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

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FTER BEING IN OUR CONFERENCE, HERE ARE SOME . . .

IMPRESSIONS

One predicted to me a few years ago that Calvary Baptist Church, Bro. Gilpin and TBE would soon be out of existence. I was granted that some day they will be gone as far as this world is concerned. This day I praise Sovereign Lord that He is still using this body of beloved people. All praise is due Him that He moved upon Calvary Baptist Church to have another Conference. It was most blessed. Never have I heard better singing than our singers offered us. Could human tongue describe the bread from Heaven I received during the preaching! I heard the wonderful words of truth to prepare our hearts to receive the most blessed service Monday morning. This has to be probably the most blessed service I have ever been in. Praise God! Certainly our Lord Jesus Christ lives and the Comforter is in the world today. Brethren and Sisters, I wish I could tell you how precious so many of you are to my heart. It was so hard to leave you. God bless every heart that came. To Calvary Baptist Church, thanks for everything and God bless you. Him who conquered death and the grave, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Cletus R. Snyder
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Speaking the words of Paul, have been made to grow in grace by being at the Bible Conference and hearing the sermons and against "Apostasy." The fellowship was wonderful. It has been a blessing to my heart to be with the wonderful people that attend the Bible Conference.

Noel L. Davis
Harmony, N. C.

I announce this conference as the greatest event in the United States in the year and as the best thing to the Rapture. Truly, it has been just that this year. Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church.

Joe Wilson
Winston-Salem, N. C.

The preaching was inspiring, the fellowship wonderful and the food delicious. Thanks for everything.

Mr. E. W. Parks
Winston-Salem, N. C.

This being my first conference I have ever attended, in full expectancy, I want to say I have been greatly impressed and greatly blessed. I think the conference would keep the true preaching of the gospel coming forth by all these ministers of God. I just want to sing and praise the Lord for the good the conference, by the will of God, has brought forth. God bless every minister of God that was here.

Mrs. Peggy Southworth
South Point, Ohio

This conference has certainly made a deep and lasting impression on the hearts of my family and me. It is an impression that is hard to put into words. We are thankful for the wonderful fellowship and hospitality that we experienced here. The Lord richly blessed us through

hearing the preaching of His Holy Word by each of His messengers. May He continue to bless each conference, year by year is our fervent prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brewer
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Thank God for the multitude of blessings through the fellowship, preaching and spiritual feeding of this conference. I felt the Holy Spirit abiding with us. Hope the Lord comes back before the next conference, if not may God bless us in it and all our efforts.

Steve Southworth
South Point, Ohio

I enjoyed the Bible Conference very much this year, even though it was my first year here. It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it to see everybody happy.

Ray Pennington
Ironton, Ohio

I have enjoyed hearing the word of God preached.

Mrs. James H. Reed
Wheelersburg, Ohio

On Labor Day Week-end, Calvary Baptist had a speak-in, The pacifists try to do it, But don't know how to construe it.

T'was on the subject of Apostasy, And all who came had lots to say, About the falling away, In these last days, Of all the great professors, Who are really not possessors. All who came were blessed, And left as one possessed— To do the Will of God.

James E. Hobbs
McDermott, Ohio

I think the Bible Conference is nice. There is enjoyment for all ages. The older people like to have fellowship. The young can talk to friends and listen to the preachers.

James Hobbs, Jr.
McDermott, Ohio

My wife and I really enjoyed the sound of Bible preaching, also the fellowship and wonderful food at the Calvary Baptist Church Bible Conference. We are already planning to be back

next year. May God richly bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cordle
Portsmouth, Ohio

I enjoyed this Conference more than any I have attended. The preaching and fellowship were wonderful. The meals were very good.

Connie Hobbs
McDermott, Ohio

After planning to attend the Bible Conference every year for the past seven I finally made it. Let me say that the conference has in every way far exceeded my expectations. Spiritual food, pleasant surroundings, warm fellowship and gracious hospitality have permeated the whole conference. It has been a blessing to have been here.

Ralph A. Doty
Fossil, Oregon

Good fellowship! Had a great time in the Lord.

G. T. Williams
Hanahan, S. Car.

Blessing and Spiritual uplift. Thank you all in Christ Jesus.

Lee Williams
Hanahan, S. C.

Enjoyed the Bible Conference tremendously — the Spiritual messages true to the Word of God brought by consecrated men of God, plus the delicious and wholesome food, have given us food for the spirit, soul and body. Looking forward to the next Bible Conference.

Arthur and
Christine Bonin
Lancaster, Tenn.

I enjoyed the conference very much. Trust that I can be with you again another year.

Wayne Cox
Memphis, Tenn.

My heart was so blessed to see the hunger expressed by the hundreds from all parts of our dear nation, for the word of God as it was expounded during the conference. This too is indeed a retreat, as it were, that the family may have a reunion, and to talk and re-talk the things of Christ. God bless you all and give strength and grace till our Lord appears in

JOHN'S BAPTISM

By ELDER RALPH A. DOTY
Missionary to The New Guinea Territory

As we begin thinking about Baptism I want to quote from a clipping I cut out of a paper while I was pastoring a church in the Hawaiian Islands. I am quoting this, not to make anyone sick, but to show you the utter poor taste and lack of knowledge of spiritual things manifested by most of the world. I was shocked to read the article and yet it so clearly shows the spiritual ignorance of the unsaved (whether they are members of a false church or not) that I cut it out and saved it. The article follows:

"Dana Lee Brown's baptism was the occasion for a champagne party given by her mother, Mrs. Boyd Brown, last Sunday afternoon at the Kaneohe Marine Corps Officers Club. The ceremony took place in Kailua's St. Christopher's Episcopal Church."

This indicates the complete lack of knowledge that the average American has regarding spiritual things. On the other hand many apparently born again children of God have a woeful lack of information concerning Scriptural baptism. In Matthew, chapter 21 we find an incident recorded in which Jesus asks a question of the chief priests and elders which they find themselves unable to answer. The event is recorded in Vs. 23-27 "And when He had come into the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came unto Him as He was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and

said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven, or of men? And they all reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From Heaven; he shall say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say,



Ralph Doty

Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We can not tell. And He said to them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things."

Jesus' question to the chief priests and elders was one which put them between a rock and a hard place. No matter how they answered they would be in trouble. The perplexing question (Continued on page 5, column 3)

the heavens. Only our God knows the joy that was brought to the hearts of His blood redeemed children by the preaching of the Gospel of the Grace of our blessed Lord.

Charles Souder
Elizabethton, Tenn.

This was my first trip. I've enjoyed each speaker. I've had a wonderful fellowship and thanks so much for your nice hospitality.

Virginia Lewis
Bristol, Tenn.

This year's conference was the best in every way. Good preaching, good fellowship, and good food. May God bless each one who worked so hard, especially all the members of Calvary Baptist Church.

Mrs. Dan Phillips
Bristol, Tenn.

I have been to 7 of the Bible Conferences and hope to be able to come to all the rest. I enjoy coming together with more of God's elect and listen as some of

America's greatest preachers tell of the marvelous words from the Bible. The hospitality is always wonderfully friendly and the food is delicious. May God bless TBE and its Bible Conferences in the future.

Richard Phillips
Bristol, Tenn.

