apology because his church in the past had ripped up pregnant women and fed their unborn offspring to wild hungry dogs?

Did you ever read where he said he was sorry that his church had women's breasts cut with shears from their body because they refused to be baptized? Did you ever read anything about him saying one word that he was sorry that his church has put true believers in scalding water and boiled them alive? Did you ever read where he said that he was sorry that in the past the church had done any of these things by way of persecuting Christians?

I used to get a paper from St. Louis known as the Western Watchman. It was the strongest Catholic paper ever published. Its outstanding editor was D. S. Phelan. Here is a portion of one of his editorials: "We would like to rack and quarter Protestantism; we would like to impale it (Continued on page 6, column 5)"

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and the Teutons swept over the country of Italy, they showed no respect for the Church. They immediately wanted to destroy what they saw by Christianity, and in order to awe the barbaric imagination of these heathen people, the Catholics instituted the counting heads, the burning of candles, speaking in an unknown

language. What did the Apostle Paul say? Listen: "I have had rather five words with my understanding, than by my voice I should teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue."—I Cor. 14:9.

A few years ago I went to a real good friend of mine. We sat quietly and listened. We never understood a word of what was said, for the end of it was spoken in Latin. The service was over and we went outside, after having seen that was done, even with the walking around the altar with a light whereby, I



## Five Minutes After I Die

Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face,  
Dear ones will clasp me in sad embrace,  
Five minutes after I die.  
Shadows and darkness will fill the place,

Faces that sorrow I will not see,  
Voices that murmur will not reach me,  
But where, oh where, will my spirit be,  
Five minutes after I die?

Here I have rested and roved and ranged,  
Here I have cherished — and grown estranged,  
There, and then, it will all be changed,  
Five minutes after I die.

Naught to repair the good I lack,  
Fixed to the goal of my chosen track,  
No room to repent; no turning back,  
Five minutes after I die.

Now I can stifle convictions stirred,  
Now I can silence the voice oft heard,  
Then the fulfillment of God's sure Word,  
Five minutes after I die.

Mated for aye with my chosen throng,  
Long is eternity, O so long,  
Then woe is me if my soul be wrong,  
Five minutes after I die.

Oh, what a fool — hard the word but true,  
Passing the Savior with death in view,  
Doing a deed I can ne'er undo,  
Five minutes after I die.

Thanks be to Jesus for pardon free,  
He paid my debt on Mount Calvary's tree,  
Paradise gates will enfold even me,  
Five minutes after I die.

O marvelous grace that has rescued me,  
O joyous moment when Jesus I see,  
O happy day when with Him I'll be,  
Five minutes after I die.

## ENGROSSING EXPERIENCES

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"The Horns of a Dilemma"

Bro. Gilpin sure revealed D. N. Jackson's plight in a recent rebuttal of Jackson's article in the June issue of TAB. Bro. Jackson re-issued his rash challenge as to TBE's producing any writers, previous to Augustine, and after the New Testament days, that held to the five points of Calvinism or, rather Sovereign Grace. As Bro. Gilpin observed, Bro. Jackson completely ignored my article in the Jan. 7th issue of TBE. Personally, I would like to see Bro. Jackson try to answer the arguments which I set forth instead of making some inane remarks to the effect that it is ridiculous to try to prove that any of the four writers whom I cited believed the "five points." Well, I do not expect that he will make an answer, and if he does, he is sure to do some more fancy twisting and turning.

Actually Bro. Jackson has got himself on the horns of a Dilemma, and, unless God lets him off of them by His own sovereign will, Bro. Jackson will go chasing will-o-the-wisps. His situation reminds me of one which I got into when I was about two years of age. Now I don't remember the incident, but my mother and grandmother do as they were eye-witnesses to the event. It seems that I had a penchant for going wherever I desired, when I was old enough to leave the crib. In this case, I managed to make it to the barn, and through the barn yard fence. I suppose I wanted to visit the cows and the horses. However, that barnyard was no place for a two-year old, for my grandparents had a dangerous old cow which had horns. She had tried to use them on various people at different times.

