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"Contend for the faith."-Jude 1:3

d fanciful theories, it is needfor us to plant our feet upon solid rock of facts. We need learn that "not all that glitters truth is not always truth. And a secure foundation we must down to the solid rock of facts. You will follow me as I dig, I try to unearth for you the orical faith upon which Bapmaintain their separateness. historical faith which Jude cribed as "the faith" is none reason Jude described it as faith" is that it was the only

I. The Faith Defined.

one's personal trust or belief in sider, this day of popular notions the Lord Jesus as Saviour. The second denotes one's belief in the whole body of revealed truth. Cf. Rom. 1:5; Col. 2:7. This distinction is brought out very clearly in All that men declare to the 13th chapter of Acts. In the 8th verse we see that Elymas was "seeking to turn away the deputy from 'the faith.'" In verse 12, we learn that the faith spoken of was "the doctrine of the Lord." Hence "the faith" refers to one's doctrinal beliefs.

He said: "And by Him all that be-

faith (Mk. 11:22), and the faith is the distinction if we had the (Jude 3). The first use denotes time to do so. But let us con-

II. The Faith Described.

let us look at it in a descriptive she died of malaria or complicasense.

Faith.

with many other texts alluded to, were taken from the Bible. It anything to do with me. was from the Bible that I took This time the road was very the expression "the faith," and dry so we were very shaken up spoken by Jude is none fied by the law of Moses." Then and practice. Their slogan is,

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"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable." — Psalms 145:3.

This patrol was back into the same area as before as this is the WHOLE NUMBER 1509 only area that has enough food that can be purchased for the cargo boys. There have been a number of deaths in this area recently, and this was part of the reason for going. The luluai (a native marked by the government to bring in anyone that breaks a a law) at Yeru said his wife died. He claims that the spirit of one of the Kora's which have moved We have defined "the faith" as close to Yeru killed her. I think being one's doctrinal beliefs; now what really happened was that tions with malaria because they 1. First, "The faith" is a Bible were too lazy to go after any medicine. This luluai held a pig To this I am sure you will read- feast for us last time when we ily agree. For even my text, along were there, and this time he would not come to church or have

But personal faith is also men- hence it must be a Bible faith, by the time we arrived at the than "the Baptist faith." tioned in this chapter, for in The faith which Baptists hold to place where the car was left. This verses 39 and 48 Paul declared it. is none other than "the faith" walk is not as long as many spoken of by Jude. For they be- others, but that was alright since And may I add the only lieve are justified from all things, lieve in the Bible and the Bible it was the first day out. We arthat corresponds to "the from which ye could not be justi- alone as their only rule of faith rived in plenty of time to set up camp and have services which than the faith proclaimed by again, "And as many as were or- "If it's in the Bible it's Baptist Brother Halliman and I do every dained to eternal life believed." doctrine; if it's Baptist doctrine night when we are on patrol. At once you are aware that per- it's in the Bible. And as Boyce Things seemed to go much better

we arrived, only one problem he was lying on the ground too sick to get up. He said a shot of penicillen and oil would help so I gave my first shot. Strangely enough there was no thought of



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pain - only of his health. After the needle was inserted into his arm far enough (he told me when) the penicillen was injected. Before long he said that he was feeling much better. After the service the doctor boy was able to treat those who came.

The next morning we were up very early and left as quickly as possible because the day's walk I. The Faith Defined.

So "the faith" we do not mean Apostle speaks. And the distinction of Seriour. The word faith is be seen throughout God's Word, in the Pible. And as Boyce Things seemed to go much better possible to the faith on the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They A medical kit was prepared and boy wasn't well enough for the seriour. The word faith is be seen throughout God's Word, mony." (Isa. 8:20). Why? Because meeting the doctor because the go much better possible to go much better possible to the day of the doctor of the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They were the last one. Was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." They was long and hard. The doctor are a people of one book." in two ways in the Bible: and we would see how marked (Continued on page 5, column 1) awi. He was there alright when (Continued on page 8, column 1)

RE IS A STORY FROM YESTERYEAR OF ... REMARKABLE CONVERSIO

During the 18th century the the Lords of Justiciary, who bench, but as a party at the par; one of the most eminently

Cromarty Firths. is remarkable man is said Concern after he had entered to have continued under distress for a period of no under a "law-work" he lse of pardoning mercy and of conversing should oc-without directing his attenaty, and the mercy of that whom he had mines. So scrupulously did Mr. this vow that Our whom he had himself hail observe this vow that white pony, the unfailcompanion of his almost journeys, learned to

of its own accord when it took a traveller; and not quently, amid the bewilddarkness of the night, as blasts swept down from Titus 2:14. over the wild solitudes almost apostolic type.

labours were best known doing some spiritual good to an of the great Advocate with the be stated generally as lying influential man of the world, Father, who can never be an unthe shores of the Beauly and urged him to assist in im- successful pleader, since He been awakened to spirit- panion, however, anxious not to (Continued on page 6, column 1) be carried away by his zeal bethe work of the ministry, youd the bounds of propriety, politely declined the invitation. Mr. McPhail, however, had long learned to "be instant" not only than seven years, during learned to be fallow than seven years, during "in season" but also "out of seawere so great that he son"; so the willing propensities knew what it was to have of the white pony were again inplete night's rest. While put in requisition. Riding forward to the carriage, Mr. Mc-Phail respectfully addressed his a solemn vow that should lordship, and, after a prefatory ord be pleased to grant him remark or two, reminded him Views of his personal interest the court was to engage were hrist, he would never pass emblematic of another Judgment

of Resolis was blessed was to preside in the circuit entreating him, at the same time, he person of Hector McPhail, court about to be held that day. with respectful but affectionate Mr. McPhail suggested to his earnestness, to weigh well the and laborious ministers brother minister that this might nature of his case, and to comseen. The district in which be an excellent opportunity of mit it in time into the hands proving the precious and un- Himself is the propitiation for looked-for moment. His com- sin. His lordship appeared to

New Four Step **Evangelism Method** Not Found In Bible

In recent years an organization called the Campus Crusade "Thou shalt have no other for Christ International have been advocating a new four-step method of evangelism. The popthat the proceedings in which ularity of the program has been steadily gaining fame and acceptance! Presently all over the er, with whom an oppor- Seat, at which his lordship must men are being invited to be in-United States pastors and lay-

Spiritism -- A Modern Day **Curse To All Christians**

Be Not a Partaker of These 1. Be not a Fortune Teller, Spiritistic Medium or Clair-

voyant.

Beware of Consulting a Fortune Teller, Medium or Clairvoyant.

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Tea Leaf Readings.

5. Card or Crystal Readings,

6. Ouija Boards,

7. Astrology or Horoscopes.

8. Beware of Spiritualism, Spiritism, or Black Magic in any

Why? You Ask-

"The Lord Thy God is a jealous God."

Gods before me." "Seek ye first the kingdom of

DO YOU KNOW

1. Do you know that God comanus a spiritistic medium should not be permitted to live? "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." (Ex. 22:18).

2. Do you know that to have dealings with spiritism is to become defiled and so to be unfit to appear before God to worship Him?

"Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them; I am the Lord your God." (Lev. 19:31). 3. Do you know that God cuts

off from among His people all who go after spiritism? "And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, . . . I will set my face against that soul and will cut him off from among his people." (Lev. 20:6).

Do you know that capital punishment by stoning was God's sentence on spiritism medium?

"A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that put to death; they shall stone

them with stones. 5. Do you know witchcraft, fortune telling, crystal reading, palmistry, etc. are allied to spiritism and are EQUAL-LY condemned by God?

"There shall not be found among you anyone that . . . useth divination . . . or an witch." enchanter or a (Deut. 18:10-11).

6. Do you know that it was because of traffic in spiritism that the Canaanites were destroyed?

"For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: . . . thy God doth drive them out from before thee." (Deut. 18:12).

Do you know that Samuel's most effective way of impressing upon Saul the enormity of the sin of disobedience was by likening it to witchcraft? (I spiritistic Sam. 15:23):

"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft," etc.

