

We are saved to serve; but we cannot serve to be saved.

## The Incomparable Christ

"But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.—Isaiah 53:5.

He came from the bosom of the Father to the bosom of a woman. He put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became Son of Man that we might become sons of God.

He was born in a supernatural way, lived in poverty, reared in obscurity. Only once crossed the boundary of the land, in childhood. He had no wealth nor influence, and no college education; yet the profoundest wisdom of men has never equalled His last discourses in John 13 to 17, and the sermon on the mount. "Never man spake like this man."

His relatives were inconspicuous and unimportant. In infancy He startled a king; in boyhood He puzzled the doctors; even at twelve years of age proving He was far in advance of the theologians, for He was taught of God; in manhood He ruled the elements, so that He could defy the laws of gravitation by walking on the water, and quiet the raging sea. He healed the multitudes without medicine, and made no charge for His services.

He never wrote a book, yet not all the libraries of the country could hold the books that have been written about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has furnished the theme of more songs than all song writers combined. He never founded a college, yet all the schools together cannot boast of as many students as

He has.

Great men have come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, Death could not destroy Him, the grave could not hold Him, and even demons obeyed Him. He fed the hungry multitudes with a boy's little lunch, broke up funerals, and gave back life to those that were dead.

He laid aside His purple robe for a peasant's gown. He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor. As to how poor? Ask Mary. Ask the Wise Men. He slept in another's manger; He cruised the lake in another's boat. He rode on a borrowed beast. He was buried in a rich man's tomb.

He conquered death, rose on the third day as He said He would, ascended into heaven, is now at the right hand of the throne of God, and will one day come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory for His own born-again, blood-bought ones to be forever with Him according to promise after which He will judge the world in righteousness, when every knee shall bow to Him and every tongue shall confess Him as Lord — His friends gladly, but His enemies seeking a place to hide from His face. (Rev. 6:15).

The ever Perfect One — He is the Chief among ten thousand, the only One who can satisfy the soul and give everlasting LIFE to those who have it not.

HE IS ALTOGETHER LOVELY — IS HE YOUR SAVIOR?

MISSIONARY

PREMILLENNIAL

BIBLICAL

BAPTISTIC

## The Baptist Examiner

Paid Circulation In All States And In Many Foreign Countries

"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

VOL 36, No. 28

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, AUGUST, 12, 1967

WHOLE NUMBER 1499

As for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, I have read it ever since it has been a paper. I think that it is now the best that it has been in all of its history.

Clyde Gooch,  
(Kentucky)

"Enclosed a love offering for the EXAMINER. The EXAMINER is such a blessing to me. It really feeds God's children on Bible truths that we need to know in order for us to be more mature Christians."

Mrs. O. C. Whitaker  
(Texas)

"Enclosed is a small gift to help out a little wherever most needed. TBE is the greatest of its kind. May God continue to bless you and your helpers in His work until He comes."

D. G. Currie  
(Maine)



"I have been a reader of the paper now for quite sometime, and could never begin to tell you what it has meant to me. Due to my husband's work, we have been unable now for sometime to attend church regularly where the Word is taught. Many questions have been answered for me through your paper and I am so thankful for it. May God bless you and yours and give you the strength to carry on."

Mrs. Robert W. Irwin  
(Texas)

"Would you please renew my subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I received the paper for years but let it expire. However, I still have many copies of it which I read and enjoy. I have learned to appreciate its uncompromising stand on the Word of God. I also find it a wonderful help in Bible study."

William A. Foley  
(Illinois)

"We appreciate your paper very much. An Arminian preacher once said at the church where we used to attend that the Baptist Bible Tribune and the Sword of the Lord papers were the best in print, and easily worth \$20.00 a year in value. Well, we stopped taking both since subscribing to TBE. So you might say TBE is worth \$40.00 a year."

W. R. Downing  
(California)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "GROWTH IN GRACE"

"But grow in grace."—I John 3:18.

"For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear."—Mark 4:28.

I was impressed recently in reading an incident that took place in Australia. A 20-year-old blonde had a boy friend in the United States, who was located in California, and she wanted to come to the United States to see her boy friend. She didn't have the money for transportation, but she learned there was a guided missile cruiser that was in dock at Sidney, Australia, and they had a day of inspection — a day when

everybody could come on board, to see what this guided missile cruiser looked like. So while everybody was inspecting this cruiser, she got on deck; and when time came to leave, she didn't leave. She got into the Admiral's quarters. It so happened that the Admiral wasn't on board that day or night, so she had the Admiral's quarters to sleep in. The next day the vessel took off from Sidney coming to the United States, to the West Coast. When they got about a day out, they found this blonde aboard the vessel and immediately they put her on a yacht and sent her back to Australia. Some Australian sail-

ors got together, and bought her a ticket to the United States, so she could visit her boy friend, but the thing that impressed me about it was that she was a stowaway — she tried to stowaway on board this vessel to make the trip to the United States.

I want to tell you, beloved, in the journey through life, it is not necessary that any of us become a stowaway on the good ship Grace, to go to Heaven. You don't have to be a stowaway. May I insist that the grace of God will take you home to Glory, and it isn't necessary for anybody to become a stowaway to go to (Continued on page 5, column 5)

## Brief Doctrinal Statement On Part Of Missionary Elect

ELDER RALPH DOTY  
Solomon Islands

I believe in the verbal, inspiration of the whole Bible, the eternal Trinity, infinite immutability and absolute sovereignty of God; creation by the direct fiat of God and not by or through the process of evolution; eternal unconditional election; particular redemption; the effectual call of the Spirit; repentance and faith as sacred duties and also inseparable graces wrought in man by the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit of God; justification by faith apart from works; that the natural man is lost, totally depraved and unable to repent and trust Christ apart from the quickening power of the Holy Spirit in connection with the preaching of the gospel; the true free agency of man; the avail-



ELDER RALPH DOTY

ability of salvation to whomsoever will receive it; the worldwide execution of the whole of the great commission; the preaching of the whole counsel of God; and the eternal preservation of the saved.

I believe in the virgin birth and both the humanity and the absolute deity of Christ; atonement solely through His vicarious death; His bodily resurrection, ascension, and pre-millennial return of Christ to the earth to reign a thousand years. That at the end of the thousand year reign of Christ on earth as King, the wicked dead, having been raised from Hades, shall be judged by Him before the Great White Throne according to their works to determine the degree of punishment they shall receive in the lake of fire.

I believe that the final abode of those who do not have Christ as Saviour will be a literal Hell, or lake of fire, where they shall be tormented day and night forever.

I believe that the final abode of the redeemed shall be with the Lord. This present earth shall (Continued on page 2, column 2)

NOW AVAILABLE!

1966

BOUND

VOLUMES

OF

THE  
BAPTIST  
EXAMINER

Containing All and Every Issue  
Printed in 1966.

\$6.00 each

## The Baptist Examiner

The Baptist Paper for the Baptist People

JOHN R. GILPIN ..... Editor

Editorial Department, located in ASHLAND, KENTUCKY, where all subscriptions and communications should be sent. Address: P. O. Box 910, zip code 41101.

Published weekly, with paid circulation in every state and many foreign countries.

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One year — \$2.00; Two years — \$3.50  
Five years — \$7.00; Life — \$25.00

CLUB RATES: 15 or more — each \$1.50

When you subscribe for others or secure subscriptions — each \$1.50

BUNDLES: 10 to 50 copies to one address \$10.00 for each 10 yearly; 60 to 100 copies to one address, \$9.00 for each 10 yearly.

FOREIGN: Same as in the United States.

PLANNING TO MOVE? Notify us three weeks in advance. The Post Office does not forward second class mail and they charge us 10c for each "change of address" notice. Please save us this expense.

Entered as second class matter MAY 9, 1961, in the post office at Ashland, Kentucky, under the act of March 3, 1879.

## Women . . . Bible

(Continued from page one)

safeguards so that their newfound liberty may not be abused and thus bring shame upon the cause for which our Lord died.

Women are not to teach men. "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence" (I Tim. 2:12). Here Paul forbids a woman to take the place of a pastor or evangelist or church leader. God does not want a woman to have a place of authority over men. For a woman to teach a man is for her to usurp authority over a man. When she speaks in a mixed assembly containing men she is guilty of an act of independence. She seems to suggest that she is not in subjection to her husband. Therefore God gave woman this prohibition because of the priority of man in creation (I Tim. 2:13) and on account of woman's priority in the transgression which plunged Adam's race into sin (I Tim. 2:14).

There were no women priests in the Old Testament worship, no women scribes, no women officials. There were no women preachers, pastors, evangelists or missionaries in the New Testament churches. All the words used for church officials are masculine. Women accompanied Jesus and served him, yet no woman was chosen among the twelve Apostles. Women served in some positions in the early church, yet none of the seven deacons was a woman. Upon both men and women was poured out the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, yet Peter preached the sermon.

Women are not to speak in a church service where men are present. "The women should keep quiet in the churches, for they are not authorized to speak, but should take a secondary and subordinate place, just as the Law also says . . . it is disgraceful for a woman to talk in the church . . ." (I Cor. 14:34-35 Amplified Version). "Let a woman learn in quietness in entire submissiveness . . . she is to remain in quietness and keep silence in religious assemblies" (I Tim. 2:11-12 Amplified Version).

plified Version). These verses mean that a woman cannot even ask a question in an official meeting of the church when a mixed group is worshipping. This is clearly seen by reading the verse which follow I Cor. 14:34. "And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." If a woman hears something she does not understand in a regular church service, she is not to interrupt the meeting by inquiring aloud about it. She is to ask her husband at home!

It is the duty of a woman to learn in quietness and submission to her husband. It is man's duty to keep up his superiority by being able to instruct her. If it is her duty to ask her husband at home, it is his concern to be able to answer her queries. If it is a shame for her to speak in the church, it is a shame for him to be silent when he ought to speak!

This forbids a woman to pray in a mixed assembly containing men. Paul taught that men should lead public prayers: "I will therefore that the men pray in every place" (I Tim. 2:8 improved translation). The new English Bible renders this passage: "It is my desire, therefore, that everywhere prayers be said by the men of the congregation." Thayer's Lexicon says that the word translated "men" here means "men" as distinguished from women and children. Jamieson, Fausset and Brown's Bible Commentary says on this passage: "That men" — rather as Greek, "that the men," as distinguished from "the women," to whom he has something different to say from what he said to the men (Vss. 9-12)."