To make a long story short, my mother and grandmother missed me, so they stepped out on the back porch to see where I was. You can imagine, dear reader, their consternation and fear, when they saw me on the horns of that dangerous old cow. That cow had picked me up by her horns. I believe I remember my mother saying that her heart just simply crawled up in her throat.

They were so frightened they didn't know what to do. In that respect I am sure that the sov-

ereign hand of Almighty God was present, for the cow did just what He wanted her to do. She put me back down somehow, and my relatives rushed out and grabbed me. Can you imagine the dilemma I was in? There I was, two years old, perched on the death-dealing horns of a dangerous cow, and no one near enough to save me, or help me.

Now Bro. Jackson has gotten himself into a similar situation, for he has argued himself into a position where he doubts and denies the Word of God. He doubts and denies that God is sovereign, which is what the Bible everywhere affirms in every respect. Then, too, he has tried to squirm out of sovereignty by denying history. And when he has answered, He didn't even attempt to answer the arguments offered. Instead he quoted his pitifully few pieces of lackadaisical scholarship which merely made ignorant and unfounded statements.

In my case, all I had was the writings of those so-called Early Church Fathers which I cited. I did not know at the time I wrote the answer to Bro. Jackson's challenge, that any one had ever taken the trouble to search out all, or most of the evidence for the five points among the Church Fathers between the New Testament period, and the time of Augustine. However, since then I have learned from a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Bro. Douglas McCallister, a young minister and student of the Word of God, that there had been a work written on the subject. I am almost tempted to smile a little, for Calvary Baptist Church Book Store handles it, and it is advertised in TBE quite frequently. Furthermore, it was written by a great Baptist of the 1700s, a man who was supposed to have trod the whole circle of learning — so an Episcopalian said. His name? John Gill. His work? "THE CAUSE OF GOD AND TRUTH." It was written in answer to a Dr. Whitby who made the same unlearned and careless challenge that Bro. Jackson has made. I now have that work. I want to recommend it to our readers and particularly I want to recommend it to poor Bro. Jackson. One can well understand why his doctor's degree is honorary. Had it been earned in the field of early church history, he would have known better — perhaps. However, the real reason is just simply that God has not taken him off the horns of his dilemma. And only a despot of a God can do that.

Dear reader, does the idea of calling God a DESPOT bother you? What, or rather, how much would it bother you, if I showed

you in the Written Word of God that God is called a despot?

Listen: Luke 2:29—"Lord (Despot) now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word."

Acts 4:24—"And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, LORD (Despot) thou art God . . ."

A. T. Robertson said of the word it was an old word, ABSOLUTE MASTER. Of course he was not a Calvinist, but his admission concerning this ought to give Bro. Jackson a good nippon fits. Bro. Jackson says God is not absolute in regard to man's choice. He says God is absolute in regards to election. He says God is not absolute in regards to the extent of atonement.

The Bible says that God is absolute master . . . Like a master over a slave, who had the power to grant life, or to take it in pleasure.

Acts 4:24 specifically recognizes God as Absolute Sovereign with regards to the salvation of the Gentiles. This proves that Bro. Jackson is on the horns of a dilemma. None is able to deliver him, and he cannot by his hand deliver himself. May we have mercy on him, and help as He helped me that day 24 years or so ago.

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(Continued from page 1) and hang it up for crows to peck at; we would like to see it with pincers and pierce it with red hot irons; we would like to fill it with molten lead and plunge it into Hell fire a hundred fathoms deep." Did you read where Pope John XXIII said he was sorry for the editorials in the St. Louis Watchman? He was such a great man of peace why didn't he try to rectify those horrible murderous attitudes the Catholics in past ages?

In Yugoslavia in 1941 and the Romanists gained complete control over Croatia. 850,000 the people were heard of butchering and 244,000 were taken into the Roman Church. This is not a page taken from the Book of Martyrs. It is the story of Roman inquisition in medieval days. No, this happened in our own generation 1941 and 1942, but Pope XXIII never said he regretted the action of his church.

Go back, beloved, and read those horrible things the Catholics are guilty of in the past. You will never find that the world says was a mistake. (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## Unsolved Problem

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lems of life. In other words, human beings who are just a glob of the great system are able to change the evolutionary processes.