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

a peculiar people."-

four-footed bearer remind strangest characters that ever fellow sinner was at hand man history — John the Baptist. on he had to deliver the Can you see him, great, sturdy, ge of a Saviour's love roughly dressed, and browned him the salvation of souls from his outdoor exposure? See forth from the wilderness with

riding in the company of Surely John the Baptist was a he is called a Baptist. Listen: "In other minister, the travel- peculiar man. He had no concern those days came John the Baptist, Missionary Baptist preacher, was ere overtaken near Inver- as to manners. He cared nothing preaching in the wilderness of peculiar. Wherever and when-

faith, and baptism. He was pecu- thus this verse would indicate In the early chapters of Mat- liar as to his dress — "raiment that he was a Baptist preacher. west over the wild solitudes. In the early chapters of Mat- last to the sagacity them's gospel, you see one of the of camel's hair, and a leathern Elsewhere we learn that he was girdle about his loins." He was a missionary Listen: girdle about his loins." He was a missionary. Listen: aithful servant of Christ stalked across the pages of hu- peculiar as to his food — "his meat was locust and wild honey." He was peculiar in that his an- John 1:6. swers cut to the quick, even call- He is spoken of as "a man ing his audience a "generation of sent from God." Thus he was a real passion, calling forth him as he walked keen eyed and vipers" or literally, "a brood of missionary, and putting together these two Scriptures, we learn almost that he was a Missionary and putting together these two Scriptures, we learn

said that on one occasion, his one famous message "repent." Baptist preacher. In Matthew 3:1 preacher. the equipage of one of for public opinion. He preached a Judaea." In this same verse we (Continued on page 2, column 2)

peculiar doctrine - repentance, are told that he came preaching;

"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John."-

these two Scriptures, we learn He was the first Missionary that he was a Missionary Baptist

John the Baptist, as the first

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To describe the preaching that



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was done by Brother Wilson, one would have to use only superlatives for we consider his ministry of the Word as being the very

It was the first revival meeting that Calvary Baptist Church the spirit like a dove descending has had in her history. Our upon him."-Mark 1:9, 10. church was organized twelve

The Baptist Examiner years ago. During the most of Jesus was baptized in Jordan and you, that I may bury my dead to secure the auditorium for a revival. Our revival with Brothexperience in that it was the that baptism is by immersion. first revival which our church had ever had.

The meetings were well attended by the members of our church, Published weekly, with paid and by the members of eight or ten surrounding churches.

Writing this, looking back over the meetings we had, I would consider it one of the outstanding revivals of my experience.

Brother Wilson is connected with the postal mail service in Winston-Salem, N. C., but he is available for four one-week meetings each year. Already, he has had three this year and one more scheduled for November. Let me urge any church that wants the truth of Sovereign Grace, or the local church, preached, to contact Bro. Wilson at:

Elder Joseph M. Wilson, 2512 Stockton Street, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107

I know that after the revival is over, you will thank me for my suggestion.

"Baptists . . . Narrow"

(Continued from page one) ever Missionary Baptists have been Scriptural, they, likewise, have been peculiar and narrow. From the days of John, all Scriptural Baptists have been peculiar Baptists and narrow Baptists. Our business is not to see how nearly like others we can be but rather, to magnify our differences and our peculiarities.

I BAPTISTS ARE NARROW ON THE QUESTION OF IMMER-SION FOR BAPTISM.

Lord, one faith, one baptism."-

Then beloved, if one baptism is Scriptural baptism, no other is. That is, if immersion is Scriptural, then sprinkling and pouring are unscriptural. Or we might say if either of these latter two is Scriptural, then immersion is unscriptural. There can be but one baptism.

I insist, beloved, that the one baptism is by immersion. The example of our Lord Jesus Christ is enough to convince us of this truth. Listen:

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightiway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and

This verse thus declares that

this period of time, we have met that He came up out of the water. out of my sight." (Gen. 23:4). in the Ventura Hotel building, Surely no one ever saw anything where it was impossible for us similar to this in sprinkling or sight. The only baptism in this were baptized. All of which repouring.

Then the practice of the early er Wilson was indeed a unique church is sufficient to indicate

"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain John the Baptist and the picture water; and the eunuch said, See, here is the water: what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And mersion alone. We insist upon he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, when the Scriptures narrow us both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water the narrow on this question. Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."-Acts 8:36-39.

These verses declare that Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and after the baptism they came up out of the water.

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I realize that there are those who say that Philip took the eunuch down into the water for the purpose of sprinkling him, and that standing there waist deep in the water, he sprinkled water upon Paul declared that there is "one the head of the eunuch. Such always reminds me of

The Half Wit

in Scotland who followed a wagon all the way from Edinburg to Glasgow to see if the hind wheel ever caught up with the front. Of course, we consider this a fool's errand. Yet, beloved, this is no greater fool's errand than it would have been for Philip and the eunuch to have gone down into the water and to have gotten their clothes wet just in order to sprinkle a few drops of water upon the eunuch's head.

Likewise, the method of baptism adherred to by John the Baptist is sufficient to indicate that baptism is to be alone by immersion.

in Aenon near to Salim, because none but believers. (Of course there was much water there, and they came, and were baptized." John 3:23.

Notice the words: "much requires "much water" is immersion. Then surely from this example set by John the Baptist, we are led to believe that immersion is the proper mode of

Yet a further word needs to be said relative to the picture which is presented by baptism.

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."-Rom.

This would indicate that baptism is a burial. You can't bury a man by sprinkling a few clods of dirt on his head, nor even by pouring several shovelfuls of dirt over his body.

When Abraham would buy a burial ground for his beloved Sarah, he said, "give me a possession of a burying place with

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world which puts the candidate minds us of the impossibility of out of sight is immersion.

Surely, in the light of the example of Jesus, the practice of the early church, the method of which baptism presents - surely in the light of these, we are justified in our conclusion that baptism can be immersion and imimmersion since we find nothing else within God's Word. We are willing to be just as broad as the Scriptures will permit, and yet down to immersion only for baptism, then we ourselves must be ing the kingdom of God, and the

BAPTIST ARE NARROW IN THAT THEY DO NOT PRAC-TICE INFANT BAPTISM.

anyone but believers. There is believed, and were baptized." not a hint that any of those who thronged him for baptism were other than those who were able who believe in infant baptism

salem, and all Judaea, and all For their benefit, let me say that the region round about Jordan. And were baptized of him in of Scripture which teach infant Jordan, confessing their sins. baptism: The first mentions in But when he saw many of the fants but doesn't mention bap Pharisees and Sadduces come to tism; the second mentions bap his baptism, he said unto them, tism but does not mention in O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the infants nor baptism. Though wrath to come? Bring forth thus speak jestingly, yet in all therefore fruits meet for repenseriousness, I would remind you tance."-Matt. 3:5-8.

Notice these expressions: "Went out to him"; "confessing their sins"; "bring forth fruits." None of these expressions would who say that infant baptism took be intelligible to anyone other than believers. No infant could ever, circumcision was limited to come out to him; no infant could confess his sins; neither could an infant bring forth fruits worthy or "meet for repentance."

"Didn't Want Jink"

I am positive that no infant is capable of believing. When but a mere lad myself, I attended services in a Presbyterian church when an infant baptismal service was to be administrated. When one little child about two years of age was brought forward to be baptized, on seeing the preacher dip the water for the baptismal ceremony, the child immediately remonstrated: "I don't want a jink." Surely that child, with such a limited conception of baptism, could never have been a believer in Jesus tized. Listen: Christ. Well, John the Baptist baptized none but believers.

Even the Lord Jesus during the "And John also was baptizing days of His ministry baptized He didn't baptize Himself, but

> heard that Jesus made and bap- is a question of Scripture, tized more disciples than John." since the rite cannot be 100 —John 4:1.

Thus you will see that those believers whom His disciples bap-A burial is to put one out of tized were produced before they making disciples of infants. Out of those who were baptized during the days of our Lord's ministry on earth, not one infant can be found. Even the early church bap-

tized only believers. In every Scripture pertaining to baptism as administered by the early church, none but believers were baptized. Listen:

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized." Acts 2:41.

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concernname of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. -Acts 8:12.

"And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and John the Baptist never baptized many of the Corinthians hearing Acts 18:8.

I realize that there are those to believe for themselves. Listen: who perhaps honestly think that "Then went out to him Jeru- it is taught within the Scriptures there are perhaps three classes fants but doesn't mention bap fants; the third mentions neither of the truthfulness of these statements, for there is absolutely no Scripture for infant baptism.