## Ralph Doty

(Continued from page 1)

be dissolved, but He shall create new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

I believe that there will be no opportunity after death for man to prepare for the presence of God.

I believe that a New Testament church is local (not universal) and visible (not invisible) and that every New Testament church is the body of Christ in its locality; that this is the only kind of body Christ has on the earth; that New Testament churches are independent and democratic under the sole headship of Jesus Christ; that the Great Commission was given to the New Testament church exclusively, and not to man-made churches, associations, conventions and boards; that sound Baptist churches today are the only true New Testament churches; and that such churches have been perpetuated from the days of Christ's earthly ministry to the present.

I believe that Scriptural baptism is the immersion of a saved person in water as an act of obedience upon the authority of Christ transmitted through a true New Testament Church.

I believe that the Lord's Supper is a memorial ordinance (not a sacrament) in which the members of one church, by the use of unleavened bread and wine, show forth the Lord's death till He comes; that sanctification is both a state and a process in every true believer.

I believe that believers are

free from the law of Moses as an instrument of compulsion and of condemnation, and possess the perfect righteousness of Christ imputed through faith; that in the New Testament we find a complete rule of faith and practice and final authority by which men both lost and saved in this age shall be tried.

I believe that a New Testament church is complete in itself, independent of all other bodies, civil or religious, and it is the highest and only source of ecclesiastical authority on earth, amenable only to Christ whose laws alone it receives and executes. A true New Testament church will acknowledge no body of men on earth, no council, no conference and no assembly as its head, but Jesus Christ alone, as "Head over all things."

## "Stand . . . Knock"

(Continued from page one)

him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches" Rev. 3:22. These two verses in the immediate context of Rev. 3:20 clearly show that the verse refers to a local church. It is at the door of the church that Jesus is knocking, and not at the door of the sinners heart. The sad, awful, and thought-provoking truth of this passage is that Jesus may be on the outside of a true Church, seeking entrance into His own church, and that such a church is

### CHURCH PEWS

We are Manufacturers of high quality, solid oak, Pews and Pulpit Furniture. Some styles in stock for immediate delivery. Financing available. Write for free catalog and appointment:

## HUNTINGTON CHURCH FURNITURE COMPANY

1102 Vernon Street,  
Department SOZ

HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA  
25704

in imminent danger of ceasing to be a true Church of Christ.

I am not to be understood as saying that Jesus is standing at the door of just any so-called church. He is not knocking at the door of the false churches such as Presbyterian, Methodist, Holiness, Lutheran and others. These false institutions are not, and never have been, and never will be, true churches of Christ. They were started by men, started since the days of Christ — with man-made doctrines and man-made practices. Christ was never in them as churches, and He is not trying to get into them now.

It is at the door of a true church that He is knocking. This church is called a church by Christ Himself, and must be recognized as such in spite of its condition. It is only at the door of true churches that Jesus knocks. Surely, if you are a reader of this great paper, you know by now that only Missionary Baptist Churches are true churches of Christ, but that all who go by that name are not true churches. I wonder if there are not more that "ain't" than there are that "are." It was a church that was especially loved by Christ and purchased with His own blood Eph. 5:25, 26. It was a church founded by Christ and of which He was the head. It was a church that had, no doubt, experienced many blessings of the Lord's presence in days gone by. This is the awful and sad truth of this verse. That a true church can come to a condition like this, in spite of its past stand and experiences. This is the awful sin of this passage. That a true church can run the dear Lord Jesus out of its midst and shut Him out, and leave Him there knocking at the door of His own



GEORGE OPOLKA  
Troy, Illinois

I would like to say that I believe that every Methodist, Lutheran, Catholic, etc., that believes in salvation by works or partially by works should join the N.C.C. and work together to become the one type of religious organization they were before their inception. Scripture bears out that they will. Likewise, I think every Baptist that believes in the inspiration of the Scriptures, sovereignty of God, perpetuity of Jesus' church, etc., should fellowship together once in a while in order to strengthen one another in these last days.

Religious freedom is soon going to become a thing of the past. Even now, many radio stations want to censor or cut out completely the sermons of certain preachers. Baptists need to realize that even in these United States, physical persecution is not far

church. It is as if one would enter a man's house, be graciously received and then run the owner out and not let him into his own house. It is much worse than this.

Now, how did this awful condition come to pass? How did Jesus get put out of His own church? The Bible clearly teaches that a church should practice discipline in a Scriptural way, upon Scriptural grounds, and for Scriptural purposes. We need to preach and practice this. But here is a church that (I speak in a figure of course), had a meeting and put Jesus out of their church. He was in the way, He interfered with their plans and their program. He tried to tell them what to do. They could not stand this, so they put Him out, and there He stands, knocking, knocking — seeking entrance again into His own dearly loved church — counseling and warning, and loving them. Oh! Let us ponder this Holy Spirit given picture. Let us study it. Let us learn from it, and seek grace from Him that it may never be true of our church where He has placed us. Let us think for awhile, and see if we can discover what it is that puts Jesus out of His church.

## Why I Want To Attend Your 1967 Bible Conference

(LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
SEPTEMBER 1-2-3-4)

away and we need to saturate ourselves with the Word of God. If the Lord permits, this will be my first opportunity to attend the Bible Conference, and I must admit that I am looking forward to a great time of fellowship and preaching.

I suppose I should warn you, Bro. Gilpin, that I will be bringing a couple of fellows with me that have heard that the food down there is tremendous, and they have vowed not to eat for a week before we come, so I hope you don't have to rustle any cattle just for us.

If the Lord has not come by Sept. of 1967 I intend to be in Ashland, Kentucky with a multitude of His elect, singing and praising His name. God bless you together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." I Thess. 5:11

When the church puts such emphasis upon numbers, lowers the standard of God's Word, and receives unsaved people as members until the unsaved are in a majority, then surely Jesus is headed for the outside of the church like that. The Arminian evangelism of our day, the almost fanatic craze for numbers, the ignoring of the work of the Holy Spirit in evangelism, the exalting of free-will (so-called) to the throne in evangelism, the determination to have results regardless of what kind — all these have conspired to place a large number of unsaved people in the churches of today. Many unionistic, Arminian evangelists and the churches in which they preach would rather have great movements of the Holy Spirit — great Holy Spirit revivals, but they are determined to have results, to have decisions one way or another. Oh, the tricks, the mob methods, the high pressure salesmanship that is used in evangelism. The greatest trouble with many of the churches of today is that they have drawn people into the church that the Holy Spirit has never drawn to Christ. (Continued on page 3, column 1)

## Treasury of David

A Commentary on the Psalms

By C. H. SPURGEON

3 Volumes — \$29.75  
(Formerly 6 volumes)

Spurgeon regarded this work as his greatest written effort. It is a verse-by-verse commentary on the Psalms, with a great host of quotations from other writers added. On the Psalms there is nothing better than this set.



Calvary Baptist Church, P. O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE TWO



## THE LIFE OF ELIJAH

By ARTHUR W. PINK

Over 300 pages — Cloth-bound

\$4.95

This book exalts Elijah's God. Elijah, who himself was a most unpopular prophet, made God real to those who associated with him. Elijah was truly God's man, and if you want an unforgettable walk beside him, then read this book.

ORDER FROM  
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE

P.O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

## "Stand... Knock"

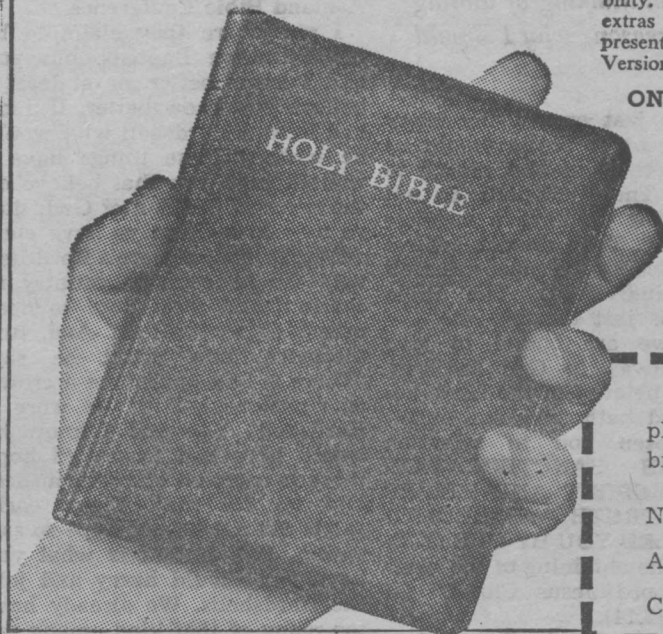
(Continued from page two)  
When the church refuses to ex-  
ercise discipline, there is danger  
of Jesus being on the outside. The  
Bible clearly teaches in many  
places the matter of discipline. I  
Cor. 5 is a good example of such  
teaching. Churches today almost  
completely ignore this teaching.  
Many churches not only do not  
practice discipline, but oppose any  
teaching on this subject. Church  
members live any way they  
please. A man may die drunk, in  
a gambling den or in many differ-  
ent ways of sin, but at the close  
of the notice in the paper it tells  
what church he was a member of.  
Now when this lack of discipline  
has been on so far, the house becomes  
so filthy, that the pure and holy  
Lord Jesus will live in it no longer  
and He is outside the door.  
Jesus is often outside the door  
of the church because of the luke-  
warmness of the church as a  
whole. That is one of the things  
talked about the Laodicean  
church. Our Lord would have us  
be red-hot in our zeal for Him.  
We ought to be zealous in our  
service, in our service in the  
church, in our attendance, in our  
giving, and above all, in our love  
for the Lord. In fact, a hot love  
for the Lord Jesus will make us  
zealous in all these other things.  
Which has been said of late about  
old or dead orthodoxy. The im-  
itation has been that there was  
something wrong with orthodoxy,  
and that one must be either a  
heretic or else very weak docu-  
mentally to be on fire for God. I  
don't know why we have to tie  
ourselves up in with orthodoxy,  
and if orthodoxy were wrong. The  
weakness is wrong and the dead-  
ness is wrong, but surely there is  
something wrong with the being  
dead in doctrine. Brethren, let  
us quit putting these words to-  
gether in such a way as to seem-  
ingly put a slur on orthodox doc-  
trine. Let us preach against the  
weakness and deadness of many of  
our orthodox brethren, but let us  
never say a word against sound-  
ness in doctrine. Now our Lord  
is against lukewarmness in  
the church, and threatens to spue  
out a church out of His mouth.  
He has nothing to do with a  
person losing his salvation,  
and is talking about a true church  
and its place as a recognized  
church before the Lord.

of the church. Many deacons seem  
to think the church was invented  
as a playhouse for them. They  
run over everything and every-  
body in their desire to show their  
authority. Some woman or wom-  
an's group is not the head of the  
church. Many women think the  
church was invented to show off  
their finery and to show their  
authority. And dear friend,  
some association or convention is  
not the head of the church. If  
you want to ruin a church just  
lead it into the Southern Baptist  
Convention. I tell you they have  
everything so planned and pro-  
grammed that there is no room or  
need for the Lord Jesus. If you  
don't believe they will run the  
church, just keep your eye upon  
the next associational missionary  
you meet. Up in Tennessee there  
is a lady Associational Mission-  
ary, and boy do the men seek her  
favor. Well a lady "one of them  
there things" is just as Scriptural  
as a male one and they are both  
unscriptural and anti-scriptural  
and will soon have Jesus on the  
outside of the church because His  
Headship is denied. Jesus is the  
head of the church. The church  
was established to carry out His  
will and command. No individual  
or group is to interfere with His  
headship over the church and  
when this is allowed, the church  
itself is held responsible, and  
Jesus is on the outside of such a  
church.