I loved the food. I liked the preaching. I didn't get much sleep.

Ronnie Manuel
Bristol, Tenn.

I have enjoyed the good fellowship, the messages and the fine hospitality of this conference.

M. V. Hall
Kingsport, Tenn.

Some of the best fellowship in the world, I mean with the Son of God in the Word of God. If these men have been used to make us worship God surely we love them. We have also seen our responsibility to preach the Gospel to all people, not argue the Word, just preach the Word. We are happy to have been here. The Church here has been most generous in food and service both. Let us go and show the light we have.

Walter L. Herrin
Orange, Texas

It was truly a blessed time in the Lord for me. Everything went quite well. The food was good, the accommodations very nice, and the spiritual food much needed and appreciated.

Mrs. Charles Burt
Seabrook, Maryland

I truly received a great spiritual blessing from having heard such fine preaching. May God continue these conferences until the return of our blessed Saviour!

Charles E. Burt
Seabrook, Maryland

This was my first time to attend the Bible Conference and I can truthfully say I have heard the soundest preaching that I have ever heard in such a short time (Continued on page 7, column 1)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"HEAR ONLY THE WORD OF GOD"

"O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."—Jer. 22:29.

I believe you will agree with me at the very outset the earth is hearing today everything else but the Word of God. I don't think there is any doubt on the part of any of you that the world today is hearing everything else but God's Word. The newspapers, the pulpits, the TV stations, and the radio are certainly sending forth messages, contrary to the Word of God. You would expect the newspapers, TV stations, and radios, since they are owned and operated for profit, and owned and operated by unsaved people

generally — you would expect them to send forth messages that were contrary and contradictory to the Word of God, but you certainly wouldn't expect the pulpit to send out anything but a message from the Lord, yet down through the years there has been a continuous drift away from the things of the Bible.

The Apostle Paul saw it coming in his day, for he said:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

For I know this that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."—Acts 20:28-30.

I say, Paul saw the apostasy that was impending. He saw what was going to come to pass, so he warned this Ephesian church that they might stand fast for the things of the Lord.

A little later, when the Apostle Paul had come up to the time of his own death, he said:

"I charge thee therefore be- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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

What the Apostle Paul saw, and spoke of, to the church at Ephesus, and what he saw and wrote to young Timothy have long since become a reality. I say today that the earth is hearing everything except the Word of God. We wouldn't expect the newspapers to preach the Word of God. We wouldn't expect the TV stations and the radios in themselves to teach the Word of God. We certainly ought to expect it from the pulpit, yet even the pulpits of America have drifted as far from the Word of God in the main, as the majority of the commercial enterprises by the way of newspapers, and TV stations, and radio stations.

I can remember when I was a boy hearing Methodist preachers and Campbellite preachers preach more truth than the average Baptist preacher today. Would you believe me if I were to take you on a little excursion in history and tell you that Saint Patrick, who lived about the year 800 A. D., was a much better Baptist than the majority of Baptist preachers of this day? If I were to take time and you had the patience, I could take you to the writings of Saint Patrick and

show you that this Catholic priest actually preached a far better gospel, and a far more Biblical message, than the majority of Baptist preachers in this present day.

What has happened, beloved? Little by little, that which the Apostle Paul saw as impending in his day has become a reality, until today the Word of God is virtually completely forgotten about, yet our text says, "O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." I would to God that I could cause each of you to realize how important it is that you hear the Word of God to the extent that you would even be willing to lay aside what your relatives and neighbors teach and turn back to the Word of God.

Every once in a while when I am in conversation with some individual who may differ with me, he will say, "But Brother Gilpin, I can remember what my grandmother taught, and I just know that grandmother is in Heaven, and I just simply can't go contrary to what my grandmother taught me."

Now I am willing to admit that "Granny" was a good old lady, but I wish you would lay aside what Granny taught, and what every one of your relatives have taught in the past, and I wish you would lay aside everything you have been taught from the pulpit in the past and turn back today to the Word of God. As my text says, "O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

It doesn't make any difference what your relatives have taught in the past. Neither does it make any difference what they are teaching today. It certainly doesn't make any difference as to what goes out over the radio and TV stations. It certainly doesn't make any difference what the newspapers teach, or what the pulpits preach Sunday after Sunday. The thing that counts is, what the Word of God says?

For fear somebody might not know, let me say that the Word of God is this old Bible that I hold in my hand. This is the Word of God. Too many today have come to think this is just another book, but in reality, you need to realize that the Word of God is this Bible.

Paul, in writing to Timothy, says:

"ALL SCRIPTURE is given BY INSPIRATION of God, and IS PROFITABLE for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." — II Tim. 3:16.

Peter says:

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but HOLY MEN of God spake as they were MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT."—II Pet 1:21.

I tell you, beloved, this Bible is the Word of God. I do not say that it contains the Word of God. If I were to say that, I might indicate that it also contains something else. I do not say it contains the Word of God, but I say

it is the Word of God, and every portion of it, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, is inspired of the Lord, and is the Word of God.

I turn at random through the Bible and I find that every man who wrote in the Bible referred to the Bible as the Word of God. Listen:

"THUS SAITH THE LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word." — Jer. 22:1.

"THE WORD OF THE LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem." — Micah 1:1.

"In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, THE WORD OF THE LORD came unto me." — Ezek. 29:1.

"THUS SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS; It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities." — Zech. 8:20.

You can turn through the Bible, from one end of it to the other,

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and you'll find in every instance, that every man who spoke, declares his words are the words of God. So, beloved, this Bible is the word of the Lord.

My text says, "O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Actually, the writer is calling upon me, and you, and upon all the two billion inhabitants of this world that we hear the Bible, and that we let God's Book speak to us rather than anything else. I am wondering if you are willing to hear the words of the Lord.

I

SALVATION.

Are you willing to hear the Word of the Lord as to salvation? You'll certainly hear a different message to what you will hear, on an average, when you listen to the radio. You'll certainly hear a different message than the message that you hear when you watch the TV religious shows of today. You'll certainly hear a different message than the message that you hear in the average Baptist pulpit if you are willing to hear what the Word of God says relative to salvation.

We read:

"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." — Rev. 13:8.

This Bible would tell you first of all so far as salvation is concerned, that your salvation grows

out of the death of the Lamb of God, who was slain from the foundation of the world. Does that sound like the average pulpit? Does that sound like the average Baptist Church? Does that sound like the average radio or TV program that you hear — that Christ is a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world?

I heard Billy Sunday say personally as he stood in a pulpit in Cincinnati, Ohio, years ago, that when God looked down from the battlements of Glory and saw that this world had tumbled into sin, God walked into the garden and chose the fairest of all His flowers; He chose the One who is known as the Lily of the Valley, and sent Him down to this world in order that He might become a Saviour for the world. I say to you, beloved, that is nonsense of the worst type. God didn't wait until He looked from the battlements of Glory to see that man had sinned, to make plans for salvation. Rather, the Lord Jesus Christ was God's way of salvation before the foundation of the world.