I know that there are thos the place of circumcision. How but one sex. Only boy babies of the Jews were circumcized. Then logically if circumcision were limited to but one sex, then why should girl babies be sprinkled now if baptism came in the place of circumcision.

I know that there are also those who cite one statement of Jesus as proof of infant bap tism. Listen:

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is kingdom of heaven." -

In fact, in presenting them to Jesus, we know that they did not bring them for baptism since Je sus Christ Himself never bap

"Though Jesus himself bay tized not, but his disciples. John 4:2.

There are still others who ad here to infant baptism because they claim that it is such a beautiful His disciples baptized for Him). tiful ceremony. Possibly to ritualist this may be true. "When therefore the Lord ritualist this may be true knew how the Pharisees had it isn't a question of beauty (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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(Continued from page two) within God's Word, there being ot an example, precept, teaching, for hint concerning it, then we ave no right to bring it into our hurches on the pretext or the xcuse of its beauty.

I realize that by rejecting inant baptism that Baptists are arrow, and yet no more narrow han the Word of God. We are perfectly willing to be just as road as the Scriptures, and yet ur narrowness must end with he confines of the Bible.

CLOSE COMMUNION.

Can you realize that this is a ay in which denominational diferences are forgotten as largely possible, and the old doctrines from God's Book are compromised.

One of the common arguments which is heard so often today is hat the denominations are all so weak that it is necessary for evbody to get together. Hence, is thought that by open communion, a step is taken in this rection. Yet, beloved, we need be sure that our steps are criptural, and that we make no hove other than that which is ommended by God's Word.

As to the ordinance of the New Testament, it is either eternal? lose communion or no communon at all. Listen:

"For first of all, when ye come gether in the church, I hear hat there be divisions among ou; and I partly believe it. For here must be also heresies mong you, that they which are hand."-John 10:28, 29. proved may be made manifest nong you. When ye come tohis is not to eat the Lord's super."—I Cor. 11:18-20.

In these verses, Paul declares hat if heresies exist, "this is not derally says, "you cannot eat Lord's Supper." That is, if ere are heresies, it is impossie to eat the Lord's Supper to-

Well, suppose we imagine the ord's Supper being served. A ethodist, Presbyterian, Campble. Yet before we break bread and pour the wine, we ead this Scripture whereby Paul clares that if heresies exist is impossible to eat the ord's Supper. In order to be re that no heresies are present, that we are agreed so that might participate in the ord's Supper, we take up the etrines one by one and study Whatever differences that ight appear.

As we begin with the plan of vation, our Methodist brother elares that he believes in a mixof salvation by grace and

upon the Campbellite man declares that he believes virtually the same as the one of Wesley's persuasion, except he insists that no one can be saved apart from baptism. Differing considerably, our Presbyterian brother says that he believes in salvation by grace alone, apart from works and baptism; and yet he declares that after he is saved, his children do not need to be saved for they will be born in grace, having inherited grace from him since he himself is saved.

As a Baptist, I would differ with all. I would remind that one who follows Alexander Campbell's persuasion that salva-BAPTIST ARE NARROW tion is entirely independent of THAT THEY PRACTICE water, and entirely dependent upon the blood of Jesus Christ. I would remind him of the thief who died on the cross without ever having a drop of water even sprinkled upon him, and yet Jesus said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." I would remind the one who is following after John Wesley that salvation is by grace alone, apart from works, and that when one is saved, he is saved eternally. Does not God's Word declare that we are saved by grace alone? Listen:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; gation only. Listen: not of works, lest any man should boast."-Eph. 2:8, 9.

Does not this same blessed ord's Supper as laid down in Book say that our salvation is

> life; and they shall never perish, one bread and one body; for we 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 bread, and just one body is menpluck them out of my Father's

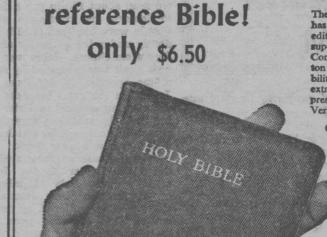
I would go along with our lether therefore into one place, he believes concerning the plan of salvation, except that wherein even "like faith and order." It Word declares that "Every one one body. eat the Lord's Supper." He of us shall give account of himself to God." (Rom. 14:12). This being true, then every child is accountable to God directly; and God's Word further declares that the only thing spiritual that children can inherit from their father is a sinful disposition. Listen:

"Behold, I was shapen in inellite, and a Baptist come to the iquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."-Psa. 51:5.

> Thus, you see, beloved, even on the first doctrine which we would these great teachings. Therefore, narrow in like measure. there can be no observance of the Lord's Supper. Heresies are present. Therefore, remembering Paul's words that it is impossible to eat the Lord's Supper when heresies exist, then we are forced to this conclusion that it communion at all.

Church Communion

orks, and that it is his conten- further and tells us that our ob- separation. Listen: that one may lose his sal- servance of the Lord's Supper is ation after being saved. Where- to be on the basis of one congre-



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bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of "And I give unto them eternal Christ? For we being many are are all partakers of that one bread."-I Cor. 10:16, 17.

Just one cup, just one loaf of tioned concerning the observance of the Lord's Supper. That one body means one local church and Presbyterian brother in all that would indicate that it is wrong for a church to invite those of he speaks of his children inher- isn't our table, it is the Lord's iting grace from him. God's table and He has it set for the

It furthermore appears from the study of these chapters in Corinthians that the Lord's Supper is to be partaken of only by those who can be disciplined by the church. This would therefore guarantee that it is to be only on the part of one local body since that church would have no authority to discipline members of another congregation. Thus, since Baptists in the early days were narrow on the matter of the discuss we are poles apart on Lord's Supper, we today must be

IV

BAPTISTS ARE NARROW IN THAT THEY DO NOT PARTICI-PATE IN UNION MEETINGS.

There is nothing as abhorrent to a thrice Holy God as the reis either close communion or no ligious hypocrisy, sham, insincere, and make-believe supposed Christian love as is manifested in union meetings. From the begin-Is fact, God's Word even goes ning to the end God demands

> "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"-Amos 3:3.

> Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."-Rom. 16:17.

> "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."-II Thess. 3:6, 14.

> "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."—II Tim. 3:5.

"If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; For

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he that biddeth him God speed is it is also true that wherever Bap-"The cup of blessing which we partaker of his evil deeds."-II tists are Scriptural that they are John 1:10, 11.

Spiritual Humbugology

In a certain college there was a professor who was supposed to know all about bugs. His classes were most thorough in bugology. One day some of the lads decided they would deceive the old nearsighted professor, so they got the head end of one bug, the tail end of another, and the mid- that they do not go into union dle piece of a third, and glued meetings. them all together to produce an improvised bug. Then they took wings, legs, and feelers from a number of other bugs and glued these to the various parts of this improvised bug making him still more of a monstrosity. When they brought it in to the old professor and laid it down before him, they said, in substance: "Professor, when out hunting some specimens today we found an unusual bug and we brought it into you for classification. The old man picked the bug up, looked at it very carefully and scrutinized it closely and then laid it down and said: "Young gentlemen, this is a hum bug." And that, beloved, is exactly what every compromising patched-up church is-it is a spiritual humbug. Whenever you try to believe a part of each denomination, leaving out and omitting portions of their beliefs, and you attempt to bring together all denominations in a given community in some such fashion, there can be nothing come from it but spiritual "hum-buggery."

While it is true that some Baptists, in order to be "broad" and in order not to appear narrowminded, go along with the tide, (Continued on page 5, column 5)

still narrow on this question of union meetings. All others have nothing to lose and everything to gain by such an attempt at fraternalizing, while Baptists have nothing to gain and everything to lose by compromising and thus refraining from preaching their distinctive doctrines. I say then again that Baptists are narrow, that is, Scriptural Baptists, in

FINALLY, LET IT BE KNOWN THAT BAPTISTS ARE NAR-ROW IN THAT THEY BE-ROW IN THAT THEY BE-LIEVE IN SALVATION BY GRACE ALONE.

From the beginning of God's Word unto the end the Scriptures indicate that salvation is alone by grace. It was grace whereby Adam and his wife were saved.