When Jesus is unwanted or un-  
needed by the church He is on  
His way out. That was another  
trouble in Laodicea. They said  
they were rich and increased  
with goods and needed nothing.  
Jesus was unwanted. They could  
get along very well without Him  
they thought. Oh, how many  
churches are like that today.  
Jesus is not wanted in the pulpit,  
they have a well educated "doc-  
tor" as pastor. Jesus is not want-  
ed in the music, they have a  
trained choir. Jesus is not want-  
ed in administration, they have  
orders from headquarters and an  
educational director and many  
paid assistants. Jesus is not want-  
ed in the pew, they have a  
wealthy, socially prominent  
membership. In fact, my friend  
Jesus would be considered as a  
rank trouble maker and an un-  
desirable character and a divisive  
factor in many churches today.

When the ordinances of Christ  
are neglected or perverted, then  
Jesus is on the way out of such  
a church. The ordinances of Bap-  
tism and the Lord's Supper are  
very dear to His heart. They  
symbolize precious truth. He will  
not allow a church to neglect or  
pervert them and remain in such  
a church. Down here in North  
Carolina, two churches (Baptist,  
so-called) have started taking  
sprinkled members. Well, false  
church sprinkling is as good as  
false church immersion. We must  
earnestly contend for all the  
truth relating to the two ordi-  
nances of the church. Again if  
you read this great paper you  
know the truth about the ordi-  
nances. I cannot go into that now.

## Your best value in a pocket reference Bible! only \$6.50



The palm size Amethyst Bible from Cambridge  
has all the exclusive features of more expensive  
editions—the same sharp 'open' print, the same  
superwhite India paper, the same comprehensive  
Concordance and new maps. The brand-new Aris-  
ton binding gives the utmost flexibility and dura-  
bility. And the 'Budget Amethyst' has all the  
extras that make it the perfect gift—gold edges,  
presentation page and two piece box. King James  
Version. No other Bible like it—anywhere!

ONLY \$6.50

Order this lovely  
pocket Bible now

Use order coupon for  
prompt delivery

For the \$6.50 I am enclosing,  
please send at once the Cam-  
bridge Bible.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

But, brethren, let us be strict  
and true, on these matters if we  
would have Jesus with us, and  
His blessings upon our churches.

When the teachings of the Lord  
Jesus Christ is put out of the  
church and man-made doctrines  
are substituted, then surely Jesus  
is on His way out of such a  
church. He has magnified His  
word above all His name. He has  
clearly, definitely, repeatedly set  
before us what we are to teach  
and to preach. The church is the  
executive and not the legislative  
in this matter. We are to execute  
His laws and teach His truth and  
not our own. How few and far  
between are the churches today  
that teach the precious truths of  
God's Holy Word. How many  
places can you go and hear Sov-  
ereign Grace, the local church,  
the ordinances, the woman's  
place in a church, the second  
coming, the truth about Christ-  
mas and Easter, and many other  
parts of the whole counsel of  
God. The professed churches of  
today have put out the teachings  
of Jesus. The Lord will not long  
remain in such a church.

Well now, what do these  
churches do when Jesus is on the  
outside, knocking? They increase  
their programs, their worldly at-  
tractions, their appeals to the  
flesh, their multiplications of un-  
scriptural organizations within  
the church. What is all this al-  
phabet soup in many Baptist  
Churches, but multiplied efforts  
of said churches to get along with  
Jesus on the outside.

The church with Jesus on the  
outside is unaware of their aw-  
ful condition. They have grown  
accustomed to His absence. There  
is no repenting, no mourning over  
past blessings, and present lack  
of same. Such a church continues  
to be recognized by the world  
as a great institution, and looks  
upon itself with pride and self-  
satisfaction, knowing not its true  
wretched condition. My friends,  
I wonder how many present day  
churches (?) are described in  
Rev. 3:14-22. "Rich and increased  
with goods, needing nothing:  
knowing not."

Now notice a marvel of the  
grace and love of Christ. This  
church was still the object of His  
wonderful love. He was still  
knocking, still chastening, still  
counseling with them. How lov-  
ing He is with His church? How  
patient He is. How slow to depart  
from it and leave it to its own  
blinded condition, no longer a  
true church of His. It is a wonder-  
ful illustration of His love. No-  
tice also the individual's privi-  
lege in such a church. Any saved

man in such a church may have  
blessed personal fellowship with  
the Lord even though He is out-  
side the church. He will come in  
and sup with such a one. But  
dear friend, this individual privi-  
lege holds only as long as Jesus  
is knocking at the door, as long  
as He still recognizes it as His  
church. When He ceases to  
knock, when He spues it out, then  
truly saved people are to get out.

This church is warned that the  
present condition cannot and will  
not continue. They must repent or  
else they will be spued out, and  
will no longer be a true church of  
Christ. What a sad thing, but how  
often has it happened? Such an  
organization would continue be-  
fore the world, but not before the  
Lord. No more of the blessings  
of God, no more authority from  
God — its ministry, baptism and  
supper without authority from  
God — no more special reward  
for works done in and through it,  
no more a place in the Bride of  
Christ for its members. The  
Spirit-taught individual would  
have to leave and find a true  
church and join it. You say, how  
would he know?

"He that hath an ear, let him  
hear what the Spirit saith to the  
churches." Rev. 3:22.

The man in fellowship with His  
Lord would know. When the  
Lord quits knocking, when He  
spues this church out, that's it.  
That's all there is. The organiza-  
tion is no more a church than the  
false institutions of men. There  
is no cure, it cannot again become  
a church. Its saved members  
would have to unite with true  
churches and stay with them, or  
get authority to start another

church. Oh, how sad it is that  
many earnest truly saved people  
are trying to administer first aid  
to a dead church. It is utterly im-  
possible for a church that is not  
a true church to ever become  
one. And a church that has had  
the candlestick removed, that has  
been spued out, that is no longer  
recognized by the Lord is no more  
a church now even though it once  
was, than any of the false institu-  
tions of man. Brethren, get out of  
those disowned churches, they  
are beyond help, get into a true  
church of Christ. It has been a  
sorrow to me to meet men who  
gained my love, who were sound  
in the faith, who were zealous  
in many ways — but who were  
remaining in churches that they  
themselves seemed to realize were  
dead and gone, instead of get-  
ting out and into a true Church.

Brethren, this is a message  
from the Spirit to the churches.  
No matter what a church is to-  
day, this danger is before it, out  
yonder somewhere. Let us own  
our Lord as the head of the  
church, let us faithfully do His  
will and teach His Word, let us  
have great zeal in all that we do,  
and let us guard against ever hav-  
ing Him on the outside knocking,  
or worse yet, quit knocking and  
gone away, having spued us out.  
God bless you all. Amen.



### APPRECIATED LETTER

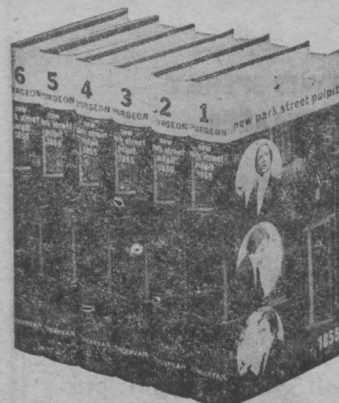
"Enclosed please find \$2.00 to  
be used wherever is needed most.  
I like THE BAPTIST EXAMIN-  
ER better all the time. Some of  
the best sermons I've ever read."

John W. Kincaid  
(Georgia)

## PARK STREET PULPIT!

NO MORE COMPLETE SETS AVAILABLE

VOLUME ONE, TWO, FIVE, AND SIX ARE ALL SOLD OUT!



We Have:

Volume 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 33 copies

Volume 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 39 copies

**\$1.50 each**

postage extra

This is the greatest buy of Spurgeon's works ever offered.

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE THREE

Order from Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky

## HANDFULS ON PURPOSE

13 volumes

**\$39.50**

Single volume

**\$3.25**



A most helpful series for Bible students and busy  
workers. Bible readings—Gospel Outlines—Thoughts  
—Illustrations—Hints.

Practical — Helpful — Useful

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

P. O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

## The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"I am a Missionary Baptist, and I am thinking of uniting with the Hardshells. Can you give any reasons why I should not?"

JAMES  
HOBBS

Rt. 2 Box 182  
McDermott, Ohio

RADIO SPEAKER  
and MISSIONARY

Kings Addition  
Baptist Church

South Shore, Ky.



This is the first question that I have received that I have been tempted to not answer. I get the impression from the way the question is asked that you are saying, "This is what I intend to do — now prove to me why I shouldn't." If I have to beg a person to serve the Lord and stay in His will, I am a little inclined to wonder what is wrong with him. Of all the groups that a person could join, this is one that is completely inconsistent. They claim to believe in a sovereign God, yet I have heard Hardshells say that they can't know for sure if they are saved or not. If you are a person who doesn't have the assurance that a true Christian has, then maybe you are like them. However, if you are saved and know you are, you have no business being with that group.