I am saying to you, so far as Jesus is concerned, and so far as our salvation is concerned, which we have in the Son of God, our salvation is not any hurried up first aid. It is not any remedy nor panacea that God got ready after man had sinned. Instead, Jesus Christ was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

Oh, how I thank and praise God today that I am able to hold up to you Him who died on the Cross of Calvary, who in the mind of God was slain before the foundation of the world. Doesn't it bless your heart just to know that the salvation that you have is not something that God hurriedly got together, but rather, that God thought about you, and God planned for you, and God had already made a way of escape from sin, before sin became a reality. I hold Him up to you, and I say, He was a Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

My text says, "O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Are you ready to hear it this morning? Are you willing to hear the word of the Lord, as to what God says about salvation? We read:

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures." — I Cor. 15:3.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not REDEEMED with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." — I Pet. 1:18, 19.

Are you willing to hear what the Word of God says as to salvation? Then Jesus Christ was a Lamb without blemish, and He

died for your sins, and we are redeemed by the precious blood of the Son of God.

It seems strange to me that people believe anything else, just can't understand how people would want to believe anything but the Bible, yet they do.

Sometime ago, over in Africa, a fellow drew up a seating arrangement of Heaven, and he went around selling seats in Heaven. Of course the seats that were right up close to the Father and the Son were more expensive than any place else, but he had a seat for you, depending upon the price that you were able to pay. It didn't make any difference as to how much money you had, he had a seat that you could buy. Beloved, he did a "land office" business selling seats in Heaven, to the unsuspecting and ignorant African natives.

You say, "Nobody in this country would do a thing like that. You couldn't get anybody here in America to do a thing like that?" Are you sure that you couldn't? I ask you, how many people this morning went to church where they dip their hands in what is supposed to be Holy Water, that is nothing but unholy slop that has been dipped in by a hundred people ahead of them? How many people do you suppose went there and dipped themselves, made the sign of the cross upon their body, and thought when they went into religious service and confessed their sins to a priest, that they were getting absolution of their sins? I say to you, it is no more, no less, no worse and no better than the man that sold the seats in Africa to the ignorant natives.

I can see the man who goes into church and hears his preacher say, "You do a part, and Jesus does a part, and that is all there is to salvation. You take the first step and the Lord Jesus Christ will take a step. You step forward and He'll meet you halfway." I tell you the man that preaches that is preaching a religion that is just exactly on the plane as that man who sold seats in Heaven to the ignorant African savages.

Or here is a man who says, "Come to the mourner's bench and pray, and pray until you pray through."

Or here is one who says, "Come to this pool of water and go down into this water and I'll baptize you, and you'll get your sins washed away with this water."

I say to you, these are no more, and no less, and no worse, and no better, for they are exactly on the par with the man who sold the seats in Heaven for a price. What this world needs is to hear the Word of God on the matter of salvation.

What does the Word of God say? It says that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that was slain from the foundation of the world. (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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says that we are redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, as Lamb without blemish and without spot."

Listen again:

Who his own SELF BARE OUR SINS in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, could live unto righteousness; whose stripes ye were healed."—I Pet. 2:24.

For CHRIST ALSO HATH OUR SINS SUFFERED FOR SIN, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."—I Pet. 3:18.

These verses tell us that there is one way of salvation:

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."

go back to the Old Testament I find the story of Adam and Eve how they sinned. The Word of God tells us that after they had sinned they made fig garments for themselves. Did they ever stop to think about the value of clothing, and the kind of clothing, that men and women wear today? Did you ever realize that clothing came from the Garden of Eden? The first tailors who ever lived in this world were Adam and Eve. That was their business after sin became a reality, when they made garments for themselves out of fig leaves. I like to remember how God came down in the cool of the day to walk with Adam and Eve, and how they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord, and how when God searched them that God said, "Adam, I don't like the cut of your coat." I like to see them when God came inquisition with that guilty conscience, how eventually God killed the lamb, and took the skin of that lamb and made coats for Adam and Eve.

I tell you, beloved, that lamb that was killed in Eden's Garden order that Adam and Eve might be clothed from their nakedness is only a type of the Word of the Lamb of God, the Word of Jesus Christ, who came from heaven down to this world, and died at Calvary; and when Jesus Christ went to Calvary, He died for you and I might be washed from our sins in His blood, that we might be clothed in the righteousness of the Son of God. What this world needs today is to hear the Word of God. Some months ago I was talking to a man of the legal profession who had been going to a church back in the mountains of Kentucky, a Baptist type, but certainly a very strong Baptist type. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I never heard any individual preach from the Bible until I heard you." He said, "All my life I went to church and heard the preacher announce a text, and then start telling a story, and then one who could tell the most stories, and cause you to cry the whole time." He said, "Whenever

we saw the preachers coming into the community, we always said that it was time to get out our rubber boots and go to church because the water was going to be flowing knee deep in the church building when those fellows go to telling their wild stories." This lawyer said "Brother Gilpin, to tell you the truth I never heard a man take the Bible and explain the Word of God and tell how people are saved."

My text says, "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." We don't need the stories that the preacher tells, and not the death bed scenes that the preacher makes a specialty of, but the Word of God that tells men how to be saved.

II

SECURITY IN SALVATION.

Most everybody you meet today who claims to be saved will tell you that you'll ultimately get to Heaven—if you hold out faithful to the end. I dare say that 90 per cent of the people in this town will tell you if you are religious and a member of a church, and if you will hold out faithful to the end, you'll get to Heaven after a while.

I say to you, the Word of God has never said one thing about an individual holding out faithful to the end, to get to Heaven. Instead, I turn to the Bible and I find that God promises to us everlasting life. Listen:

"And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE, and they SHALL NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."—John 10:28, 29.

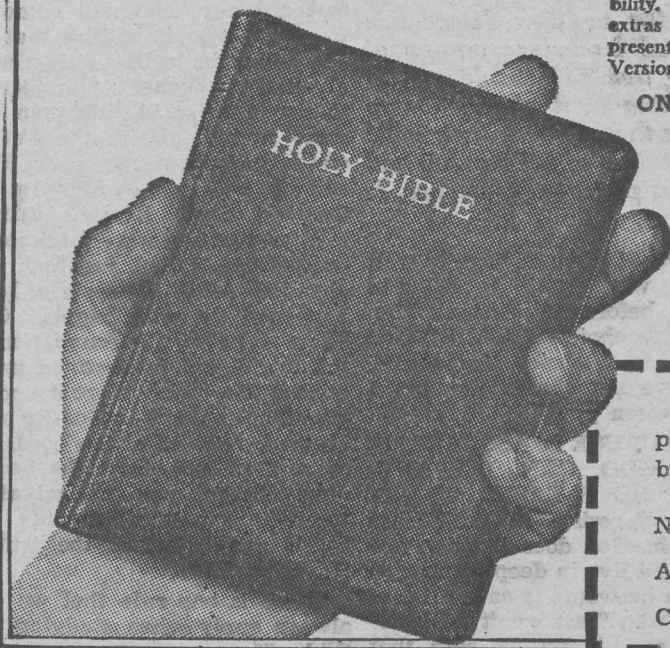
This text tells us that the man who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ has eternal life. Now isn't it true that words usually have the same meaning in every respect? You don't have a meaning for a word in one instance and then have another meaning for the same word in another instance. The words that you use, usually have the same meaning regardless of where they are used. Let's see how this word "everlasting" or "eternal" is used relative to Hell. Jesus said:

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal."—Mt. 25:46.