"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord make coats of skins and clothed them." - Gen.

It was grace whereby Noah was saved. "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Gen. 6:8. Paul declares to the church at

Ephesus that salvation is only by grace. Listen:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; It is the gift of God, not of works; lest any man should boast."-Eph. 2:8, 9.

When he wrote to the church at Rome, he even went so far as to tell them that they were either saved by grace or works. Listen:

'And if by grace, then is it no more of works; otherwise grace



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Do Baptist Churches have Scriptural authority to start missions as a branch or arm of their church?

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Yes, "Go ye therefore and teach and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. herself. 28:19.

which He called the body of Christ.

"And hath put all things under His feet, and gave to him to be CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1:22-23.

This body (Baptist Church) was created by the Creator, but like the body of Adam, she was created first without power and then at a later date given the power to function as a powerful body for Him.'

"And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you. But until you be endued with power from on high." Luke 24:19.

The promise that He had given to her was the promise of the breathed into His body the breath

"And all were filled with the her. not prevail against it." Matt. 16: ary Baptist Church.

"I will be with you unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:20. The method that God uses to keep His body (Church) alive is by the means of procreation. This is the same means whereby He keeps alive the first body that He created, namely the body of Adam. We are all the descendants from Adam, through the means of procreation, or the begetting of our offspring, or producing of young. Adam who died many thousands of years ago, gave life to their children. Thus as a human race is in existence.

Jerusalem has long since pa

gave life or birth, these children of hers gave birth to other children thus through a branch or arm from one church to another He has fulfilled His promise, that death should not overtake His body

There is a rule of nature that like can only produce like. A horse cannot beget a cow. Tomatoes cannot produce watermelons. A Baptist Church which is Christ's body does produce other name of the Father, and the Son, can produce is another body like

The church at Samaria was a speaking was a Baptist Church Church of Jerusalem. Read Acts or arm the church at Jerusalem gave birth to the church at Sa-

> founded by the Apostle Paul. ent church. They were all branches from the church at Antioch, which was also a branch from the church in Jerusalem. Read Acts 11:22, Acts

Having promised to His body tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem that she would not die, the Lord gave to her the Holy Spirit as the Comforter, to make sure that His promise would not fail. He has kept His body alive throughout Comforter. Read Jn. 14:16-18. On the centuries by means of a this day the Lord stooped and branch or arm. The body of Christ can no more die than the Holy Spirit which is the life of Thus through the church Holy Spirit, and began to speak starting missions as a branch or with other tongues, as the Spirit arm from the body of Christ, has children born to them, but still gave them utterances." Acts 2:4. been perpetuated the true church To this church (His body) he through the centuries until now promised perpetuity, for He said, we have the body of Church, uals to fill the earth with people. 'The gates of hell (death) shall which we know is a true Mission-



If the questioner means to ask to his children and they in turn if there is a specific Scripture that authorizes such, my answer branch or arm from Adam the is that I know of no such Scripture. The same thing however cept in the mind of an infidel. The first Baptist Church of could be said with reference to church buildings and a number from this world, but she like of other things. However, there Adam had children to whom she are Scriptures which would seem

to make it right in principle for riage to some man. a church to carry on such mission work. For instance in Acts 8, 13. Here the Holy Spirit did not baptize the converts, and teach we read about Philip going down deal with Paul and Barnabas apart the converts the things of to Samaria and starting a work. from the church as some nincom-People were baptized (v. 12) evi- poops claim He does with them the world, and preach the gospel don't world, and preach the gospel dently under the authority of the in our day. But rather He called Jerusalem church. Moreover this these men for this special work new work was inspected by some and then led the church to auof the apostles, (v. 14) from the thorize them to do what He had Jerusalem church. In Acts 10, called them to do. Our Lord we have an account of Peter be- could have done this just any way ing divinely sent to Caesarea to He chose to do it. And in fact preach to some people, which evithat is just what He did do. He thew we are told to preach the dently meant a new work. Re- chose to work through His the 11th chapter to the Jerusalem church. Acts 11 tells of Paul and his fellow-laborers people from the Jerusalem church being scattered by persecution. They travelled here and there spreading the gospel, and with great success. Barnabas was sent by the Jerusalem church to inspect the work, and he was highly pleased with it. Later, under divine direction, the church all nations, baptizing them in the bodies, and the only thing she at Antioch sent forth Paul and Barnabas as missionaries preach down through the Gentile world. We know that they start-This church to whom He was branch from the First Baptist ed churches in numerous places, baptizing converts. Evidently 8:14-15. These people were al- these churches were started under ready saved and had the Spirit in the authority of the Antioch salvation, but they did not have church, for later when the mis-Him as the Comforter. This was sionaries returned they made rethe head over all things to the given to them by the church at port to that church. (Acts 14:26-Jerusalem. Therefore by a branch 27). I think we can say that these works were "missions" of the Antioch church as they were begun, but doubtless each soon This is also true of the churches became a full-fledged, independ-

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In Gen. 1:28 God told Adam and Eve to multiply and replenish the earth. And I am fully persuaded that they had many, many you and I know it was utterly impossible for these two individ-But they gave their daughters to their sons in marriage and thus authorized them to bring forth children. These children then in their time gave their daughters in marriage thus authorizing them to bring forth children. In this way, through the institution of marriage Adam and Eve filled the earth with people. Then in Gen. 9:1 God told Noah and his sons the same thing He told Adam and Eve. And through the same process Noah and his sons have again filled the earth with people. Adam and Eve and Noah and his sons have done such a good job of it that there is absolutely no place for an ape to step in and make contribution to the race ex-

In like manner our Lord told His first church to "Go ye there- the world." Notice that the com- (continued on page 5, column fore and teach all nations." The church that our Lord was talking to could no more disciple all nations than Adam and Eve could, as individuals, refill the earth with people. So just as Adam and Eve by giving their daughters in marriage who in their turn gave their daughters in marriage thus authorizing them to bear children have filled the earth with people, just in the same way the Church at Jerusalem is still discipling all nations. There just is no other way in which the church at Jerusalem could possibly carry out the commission that was given to her. So today the church that is not a partaker of the authority that came from that first church is just as illegitimate as the child that is born to a woman who has not been authorized to bear children by her having been given in mar-

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We see this exemplified in Acts was made as recounted in churches. A study of the remaining chapters of Acts shows that preached the gospel, organized churches and ordained elders. All this they did by authority of the church at Antioch. The Lord unit, go into all these places bull does not choose to do His work through any other channel.

If you study Eph. 3:7-10 very carefully surely you will agree that not only the gospel, but all the rest of the manifold wisdom of God is dispensed through the church. The authorized version says "by the church," but all other translations that I know of says through the church." And since the wisdom of God is made known through the church, therefore, it is absolutely essential that a church be started by another church if she is to receive of that wisdom.

I notice the querist uses the term "missions," and I am not too much opposed to a church starting called two of them and led missions. In fact, Philadelphia church to send them out as Baptist Church was started as a sionaries and the church promission by Grace Baptist Church. for them (not to be called By starting missions and licensing men to preach are two things I would have a hard time trying to fore justify by the Scriptures. It I believe the other three wel seems that in New times they organized churches and these two were to be the and ordained elders. But no argu- eign missionaries. The rest of ment please. enough about it to argue.

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Not only does a church have scriptural authority to do so, I believe that it is obligated to do church. It may also be the so. As far as I know there is no verse of Scripture that says point blank that we must estab- the regular services of the co lish missions, however, we are taught in many things that would show us we should.

commission in Matt. 28:19-20 tells church. I do not believe t us to, "Go ye therefore, and teach mission should be used by all nations, baptizing them in the bers as a place to go INSTEA name of the Father, and of the the regular church, especia Son, and of the Holy Ghost; someone is mad at the pres teaching them to observe all (There are times when a m things whatsoever I have com- is established at a distance manded you; and, lo, I am with the church for members in yau alway, even unto the end of area-but this should also be

mission is threefold; teach (of make disciples) of all nations, Mark 16:15 says, "Go ye into a Again we are to every creature." told this in Acts 1:8, ". shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judet and in Samaria, and unto the ul termost part of the earth.