We must join a church that is in the line of churches started by Christ. One of the ways to know is by the doctrines that Christ taught. For instance, He preached repentance and faith (Mark 1:15). He also preached the sovereignty of God in election. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37).

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:44).

If you want to be in the Lord's will, then you will be in His church and not want to join these religious groups that deny the Word of God. Let me remind you that you are to be a witness for the things that the Lord has done for you. When Jesus drove the unclean spirit out of the man of the Gadarenes and he wanted to go with Him, this is what our Lord said:

"... go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." (Mark 5:19).

When Jesus met with the church after he had risen from the dead He told them:

"... go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15).

This is just one of the many instances when Christ taught us that we are to go and preach to the lost. The Hardshells do not believe that we have a message to the lost. They do not believe that God chose the means as well as the individuals. The Bible teaches us just the opposite.

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH: WHEREUNTO HE CALLED YOU BY OUR GOSPEL, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (II Thess. 2:13,14).

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, IT PLEASED GOD BY THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING TO SAVE THEM THAT BELIEVE." (I Cor. 1:21).

As to your choice in the matter, you have none. The Lord did not start many different groups and give us a choice in the matter. He started His church while he was here on earth and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. Any group, such as the Hardshells, that started after the Lord started His church is not a true church. I have shown you a very important thing that this group does not stand for — preaching the gospel to the lost, therefore it is not a true church.

E. G.  
COOK

701 Cambridge  
Birmingham, Ala.

BIBLE TEACHER

Philadelphia  
Baptist Church  
Birmingham, Ala.



If you no longer believe in missions, if you no longer believe that it is necessary for a lost person to hear the gospel in order to be saved, if you no longer believe in teaching the saints the all things which Christ has commanded, if you have lost all love for the church our Lord established while here in the flesh, and if you no longer are sure whether you have been saved yourself or not, I see no reason under the sun why you should not join the Hardshells at your very earliest opportunity. In fact, if you can take predestination and election morning, noon and night and never hunger for any of the other great Bible doctrines, you would prob-

ably make a real good Hardshell. This would be especially true if you have no desire to be like the New Testament churches. If there had been a Hardshell in the church at Antioch when the Holy Spirit told that church to send out Paul and Barnabas as missionaries, he would have been as miserable as a Campbellite at the Ashland Bible Conference.

I am aware they claim to be the Primitive Baptists, but you and I know better, or at least I believe you know better. If John had been a Hardshell why would he write, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life"? If Paul were a Hardshell why did he go from country to country, and from door to door preaching to the lost? And, furthermore, how could he say, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness" if he were a Hardshell? You and I know he would have had to say, "I hope there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me." Those early saints did not have a hope-so salvation. But, if that is what you have you should hurry and join the Hardshells. We already have too many of that kind among the missionaries.

There are splinter groups who claim to believe in missions and in preaching the gospel to the lost who also claim to be Hardshells, and there is very little the Hardshells can do about it. We have Holy Rollers in our part of the country who jump pews, take their guitars, banjos and tamborines and jazz up sacred songs thereby promoting a religion of the head and the feet and at the same time call themselves Baptists, and there is not a thing we can do about it. We have no copyright on the name Baptist. Neither do the Hardshells have a copyright on their name either. So if some fellow gets on the radio and proclaims such repulsive doctrines as missions and preaching the gospel to the lost, that is, repulsive to the Hardshells, they can do no more about it than we can about the Holy Rollers in our part of the country who claim to be Baptists. Had all the people who claimed to be Baptists in 1832 believed in missions and preaching to the lost, we would have no Hardshells today. That is why they went out from us, so now if they believe those things that caused the split, why do they not come back home? You know as well as I do that real Hardshells want no part of those great doctrines.

So my advice to the querist is that you do what seemeth good in your own eyes, if you cannot see your way clear to do what is right in the sight of Almighty God.

ROY  
MASON

Radio Minister

Baptist  
Preacher

Arlpeka, Florida



I certainly can give some good reasons as to why you should not take such a step.

1. You would be joining a group that DOES NOT BELIEVE IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD, and nothing is made plainer in the Scriptures than the truth that a Sovereign God is running this universe. Of course the Hardshells would deny this charge, but what is a Sovereign anyhow? A Sovereign is a king, a boss, a ruler. The One whom the Hardshells say they believe in as Sovereign tells them to "Go into all the world and make disciples." (Matt. 28:20). They refuse to do it. They oppose missions. In other words, they refuse to do what their Boss or King tells them to

## WHEN YOUR CHURCH NEEDS FOLDING BANQUET TABLES

ORDER DIRECT FROM

**THE MONROE CO.**

ONE CHURCH STREET

COLFAX, IOWA

50054

FREE CATALOG SENT ON REQUEST

do, so they turn down their Sovereign — or the one whom they claim to have as their Sovereign.

2. You would be joining a church that is NOT A TRUE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH. The Hardshells departed from true Baptist churches less than two hundred years ago, and the Lord has never blessed them. While other Baptists have grown by the million, they have remained in stagnation.

3. The Great Commission has been truly termed the "marching orders of the church." Jesus in Matt. 28:20, outlined the task for all an evangelistic task. Hardshells repudiate the evangelistic part of the great Commission, and there is therefore little excuse for their existence.

4. Hardshells have a warped conception of election. They try to TAKE OVER GOD'S PART OF ELECTION. Any person gets into trouble when they do this. Our part is to believe what God says about election, and also to do what God tells us to do, and God has told us to take the gospel to the world. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Hardshell attitude is, "Well, as I see it, if certain ones are elected to be saved, they will be saved anyhow." They put "I think" in the place of what God says.

5. Hardshells believe in the END, but REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS ORDAINED THE MEANS TO THAT END. The truth is God not only has ordained the salvation of the elect, he has ordained that men should preach the gospel as the means whereby men hear and believe. "It hath pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

6. HARDSHELLS ARE A DO-NOTHING people. I think of Hardshell churches I knew forty years ago, and during all this period of time they have never showed any life or vitality, nor have they manifested any growth. Many times as I have passed their meeting houses I have thought, "Thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead."

7. HARDSHELLS ARE A STINGY PEOPLE. Stingy with God I mean. If there is anything I hold in contempt it is stinginess with God. During the years many of them have opposed a paid ministry, and they have had little interest in keeping up their church buildings, and have given nothing for the sending of the gospel to the world.

8. HARDSHELLS HAVE NO INTEREST IN REACHING LOST PEOPLE, EVEN THE MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN FAMILIES. I say this after having known many Hardshell people. I have seen boys and girls grow up in their homes, without any concern on the part of the parents concerning their salvation. In some cases I have spoken to such parents about their children and their reply in substance was, "Why bother? If they are of the elect, they will be saved without our having anything to do with it."

I have no rancor concerning Hardshell people, but I have a horror of Hardshell religion, and I would rather remain outside any church than to belong to a Hardshell church. To the questioner I would say, "If you want to go into spiritual cold storage,

then join the Hardshells. If you want to have to answer before God in judgment for do-nothingness, join the Hardshells. If you are saved, and want to discover in the judgment of works that you are saved "so as by fire" with your life's works burned up, then join the Hardshells.

"But," somebody says, "don't you believe in election?" I believe in unconditional election. I believe in predestination, foreordination, and all connected with these, but my belief in election induces me to want to do and serve and be for the Lord, knowing that I am one of his elect means for the reaching of the lost.

AUSTIN  
FIELDS

610 High Street  
Coal Grove, Ohio

PASTOR,

Arabia Baptist  
Church

Arabia, Ohio



There are many reasons why you should not unite with the Hardshells. The space allotted to this answer will not permit me to give to you all the reasons, but with the space allowed me I point to you the error of leaving a Missionary Baptist to unite with the Hardshells.

If you are a member of a true Missionary Baptist Church, that church would be contending for every truth that the Hardshells hold to, and she would be preaching a number of precious truths that the Hardshells do not believe in. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

## MOLDED FIBERGLASS SPIRES

- ★ White and Copper Finishes
- ★ Light in Weight
- ★ Easily Installed
- ★ Competitively Priced
- ★ Sizes From 10' to 20'

## MOLDED FIBERGLASS BAPTIST

UNEXCELLED  
IN BEAUTY

- ★ Molded One Piece Construction
- ★ Permanent Color
- ★ Competitively Priced
- ★ Non-flammable
- ★ Customized to your needs
- ★ Easily Installed
- ★ Easy Maintenance

## Baptistry Water Heating

- Gas Heating
- ★ Circulation type
- ★ Instantaneous type
- ★ Pumps; thermostat controls
- Electric Heating
- ★ Immersion type
- ★ Circulation type
- ★ Thermostat controls



WRITE FOR FREE LITERATURE  
Fiberglass Specialties  
BOX 272 • HENDERSON, TEXAS

## FIBERGLASS SPECIALTIES

Division of Hall Mfg. Co.

P. O. Box 272

HENDERSON, TEXAS



## SATAN

by  
LEWIS SPERRY  
CHAFER

180 pages

Cloth Bound

\$2.95

Read these expositions to learn of Satan's origin, purpose and program. It is a masterpiece, by way of expose of the Devil's motives and methods.

— ORDER FROM —

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE FOUR

# BRO. D. N. JACKSON AN ARMINIAN?

TWISTING, SQUIRMING, WIGGLING, SLIPPERY, DANCING, TURNING MR. JACKSON HAS TRIED TO THE GREAT DOCTRINES OF GRACE, BUT IN EVERY INSTANCE, HISTORY, THE BIBLE, LOGIC REASON HAVE PROVEN HIM, IN SPITE OF HIS SOPHISTRY, TO BE NOTHING SHORT OF ARMINIAN. THIS IS OUR LAST APPEAL TO HIM. SO LET HIM REST. AMEN, AND AMEN!

## DID CHRIST DIE FOR ALL?

Now we have listed some passages in which "all" is used, and following each passage Arminian perversion is refuted by the giving of a true interpretation.

1 Timothy 4:10 — "We trust in the living God, the Saviour of all men, specially of those who believe."

It cannot mean that the souls of all men are saved or shall be saved, since we have too much testimony to the contrary. But the word for "all" here is more properly rendered "Preserver" (see Scofield Reference Bible). This gives the sense to the passage. God preserves all and He especially preserves believers, for they work together for their good. — Romans 8:30.