The word for "everlasting" is the same word that is used in John 10:28 when it talks about eternal life. I ask you, do you believe that Hell is everlasting? "Oh, yes, Brother Gilpin, I believe if a man goes to Hell, he never can get out." If you believe Hell is everlasting why don't you believe the life that God gives you today, when He saves you, is an everlasting life? It is the same word that describes Hell. I just don't understand the reasoning of men and women who try to say a word can mean one thing in one instance, and yet it doesn't mean that in every instance.

Now I believe in Hell. I believe in Hell that is everlasting, be

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III

HOW TO SECURE SALVATION.

I ask you, how do you secure salvation? Do you go to a mourner's bench? Do you join a church? Do you go into a baptistry? Do you slip up beside a little peep hole with some other human being sitting on the other side and say, "Father, I have committed so many sins, so many times," and he says "I absolve you"? Is that the way that salvation becomes a reality? Listen to the Word of God:

"But as many as RECEIVED HIM, to them gave he power to become the sons of God."—John 1:12.

"He that BELIEVETH ON HIM is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

"He that BELIEVETH ON THE SON hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."—John 3:36.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and BELIEVETH ON HIM that sent me hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

"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.

"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in

this book: But these are written, that YE MIGHT BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."—John 20:30, 31.

What do these verses tell us? Every one tells us that the only way that you can secure salvation is by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ—not believing that there is a Christ — not believing that there is a God, but believing on the Lord Jesus Christ and committing yourself to the Son of God.

I say to you, any individual who commits himself to Jesus Christ, and believes that Jesus died for his sins, that man is saved for time and eternity, and he'll go to Heaven when He dies, for there is nothing for him to go to Hell for. How do you secure salvation? "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

God never said to hear what the preacher says. God has never promised to bless one thing that a preacher says. But He has promised to bless His Word. Listen:

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID, but it shall ACCOMPLISH THAT WHICH I PLEASE, and it SHALL PROSPER in the thing whereto I sent it."—Isa. 55:10, 11.

I challenge you to find one text (Continued on page 5, column 1)

cause Jesus speaks of it as everlasting punishment. I likewise believe in a life that is everlasting, because the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I give unto them eternal life," and He used the same word to describe Hell that He used to describe life.

Quite often when I am driving along I pick up people and give them a ride along the way, and I always make them pay for their ride by listening to me preach. Sometimes I think they would rather pay in money, but nevertheless, I always make a person pay for his ride by listening to me preach. I remember picking up a young fellow sometime ago whom I knew at least by sight. He was quite a religious lad. In the course of the conversation I steered the matter around to the subject of security. When I started talking about security, he said, "Oh, yes, I believe that — provided you hold out." I asked him to take his Testament which he had in his shirt pocket and read John 10:28 and he read it to me: "I give unto them eternal life." I said, "Now what does it say?" He said, "Eternal life—provided you hold out." I said, "But it doesn't say that." He said, "Well, it doesn't say it, but that is what it means."

I would to God that this boy would have been willing to hear the Word of the Lord. He was willing to hear the Word of the Lord, plus an interpretation he wanted to put upon it.

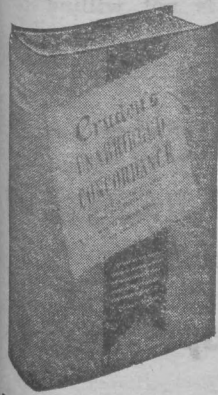
I heard one of these "be dipped or be damned" preachers on the radio the other day. I only hear them once in a while when I turn the radio on in the car, and then only for a moment until I can turn him off. As I say, I heard one of these "be dipped or be damned" preachers, and he made the statement that an individual can be saved a million times, if life would last that long. Now that is a lot of salvation, and that is losing your salvation an awfully lot of times too. If I had asked that preacher for proof of that, he couldn't have given an intelligent answer so far as the Word of God is concerned. He might have taken some text out of its context and away from its setting, and he might have butchered the Word of God, and tried to tell me how a man could be saved today and lost tomorrow, but he could not have taken a verse like John 10:28 and intelligently have given an interpretation of it.

I tell you, what God wants you to do is to hear the Word of

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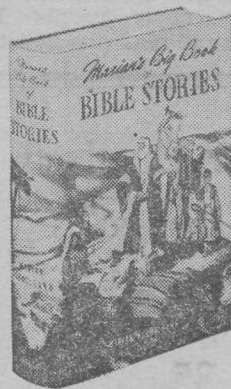
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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Billy Graham recently answered the question, 'Does this mean that I was predestined to be saved by only a portion of Scripture which says, 'He is not willing that any should perish! He further says that God will do anything short of coercion to redeem people. But even he cannot save them against their will.' In this same article, he only quoted a portion of 2 Peter 3:9 and John 6:37. I consider this article rank and perverted ignorance. Is Billy wrong or am I wrong?"

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THINGS. He doesn't have to wait to see what man is going to choose, before he chooses. Man makes his choice BECAUSE God first made a choice. Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."

2—BECAUSE IT ASSURES ME THAT GOD CAN DO ANYTHING HE PLEASES TO DO. "Who hath resisted his will?" says the Bible. God doesn't moan and groan and live in deep depression because he wants to save a lot of people who "just won't let him." In the end, it will be seen that every human being in God's elect plan will show up among the redeemed. "All that the Father has given Christ" will be there.

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I feel sorry for anyone who has such a weak God. Obviously Billy Graham thinks he has a different Bible. Too many people, like Billy, refuse to read passages that

are plain.

First of all, let me quote all of John 6:37. "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Anybody that quotes just the last verse is deliberately trying to mislead the people. It is true that He will not cast out any who will come to Him, but also it is true that no one will come to Him unless he is given of the Father. Jesus goes on to say in verse 44, "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." Romans 8:29-30 tells us that we were foreknown, predestined, called, justified, and glorified. All of these either have happened or will happen. God knew us before the foundation of the world and predestined us to eternal life. "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." (II Thes. 2:13).

There is one rule that we can always apply when studying the Bible. If one passage appears to be general we can accept it as such unless another passage in the Bible limits it. If it is limited anywhere else in the Bible then it cannot be accepted as general. God does not contradict Himself. If He says that only the elect can be saved — He will not say that the non-elect can be saved.

With this in mind we find that II Peter 3:9 is not a general statement for all of mankind. He has been talking about the judgment of the last days and is simply telling us that none of God's people will perish but will come to repentance.

God is not the kind of a being that cannot save. My God is a Sovereign, Eternal, Deity and He does as He purposes and pleases and we cannot tell Him yes or no.

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This blasphemous article appeared in papers throughout the country. A dear beloved brother in the Lord, Brother John W. Schmidt of Highland, California sent me this article as a clipping from the Evening Telegram dated June 7, 1967. I appreciate his sending this clipping to me. I do not take the time to read the comments of Billy the Bogus Theologian, therefore, I would not have had the article in hand now that I am called upon to answer it.

Billy does quote the entire verse (2 Pet. 3:9) before he starts his answer to M. B.'s question, but in his answer to the question Billy starts his answer with the blasphemous words "Unfortunately God has no power over the will of man." Our dear Lord says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," Mt. 28:18. He says, "He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth," Dan. 4:35. He says, The Son quickeneth whom He will" (that is, He gives life to anybody He wants to give it to), Jno. 5:21. He says, "Therefore hath He mercy on whom He will have mercy, and whom He will He hardeneth," Rom. 9:18. Again we read, "As many as were ordained (destined) to eternal life believed," Acts 13:48. Then in Jno. 1:13 we read, "Which are born, not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God."