From the commission in Mat gospel to the lost. Mark tells " it is to be in all the world, and Acts points out that it is to be at home in our neighborhood and surrounding communities as wel as the rest of the world. beloved, we cannot, as a church we can send someone. "Now there were in the church

that was at Antioch certain

prophets and teachers; as Barna

bas, and Simeon that was ca Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen, which had been brown up with Heriod the tetrarch Saul. As they ministered to Lord, and fasted the Holy G said, Separate me Barnabas Saul for the work whereunto have called them. And when had fasted and prayed, and la their hands on them, they them away." (Acts 13:1-5) Here again we see three thingswere five prophets and teach in the church, the Holy they were already called, to be blessed and fruitful) they sent Testament take care of the home miss I do not know book of Acts tells of these going from city to city preachil and teaching in homes and w ever they could and establishing churches. Now, I ask you, bre ren, isn't that an example of sion points? Paul went to the places, preached, and taught

> I believe that a church sh start a mission anywhere th has an opportunity to do so. could be various reasons for preaching point of the church may be an area where there sound church and the church the desire to preach to the lost organize maybe someday of the church to preach to saints who are unable to a and thereby fulfill, in part, third portion of the commis

Word of God.

I do not believe that a mis Let me remind you that the should be established close to



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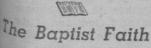
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(Continued from page 4) desire to organize as soon ossible.)

do not believe that a mission ald be organized into a church soon, nor should a mission tept after it grows to the place ere it should be a church. n't ask me when a mission ches this point—it must be wn by the leadership of the

We are to be Missionary Bap-Wifill the commission.



Continued from page one) believe in a Bible faith or faith" spoken of in the Bible. "The Faith" is "the Baptist

en Jude said, "contend for faith," he meant the Baptist When Jesus said, "When Son of Man cometh, shall He faith on the earth?" (Lk. He meant the Baptist faith. if you will be patient and ejudiced, I will prove my ment by giving to you the of History.

ase remember that John the tist, baptized the Son of God, He became a Baptist. But ise John the Baptist bap-Apostle unless he had achat material was Baptist ma-(Matt. 16:18; I Cor. 12-28). people were Baptists because With held by them was Bapth and if Baptist truth then faith" which is the whole revealed truth, is the Bap-

perhaps the testimonies of enemies are in order here. the testimony of Alexander ell who said "that the Bapnomination in all ages and countries, has been, as the constant asserters right of man and of of conscience" - Chrisaptist. Now his testimony is effect that only Baptists possess "the faith" behey are the only ones who existed in "all ages." But nother testimony from Mr. He said this: "The can trace their origin to times, and produce uncal testimony of their exin every century down to through all ages." resent time . . . We can hat from the earliest times

their practice of Baptism have had Baptist Faith." a continued chain of advocates, and public monuments of their clusive Faith. existence in every century can be produced." Notice in his statements that he gave the Baptists the honor of being the recipients "the faith." But in passing of note the following statements from our enemies.

Prof. William Cecil Duncan said: "Baptists do not, as do most in truth as well as in name Protestant denominations, date should do everything we can their origin from the Reformation of 1520. . . . They did not, however, originate with the Reformation, for long before Luther lived, nay long before the Roman Cath- Smith; but not so with the Bap-Baptists and Baptist Churches existed and flourished in Europe, in Asia and in Africa."

Alexis Mastin says: "They are, in our view, primitive Christians or Inheritors of the primitive Church, who have been preserved in these valleys, and it is not they who separated from Catholicism, but Catholicism from them."

Robert Bruce Smith said: "With all my heart I believe that the Baptists have a history parallel with Christianity."

A French free thinker said: "Perhaps the Baptists are the only ast was sent of God to baptize Christians in the world among Son of God (Matt. 3:1; Jn. whom a Christian of the first Matt. 3:13-17). Now, if John, century would find himself a home.

The noted Methodist Historian, John Clark Ridpath, whose volthe other Disciples. In Acts umes of History can be found in We learn that no man could any good sized library in America, said: "I should not readily anied with them from the admit that there was a Baptist sm of John. So then John Church as far back as A.D. 100, ared the material (1:17) out though without doubt there were ich Jesus built His Church, Baptists then, as all Christians were then Baptists."

In 1819 the king of the Netherthis Baptist Church Jesus lands appointed Dr. Ypeij, Profes-"the faith" in the words sor of Tehology in Gronigen Unihing them to observe all versity, and J. J. Dermont, his (Matt. 28:20). Now if the chaplain, to write the history of the Dutch Reformed Church. The lad Baptist Baptism, and no Baptists kept getting in their way hinded person can read the when they made a statement con-Scriptures and deny it, then cerning them, closing in these with held by them was Bap-words: "We have now seen that the Baptists, who were formally called 'Anabaptists,' and in later time Mennonites, were the original Waldenses, and who have long in the history of the church received the honor of that origin. On this account the Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood from those who do not. It disof the gospel through all ages."

> vealed to us? If we sum up what they have said it is this:

(2) They were given the faith.

(3) They have "preserved pure the doctrines of the gospel

Brethren, if the statements of

livered to the saints... From the Jude, Paul, Jesus, and other New If you tell the same person you the homeland, to the Catholics Apostolic Age to the present time, Testament Saints knew nothing are a Unitarian, he knows at once both Greek and Roman, to the the sentiments of Baptists and of any other faith except "The that you have no regard for the Protestants, who have not only

they have "the faith." The only called faiths. denomination under the sun that can make this claim is the Bap- ive Faith. tists, for they are the only ones the commandments of men, and back to the pure Word of God. rule of faith and practice.

only ones who claim the Bible faith was through life, they are the only ones who can be included among the number of New Testament saints who have kept "the faith." They can say with Paul, "I have they not keep the faith? Not at all. For if they did, they would heed the Words of Jesus and "come out of her." Therefore, I say it is an exclusive Faith because it includes those who want tists today is spurned by many, who spurn it.

4. But Again, the Baptist Faith is a Differentiating Faith.

differentiates and distinguishes those who believe in it

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since the days of the apostles, tinguishes Baptists from Cathand as a Christian society which olics, Campbellites, Methodists, has preserved pure the doctrine Unitarians, Christian Scientists, and Mormons. And I would not Now what have these men re- make such a statement if I did not think it were true. As everybody knows the Catholics take orders (1) First, Baptists have existed from the pope, so it is likewise in all ages, from the days of John, true that the Campbellites follow the first Baptist, to the present the teachings of Alexander Campbell, the Methodists, the Assembly Discipline, the Christian Scientists, the findings of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the Mormons, the book written by Joseph Smith, and the Unitarians, the knowledge of the would be wise. Not one existed a people, whom they mean that the Baptists were of them take the Bible to be the an number, that have the recipients of "the faith"; and final word of authority. And beand consistently con- there being no other faith of that cause Baptists believe the Bible, from cover to cover, they are marked off by the world as being different and the main reason is that they love the Bible and try to follow its teachings. And one blessed thing about it is this: when the Hardshells, Freewills, Campbellites and Seventh Day Adventists decided to deny "the faith" they had to tack a pre-fix to their names. Why did they do this? Simply because God's people are different from the wouldbe professors and He wanted the people to know it.

> The people called Baptists are recognized as being different from the other faiths because they are sticklers for the Word. They want to bow in holy submission to the Word of God. Brethren, if you tell a person you are a Baptist, he knows you believe in the final-

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tended for the true faith once de- day, it was a Baptist Faith. Hence ity and totality of God's Word. heathen on foreign fields and in 3. The Baptist Faith Is An Ex- guishing mark. And it will show to others that the Baptist faith No one except Baptists can say is different from all other so-

Whenever and wherever it is who even try to live up to the preached division results. When is no more grace. But if it be faith. The Methodists have their Jesus was on earth, He said: of works, then is it no more discipline to go by; the Catholics, "Suppose ye that I am come to decrees of the pope; the Presby- give peace on earth? I tell you, byterians, Episcopalians and many Nay, but divisions" (Lk. 12:51). others the rulings of the Assem- Jesus was one of the first preachbly; the Christian Scientists, the ers of "the faith" and He who deteachings of Mrs. Eddy; and the clared "the faith" said, the pur-Mormons, the writing of Jo. pose of His coming to earth was time also there is a remnant acto divide the people. And "the olic Church herself was known, tists. For they take their stand faith" that divides was transmiton the Pure Word of God. They ted to the first Baptist preachers make its decisions the basis for of that day (Mt. 28:20), with the their actions. They cry, Away with understanding that they preach it. When they preached it, some believed, and others rejected it. They want to make it their only Some with joy received it, whereas others with contempt And whereas Baptists are the spurned it. And wherever the declared, division and the Bible alone to be suffi- resulted. That such was true and the Bible alone to be sum-cient to guide and guard them one can know by reading the are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death kept the faith." But how about unto death; and to the other the the Catholics and Protestants? Do savour of life unto life" (II Cor. 2:15, 16. Cf. Acts 14:1-4).