2 Timothy 2:11 — "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men."

Clearly, this cannot mean every single individual. For a great host of heathen, individually, have heard of the grace of God. The passage only means that salvation is not now primarily for Jews, as of old, but it is for men of every nation under Heaven.

Romans 12:32 — "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Arminians themselves recognize the fallacy of the notion that the "all men" of this verse means every man in the world. John R. Rice, the "Apostle of Interdenominational Arminianism," states: "What about it (John 12:32) as it is used for a sermon to preachers telling them that if they will lift up Jesus He will draw everybody? You may preach a good sermon about lifting up Jesus, but the lifting Him up is the driving of the nail in His hands and feet and then lifting Him up on that cross. It is not honest preaching, really Bible preaching, unless you preach what Jesus was talking about in that verse."

The usual Arminian interpretation is shunned by no doubt, because he realizes that all men without an exception have not been drawn, though Jesus has already been "lifted up" on the cross. What did Jesus mean? He meant that all classes of men would be drawn to Him as the "crucified One." He did not mean all men without an exception, however. He meant all types of men — Gentiles, bond, free, black, white — all men are drawn to the crucified Christ. — Romans 12:37, 44).

Romans 5:18 — "Therefore as by the offence of one man came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one the free gift shall come upon all men unto justification of life."

In the entire discussion of Romans 5:12 to 5:21 the matter of the condemnation that came upon Adam and those affected thereby, and the blessing that comes by Christ and those blessed with it. Verses which precede and follow this verse clearly interpret for us the meaning of the "all men" who receive justification. "The gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto MANY." — v. 15. "The obedience of one shall MANY be made righteous." — v. 19.

Those who are born into the human family are affected by the sin of Adam. But it is a limited number. Only those who are partakers of justification, only those who are born into God's family by God's grace, are saved. Salvation came upon the "all men" for whom Christ died, and justification comes upon the "all men" whom Christ stood, which are His elect. As it is written, "The Son of Man came . . . to give his life a ransom for MANY," the same as Romans 5:12-21.

1 Corinthians 15:14 — "We judge, that if one died without Christ, he shall be made alive." (Proper translation; see English Version).

The passage finds its fulfillment in the same passage from Romans just considered. The elect of God died in their representative, when He arose, they arose; when He ascended, they ascended. All this, of course, in a representative manner.

1 Corinthians 15:22 — "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

In the context of his passage reveals that its immediate application is to the bodily resurrection. "All of Adam's race die as a result of sin; all who are in Christ Jesus, shall be resurrected from the dead, receiving the glorified body with Christ in glory."

1 Corinthians 2:4 — "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

Those who would insist that the "all men" of this passage means all men without exception are met with the fact that "God doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand," and that He "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will," "according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in himself." Daniel 4:35; Ephesians 1:11, 9.

And if indeed it is God's will to save all men without an exception, it may with force be asked, "Who hath resisted His will? or who can frustrate His will?" In reference here to the will of God respecting salvation, it may be added that it cannot be proven that He wills the salvation of all men without exception, since there are some depraved creatures, yea, many of them, who go in at the broad way (Matthew 7:13), to whom God doth show no mercy. It is written of them, "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and the prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight." Matthew 11:25, 26.

And even more emphatically of others it is said, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables. That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand, lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them." — Mark 4:11, 12.

Moreover, God says of Pharaoh, "For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth." — Romans 9:17, 18.

And noting that there are some who are "before of old ordained to this condemnation (Jude 4), and some who "stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also they were appointed," it is clear that God the Sovereign "hath power over the clay, of the same lump, to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour," and that it is not His will that all men without an exception should be saved. God forbid that we should teach such a gross heresy which would have people to believe that the God of Heaven and earth is such a One who cannot do that which He wills to do, and which could cast aside the clear teachings of the passages just referred to, and others of like nature.

But the meaning of "all men" here is clearly seen from what precedes this verse four. Paul had just before admonished young Timothy to make prayer, supplication, and intercession, and to give thanks, for all men; and when he adds in particular "kings, and for all that are in authority," it is evident that he means to teach this young preacher that God makes no distinction as to the class or rank, etc., of the persons whom He will bring to salvation. And thus, the meaning of verse four is that God will most certainly save His elect, which are mingled among all classes of men. And the apostle further adds that there is one Mediator between God and men, and so all who are saved, whether kings or peasants, must come through the one Mediator, Christ Jesus.

It, no doubt, can be safely said that most if not all of the universal passages in the Word of God are given for the express purpose of convincing both Jews and Gentiles that God is no longer the God of Jacob only, but of the Gentiles also. These passages do not contradict other parts of the Bible where election is taught, as we have shown. But great injustice is done to them by Arminians who would have God conform to their base desires.

In a word: either the death of Christ was not a real and perfect satisfaction for sin; or, if it was, then upon every principle of reason and justice, all that sin must be actually forgiven and done away, which His death was a true and plenary satisfaction for—on the supposition that His redemption was not absolute, it vanishes into no redemption at all.

—Toplady

by Missionary Baptists is not something that would cause one to doubt his salvation but rather makes one sure of his salvation. I cannot agree with the Hardshells' definition of hope, therefore I would advise you against uniting with them.

Another reason why you should not join the Hardshells is their view of the Gospel. It is the Missionary Baptist view that the Gospel is to be preached to all, but the Hardshells contend that we are to preach the gospel only to the elect. One Hardshell preacher used an illustration to show to us Missionaries why we were wrong in preaching the gospel to all. In the illustration he used a fisherman stating, "that if he were a fisherman he would only fish in the water holes that had fish in them, and that it was rather foolish to fish where there were no fish." He further explained that the preacher is a fisher of men, and there was no need to preach the gospel where there are no elect. What I want to know is, how does one know whether there are any fish in a water hole, until he fishes in it? How can one know where the elect are unless the gospel is preached to them? The gospel is that which is used in the hands of the Holy Spirit to bring to the knowledge of salvation those whom He has already quickened by His power. It is the Missionaries' view that the gospel is to be preached to all the world. (Baptist, Protestants and the heathen or unbeliever). A good example of this is the Lord's sermon at Capernaum where He preached the greatest sermon I ever read. Read John 6. Before the Lord began His sermon He knew who would believe His message and who would not believe, yet He preached it to all that were in the house.

"But there are some of you that believe not, For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him." John 6:64.

True Missionary Baptists preach the gospel to all as did the Lord, leaving the results in the hands of the Holy Spirit to enable those whom He has quickened to believe the good news of how that Christ died for their sin. We believe that the gospel is that which makes one wise unto salvation.

"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.

Furthermore, I would not advise you to unite with the Hardshells for they do not have the meat of the Word. Read Luke 12:35-48. We find in these passages that the Lord was teaching His church the doctrine of the second coming, and the rewards that He will give to those who give their portion of meat in due season.

"And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?" Luke 12:42.

The meat in this verse is the glorious doctrine of the second

coming, which Christ told them about in verses 36-40.

The Hardshells that I know teach a general resurrection. They do not teach the rapture, tribulation or the Millennial reign of Christ on earth. Therefore they do not have the meat of the Word to give to their members. I have been accused of being a Hardshell, but from this answer you can gather that I am not, neither am I thinking of becoming one. Neither do I advise anyone to become a member of their organization.



## "Growth In Grace"

(Continued from page one)

Heaven. I thank God for the good ship Grace.

After a person has been saved, he ought to do a little growing. Think about a child born into this world. It would be a shame if that child never grew. Suppose you had a baby in your arms. Wouldn't it be a shame if that baby never grew, but always remained a baby? Wouldn't it be an even greater shame if that child grew physically, but didn't grow mentally?

Sometime ago, I was invited to a home to eat lunch. Just before I got to the home, a girl who was 22 years old so far as her actual birth date was concerned, but was about 2 years old as to her mind, took a cane and broke every glass out of every door and out of all the bookcases. They were cleaning up glass when I arrived at the home. It is pathetic for one to grow up physically, but for the mind never to grow. Then after I left the home that afternoon, I thought of something that is even more pathetic than that, and that is for a person to be saved and never grow up spiritually — just remain a babe in Christ always.

I

**THERE ARE SOME FOLK WHO ARE SAVED, BUT HAVE NEVER GROWN IN GRACE.**

We read:

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto BABES IN CHRIST. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" — I Cor. 3:1-4.

You will notice that the Apostle Paul says of these folk at Corinth that some of them were just babes in Christ — they didn't grow. What was wrong with them? Hadn't they been fed properly? I don't know. I don't know who had been pastor there since the church was organized by the Apostle Paul. I don't know whether it was the fault of the preachers that they hadn't been fed properly. All I know is, they just had not grown in grace.

I see folk every once in a while that remind me of these Corinthians (Continued on page 6, column 1)

## VATICAN IMPERIALISM IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

By AVRO MANHATTAN

Here is a book of over 400 pages, thoroughly documented and complete with the greatest amount of information as to Catholicism that is to be found in any book.

It is a shocker, indispensable and challenging and was written by one who thoroughly mastered the subject before writing the book.

413 pages **\$5.95** Cloth-bound

— ORDER FROM —

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE**

P.O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

## The Forum

(Continued from page 4)

believe that by uniting the Hardshells they will win on the five points of grace. Missionary Baptists have been preaching the grace of Christ since the beginning of time. In fact the paper has been preaching the five points of grace for 27 years that I know of; he was used of the Lord to teach me what these five

points of grace really mean. I know that he is not a Hardshell but a Missionary.

From reading some of their literature and after talking with some of their members, I doubt very seriously if the Hardshells believe the doctrine of sovereign grace. They say we believe in security, but the ones I have talked with personally did not leave me with the idea of security. They make much ado about their hope. One of their prominent members told me, saying, "Brother Fields,

I have a hope that I am saved, but as of now I feel so badly that I do not know whether I am saved or not." That is not the kind of hope that the Bible teaches, or that Missionary Baptists advocate. We preach that our hope is unmovable, steadfast, anchored in Jesus Christ. The hope preached

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE FIVE

# WOLFE BROS. & CO.

PINEY FLATS, TENNESSEE

Manufacturers of DISTINCTIVE  
CHURCH FURNITURE

Since 1888. — Write for free estimate.

## "Growth In Grace"

(Continued from page 5)

thians Christians, who are just babes in Christ, and have never grown. They are still babes just like they were years ago.