Now comes the rub. If you ask these esteemed thinkers what they think of morality, they will in unison say there is no such thing as right or wrong. Or, if you ask them if there is such a thing as supernatural, they will in one accord smile because their theory of things leave no place for God. If you ask them if there ever has been such a thing as miracle, they will be ready to laugh you off from this globe. Yet, if you ask them how can there be individual, free-will, rational thinking, they stand gasping.

The true Christian readily admits there is physical, psychological, and social order. But, he also admits that there is ample evidence that God exists and He intervenes in His creation. God does not change any so-called natural laws but merely adds another ingredient which changes the course of events. For example, historians tell us that the abnormal, unusual weather conditions enabled the English to defeat the mighty Spanish Armada (1588) which changed the destiny and culture of Europe. This was also true of the retreat of Dunkirk (1940) when a third of a million British soldiers were able to escape the powerful German armies under unexpected foggy weather conditions. God injected an ingredient which changed events.

The Christian whose doctrinal views are Calvinistic, also believes that man has a sinful, corrupt nature, and it is only the

grace of God in Christ that prevents mankind from annihilating itself. Likewise, God rules this world by wars, famine, death, catastrophes, and confusing men's minds as they rebel against Him as we read in Revelation chapter seven. God sits in heaven laughing as the heathen rage and imagine vain things. (Psalm 2). A day of culmination is coming when He will destroy this world and redeem the handful who have honestly trusted in the Lord, Jesus Christ (II Peter 3). Has God injected the ingredient of the "new birth" and changed your life by conversion?

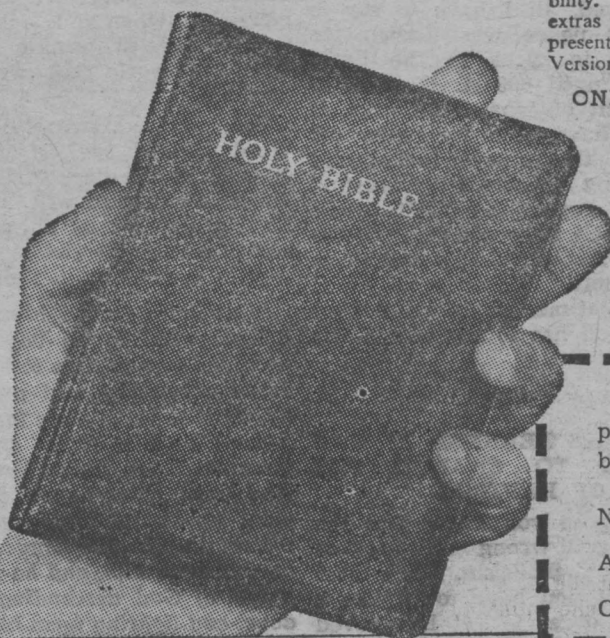
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eating them as they do not have enough to eat let alone food for the pigs, too. Before missionaries came in, at this time of the year many people died of starvation. In the tribal fights, they used to try to destroy the gardens so the people would starve to death that weren't killed, and many of them did, too.

Read II Kings 4:1-7. Seasons of affliction are common to all, but only the children of God have a sufficient source of supply to meet the trying occasions. It is on cloudy days that the rainbow of His promise is most easily seen. It was in the barren wilderness that Israel saw the glory of God's goodness in the Bread from Heaven and the Water from the flinty rock. This widow had been brought into dire circumstances, but let us notice how God in His infinite grace and mercy supplied all her needs.

This was a needed grace. Her husband was dead; the creditors had come to take her two sons as bondslaves. There would be no one to help her. Such were some of us. We were dead in trespasses and sin. "And you being dead in offences and sin,"—Ephesians 2:1 (Greek). Brother (Continued on page 7, column 3)

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and one who has done so much for peace today—you will find at any time that he apologized for the things his church had done in the

back just a few years. I remember myself how that Pope Pius gave his blessing to the enormous campaign of General Franco when he overran Spain, abolished the monarchy of Spain, and set up the dictatorship of Franco in Spain today. I can remember when the Pope put his hand on his blessing upon it and said that what General Franco had done was a deed of valor. I can remember when Mussolini, as a black shirted follower of Pope, overran Ethiopia and those Ethiopians who were only with spears. I can remember that the Pope put his hand on it and said it was a thing that had been done. Haile Selassie, the king of Ethiopia, who dates his ancestry the way back to King Solomon the Queen of Sheba, was to flee from his land and to England, it was then that Pope said that it was regrettable that England had given him to stay. Beloved, that was in the past few years. Now the world says that this man who died and gone to Hell was in of peace. Not at all did he apologize for any of the things that his predecessors had done so far as peace was con-

the fact of the matter is, the Catholics are never in favor of peace anywhere or at anytime when that peace is in their favor. If it is in their behalf, they are in favor of peace; if it isn't, they are not in favor of it.