And whenever or wherever, "the faith" is declared, the same results will be seen. That's why the faith preached by the Bapto live up to it and excludes those and accepted by the few. Why? because "the Baptist Faith" is the same faith proclaimed by Jesus, and He said: "If they have persecuted me, they will persecute you; and if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also" (Jn. 15:20). So let us come boldly to this truth and preach it though it does divide.

6. The Baptist Faith is a Faith to be Communicated.

Others need to hear of it. And Jesus' command to us is that they hear it. He said: "Go . . . and teach them to observe all things whatsover I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:18-20). It is our business to communicate our faith to others.

spoke very highly, because they communicators of

He said: "And ye become followers of us, and of the Lord, havabroad; so that we need not to Bible, and the result will be a cate our faith to others. To the tist.

Bible. And this is our distin- protested against the Catholic (Continued on page 8, column 3)



5. The Baptist Faith is a Divis- "Baptists . . . Narrow"

(Continued from page three) grace; otherwise work is no more work."—Rom. 11:6.

Finally, he concluded his exhortation by declaring that they were saved by grace alone.

"Even so then at this present cording to the election of grace." Rom. 11:5.

No one else, as a denomination in all this world, believes in salvation by grace through faith. plus nothing, minus nothing, except Missionary Baptists. All others believe in an addition of works, either church works, preachers works, or the sinner's works. All others believe in either plusses or minuses - adding to or taking from this glorious doctrine of salvation by grace. Baptists are narrow exceedingly narrow in that they believe in salvation by grace

I can imagine a locomotive engine speeding along the track with a wash-out ahead. As I would attempt to signal the engineer, he pays no attention, but ere his engine dashes to ruin, as the breeze from the train fans my brow, I hurl a lantern in his face and cry, "For God's sake, stop!" It is thus that I bring this message to you, especially appealing to you concerning salvation. It must be grace and by grace alone. May God help you to stop and believe it now.

As the old song says:

"I've placed my life in Jesus' care I'm depending on Him, I'm depending on Him;

trusted Him and left it there, I'm depending on Him to save.

Tis not by works that I have done I'm depending on Him, I'm depending on Him.

Tis grace that saves through faith alone

Of the Thessalonians, Paul I'm depending on Him to save."

As I bring this message to a close, may I insist that Baptists wherever they are Scriptural are narrow. May God grant that we ing received the word in much shall ever be Scriptural and thus affliction, with joy of the Holy ever be narrow. My contention is Ghost: So that ye were ensam- that if there is enough Scriptural ples to all that believe in Mace- evidence for one man to be a donia and Achaia. For from you Baptist, that there is enough sounded out the word of the Lord Scriptural evidence for every not only in Macedonia and man to be a Baptist, and there-Achaia, but also in every place fore I would say: "Give every your faith to God-ward is spread man a clean heart and an open speak any thing" (I Thess. 1:6-8). Baptist civilization." May God How I would that such could be bless you to be a Scriptural Bapsaid of us! We need to communi- tist and thereby a narrow Bap-

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We need a sight of Jesus; a touch of His man-pierced hands; I ask?" His peace filling our hearts, and a brimful gladness; and once again to hear Him say: Now then ye are ambassadors for Christ.

Conversion

(Continued from page one) of the court.

Many such anecdotes are told of this amiable and laborious ished. man, and numerous were the inbe impressed with the address stances in which these "out of he had heard, thanked Mr. Mc- season' efforts in his Master's Phail most warmly for his min- cause were savingly blessed to isterial faithfulness, and invited the souls which "by any means" him to be his guest at the close he sought to win. Among the You prayed that God might rest, the following is perhaps



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one of the most remarkable.

of Resolis from the coast of a soul, though I had almost for- clergyman upon a white pon Nairn it was necessary in Mr. gotten it; I have pawned it for which was all the description McPhail's day to cross the ferry a piece of mutton, too. Well, I could give. He arrived, -Ps. 34:5 R. V. of Fort George and traverse the didn't mean that, but I have ever, towards evening at peninsula of the Black Isle. done it; and now what is to be- manse of Resolis, and on After a journey of some eight come of me?" or nine miles over an immense wilderness of the most dreary fligate, was anything but an ted. moorland lying along the entire agreeable one, so he tried to back of the peninsula, the banish the occurrence from his Church and manse of Resolis memory. But it would not go; rules of military discipline were reached.

> Fort George was garrisoned by an English regiment, which partook of the usual profligate knell of his soul. "You have character of the British Army at that time. As the neighbouring town of Campbelltown is some distance from the Fort, wooden shambles had been erected close to the water's immediately below garrison, to serve as a meat market for the convenience of the military. Having occasion one day to travel homewards by the route just described, Mr. McPhail was detained for some time below the Fort by the delay of the ferry-boat, which had to be summoned over from the opposite side. While he was He is the minister at Resolis, standing at the water's edge, with his inseparable companion, a soldier came into the shambles to purchase some meat and asked the price of a quarter of mutton. The butcher named the sum. With a frightful oath, in which he pledged the everlasting salvation of his soul, the man refused to give the price, but ultimately, after a good deal of wrangling, agreed to the butcher's terms and took up the meat to go away. All this while Mr. McPhail, who was standing outside the shambles, overheard the conversation within, and, shocked at the awful jeopardy in which the soldier had placed his soul was watching for an opportunity of addressing him upon the imminent danger of his condition. No sooner, therefore, had the man left the meat market than Mr. McPhail contrived to throw himself in his way and to engage him in con-

"A fine day, soldier."

"A fine day, sir," replied the man, touching his cap.

"Do you belong to the Fort?" "Yes sir, and a dull enough the blues."

"You are an Englishman, I see. What is your han-"Luke Heywood, your hon-

"That seems a fine piece of mutton you have got." "So it is, sir; and cheap, too."

"What did you give for it, may

The soldier named the price.

"Oh, my friend," replied Mr. McPhail, "you have given more than that!"

Luke Heywood looked aston-

"No, sir, I gave no more. There's the man I bought it and he can tell you what

"Pardon me, friend, you have given your immortal soul for it! damn your soul if you gave the very price you have just named. And now what is to become of you?"

The ferry-boat was announced as ready, and Mr. McPhail stepped on board, while Luke Heywood walked off with his purchase, and entered the Fort. Throwing off his cap, he sat down upon a form in the barracks, and in a short time his reflections turned upon his conversation with the stranger at the ferry. The gentleman's parting words were still fresh in his memory, "You have given your immortal soul for it, and now what is to become of you?"

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"Really," thought he, "the soldier hastily enquired whel In order to reach the parish stranger is quite right. I have er he had seen anything

The thought, even to a proconscience was at work, and re-At the period of our story, fused to still its voice. The words of the stranger were pealing in his ears like the deathgiven your immortal soul for it. and now what is to become of you?" In a perfect agony of terror he started from his seat, rushed bare - headed from the Fort, and arrived all breathless at the ferry in quest of Mr. Mc-

> "Where is the gentleman?", cried Luke to the butcher.

> "What gentleman?" enquired the other.

> "The gentleman in black clothes, and with a white pony, who told me my soul was lost."

> "Oh, you mean Mr. McPhail. and you will have to go far

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enough before you catch him, for he has crossed more than an of the two great modes of hour ago."