A man died a short time ago who was in his late seventies, and that man was no more mature than he was forty-five years ago. The first time I met him he was a young Christian. He was a saved man, but he never did grow. He was just a babe in Christ. I think I know the reason. I think it was because of the fact that he did not accept the Word of God as final. I have always said this, that a man of God will not grow in grace unless he accepts the Word of God as final in every particular, and I think the reason that this man didn't grow was because he rejected the Word of God. There were certain doctrines in the Bible that he just threw up his hands at, and said, "No, I just will not accept them." All through his life, he objected to, and rejected certain doctrines of God's Word.

Well, I have a conviction that if God makes a revelation to any individual relative to any one truth in that Bible, and you accept that truth, then God will reveal something else to you; but if you object to it, and reject the truth, then you needn't expect God to reveal anything else to you. I don't think God reveals any truth to any individual as long as that individual is objecting to, and rejecting a truth that God has already revealed.

This was the status of that particular man who died a short time ago — he died a babe in Christ. He hadn't grown a particle. I couldn't see one bit of difference. I talked to him a few days before he died, and I could not see one little bit of difference in him at the time of his death and the time when I first came to know him forty-five years before. What was wrong? He just remained a babe because he had rebelled at the teachings of the Word of God.

Now these folk at Corinth may have been likewise. At any rate, they didn't grow. Paul said he had to feed them with milk. It is pathetic for a person to have to stay on a milk diet all of his life. I think it is wonderful that God has given to us such a perfect food by way of milk, which is nature's perfect food, but it is a shame that a person would have to stay on a milk diet all of his life. This was all these Corinthians knew—just the soft things,

the easy things, the easily understood things of the Bible.

Beloved, I know a lot of Baptists just exactly like that. The only things they understand are the easy things, the very minute doctrines, the very least doctrinal teachings of the Word of God. They know those, and that is as far as they go.

I have a conviction if a man is going to grow — if he is going to read the Word of God and study it — if he is going to come to the place that he appreciates the doctrines of grace, he will appreciate the doctrine of election, depravity, justification by faith, and the security of the saved. He will appreciate the doctrines of the church and believe the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason a person doesn't appreciate these things is because he is still on a milk diet. All he is able to understand is that Jesus loved him and gave Himself for him, that he might be saved. He has never gotten beyond that state — that is, if he has failed to mature as a Christian.

You'll notice that Paul says concerning these folk at Corinth that they were carnal. He said they had envy, and strife, and division among them. He said they were carnal Christians — that is, they lived according to their flesh.

Well, I believe there are a lot of Baptists like that today. They are carnal — they live according to the flesh. There is envy and strife among them, just because they are still babes in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have NEED OF MILK, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a BABE. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."—Heb. 5:11-14.

Notice, Paul is saying to these Hebrew Christians, "There are a lot of things I want to teach you. The things I want to teach you are hard to be uttered, and the reason they are hard to be uttered is because you are dull of hearing. You just don't understand spiritual things. You ought to be a teacher, but instead, you need somebody to teach you. You are a person who needs milk, and not

a person that needs beefsteak."

Take a baby, for example. You wouldn't think for one moment's time of putting a beefsteak in front of that baby the first day he is born. You would give milk to that baby, and after a while, when that baby has matured a little, you would give it something a little more solid, and ultimately, there would come the time when you would give it meat.

The Apostle Paul said that is exactly like those Hebrew Christians. They had not developed to the stage where they could stand the meat of the Word. All they could do was to take the milk—the simple things of the Word of God. As Paul indicates, they were unskillful in the Word of righteousness because of their babyhood — their prolonged and continuous babyhood — and as a result, he said that they ought to be teachers, but instead they had need for somebody to teach them the first principles of the Word of God.

Beloved, I want to insist that no one should be content to remain a babe. There isn't anything sweeter or dearer than a little

come along. If you are a child of God, you ought to be in church services three times a week — Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. Paul said, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

The second passage is likewise a strong verse, for it says, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" That is a good verse to ponder. I ask you, why is the house of God forsaken? Why do you forsake the house of God? Why would you rather go to a baseball game than to go to church services? Why would you rather go on a picnic, or on some pleasure jaunt, than go to the house of God.

The third passage says, "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." This certainly is a tremendously strong verse, because it is true — you are missed when you are away from the house of God. Every member of this church has a vital part to play, and you are missed when you are not here. I say to you, you need a church home if you are to grow in grace.

I turn to the Word of God and I find the story of Thomas. The Lord appeared before the disciples when Thomas was absent, and the Lord gave them a commission. Thomas missed all that. The brethren said to him, "Jesus came when you weren't here." Thomas said, "I won't believe it unless I can put my hands into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side."

Beloved, what had happened? When this Baptist preacher, Thomas, failed to go to church one Sunday — when he missed seeing the Lord, what happened? He was a skeptic all week. It was another week before Jesus made another appearance unto those disciples, and Thomas was a skeptic all week. He said, "I won't believe unless I put my hands into the nail prints, and feel Him for my ownself." He missed the commission. The rest of the disciples had a commission one week longer than Thomas had. Thomas did not have anything to do for one week. Why? Just because he did not go to church.

Whenever I think about this Baptist preacher who didn't go to church, I think about other Baptists that didn't go to church down through the years. I say to you, if you want to grow in grace, you ought to have a church home, and you ought to go to that church home just as often as it is possible for you to do so.

I remember years ago reading a story of a dog who started out in the morning, hunting. He started out feeling fine. Presently, a

deer crossed his path, and started out barking and baying as though he were going to it in a couple of minutes. But after a time, the deer began to get a little cold, and dog got a little tired. About time, a fox crossed his path, he forgot about the deer and after the fox. He ran for a while after this fox, but these things got cold, and he got tired. About that time a rabbit crossed his path and he forgot about the fox and after the rabbit for a while. The dog jumped from one trail to another, from one trail to another, until when the day came to an end, he was miles from home, lost in a dismal swamp, down on his tail, and barking at a gum tree at a contemptible ground squirrel.

I have looked at that same individual many times who have a church home. He runs around first one place, then another, and never seemed to get down so far as a church concerned. I tell you, beloved, you want to grow in grace, you need a church home, and need to be in that church home time the church doors are unless providentially hindered, a reason that would be approved by a good conscience before.

Again, if you are going to grow in grace, you ought not to be afraid. When I say you ought not to be afraid, I want to remind you everybody in this world is on edge. This is when people are edgy, nervous, and afraid of what is going to happen. They are afraid of War III—that it is going to happen any day, and they are afraid to be caught in the middle of another war at any time. People are afraid of communism, and race riots. People are afraid of losing their health and wealth. People are afraid of misunderstanding. This is when people are fearful, and afraid. Well, the Word of God says something about this.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I WILL KEEP THEE from the temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try that dwell upon the earth."—Rev. 3:10.

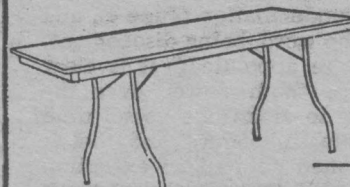
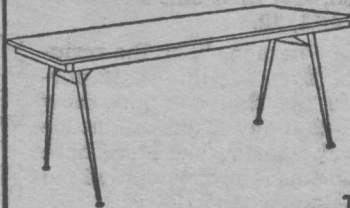
God says to this church in Philadelphia, "You have kept My Word; I am going to keep you. You don't need to be afraid of anything."

Beloved, a child of God, instead of being afraid, he should be trustful.

(Continued on page 7, col.

## METWOOD

means built-in quality,  
versatility,  
easy maintenance



METWOOD MANUFACTURING CO.  
HANOVER, PENNSYLVANIA 17331  
PHONE 717 637-5951

baby, but if that baby were to remain a baby all of his life, his continued and prolonged babyhood would become repulsive and disgusting after a while.

The same is true with a child of God. If you remain a spiritual baby, your spiritual babyhood becomes repulsive and disgusting. God wants you to grow in grace. God wants you to develop as a child of God.

## II

THERE ARE SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER IF YOU ARE GOING TO GROW.

If you are going to grow, you need a church home. I don't think anybody ever grows who doesn't have a church home. When I talk about a church home, I think of three passages of Scripture. Listen:

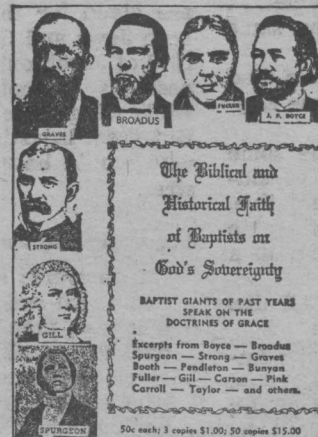
"NOT FORSAKING the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."—Heb. 10:25.

"Then contended I with the rulers, and said, WHY IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FORSAKEN? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place."—Neh. 13:11.

"Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because THY SEAT WILL BE EMPTY."—I Sam. 20:18.

Here are three Scriptures that every child of God ought to meditate over, and ponder upon. The first one says: Don't forsake the assembling of yourselves together. If you are God's child, you ought to make it a point to be in God's house. You ought to make it a point to be in God's house three times every week, and to attend any special services that

## The Biblical and Historical Faith of Baptists on God's Sovereignty



### CONTENTS

The Bible Doctrine of Election—J. P. Boyce  
Remarks on Predestination and Election—B. H. Carroll  
Statement on Election—John Bunyan  
Comment on Election—John A. Broadus  
Election—J. M. Pendleton  
Election Consistent—Andrew Fuller  
If Some Are Elect, Why Preach?—C. H. Spurgeon  
Chosen, Redeemed and Called—John Gill  
Foreordination and Foreknowledge—A. H. Strong

Divine Foreknowledge—Arthur W. Pink  
The Limited Atonement—C. H. Spurgeon  
On the Limited Atonement—J. R. Graves  
Particular Redemption—J. R. Graves  
God's Sovereignty Exhibited—Alexander Carson  
God's Distinguishing Grace—Abraham Booth  
Notes on Election—Boyce  
Testimonies of Baptists on Election—Past  
Baptist Confessions on Election—Doctrines of Grace

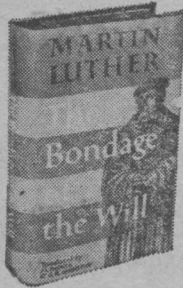
The writers are recognized all Baptists as outstanding of God. They influence our own day and they have influenced succeeding generations.

There are photos of the men quoted, the dates of their lives and brief information about them.

Get a copy of this book yourself and your friends.