This verse of precious Scripture

says plainly that the will of man has nothing to do with our new birth, but rather it is according to God's will. Still Billy Graham who is a stench in the nostrils of Almighty God, and who is a Bible unto himself, has the audacity to say "Unfortunately God has no power over the will of man." I long for the day when he will have to eat those blasphemous words. And I believe we, the Lord's people, will be permitted to see him eat them without any salt.

In his infamous article Billy says, "The Bible indicates that salvation depends upon man's willingness to be saved." I would like to tell him that Jno. 1:13 does not indicate; it says plainly that man's will has nothing to do with it, but he probably would not understand it (see I Cor. 2:14). He goes on to say "It would be a kind of tyranny if God saved people against their will, But He sure does have to give them that will, or desire. If He did not give it to them, they would never have it. If Billy could talk with Adam, he would say my will, or desire was to remain hidden behind those trees in the garden that day until God passed on by. If he could talk to Saul of Tarsus, he would say my will, or desire was to stamp out Christianity altogether from the face of the earth. And if he should choose to ask me, I would tell him that my will, or desire was to live my own life in my own way. And the desire to be saved did not enter into it until God put it there without my even thinking of such a thing.

Billy ends his smear sheet with the words "But even He cannot save them against their will." Paul called himself a servant of Jesus Christ. So did Peter, James and Jude. But Billy Graham sets God forth as the servant of man. According to his teaching man is the supreme being and God a mere servant who can only do what man wants Him to do, and I do not believe God likes it even just a little bit. Lucifer tried something like this and you see how he came out (Isa. 14:12-15). I predict that Billy won't do any better.

I do not believe I have ever seen a Roman Catholic article that blasphemed the mighty power of Almighty God any more than this one by Billy Graham does. I simply cannot believe that a born-again, God-called preacher could possibly have such a puny, pitiful, shameful and disgraceful opinion of God as that set forth in the article under consideration.

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This article by Billy Graham is a perversion of the truth, and is another attempt by Satan to discredit the Word of God. In his statement, "Even He cannot save them against their will," is a flat

denial of the Word of God, which makes the power of the sinner to be more powerful than the power of God. It teaches that God can be defeated in His will of purpose by a dead depraved sinner. How thankful I am that the Bible does not reveal such a God as Billy Graham preaches.

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Isa. 46:10.

Read Isa. 14:27, Job. 23:13, Rom. 9:24.

According to Billy Graham there are some things too hard for God to do, one of them is to save a sinner against his will, but let us listen as Jeremiah tells us about God.

"Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee." Jer. 32:17.

From this verse I gather that there is nothing in heaven or on earth that God cannot overcome, even the will of the sinner. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:3.

It is a cardinal sin to take a portion of God's Word away from its context, away from its setting, and then apply it to suit one's own will. In Jn. 6:37, he quoted only a part of the verse, then he applied it in such a fashion as to deny the other portion. Let us read the portion that he left out:

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

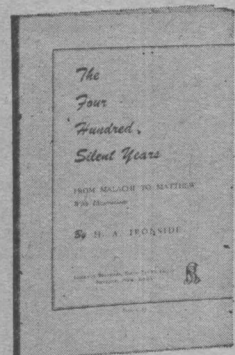
In his article he quoted the last portion emphasizing him that cometh to me, but he did not explain or quote who the ones were that were to come. The Saviour says, "All that the Father giveth me shall come." The reason they shall come is because by the power of God they are dragged unto the throne of God.

"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him."

The word draw means to drag, therefore no sinner ever comes to the throne of grace unless he is dragged there by the Holy Spirit. Had not God put forth His power to save, none would be saved because salvation is not a matter of the will of the flesh.

"Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," Jn. 1:13. From this verse, we can gather that the sinner's will is no problem with God. It is no marvel that the world is following after Mr. Graham for he is preaching the doctrines of the world, and the Lord tells us that the world will love her own. Jn. 15:19.

He further states, "He is not willing that any should perish." Here again he uses the same old trick that Satan used to deceive Eve, namely, by applying a foreign interpretation to what God had said. God did say that He is "longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish." 2 Pet. 3:9. But who are the ones that God is not willing should perish? (Continued on page 5, column 1)



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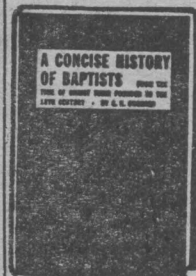
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The Forum

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 Peter says they are the usward; the usward are the ones God gave to His Son, which tells us about in Jn. 17. God is not willing for one of them to perish, pray tell me who the power to cause Him to be one of His little ones into the first part of II Pet. 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning promise," You will notice that promise is in the singular, and is therefore referring to a singular event. This promise is contained in verses 3 and 4 as a second coming. We cannot apply this promise to salvation as Graham does, for God nowhere in the Word has promised the whole human race. Thankful I am that God is not slack concerning this promise. The only thing holding back His coming is the judgment of the world is Christ has also promised to give all of those given Him by Father. He is not willing for them to perish, so until all the are in for this age, the Lord will not come, but will tarry for one of those given Him by His Father shall perish.
 The querist is not wrong in his analysis of the article by Mr. Ham. The whole article is a version of the truth, and is dishonoring and dishonoring to a sovereign God.

Hear The Word

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 The Bible where it says that will bless what the preacher says, but He does say He'll do His Word, and that His shall accomplish that which pleases, and that it shall not be unto Him void. That is it is that God said, "O earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord."

IV
SATISFACTION.
 There is a satisfaction that comes through salvation. Listen: "He shall see of the travail of his soul and SHALL BE SATISFIED"—Isa. 53:11.

oved, it is a blessing to me to know that God is going to be there going to be any chairs in Heaven? Not one. Will anybody going to be there will have to stand because wasn't enough chairs provided? No, not one. Is there going to be any empty places at the table in Heaven? Not one. Are going to be any unused chairs at the table in Heaven? "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." Everyone for whom the Jesus Christ travailed at Calvary is going to be in Heaven. "ALL that the Father giveth SHALL COME TO ME; and all that cometh to me I will in

no wise cast out."—John 6:3.
 Every one of them are going to come. There is not going to be a single one that was a part of the love gift of God the Father, to God the Son, before the foundation of the world, but what he is coming to the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved, and God is going to be satisfied. Talk about satisfaction, God is going to be satisfied. And if God is going to be satisfied, how about us? Are we going to be satisfied? Listen: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I SHALL BE SATISFIED, when I awake, with thy likeness."—Psa. 17:15.

Some of these days if our Lord comes in the air, He is going to catch us up. But if He tarries and delays His coming, some of these days we are going to die, and go down into the grave, and we are going to be raised from that grave, and we are going to meet Him. We'll either meet Him in the air, taken from this earth, or we'll meet Him in the air, taken as a resurrected body from the grave. Regardless of which way it is, we are going to be satisfied when we awake in His presence.

Talk about satisfaction, God is satisfied, I am going to be satisfied, and I tell you, He satisfies me right now. I don't have to wait until I awaken in His presence to be satisfied. We read:

"The people asked, and he brought quails, and SATISFIED THEM with the bread of heaven."—Psa. 105:40.

This is a reference to the time when the children of Israel were coming out of the land of Egypt when God provided food for them, and it says that He satisfied them with bread from Heaven.

Beloved, as God satisfied them with material bread from Heaven, God satisfies me every day with spiritual bread from Heaven.

CONCLUSION

Are you willing to listen to the Word of the Lord? How I beg you to cast aside all preconceived notions and ideas! How I plead with you to cast aside everything that you hear over the radio, and all you read in the newspapers, and all you see on TV. How I plead with you to cast aside what your mother even says to you and just accept what the Word of God says: "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Hear what the Word of the Lord says as to salvation. Hear what it says as to security in salvation. Hear what it says as to how to secure salvation. Hear what it says about the satisfaction you'll have through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's notice one other Scripture:

"I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly."—Psa. 85:8.

Might it please God to help you that you will be willing to

hear what God the Lord will speak to you; might He save you, and might He add you to His body.

May God bless you!



John's Baptism

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concerned two alternatives, either of which was one horn of a dilemma. Was it from Heaven or was it from men? Was it by the authority of God or was it on the authority of man? This was the big question Jesus posed to His critics. Yet I think that this is still the big question today and the main problem connected with baptism hinges on this very same question. Is baptism from Heaven or is baptism from men? Does it matter who administers baptism? Is it important to have any certain administrator for baptism to be scriptural? These are the questions that God's people must know the correct answers to if they are going to be pleasing to God.

Some people raise the question of how important the administrator of baptism really is. "Could not any person," they ask, "baptize another if it were for the proper purpose, namely to show forth the burial and

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resurrection of Christ? "If it were by the proper mode, namely immersion, and further if it were performed on a proper subject (a believer), would not this be entirely proper?" Alas, many sincere people honestly believe that baptism is proper as long as the proper MODE, the proper PURPOSE, and the proper SUBJECT is involved. I have discussed this with many who claim to be Baptists who hold just this view. The whole problem revolves around the baptism of John. When we say "the baptism of John" we, like Jesus, mean the baptism which John himself administered.

Let us consider some related questions. Did God give the ordinance of baptism to every professed believer? Do all people whether saved or lost have the authority from God to baptize others? Are there any qualifications required of the administrator? Now, I know that it is easy to ask questions, but by asking questions before we get into the main body of our discussion we will know what to look for in the lesson.

So let us begin by asking, "The baptism of John, whence was it? From Heaven or from men?" Then let us ask another similar question, "The ARK of safety in the flood, whence was it? From Heaven or from men?" When God commanded Noah to make the ark of gopher wood, God told him exactly how to make it and most important was the fact that it was God Who com-

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manded Him to do it. God did not command Shem to build the ark nor did He command Ham to build the ark but the command to build the ark was addressed to Noah. In order to obey God Noah had to build the ark. It is possible that his sons helped him but Noah himself was responsible to God for the building of the Ark. God not only told Noah to build the ark but God also specified the wood of which the ark was to be constructed. "Gopher wood" was the material.

In the time of Julius Caesar a statute was codified or set down as law. It is still a law today. In essence the law says, "The specification of one thing is the prohibition of all other things." To illustrate this universal law we see that when God told Noah to build the ark out of gopher wood, by so specifying the kind of wood to be used, God also ruled out ALL OTHER KINDS OF WOOD. Noah would not have been obedient had he built the ark out of any other kind of wood. It had to be Gopher wood. God, by specifying this one kind of wood excluded the use of any other kind. If I seem to be laboring over this point it is because the principle involved is little understood by many professing Christians, and I want to be sure that all readers understand exactly what I am saying. Had Noah reasoned that the use of long leaf yellow pine would be "just as good" and had he so built the ark, he would have been disobeying God. Since gopher wood was specified, no other kind of wood would be acceptable to God.

We find that the Bible is very definite about many things and many details which man might think irrelevant and yet by their inclusion in the Scriptures prove that God considers them important. The varied materials used in the construction of the Tabernacle and the many intricate details connected with its construction show us that God is indeed interested in details. With this thought in our mind let us consider the baptism of John. First of all we would ask:

WHO WAS THIS MAN, JOHN THE BAPTIST? To get a good background for our study we ought to pause and open our Bibles to Luke chapter 1, and

read verses 5 thru 25 and also verses 57 thru 66. These verses tell of his birth and related events as well as some seemingly mysterious details connected with his name. It seems that God was very careful to make it very clear that the child born to Elizabeth and Zacharias was to be named JOHN. (See Vs. 13, 59-60, and 62-63.) God was very careful to get the facts clear in our minds. The child was to be named JOHN. NOT "John Baptist" as some characters would have us think. In the economy of scriptures we don't find useless details set down just for the purpose of using up space. We see in the above passages that God specifically states that the child's name was to be John . . . J-O-H-N. No last name is mentioned but if there were one we would suppose that it might be Zacharias after his father. But certainly his last name was NOT "Baptist." He was "John the dipper" or immerser but not "Mr. John Baptist."

Notice next that this man was appointed to a special job. Note also that he was given this particular task by God Himself. Cf. John 1:6-8 "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that light." We have seen that John was born as an infant in a normal manner and yet this passage says that he was SENT from God. This appears to mean that God had taken hold of John and was directing him in a definite way to do a specific task. The word "sent" has in it the meaning of one who has a mission to perform and in a certain sense John was a missionary for God. He was directly ordered by God to do a specific job. Cf. John 1:33 "And I knew Him not; BUT HE THAT SENT ME TO BAPTIZE IN WATER the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth in the Holy Spirit." The capitalized words make it clear God had sent John to Baptize.

So John came with a certain job to do . . . a job which God Himself had instructed John to do; moreover it was a job that (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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by so many different people, different parts of the countenance and fellowship were I don't want to forget to on the great hospitality of Gilpin, the good food, and untiring efforts of the ladies, all as the men that prepared served the food, which was most delicious I ever tasted. It thrilled my heart to witness people that united with the Calvary Baptist Church.

J. D. Wishon
Baltimore, Maryland

was my first Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist Church must say it was really wonderful to be here. All the preaching and fellowship was truly a blessing. We have been privileged to meet many of the brethren and in meeting them, learned to appreciate them more. We hope to attend conference from now on. you folk at Calvary for fine hospitality.

Warren E. Hartman
Verona, Ohio

being our first conference, must say it was truly a wonderful experience. Meeting brethren hearing them preach, and at the same table makes us to know and appreciate more. Thank you folk for kindness. Hope to see you year.

O. B. Baker
Verona, Ohio.

enjoyed it very much. I will be the same spiritually. The things were such a blessing.

Phyllis J. Crum
Crestline, Ohio

enjoyed it very much.

Jack Crum
Crestline, Ohio

ever enjoyed all of the good food and also being among the Baptist people. I thank God that He made it possible to come here. I've really enjoyed hearing so many different preachers. I'm sure the Lord bless all the men and women who have worked so hard to make conference possible.

Sharon Cunningham
Perry, Ohio

being my first Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist Church I expected much spiritual growth. I expected to learn more of the precious word of God and God's "called ministers." I truly say that I realized all my expectations during the conference. I enjoyed it very much.

D. W. Stepp
N. Madison, Ohio

was without a doubt the best conference I have attended. It was my first trip

here. There were many excellent speakers. The Holy Spirit fell upon them and supplied a marvelous message. I wish to personally thank you for the excellent food, accommodations and reception. I thank God for a dedicated man such as John R. Gilpin and some others I met and fellowshiped with during my stay.

William H. White
Akron, Ohio

John 15:11 — My joy was full at the Bible Conference hearing God's word and fellowshiping with God's people. I know Calvary Baptist Church loves God's people because of what they have done here.

Don W. Jernigan
Mentor, Ohio

This is my first time here at the Bible Conference. I enjoyed it very much and hope I can come back next year. The food was very good. I liked it all.

Alice Faye Moreland
Cincinnati, Ohio

I have been impressed by the way the conference was handled. The preaching was outstanding, and I know it has done my soul good to have been here. I praise the Lord for the stand that Calvary Baptist Church takes on the church.

Leonard Miller
Dayton, Ohio

I enjoyed the conference, and the messages brought forth by the elders. Thanks for the hospitality and the food.

Diane Stepp
N. Madison, Ohio

I count it a blessing to be able to come to the Bible Conference and feast upon the spiritual food God has prepared. I thank God for Calvary Baptist Church and the work it is doing in sending the Gospel and God's truth to many parts of the world.

Roy Bankhead
Rome, Ohio

Beginning with the conference of 1961 this is the fifth conference my wife and I have attended. Each one seems a little better than the one before. Our souls are thrilled and filled with spiritual food. We thank God for Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church. They have been a real blessing to us.

R. C. Varble
Indianapolis, Indiana

My impression is that we were blessed with the greatest of preaching. Missed Bros. O. C. Harris, Bill Crider, Roy Mason, but in spite of these great men of God not being here it was great. Again Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church went out of her way to entertain and make us comfortable. Thank God for a church that has a zeal to bring people together where we can be encouraged by the faithfulness of

His preachers in pastoring and working in order to get the Gospel to His people and to feed the sheep. Again, Calvary Baptist Church, thank you.

Dan Phillips
Bristol, Tenn.

Each year the conference is better. Everyone is so polite and friendly. The preaching was wonderful. The food and lodging were excellent. We enjoyed ourselves very much fellowshiping with God's people. We pray that God will sincerely bless your pastor and church.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Alexander
Indianapolis, Indiana

I enjoyed it very much.

Elwood Green
Lucasville, Ohio

My family and I want to thank the church for all the provisions that were made for us. We have attended all but one Conference and we can truly say they are much better each year. Thank you Brother Gilpin for all of your hard work you put into this conference.

The Schuetz Family
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We appreciated all of the Conference (the preaching and the food). Hope we can come back next year.

Mr. and Mrs. David Fuller
Shelbyville, Indiana

I enjoyed the Conference very much. The food was very good and the motel was comfortable. I enjoyed playing the piano. The sermons were very good and I enjoyed them. I hope I may be able to return next year.

Fred Phelps, Jr.
Topeka, Kansas

My impression of the Conference is very good. After all declarations, dedications, etc. TBE and foreign missions finances are solved and cared for, or Calvary Baptist Church has entertained some hypocrites or apostates. May God give His ministers the truth and the grace to preach the same.

Malcolm R. Wood
Dalton, Kentucky

I have not ceased to give thanks to God since 1959 for the opportunity of being in attendance at Calvary Baptist Church's Bible Conferences. This year's conference has been a great blessing to me in that it has set forth my duty and privilege as a Christian in these days.

Alvin Harrell
Murray, Kentucky

Once a year is a long time between meals — but this has been a Spiritual feast worth waiting for.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tatum
Paducah, Kentucky

We had the privilege of hearing a lot of good and better preaching. It has been good to meet people who feel the same as you do about God and His Church.

Linda Tatum
Paducah, Kentucky

I have enjoyed attending the Bible Conference. I am sure everyone is leaving, feeling richer by studying the Word of God and meeting new friends.

Mrs. Irene Brashear
Viper, Kentucky

I have enjoyed the fellowship of other Christians very much, the good food, hospitality, good preaching and singing. Hope to be there again next year the Lord willing.

Mrs. Jack Brashear
Visper, Kentucky

Good food, fine hospitality, sweet fellowship, great preaching and beautiful singing.

Jack Brashear
Viper, Kentucky

Very much impressed with the truth of the Scriptures and the men that stand for same.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Lycan
Russell, Kentucky

I have surely enjoyed the Conference. This has been a blessing to me. God sure has been exalted. I also enjoyed the singing, fellowship and the fine food that was served. Thanks for all.

Bob Masters
Catlettsburg, Kentucky

This has been one of the best conferences ever. I enjoyed about every speaker, I only wish it could last longer.

Laura Faye Rice
South Shore, Kentucky

I enjoyed everything — the sermons, the food, and the Christian fellowship. Everything was wonderful, as usual.

Carlene Connelly
South Shore, Kentucky

I am reminded of Moses when I try to express my impression of the conference. Exodus 4:10. I just can't find words to express the joy and blessing I received from the wonderful sermons and the sweet fellowship we all had to.

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John's Baptism

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have said, "We were baptized unto repentance" because this is what John baptized unto. cf Matt. 3:11a. If you follow C. I. Scofield's notes you will, of course, go astray. If you follow Calvin's commentary you will also go astray. Unfortunately John Gill followed Calvin and so his exegesis is also very weird. The real problem is that these men had been taken in by someone who had no authority to baptize but was wondering around baptizing people anyway. This person, who was undoubtedly the man Apollos mentioned in Acts 18:24; 19:1, himself had Scriptural baptism from John but he had wandered away from the area where John was preaching and after witnessing to some who were subsequently saved, he took it upon himself to initiate baptism. Apollos had apparently left the Jerusalem area before Jesus had organized His church. He was much like the vast horde of self-appointed preachers who roam the land baptizing people without church authority. These men at Ephesus claimed that they were "baptized unto John's baptism." I don't doubt but that they were saved men but they had never seen John or they would have known that he baptized "unto REPENTANCE" and not unto "John's Baptism." Apollos knew nothing except the "Baptism of John" of Acts 18:25b and John had no authority to authorize his disciples to baptize anyone so this man had taken this thing upon himself. That is why the baptisms he administered were ALIEN BAPTISM.

Summing up, we would say that John's baptism is the only kind of Scriptural baptism that there is. Jesus had John's baptism. All of the apostles had John's baptism. Every member of the Jerusalem church when it was organized had John's baptism. Every writer of the New Testament had John's baptism. Every one whom Jesus authorized to baptize prior to giving the Great Commission had John's baptism. The successions of baptism initiated by John the Baptist and commanded by God the Father went from John to his disciples and to the church Jesus organized out of John's disciples, and then from the Jerusalem church to the Antioch church and from there to all of the other churches we read about in the New Testament and from there on down to the proper and Scriptural New Testament Baptist Churches in the world today. They went by a direct chain of Scriptural church baptisms. If you have anything besides John's baptism today then you do not have Scriptural baptism but are just "all wet!"

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gether. It was just a taste of what heaven will really be like. I don't know about the food on Gilpin Hill, as I was unable to eat there, but I must say I was very well fed at Calvary Baptist Church and I believe all the other sheep were too. They all looked very well satisfied as they came out. May God bless each one and may He bring us all back to feast on His Word next year.

Mrs. Glenn Savage
Louisiana, Kentucky

We enjoyed the Bible Conference just fine. Thank you.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roark
Wurtland, Kentucky

It seems as I listen to the different preachers and feel the Spirit of God in our midst, it is a little taste of Heaven. I have

learned quite a lot and the fellowship is wonderful. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the Labor Day Weekend Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky.

Mrs. Marjorie Foster
Wurtland, Kentucky

We enjoyed the messages and time of fellowship, also the meals were wonderful. Thank you for the lodging. May God bless you in this work and give you peace and rest in your illness and troubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Foor
Gladwin, Michigan

Praise the Lord! I thank God that He permitted me to come this way. I have never enjoyed such sweet fellowship around God's Children as I did during the conference. The pastor and people of Calvary Baptist Church did a wonderful job in making everyone feel at home. They are a won-

derful host. The food was wonderful. The preaching was the best that I've ever been permitted to sit under. Thank God for a people who love the Word of God.

Elvis Gregory
Columbus, Mississippi

It was a nice conference. It was nice of the policeman to stop the cars and let us across to the church safely. Many people came this year. The food was good too. Brother Cox's sermon was good! Vickie Connelly
South Shore, Kentucky

We have enjoyed this week-end. Everything was very lovely and very well organized. Thank you so very much for your friendliness and hard work. I enjoyed the services, and truly hope we might be able to come again.
Ann Belt
Rogers City, Michigan

This being my first year I can best give praise to the Lord for what He is doing here through your ministry. It has greatly refreshed me in order to return and preach to our people. Thank you for letting me share with you in the song service. Your provisions have been of the highest quality — this alone tells me that this conference has been of God. His blessings on your work.
Maynard Belt
Rogers City, Michigan

The work and organization involved staggers my imagination — the kindness and hospitality shown by Calvary Baptist members, a real blessing. May God continue to bless each of you. Fewer speakers — better sermons would be an improvement — workshops or instructive classes for afternoon sessions. With heartfelt thanks for a blessed time in the fellowship of His Word.
Martha Hall
Gladwin, Michigan

I never heard as much sound preaching as I did in this Bible Conference. If I could, I would never go back home, but stay here.

Solomon Heller
Bronx, New York

Wonderful, uplifting, and soul inspiring.

Lewis C. Hall
Grayson, Kentucky

I enjoyed the conference and the food was pretty good. I liked opening pop. Not much sleep, that's part of it. I wish someone would find some way to get rid of the yellow-jackets.

Jere Gilpin
Ashland, Kentucky

I got tired of green beans and sweet potatoes but the rest of the food was good. A whole lot of work, but I guess it was worth it all. I was glad to see more teen-agers than ever before and I hope there are more next year.

John R. Gilpin III
Ashland, Kentucky

We commend Calvary Baptist Church and its pastor on the wonderful way you have provided for our needs both physically and spiritually. We have never heard so much truth at one time.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ellis
Marion, Illinois

The hospitality was great, the food was excellent and the preaching was very good. However, I found the tape recorder set-up very distracting. Special music, I think, was superior. I thank God that I could be here and for Calvary Baptist Church for making it possible.

George Opolka
Troy, Illinois

This has been an unforgettable weekend for me. Words are inadequate for me to express my appreciation for the wonderful

gospel messages, the gracious hospitality and inspiring Christian fellowship. Thanks to Bro. Hart for his beautiful messages in song; also others who gave much joy with their musical talent.

Mary Hodges
Ludowici, Georgia

I have enjoyed the preaching of God's word, the wonderful hospitality and Christian fellowship so very much this week-end, that I hope to come back next year, and that my husband and boys can come too.

Mrs. David West
Jesup, Georgia

This was the first conference we have attended, so we can't compare it with any others. We received many blessings and we were glad that we had a chance to attend. Everything was just wonderful. We are very sorry it is over but we are already looking forward to next year. We feel closer to God than we were when we arrived. Our prayers go with this church and Bro. Gilpin has our blessings. We thank God that there are many people who believe the way of truth.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl D. Toll
Riverdale, Maryland

I was very much pleased with the sermons of all the preachers that I heard while I was here.

Byron Wyrick
Chicago, Illinois

After 8 years without such fellowship, needless to say I have enjoyed the Conference. Many folk whom I had never met have told me they had come to see me as well as to enjoy the Conference. The Conference theme "Apostasy" was a timely subject, and has been dealt with in a scriptural manner. Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church have done a marvelous job entertaining this great host of people. Praise God for the flower girl (Mrs. John Snoddy who kept our building well supplied with flowers) of Calvary Baptist Church.

Fred T. Holliman
Chicago, Illinois

I had a glorious time in the Lord, the Word of God and the sweet fellowship with the saints. Our thanks to Calvary Baptist Church for this refreshing and thought-provoking time. Hope to see you next year if the Lord permits.

Richard Farnham
Beech Grove, Indiana

This is my first year here at the Bible Conference and I hope I can come back next year. Like many of the youths here this weekend, I will be starting back to school soon after I return home. For me it will be college and nursing training. I can think of no better start than by this wonderful and touching fellowship of these people. The sermons have been great and I can truthfully say that everyone has been so warm and

friendly I can hardly wait for next year. Thanks for everything I loved every minute.

Becky Muse
Indianapolis, Indiana

This is my second year to be here, and it gets better every year. The preaching is good and everyone is so friendly. If it is the Lord's will we will be back next year.

Marshall Wise
Indianapolis, Indiana

I had a wonderful time in the Lord and enjoyed the meals.

Plesant Clontz
Indianapolis, Indiana

My beloved friends in the Lord! This was the most outstanding Bible Conference I have ever attended. The meals were excellent and what good management! The Word of God was very uplifting to my soul. Wish each Baptist member would stand fast in faith in the last days, until the Lord Jesus will take his Bride out of this world. I was very pleased to meet these true born again people at this conference. Hope to see you again next year. May the Lord bless you people!

Alvin M. Yoder
Goshen, Indiana

This was my first year at the conference. What a blessing it has been to attend the conference and hear preachers preach the truth from the Word, to meet so many people that believe the truth and to have fellowship with these Christians.

Mrs. Marshall Wise
Indianapolis, Indiana

This is my second time here at the conference and I hope it won't be the last. I enjoyed it as much if not more than last year. I really enjoyed the fellowship of the other people and the tremendous delicious food. I hope that you all continue having the Bible Conference for a long time.

Frank Varble
Indianapolis, Indiana

Each year the conference gets better. I sure enjoyed the sermon as well as the good fellowship of God's people. The food was very good. I look forward from one year to the next for the sweet fellowship of God's people. Thanks for everything.

Mrs. Raba Varble
Indianapolis, Indiana

Year after year and again I say that we have enjoyed the Bible Conference. It has been a spiritual blessing and tonic. Congratulate Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church for the wonderful way that they have carried out every aspect of the Bible Conference. I rejoice in them for their new church property. May our Lord continue to bless for His glory and the salvation of precious souls.

DeWayne W. Austin
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