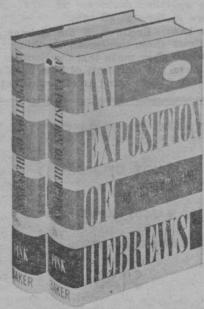
make a passage across the water, now hear in holy thanks Luke Heywood entered it, with laboured for seven the design of following the stranger with whose words he had been so painfully impressed. Enquiring of the ferryman the of sinners; while he who route he must follow, Luke beside him, and weeps the leaped from the heat leaped from the boat as it touched the shore at the point peace with God, only to of Fortrose and started afresh ago was foremost in the on his ardent pursuit. We know not the feelings of the agitated and loudest, and his rev traveller as he rushed bareheaded through the town of even amid the sottish Rosemarkie, or toiled all flushed the canteen. Yet of hi and heated across the weary be said, just as certain wilds of Maolbhui. We have the other, that he is the not been informed regarding the Spirit." astonishment of the shepherd method of conversion or the cottar as the excited (Continued on page 7, c

manding eagerly to see Mr. Phail, was immediately ad

We know not how to re cile the occurrence with so it was that Luke rem at Resolis all that night and two following days, during greater part of which time was closely closeted with minister. Mr. McPhail's was not a confessional, many a poor soul had thither to ask counsel of man of God; and if the wall that little room had but reta a transcript of the experit to which the minister had called to listen, how intere the record they would have sented of the spiritual diff ties which Mr. McPhail ha meet—how useful to those are entrusted with the momentous office, and have like responsibilities to fulfill

Numerous, however, and ied as were the spiritual on which this singularly man had been consulted, be questioned whether he ever been called to deal an experience like Luke wood's. His was no dou rare case, for into those short days was condensed its leading features, the hi which, with Mr. McPhail, stretched over a period of than seven years.

"The wind bloweth whe listeth and thou hearest sound thereof, but canst no whence it cometh, and wh it goeth: so is every one the born of the Spirit" (John How strikingly was this age illustrated within the at Resolis as the minister soldier knelt down together the evening of the second Both were extreme sp version—the gradual The ferry-boat being about to sudden. He whose wish weary years under a great darkness," unable propriate as his own the Sa unspeakable over a newly profligacy, his curse the wildest and most be said, just as certainly Doubtless the



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I am at a loss of words to exenjoyed the conference the Conference. All I can say is and hope that Calvary I left it a stronger Christian than Church will continue to when I came. It was good to have

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Spiritism

(Continued from page one) 8. Do you know that Saul, King of Israel, when he was zealous of God cleared all spiritistic mediums out of the

"And Saul had put away spirits and the wizards, out of the land." (I Sam. 28:3).

- 9. Do you know that when Saul himself consulted a spiritistic medium, it was only after his sins had made communication with God impossible? "And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord answered him not (I Sam. 28:7).
- Do you know that Saul's loss of his crown and his wretched death were God's judgment because he had been dealing in spiritism? "So Saul died . . . for ask-

ing counsel of one that had a familiar spirit." I Chron.

11. Do you know that one of the 20. worst sins in the list of wicked Manasseh's sins was

"And he used enchantments and witchcraft and provoked Him to anger." (II Ch. 33:6).

12. Do you know that one of the 21. declared causes of Israel's rejection by God was their traffic in spiritism?

"Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people, the house of Jacob, because they are soothsayers like the Philistines." (Isa. 2:6). Their blood shall be upon them." (Lev. 20:27).

13. Do you know that it is insulting to God to consult the dead when you can inquire of Him?

"And when they shall say ... seek familiar spirits, ... and wizards; should not people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?" (Isaiah 2:6).

14. Do you know that the rich , man could not communicate with his brothers after death, nor could Lazarus? (Luke 16:19-31).

15. Do you know that Peter condemned Simon who used sorcery and bewitched the people?

(Read Acts 8:6-24). 16. Do you know that Paul

Acts 13:6-12). blind? those that had familiar 17. Do you know that the spiritistic medium is demon-possessed, like the girl in Philippi, but of whom in the name of Jesus, Paul cast the unclean spirit? Read Acts 16: 16-18).

> 18. Do you know that true Christians can have nothing to do with the dark practices of spiritism? (Acts 19:19).

> 19. Do you know that spiritism is one of the works of the "flesh" and that those guilty of them can never inherit the kingdom of God? "Now the works of the flesh are Adultery, . . . witchcraft; etc.

kingdom of God." (Gal. 5:19-

Do you know that those who have to do with spiritism in any form have no place in Heaven, but are cast in the lake burning with fire and brimstone? (Rev. 22:15; Rev.

Do you know that the teachings of spiritism are "doc-



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trines of demons?" "Now in latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving 4:1).



Conversion

(Continued from page 6) Spirit's more usual way; it is, if among the garrison. we may use the expression, more consistent with the structure of the human mind to adjust it by the enmity and opposition of the degrees to the exercise of a ungodly. The captain of Luke's mature faith, and to lead it through a course of careful, anxious, and all-absorbing enquiry to the full realization of threatened the godly soldier a saving interest in the work of with the lash. Sending for him Christ, so that the progress from on one occasion, he told him he in the ear" may be very gradual day, and added, with a tremenand very slow. This, we repeat, dous oath, that if, on his return, is the Spirit's usual way; and, he should hear that Luke had for our own part, we are far been holding any more of these more disposed to trust the depth conventicles, he would order so and genuineness of the ordi- many lashes. than of the extraordinary manifestations of a work of and sovereign Spirit who will spot. not only "have mercy on whom He will have mercy," but will also manifest His saving grace in whatever way He pleases.

Both the minister and the soldier were, as we have said. types of the two opposite methods of conversion; and as they knelt down together to offer up their parting prayer, might not each have felt how true were the words of one who had him-Heywood rather than like Mr. McPhail: "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit . . And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same (I Cor. 12: 4, 6).

But we must leave Mr. Mcand accompany Luke back to the England. garrison of Fort George. Happy if we can join him in the "new song" with which he makes the echoes on the moorland wilds on his way back through the Maol-bhui:

and they shall not inherit the "He took me from a fearful pit, And from the miry clay, And on a rock He set my feet, Establishing my way."

Like the woman of Samaria, Luke Heywood now began to feel a love for the souls of others, and with David was ready to say to his comrades, "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what He hath done for my soul" (Psa. 66:16). The Word was "as fire within his bones," and he "could not but speak the things which he had seen and heard." He accordingly began to hold small prayer meetings in the barracks, and to expound the Scriptures to his fellow-soldiers. By degrees, however, the godliness and zeal of the former profligate became known throughout the district. The people of God were amazed when they heard that he who had scoffed at them in times past now, like Paul, 'preached the faith which once he destroyed; and they glorified God in him." His prayer meetings attracted others besides the military, and the people began to flock from neighbouring parishes to hear the expositions of this wonderful man. heed to seducing spirits, and An old relation of the writer doctrines of devils." (I Tim. used to come down amongst the crowd from the parish of Arde-Do you know that the so- lach, a distance of about sixteen called spirits of the dead are miles from Fort George; and his lach, a distance of about sixteen simply hypocritical imper- informant was personally acstruck Elymas, the sorcerer, (Continued on page 8, column 5) quainted with a godly old schoolmaster who had been a fellowsoldier of Luke's (and a very wild and thoughtless young man he was), but who, along with many others, owed his conversion to these prayer meetings

But matters could not long continue thus without exciting company was particularly active in his opposition to these prayer meetings, and often "grace in the blade" to "grace was going from the Fort that

On hearing this intimation, Luke was silent for a few mingrace in so far at least, as this is utes. Then, looking at his ofto be judged by its symptoms. ficer, he replied, "Sir, if you But still it cannot be doubted, ever return alive, God never without doing great violence spoke by me"-an answer almost both to the Scriptures and ob- identical with that of the prophet servation, that there have been, Micaiah to Ahab (II Chron. and still are, cases in which the 18:27). The issue proved that omnipotent Spirit of God has the Spirit was even then speakdispensed with the employment ing by the lips of Luke. The of ordinary means, and, like the captain and a brother officer wind which "bloweth where it went to shoot in the neighbourlisteth," does not always breathe hood of Culloden, and as the in soft and balmy zephers, but former was crouched behind a anon, though seldom, bursts forth hedge in the act of watching the with the fierceness of the tor- approach of some deer, his comnado to annihilate with almost rade (a brother of his own, as lightning suddenness every ob- we have been informed) misstacle that would arrest its tem- taking him for large game, took pestuous path. Even such is the a hasty aim at the moving obunfettered agency of that free ject, and shot him dead on the

The regiment was soon after ordered to England, and it was reported that Luke purchased his discharge from the army, and became an eminently useful minister. He ceased to be a soldier of King George that he might become a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ. Can we not hear the echo of the words, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who self been changed like Luke hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it God which worketh all in all" ignorantly in unbelief"? (I Tim. 1:12, 13).

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(Continued From Page One) few who came for medicine so I didn't have much trouble.

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at one time. I must say "there everyone seemed overjoyed about them that love me."

were some very interesting ans- it.

John 3:36 "And he that bewere some very interesting ans- it. wers received." The words of ly new to me.

The last night at Yeru it started high mountain beside Yeru. They raining around dark and rained said that all of the Paguiyas come all night. I finally had to go to bed, as the bed was in the only place in the house that didn't leak. The next day we walked back to Hayawi in rain all of the stay and preach that night and way. We were completely soaked within an hour. I fell many times that day as everything was soak-The two days that I stayed at ed, muddy, and slick. There were

The following day I wrote the terms into Duna so that if I ever songs down in Duna. This is a learn the language well enough to real help to me as I couldn't help preach in it, I would have these in the song service at all. In the

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some of these terms were very home. We enjoyed the patrol, but life; but the wrath of God familiar and some were complete- we were really happy to be home abideth on him." (Not later but again. Karen and Paul were really now). happy to see me back, and this time Paul remembered me.

This patrol didn't have as much walking as most patrols but I holiness and his wickedness, was busy almost all of the time rather he is encouraged to apworking on Duna.

Sa Salasa A

The Baptist Faith

(Continued From Page Five) Church, but also the Word of God, we need to communicate our faith. If we would publish our faith, the Bible, so that earth's remotest bounds could hear of it, Jesus would speedily return to this earth. (Mt. 24:14). God help us then to communicate our faith. Once again,

7. The Baptist Faith is a Faith to be Contended For.

The faith that isn't worth scrapping for isn't fit for the scrap heap. We need to fight earnestly for it. The world will not receive it apart from a knockout blow. God may perhaps strike many down, in order to bring them to the truth, but that is all right. Let us contend just the same. The Apostle says, "I have fought a good fight." Have you? Have I? Have we contended for the faith?

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Four Step Evangelism

(Continued From Page One) structed at seminars for the purpose of using this type of evangelism. Naturally, every pastor mons of Peter and Paul and you is looking for success in the field will find them filled with conof soul winning and in desperation they may be prone to accept this system. If you are worried and feel that God needs some sympathy because He has been been lost? How can he appredoing such a poor job getting folk saved, then read more of this article.

The intent of this article is not to question the motives of those involved in this spiritual law of who use this system of evange- love approach. It is saying, lism. I believe that they have an earnest desire to bring others they have sinned, but because to Christ. But, I am firmly con- they have not accepted Jesus." vinced that they have no Scrip- This is just like saying that a tural warrant for such a proced- man dying of cancer is not realure and in the long run it will ly dying of cancer but he is be more detrimental for his- dying because he will not accept toric Biblical Christianity than a cure. On the contrary, a man of a help. In all fairness, it sins because he is a sinner for would be best for you to get their literature in your own to reject Christ only proves his hands so as not to accept this depravity and rebellion to God. writer's evaluation. Write to: I prefer to use the two step Springs, San Bernardino, Calif., in Acts 20:21, that is "repent-

The first spiritual law that the towards our Lord Jesus Christ." worker is told to give to the sinner that he is dealing with, is this method of evangelism ac- name under heaven given to tell the sinner that God loves cording to public approval or him and has a wonderful plan results. In fact, I only dealt (Acts 4:12).-Tract. for that person's life. In other words, the first pronouncement is not to declare to the sinner who God is, that is, God is holy, and that sinner is a rebel having broken God's holy law so that hell has her mouth wide open ready to devour him. Oh, no, God is smiling at him and wants him to change his philosophy of life. This prospective sinner may be thumbing his nose at God and rebelliously defying God as the personal worker goes over this first law of love and purpose, yet he is told that God loves him. Now I find such statements as these in my Bible which make it difficult for me to think the first Subs pronouncement we give a sinner is love:

Psalm 5:5 "Thou (God) hatest all workers of iniquity" (not works but workers).

Psalm 7:11 "God is angry with

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terms ready to use. They could service that afternoon and the the wicked every day." (Not sin with the first spiritual law.

On the eighth day we came back lieveth not the Son shall not see resent God as the Sovert

With this love approach the sinful man is not driven back with a sense of God's awesome proach God in his unconvicted state. This first spiritual law would imply that God's fundamental attribute is love. This is not true! Historic Christianity has held that "holiness" is God's most basic characteristic and only after a convicted sinner is caused to realize this by the Holy Spirit can he come to know what mercy, grace, and love are. We never read in the Scriptures where the sinless seraphims cry out "love, love, love" but rather "holy, holy, holy." After the woman at the well had an encounter with Christ she said "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did." (John 4:29). I ask you, what message have we heard of God and should declare to others? John 1:5 says, This then is the message which which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you that God is LIGHT, and in Him is no darkness at all." This means awesome holiness.

I fear that many fundamentalists have unknowingly adopted the measure of the liberals on this matter of love. If the Book of Acts represents the standard or example of New Testament evangelism, then we ought to ask ourselves why does not the word "love" occur even once in that book? Go through the serviction and condemnation to the guilty sinner and not some "love" approach. How can a person be saved if he has never ciate mercy, love, or grace if he has never been shown how vile

and rebellious he really is? There is some faulty theology "Sinners are not lost because which he is going to hell, for him Crusade, Arrowhead method of evangelism set forth ance towards God and faith

I have not attempted to judge

me this one lacks Scriptul it deals only with the imm nence of God but fails to re transcendent, majestic Lo Without this view of God have only a humanized deit (Psalm 50:21).

Spiritism

(Continued from page seve sonations by demons? "Spe ing lies in hypocrisy; har consciences seared with a iron." (4:2).

Do you know that the ris spiritism is a sign of the days"? "In the latter t some shall give heed to ducing spirits." (4:1).

OBEDIENCE TO GOD ONLY WAY OUT

In these days of sorrow distress many people are con ed. They try to find a quick lution of their troubles or row. Being ignorant of ways, His patience, His in wisdom and concern for personal welfare, they ru man for help. Or worse yet, run to the devil for help. Ins of getting out of their tro they find themselves more involved. The reason for th that the devil is not our fr he is our enemy. He is in at war with man, and God.

God says, the "devil is a feated foe." The devil has power except lies, deception falsehood. Those who are ca in his power are those who lieve his lies. If you go to sp ism for advice you fall into devil's trap and you will be his servant and the devil finally pay you off with wages, Death. For the Work God says, "the wages of death!"

But if you go to God for dom and guidance and Jesus' ways, He will let out of your troubles. God to save your soul and give joy and peace. No, God pay you off in wages for t in Him-but He has a you-and that is Eternal

"Know ye not that to ye yield yourselves serva obey, his servants ye whom ye obey; whether unto Death, or of obedient to righteousness—(eternal Romans 6:16.

"Thou will keep him in fect peace, whose mind ed on Thee, because he the in Thee." Isaiah 26:3.

Who can deliver you? erance can only come thr person—JESUS CHRIST. the man that trusteth

"Neither is there salva any other; for there is none men whereby we must be

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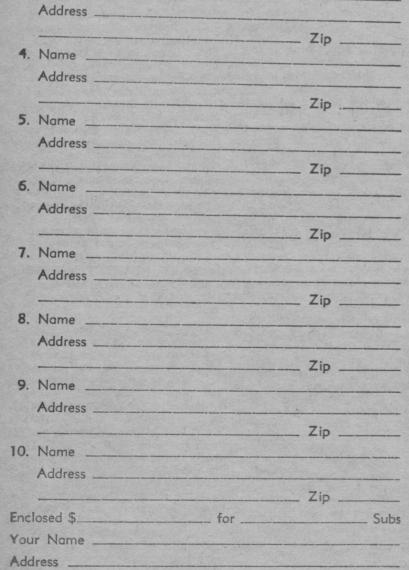
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