Now, beloved, I have an opportunity that if Pope John XXIII came back to this world he would tell us that he has seen that Catholicism has been wrong all through the years in

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persecuting everybody that has differed with them, and that he really now is a man of peace, and that he would like to see peace in the world with everybody believing on the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ.

### CONCLUSION

I come back to that expression in the story of Jesus founding His church, when Jesus said, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I hear Simon Peter just prior to that, in answer to His question as to whom Jesus Christ is—I hear Simon Peter say, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Would to God that the Pope, and his followers, and all of those who are in the Catholic Church might worship and show their loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ as Simon Peter did on that first day when he said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Several years ago, a friend of mine heard that the Catholic priest in a certain city was going to preach in English. It was to be an innovation, or at least it would be something entirely different to what the Catholics ordinarily did. This friend of mine went to hear what this priest had to say. This priest denounced sin as a heinous, malignant thing. This friend of mine said that it was a remarkable message in what he had to say about sin, for he made it appear as a dreaded moral or spiritual malady, or as cancer—as bad as a tumor to the human body—a thing to be feared or shunned, and to be spurned. Then he brought his message to a close and said, "And is there no remedy for sin?" My friend said he just sat on the edge of his seat to see what this man was going to say. He thought, "Now is the opportunity for him to say in English, 'Yes, there is a remedy, for 2000 years ago Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary died for our sins that we might be saved.'" He said that this priest paused again and said, "And is there no remedy for sin?" Then he paused a third time and said, "And is there no remedy for sin?" Then he said, "Do you know what it is? It is penance; we do penance to get rid of sin."

Oh, would to God that that man might have seen the truth that penance does not remove sin, that baptism does not remove sin, and that church membership does not remove sin; but that sin is removed through the blood of Jesus Christ. John said:

"And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."  
—I John 1:7.

Several years ago an individual was doing mission work in the city of Chicago, in one of the Catholic hospitals. There was a woman who was dying in that hospital who had been a Catholic. She wasn't what you would call a good Catholic, for she hadn't been true to her church. She had asked for a priest. A Sister had come in and had placed the scapular around her shoulders. The Catholics claim that if a person dies with such a jacket around his shoulders, it at least gives him a little start in the direction of Purgatory; so the Sister had put that jacket around the dying woman's shoulders and had slipped out to try to find a priest. While she was gone this man moving along the corridors of the hospital heard this woman groaning and praying and he stepped into the room where she was and learned her condition. He stood there beside her bed and told her about Jesus, how that Jesus was wounded for our sins, how the Son of God went to the cross and died for our sins, and how the blood of Jesus Christ is all that a sinner needs. He told her that she didn't need that scapular around her shoulders, that she didn't need a priest, and that she didn't need to confess to any man, that all she needed was Jesus as her Saviour.

The woman was saved and the man went on his way. Presently, the priest came in, and he said, "I am here to hear your confession." She said, "Father, let me see your hand." Thinking that she was out of her mind, he said, "Oh, come now, make your confession." She said, "Let me see your hand." Thinking that it might be the means of calming her so that she would go ahead and make her confession, he held his hand up and she put her hand in his hand and felt around in the palm of his hand, then dropped it down and said, "No, that hand won't do." The priest said, "What do you mean that it won't do?" She said, "Well, the hand that saved me was pierced for my sins."

Beloved, I say to you, the hand that saved me was pierced for my sins. The Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins, and I have salvation in the blood. If Pope John XXIII is in Heaven, he is there because in his dying hour he threw everything else aside and believed in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Otherwise, he is in Hell, and in Hell he will stay without any possibility of getting out. All of the prayers that will ever be said in his behalf will never relieve his pain one particle. I tell you, beloved, it is either Jesus Christ in life to die for your sins, or it is eternal Hell for you throughout a never-ending eternity.

May God bless you!



### All-Sufficient

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Vine says of death, "Death is the opposite of life; it never denotes non-existence." As spiritual life is "conscious existence in communion with God," so spiritual death is "conscious existence in separation from God." We, being dead spiritually, have no bond of fellowship with God before being saved. Many people never become aware of being separated from God and are never saved. These natives are aware of being hungry. Some of them are not

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yet aware of being dead in sins; nor, are they aware that without Christ as their Saviour, they have no hope.—Eph. 2:12.

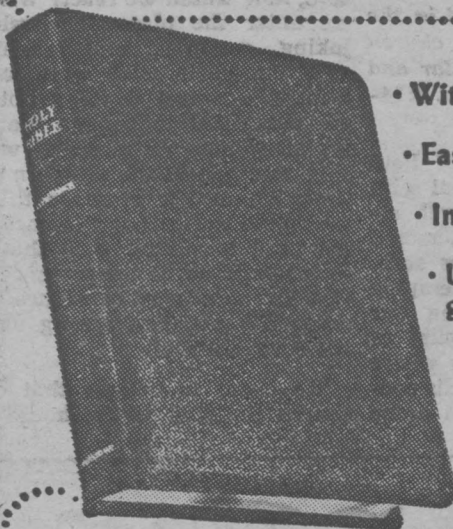
There was an offered grace. Elisha said, "what shall I do for thee?" God's offer always meets man's need. Christ came to seek and to save that which has been lost. The first need is salvation, which God's grace is sufficient for. My God shall supply all our NEEDS by the Lord Jesus Christ. Sometimes, I am afraid this verse is mistaken. Our needs shall be taken care of, but not necessarily all of our wants. These natives will find enough wild sweet potatoes to sustain them, but they may not always be full, and they will not have everything they want.

A preparation is needed. Elisha said for her to go borrow empty vessels and not just a few. God's grace is never wasted. It comes only as we are ready to receive it. We oft times need to empty some vessels to the grace of God. Such as: our hearts of pride, our time of non-essentials, our pockets of earthly treasures—II Cor. 9:8, and our minds of worry—

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God has never saved any person apart from His unmerited grace. There is absolutely nothing in all the universe that would, or

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could save a totally depraved person such as Adam was except the marvelous grace of God. Let us remember that Adam, like every one since that time, turned to his own way, Isa. 53:6. In Gen. 3:7 we are told that "they sewed fig

Phil. 4:6. The last statement worrying is probably the hardest to overcome.

A faith rewarding grace. She poured out and the vessels were filled. There are times when we need to "shut the door" and venture out as in the presence of God alone for we walk by faith and not by sight. Her vessels were all filled and so will our empty vessels as we walk by faith.

There is an all-sufficient grace. "There was not a vessel more; and the oil stayed." As long as there is an empty vessel to hold, and a faith to use the grace of God, there is no luck. II Cor. 12:9. "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

God's grace is a delivering grace. "Go sell the oil and pay thy debt." The claims of a broken law have been met. Acts 13:39, "And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." We are freely justified by God's grace, Rom. 3:24. There is no condemnation to those who have been born again.

God's grace is a sustaining grace. "Live thou and thy children on the rest." The Israelites were not only delivered from Egypt by the blood of the lamb, but were strengthened for the journey ahead by feasting on it. Let us not only be sustained by the grace of God, but let us feast on it. When the Lord allows trials to come our way let us not run from them, but run to God with them for HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT.

leaves together and made themselves aprons." He was completely satisfied with the handiwork of his own hands. Like his offspring through the centuries, Adam felt no need of anything better than his beautiful fig leaf apron.

Not only was Adam satisfied with his pretty apron, he did not want to exchange it for something else. His actions when he heard the voice of the Lord God proves to anyone except a rank Arminian that he was not seeking salvation. Had Adam run to meet God that day, and had he begged and pleaded with Him for salvation, I would be an Arminian today, tooth and toe nail. And, had he not been one of God's precious elect ones, I am persuaded God would have gone on down Main Street that day and have just left Adam alone to do as he pleased.

But, since he was one of God's elect ones, God sought him out and properly clothed him. Isaiah says (61:10) "He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." Yes, God saved Adam just like He saved E. G. Cook. He stooped down in mercy and poured out His grace upon us. He did not save either of us against our will, but He sure did have to change our stubborn wills for us, Phil. 2:13. I am so thankful to Him that He did not wait about saving me until I got around to desiring to be saved. And I am also thankful that He did not wait about saving Adam until he decided to seek after God.

Of course, if you want to say Adam was saved on the credit, we won't argue too much. From man's viewpoint he was. But from God's viewpoint, and according to His determinate counsel, Adam's sins and mine were atoned for from all eternity. What took place at Calvary was the working out of that determinate counsel.



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# CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

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"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: 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, the pillar and ground of the truth." I Tim. 3:14-15.

These are the words of Paul to a young pastor, and deal with a pastor's conduct of church affairs, as well as his own personal behaviour. We accept it as such, but we might profitably employ these words in examining our own behaviour in the house of God. The house of God is where God chooses to meet with His people. With this in mind, in order

to put the subject in the proper perspective, and ourselves in the proper frame of mind, let us ask ourselves these questions. If we could see a visible manifestation of God's presence in the house of God, how would we react? Would we enter the place of worship, joking, gossiping, and laughing as if the whole affair were some sort of a party? I think not. I am persuaded to believe that if we came into the place of worship, and beheld the visible manifestation of His presence there, we would enter that Presence in fear and trembling. And that is as it should be. Is the presence of God less worthy of reverence because His presence among us is not a visible one?

We claim to believe that our church building is the house of

God, and that the Lord meets with His people there. Yet how frequently we enter the building laughing, talking loudly, sometimes even exchanging tidbits of gossip. I have been guilty, and I am ashamed of my sacrilegious behaviour. My prayer is that I may never be guilty of such conduct again. How can we hope to keep our children quiet in the church, and how do we hope to teach them reverence for the house of God when we persist in such practices? Whispering, laughing, and dozing during the hour of worship are all un-Christian, and shows the unmistakable signs of thoughtlessness, if not downright irreverence, and sets a poor example for our little ones. If we really believe that God is among us, is this the way to honor His presence there?

This unhealthy condition is not limited to the pews. The modern pulpit must bear its share of the guilt. How often do we hear the preacher starting, punctuating, and closing his sermon with stale jokes, and coarse slang. This does not honor God, it does not edify the hearers, and it certainly does no credit to the preacher. The house of God in general, and the pulpit in particular, is no place for foolish jesting and unseemly mirth. If ever we engage in solemnity it should be in the house of God, in the very presence of God Himself. Old jokes, witty remarks, and the slang expressions of an ungodly world have no place in the worship of God. I could never believe that God is pleased with whisperers, gigglers, and sleepers in the pews, nor can I believe that He will approve of would-be comedians in the pulpit. The house of God is not a place of entertainment, and the "foolishness of preaching" mentioned in I Cor. 1:21 does not authorize the preaching of foolishness. I am convinced that if we could see ourselves as God sees us at such times, we would fall on our knees, begging for mercy.

How differently did the ancients regard the presence of God. Moses, at the sound of God's voice from the burning bush, certainly did no jesting.

"And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God." Ex. 3:6.

Jacob had no funny stories to tell when he felt himself to be in the house of God.

"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not. And he was afraid and said, How dreadful is this place. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." Gen. 28:16-17.

Peter, James, and John fell on their faces on the mount of transfiguration, when God's presence was manifested in the cloud. Paul had no witty remarks in readiness when the glory of the Lord shone about him on the road to Damascus. In Ecc. 5:1-2 are these words:

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few." Then in I Peter 4:17 the apostle writes words that we would do well to remember:

"For the time is come THAT JUDGMENT MUST BEGIN AT THE HOUSE OF GOD: AND IF IT FIRST BEGIN WITH US, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

As Christians, we are engaged in a serious business, and the hour of worship is no exception. This is not some light social function, and if we truly are coming into the presence of God, then idle talk and foolish, noisy jesting are out of place there. Listen: "But I say unto you, every idle word that men shall speak, they

shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. 12:36-37. In the light of these words, we can safely assume that our Lord does not condone idle talk. Yet we continue to enter the house of God with idle conversation, foolish jesting, and little or no concern that the all-seeing eye of God is beholding our irreverent behaviour. Is it any wonder that our churches seem cold, indifferent, and spiritless? Shame on us. How much better it would be if we carefully followed the exhortation recorded in Phil. 1:27:

"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ."

Then in James 3:13 are these words:

"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

Do we honestly believe that God meets with His people in the house appointed for worship? Then why do we enter the place of His presence in a spirit of merrymaking? Do we not fear Him? Have we forgotten that we are commanded to "fear God and keep His commandments?" Ecc. 12:13. Brethren, let us from this time henceforth render unto God the honor due unto Him, and let us enter the place of worship as though His presence among us was a visible one. And let us engage in the hour of worship with reverence and godly fear.

"For our God is a consuming fire."

## Rock 'n' Roll

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the clock. Teen-agers scream and weep in concert halls. Jukeboxes shriek and record sales soar higher and higher.

Those who seek to worship and obey God are looked upon as "fanatical" and "crazy." But to stand for hours in the cold, heat or rain just to hear mopheaded juveniles, wearing undersized clothes, make a degenerate noise is really the stuff. Such an attitude makes me want to ask, "Just how confused can our senses of value become?"

Any way you look at it, rock 'n' roll is degenerate and corrupt. Big-beat music has a tremendous emotional effect upon those who allow themselves to be caught in its sway. This strange magic overpowers some until they seem to be swimming alone in a sea of sound. Any intelligent person can perceive that the giving of the mind over to such an influence in a hypnotic trance can lead only to a mental and emotional catastrophe. Those caught by the hypnotic effect of this music are guilty of moral and spiritual insanity.

It is a scientific fact that music directly affects every part of the human body. Man's emotions respond to music more than anything else. Sacred hymns turn a person's mind toward God and worship. Patriotic songs turn a man's mind toward his country. Rock 'n' roll music has the rhythm of the "tum-tums" of the uncivilized native who lives like an animal and it is designed to give release to what this music points to. I do not believe that any one can participate in a rock 'n' roll dance without violating Matt. 5:28. The idolatrous, sex-arousing singing and dancing described in Ex. 32 is a striking parallel to our modern rock 'n' roll. If you want to know what God thinks of this musical garbage, read Ex. 32.

Religious liberals are now calling this obnoxious noise "the pulse of the coming (going?) American." One of them the other day called rock 'n' roll "a new avenue of witness for the evangelical church." These are strange words for a professed follower of Jesus Christ. Has he so soon forgotten the words of the English mopheaded Beatle, John Lennon? Lennon said, "Christianity will go. It will vanish and

shrink. I needn't argue that: I'm right and I will be ed right. We're more popular Jesus now. I don't know who will go first — rock 'n' roll Christianity." I believe that religious liberals have — in common big-beat expressions — done looozze their m-i-n-d.

It is not hard for me to understand why the "children of wrath" enjoy this jungle but how any one who claims to be a "child of the King" can light in such musical trash, wear a Beatle haircut, I cannot understand. Neither do I understand why churches want to stand why churches want to wear a religious rock 'n' roll like Got the Whole World in Hands."

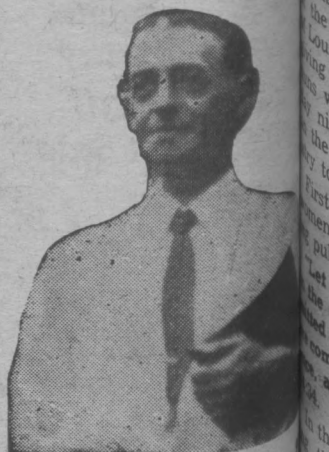
Beware, dear reader, lest 'n' roll — the very spirit of — rocks you up to the judgment bar of God and rolls you into Devil's hell. "They send their little ones like a flock to their children dance. They wear the timbrel and harp, and at the sound of the organ, spend their days in wealth. In a moment go the graveclothes in Hebrew which is many translated "Hell". See Job 31:33.

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