50c — Single copy  
3 copies — \$1.00  
50 copies — \$15.00

Calvary Baptist Church  
P. O. Box 910  
Ashland, Kentucky



## THE BONDAGE OF THE WILL

By MARTIN LUTHER

Cloth-bound  
320 pages

\$4.95

Of all the great books that were written by Luther it was his own opinion that only this one and one more deserved preservation.

This book furnishes a marvelous background for the Grace of God and Salvation.

— ORDER FROM —

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH BOOK STORE  
P.O. BOX 910, ASHLAND, KENTUCKY 41101

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE SIX

## Growth In Grace

Continued from page six)

and there shall be signs in the sky and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sun shall be darkened, and the waves shall roar; and the hearts of men shall fail them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."—21:25,26.

There are certainly living in a time when men and women are fearful of what is going on. But you don't grow in grace when you are afraid. You don't grow in grace when you are worrying about the future. You are coming tomorrow. You are growing in grace under circumstances like that. Listen:

**"LOVE NOT THE WORLD, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."**—I John 2:15.

I ask you, don't you really love the things of this world? We have such an old carnal nature that it is hard not to love the world. Our spiritual nature knows how well we love the world, and all the things the world has to offer, but the Bible says, "Love not the world; neither the things that are in the world." If you are completely given over to the love of the world, then there is one thing certain — the love of the Father is not in you.

I say, beloved, if you are going to grow in grace, you have to be consistent in your daily living. How inconsistent we are! You go to church today, and you do wrong tomorrow. You go to church Wednesday night, and you do wrong the next day. You say, "Oh, no, Brother Gilpin, that isn't true of me. I don't do that way."

Well, maybe you don't, but I know that it is my experience, and I am sure it is the experience of every child of God, because we are so given over to the things of the world. In contrast, I say to you, you have to be consistent in your daily living if you are going to grow in grace.

One man, who was a great piano player, said, "If I fail to practice the piano one day, I know it. If I fail two days, my close friends know it. If I fail three days, everybody knows it."

Beloved, as Christians, we need to be consistent in the way in which we live. If we are going to grow in grace, we are going to have to be consistent in our daily lives.

Another thing to remember, if you are going to grow in grace is that you ought to remember

to be careful, and cautious, and watchful. Listen:

**"Take heed, WATCH AND PRAY: for ye know not when the time is."**—Mark 13:33.

In other words, it isn't enough just to pray, but Jesus says "to watch and pray."

An old Baptist preacher told me of his own experience which happened seventy-five years ago. He said before the Lord saved him, he used to drink very heavily. One time he and another man were together (this man became a Baptist preacher and the other fellow a Methodist preacher), and they were drinking. They got down to the place that they only had two drinks left. They poured them out, and as drunks do, one of them said, "Don't you think we ought to pray before we take this last drink?" The fellow said to the man who became a Baptist preacher, "Jim, you are more religious than I am, you pray." Jim bowed his head to pray, and closed his eyes, and while he had his eyes closed, the other man drank both glasses of whiskey. This old Baptist preacher said to me, "Bro. Gilpin, before I was ever saved—before I ever became a preacher, I learned the meaning of watching and praying. I learned that you need to watch while you pray."

Well, that is exactly what I have been trying to say to you — if you want to grow in grace, you need to be watchful, you need to

be cautious, you need to be careful as to what takes place in your life.

Listen again:

**"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."**—II Pet. 4:7.

The greatest man in the Old Testament, in my opinion, was Hezekiah, but Hezekiah made one mistake. I am sure you remember how it was when the Assyrian army were drawn up on the outside of the city. I am sure you recall how it was that Hezekiah went to the temple, and put the matter before God, and God gave victory. I am sure you recall how that God sent an angel in the night time, and that angel killed 185,000 of the Assyrian army. The next morning Hezekiah looked out and there were the tents of the Assyrians standing, but there were 185,000 corpses out there in the field — all of them had died in the night time.

A great man of God was Hezekiah, but following that experience, he forgot to be watchful. He forgot to be cautious. He forgot to be careful. Hezekiah got sick. He had a plague of boils, and after his boils were healed, there came some ambassadors from a foreign country. They had heard that he was sick. When someone gets sick today, we send that one a sick card, but in those days, they didn't send a card, they sent an ambassador. So this faraway country sent some ambassadors to see Hezekiah, and to convey the best wishes of their king.

When these ambassadors came to see Hezekiah, Hezekiah, unwatchful, uncaring, took them around to his storehouse and showed them everything that he had. The prophet Isaiah said, "What have they seen in thy house?" and he said, "I have shown them everything." Isaiah said, "You have acted unwisely."

They are going to go back home and tell about all the wealth here in this country, and as a result everything will be carried away. Beloved, it happened exactly like that.

Now when was it that Hezekiah did this imprudent act? When was he unwatchful? It was when he had a great victory with God — when God had given him a great victory over the Assyrian army. I tell you, beloved, if you want to grow in grace, you have to be watchful day by day.

Again, if you are going to grow in grace, you need to read your Bible daily. Let me tell you a personal experience. Due to my physical condition, I have read my Bible less in the last nine weeks than I have ever read it in my life. One day I read one chapter and four verses in the next chapter before my eye clouded up so that I couldn't read any more. That is the most I've read any day. All I have been able to preach to you has come as a result of someone else reading to me from the Bible. Beloved, I feel the effects of it. I feel definitely my lack of spirituality due to the fact that I haven't been able to read my Bible in the last nine weeks' time.

Beloved, I say to you, you ought to read your Bible daily. I am glad for the experience that I have had, because it enables me to warn you. If it has had this effect upon me, then that is all the more reason for me to stand here and warn you.

We read:

**"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.

**"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By TAKING HEED thereto according to THY WORD."**—Psa. 119:9.

**"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor DIMINISH from it."**—Deut. 12:32.

Believe me when I say you ought not allow one single word of God's Book to fail to mean something to you.

Also, if you are going to grow in grace, you need to meditate on spiritual things. How few of us take time to meditate!

I remember reading in the Old Testament when Abraham had sent that unnamed servant over to Padan-aram to get a bride for his son Isaac, that Isaac went out into the field to meditate. When he did so, he looked up and saw the camels coming, and saw the servant bringing his bride to him. When did this take place? When he went out into the fields to meditate.

That would lead me to understand that Isaac had a time and a season for meditation. I think that everyone of us ought to have a time when we meditate on the things of the Lord. Listen:

**"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE therein day and night."**—Joshua 1:8.

When should we meditate on the Word of God? Day and night? We ought to meditate continuously on the Word of God. Notice again:

**"MEDITATE UPON THESE THINGS; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."**—I Tim. 4:15.

**"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and IN HIS LAW DOETH HE MEDITATE day and night."**—Psa. 1:2.

I say to you, beloved, if you want to be a blessed and happy man, you need to meditate on the things of the Lord.

Some say, "When I am blue, I take to music." Some say, "Whenever I am blue, I go to see a movie." One woman said to me one day, "Whenever I get down in the dumps, I always go buy a new hat." People have different ways of doing things according to their moods, but I would remind you that what you need is to meditate on the things of the Lord.

If you will study God's Word, you will find that it was when Isaiah was meditating, that God gave to him a commission. You will find that it was when Moses was alone, that God appeared in the burning bush, and spoke to him, and gave him a commission. You will find that John was alone when God gave him the great revelation — the book of Revelation. I say to you, if you want to do something for God, you need to have time to meditate on the

(Continued on page 8, column 1)

## THE ORIGIN AND PERPETUITY OF THE BAPTISTS

Single Copy	\$ .75
Two Copies	\$ 1.25
Five Copies	\$ 2.50
Twenty-five Copies	\$12.50
One Hundred Copies	\$45.00

Order from:

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Ashland, Kentucky 41101



BEAUTIFUL and DURABLE  
CHURCH SEATING by SAMS

**SAMS AND SONS**

P. O. BOX 1430 WACO, TEXAS 76703

be cautious, you need to be careful as to what takes place in your life.

Listen again:

**"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer."**—II Pet. 4:7.

The greatest man in the Old Testament, in my opinion, was Hezekiah, but Hezekiah made one mistake. I am sure you remember how it was when the Assyrian army were drawn up on the outside of the city. I am sure you recall how it was that Hezekiah went to the temple, and put the matter before God, and God gave victory. I am sure you recall how that God sent an angel in the night time, and that angel killed 185,000 of the Assyrian army. The next morning Hezekiah looked out and there were the tents of the Assyrians standing, but there were 185,000 corpses out there in the field — all of them had died in the night time.

A great man of God was Hezekiah, but following that experience, he forgot to be watchful. He forgot to be cautious. He forgot to be careful. Hezekiah got sick. He had a plague of boils, and after his boils were healed, there came some ambassadors from a foreign country. They had heard that he was sick. When someone gets sick today, we send that one a sick card, but in those days, they didn't send a card, they sent an ambassador. So this faraway country sent some ambassadors to see Hezekiah, and to convey the best wishes of their king.

When these ambassadors came to see Hezekiah, Hezekiah, unwatchful, uncaring, took them around to his storehouse and showed them everything that he had. The prophet Isaiah said, "What have they seen in thy house?" and he said, "I have shown them everything." Isaiah said, "You have acted unwisely."

They are going to go back home and tell about all the wealth here in this country, and as a result everything will be carried away. Beloved, it happened exactly like that.

Now when was it that Hezekiah did this imprudent act? When was he unwatchful? It was when he had a great victory with God — when God had given him a great victory over the Assyrian army. I tell you, beloved, if you want to grow in grace, you have to be watchful day by day.

Again, if you are going to grow in grace, you need to read your Bible daily. Let me tell you a personal experience. Due to my physical condition, I have read my Bible less in the last nine weeks than I have ever read it in my life. One day I read one chapter and four verses in the next chapter before my eye clouded up so that I couldn't read any more. That is the most I've read any day. All I have been able to preach to you has come as a result of someone else reading to me from the Bible. Beloved, I feel the effects of it. I feel definitely my lack of spirituality due to the fact that I haven't been able to read my Bible in the last nine weeks' time.

Beloved, I say to you, you ought to read your Bible daily. I am glad for the experience that I have had, because it enables me to warn you. If it has had this effect upon me, then that is all the more reason for me to stand here and warn you.

We read:

**"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.

**"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By TAKING HEED thereto according to THY WORD."**—Psa. 119:9.

**"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor DIMINISH from it."**—Deut. 12:32.

Believe me when I say you ought not allow one single word of God's Book to fail to mean something to you.

Also, if you are going to grow in grace, you need to meditate on spiritual things. How few of us take time to meditate!

I remember reading in the Old Testament when Abraham had sent that unnamed servant over to Padan-aram to get a bride for his son Isaac, that Isaac went out into the field to meditate. When he did so, he looked up and saw the camels coming, and saw the servant bringing his bride to him. When did this take place? When he went out into the fields to meditate.

That would lead me to understand that Isaac had a time and a season for meditation. I think that everyone of us ought to have a time when we meditate on the things of the Lord. Listen:

**"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE therein day and night."**—Joshua 1:8.

When should we meditate on the Word of God? Day and night? We ought to meditate continuously on the Word of God. Notice again:

**"MEDITATE UPON THESE THINGS; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."**—I Tim. 4:15.

**"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and IN HIS LAW DOETH HE MEDITATE day and night."**—Psa. 1:2.

I say to you, beloved, if you want to be a blessed and happy man, you need to meditate on the things of the Lord.

Some say, "When I am blue, I take to music." Some say, "Whenever I am blue, I go to see a movie." One woman said to me one day, "Whenever I get down in the dumps, I always go buy a new hat." People have different ways of doing things according to their moods, but I would remind you that what you need is to meditate on the things of the Lord.

If you will study God's Word, you will find that it was when Isaiah was meditating, that God gave to him a commission. You will find that it was when Moses was alone, that God appeared in the burning bush, and spoke to him, and gave him a commission. You will find that John was alone when God gave him the great revelation — the book of Revelation. I say to you, if you want to do something for God, you need to have time to meditate on the

(Continued on page 8, column 1)

## Automatic Electric HAMMERMILL

GRIND FEED ELECTRICALLY

SAVE WORK

SAVE TIME

SAVE MONEY

HAVE FRESH GROUND FEED DAILY

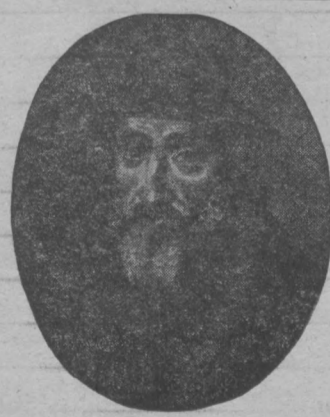
GRIND YOUR FEED OR FLOUR ELECTRICALLY WITH PROPER SCREEN SIZES AVAILABLE. SAVE TIME — WORK AND MONEY AND HAVE FRESH GROUND FEED AT ALL TIMES. Available in 1 H. P. and 2 H. P. models.

Manufactured by

**MORVICK MANUFACTURING CO.**

P. O. Box 702

MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA 56560



One of the Greatest Books  
of All-Time

## Christian Martyrs Of The World

By JOHN FOXE

(1517-1587)

\$3.95

One of the all-time great Christian classics, this book tells the story of the saints' martyrdom at the hands of both heathen and Romanist. Beginning with the early church and the apostles, it goes through history, telling of the faith of those who loved not their lives even unto death.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

P. O. Box 910, Ashland, Kentucky, 41101

THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE SEVEN

## "Growth In Grace"

(Continued from page 7)  
Lord.

John Bunyan saw his vision of Pilgrim's Progress, which book has rocked the world, and which has done more for Christianity, except for the Bible itself, than any other book that was ever published. When did he do it? He saw that vision when he was alone — shut up in jail, alone for 14 years.

I tell you, beloved, you have to have time for meditation if you are going to serve the Lord and grow in grace.

Also if you want to grow in grace, you need to witness to the truth. I just don't believe that a man is going to do much growing if he is a coward, a compromiser, and if he fails to stand up and witness for the truth of God's Word. Listen:

"For whosoever shall be ashamed

ed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."—Luke 9:26.

If you are going to grow in grace, you can't be ashamed of the Word of God. I like to see a man stand up for the teachings of the Bible. I hate to see a man compromise. I hate to see a man who is fearful. Take the millennial question. It is so easy if you meet an A-millennialist or a Post-millennialist to go along with him and not stand up and say "I am a Pre-millennialist." But, beloved, that is what we ought to do. It is so easy to go along with the crowd when it comes to the question of the church in order to keep friends. Beloved, I take pride in the fact that I am a member of a Missionary Baptist Church, and that we have history that will assure us that Missionary Baptists have gone all the

# Protestants And Rome Walking Together

## BIBLE FOR ALL CHRISTIANS

VATICAN CITY, Tuesday — The Vatican announced today that Pope Paul had given orders for the Roman Catholic Church to work with Protestants, Anglicans and Orthodox Church to produce a common Bible for all Christians.  
—Evening News, November 8th, 1966

## UNITY TALKS

The first formal talks since the Reformation aimed at reuniting the world's 550 million Roman Catholics and 45 million Anglicans will start tomorrow at a religious retreat near Varese in Lombardy.

—The Daily Telegraph, January 9th, 1967

## CHURCHES TO ACT ON UNITY

Anglicans and Roman Catholics are to study the problem of mixed marriages.

This was announced in a historic communique tonight after three days of secret talks between eleven Anglican and ten Roman Catholic theologians.

The communique said: "After 400 years of separation, the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches have taken the first real steps towards restoring full unity.

The theologians announced that the first question they tackled was that of mixed marriages—the problem which affects the future of both religions more than almost any other.

A special Commission is to be set up immediately to study the theology of marriage and, in particular, its application to mixed marriages.

The talks resulted from last year's meeting between Pope Paul and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsey.

In London, a Church of England spokesman, said:

"These were preliminary discussions on the subject to form the basis for more serious negotiations in the future."

—The Daily Mirror, January 13th, 1967

The above extracts reveal the continued drive for "unity" between the Roman Catholic "Protestant" Churches.

It has been repeatedly stated on both sides that such "unity" will involve the acceptance of Rome's dogmas. Speaking at the time of his weekly "blessing" in St. Peter's Square on the 15th of January last, the Pope said, "Some people consider that charity is enough for this unity without coming to the unique truth of the Faith." He added, however, that he believed unity would be achieved in the present generation. And yet the drive continues from all quarters. The only explanation is to be that Satan has hoodwinked many "Protestant" clergymen while he fixes Rome's noose around their necks. The day of execution will come when Romanists attain the majority.

—Watching and Waiting

*It isn't going to be long before the lamb and the lion lie down together — that is the Protestant lamb on the inside of the Catholic lion. It looks like there'll be a lot of dumb Baptists standing in the same quarters. Let all true Baptists STAND UP for the truth and LOOK UP for His coming.*

way back to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. I take pride in that, and I am glad I can stand up and witness to that truth this morning.

Then there are those great doctrines of grace — the Five Points of Calvinism, as we often refer to them. I take pride in witnessing for them.

Do you see what I am saying? If you are going to grow in grace, you are going to have to witness for Him. The Lord Jesus Christ said, "If you are ashamed of me and my Word, I am going to be ashamed of you when I come again." I don't want Him to be ashamed of me. I want to be able to stand in His presence with the assurance that I have tried to stand up for His Word all down through the years that I have lived.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I ask you, are you saved this morning? Are you a child of God? If you are unsaved, then you are still dead in your sin. Listen:

"And you hath he quickened, who were DEAD in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

Do you realize how incapable you are of believing? Jesus Himself said:

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me DRAW HIM: and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:44.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are SPIRIT-

UALLY DISCERNED." — I Cor. 2:14.

Do you know why you can't understand? Because these things are spiritually discerned.

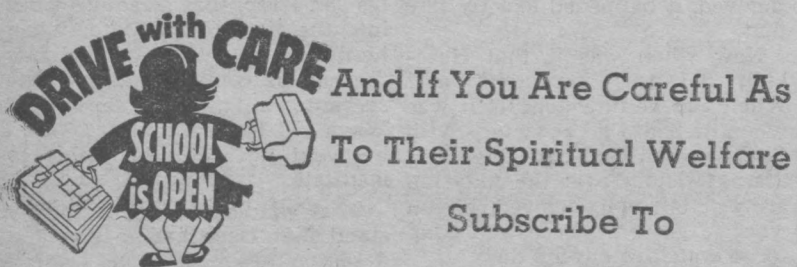
I ask you, are you saved? If you are, may God help you to grow in grace. If you are not, may God help you to trust Jesus and believe that Jesus Christ died for all your sins—not a part of them, but He died for all of them — past, present, and future — on the cross. Thank God, the man who believes that, will go to Heaven when he dies, for there isn't any reason for him to go to Hell, because Jesus Christ has already suffered on the Cross for

him. I ask you, are you growing?

If you are, then grow in grace. I want to close my message with this little statement I copied in my Bible a long time ago: "A new birth will inevitably be followed by a new life."

Have you experienced the birth? Are you saved? Are you a child of God? Do you know what it is to be saved? Can you put your hand on your heart and say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth?" If you can, a new life will inevitably be followed by a new life.

May God help you that you shall grow in grace, that a new life will be developed within



## THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AMERICA'S GREAT BAPTIST WEEKLY

How about sending ten "subs" for ten of your Baptist friends who need the Truth this paper stands for?

TEN SUBS \$10.00

IN ADDITION, WE WILL RENEW YOUR OWN FREE!  
(No less than ten "subs" accepted at this price.)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
8. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
9. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_
10. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Subs  
Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

GIVE US READERS--

We Will Give Them The Truth

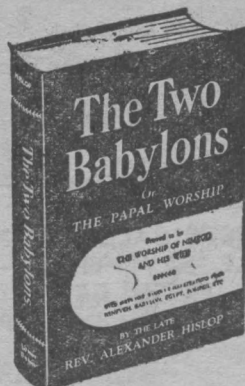
THE BAPTIST EXAMINER

AUGUST 12, 1967

PAGE EIGHT

## This Week's Special THE TWO BABYLONS

By ALEXANDER HYSLOP



CLOTH BINDING  
329 PAGES  
Regular Price  
\$3.50

This Week  
Only  
\$2.50

Postpaid

EXPIRATION DATE AUGUST 20, 1967

WATCH THIS SPACE EACH WEEK FOR A GREAT BOOK BARGAIN. BUILD YOUR LIBRARY A BOOK A WEEK. TELL US WHAT BOOK YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ON SALE. WATCH FOR NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL.

Order From Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky