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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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Our Inheritance At The End Of Apostasy

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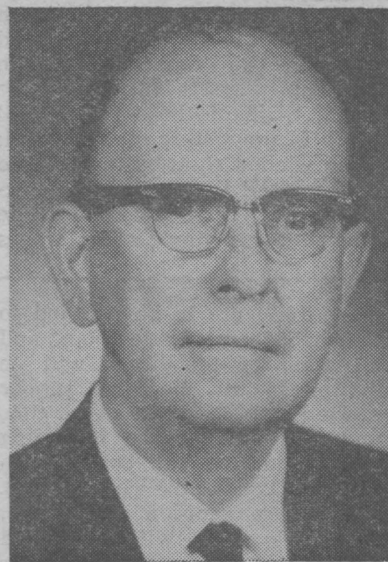
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Before we consider our inheritance at any given time let us consider the over all picture of inheritance. When did it begin, and when will it come to an end? Since there is no room for speculation, theorizing, or conjecturing in this matter, let us go to the Book for our answer. In Heb. 9:15 we read, "And this cause He is the mediator of the new testament (covenant), that by means of death, the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (covenant), they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." Let us remember that things that are eternal reach back to the past just as far as they reach into the future. God did not wait to see how cute a baby would be before He decided to give us an inheritance. But in His mind and purpose of God we have had that inheritance from all eternity. And in the mind and purpose of God, we will have that inheritance throughout the eternity of the future. In I Pet. 1:4 we read, "To

an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away." This inheritance simply cannot fade away because in Psa. 37:18 we read, "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be for

chosen our inheritance for us," Psa. 47:4.

Since in the mind and purpose of God this inheritance has always been ours, it became operative in our behalf even before we began to live. You could not have helped it had you been born to a pagan mother in India and had you been thrown to the crocodiles in her futile effort to appease her pagan god. You could not have helped it had you been born to a savage mother in Africa where you would be wearing such ornaments as a bone in your hair or a ring in your nose. You could not have helped it had you been born to a cannibal mother in the South Sea islands where you would either be eating, or being eaten. No, you could not have helped it, but He who has chosen our inheritance for us could help it, and He did. He who chose His own mother, the time of His birth, and the place of His birth has done the same thing for us. We are who we are, where we are, and when we are because He has chosen our inheritance for us. Not only that but we are doing what we are (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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ever." And our inheritance shall be for ever because "He has

"To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One." Isaiah 40:25

The purpose of this message is to consider the origin and progress of the trend among Christians to reverence and idolize pictures alleged to represent Christ. According to Cruden's Concordance of the Old and New Testaments, "idolatry" signifies "the making of any image or likeness of God or any creature for a religious end," and, "All human inventions thrust into the worship of God." (Cruden's Concordance).

Origin of This Idolatry

Historically, it is known that the Church was born in the midst of a heathen and idolatrous world. During its early days, Christians were called atheists by the unbelievers about them, because they had no pictures or images in their places of worship. The heathen, not knowing the true God by faith, thought that the Christians had no God.

The following quote expresses the early Christians' attitude towards representations of Christ:

"For more than four hundred years after the ascension of Christ, well instructed Christians of every condition; rich, poor, learned and unlearned, regarded it as an act of irreverence, if not actual profanity, to paint Christ in His purely human aspect." (Farrar, Life of Christ in Art, p. 5, 6).

When Constantine came to power in the fourth century, he consolidated the Church and State, and showered favors upon all who were known as Christians.

Soon the small company of believers were overwhelmed with multitudes of heathen who joined their group without spiritual knowledge or acceptance of salvation. The number was so great that the faithful followers of Christ could not properly instruct these professing converts in the doctrine of the true gospel. The newcomers had previously worshipped innumerable pictures and images of their mythical gods and goddesses, such as Mercury, Apollo, Venus and Zeus. These uninformed people were still heathen at heart. They had no desire to destroy their idols as those who live by faith in Christ should. They therefore continued to worship the images of their gods in their new religion by giving them the names of Christ, Mary and the martyred saints.

The early Church leaders strenuously fought this form of idolatry which was creeping into their midst, but to no avail. In the union of Church and State, the Church compromised with the heathen by allowing them to retain their idols. Instead of the Christians winning the heathen to Christ, the Christians themselves became ensnared through the idolatry and superstitious rites of the heathen. Thus Satan's throne was established in the professing Church.

The blending of paganism with Christianity continued to thrive to the extent that by the fifth century there was a wide departure from the Word of God. Many of the aforementioned unscriptural practices and doctrines had (Continued on page 3, column 1)

ERE ARE MORE CONFERENCE . . .

IMPRESSIONS

Our stay at the Conference was one of delight. We enjoyed the courtesy of all, God's teachers preaching the great Word of his work and Word, and the visiting of "The Holy Spirit." May God bless Calvary Baptist Church and its past-

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson
Bristol, Virginia

I have really enjoyed being here this year. Although I think it would be more interesting to have different subjects and each speaker wouldn't preach part of the next one's sermon. But I enjoyed everything else.

Mrs. Betty O'Neal
Bristol, Virginia

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nuckles
(North Carolina)

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first visit to the Bible Conference. I am looking forward to returning next year. The fellowship with the folk here has meant so much to me that it will be hard to stay away in the future.

Mrs. Robert H. Myers, Jr.
Marion, Virginia

The meetings were conducted in such a way as to show a great deal of planning. The people of Calvary Baptist Church conduct every aspect of the meetings as though they love the work. The food is very good and so plentiful. The registration went even better than previous years. We rejoice with you in your new building. But above all the Bible teaching and preaching was a real blessing and awakening to my heart. It is just a sad thought that there are millions of people, no matter what they were doing or where they (Continued on page 8, column 3)

FWR Conducted A Four-Day Mission Patrol For Natives Who Are Begging For The Word

By FRED W. ROBERTS
(New Guinea Missionary)

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written. How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"—Romans 10:14, 15.

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it, and it seemed that there was no bottom. After climbing a large

mountain, we began to descend slowly as several peaks were almost as high as the summit. About 11:30 we stopped for a coffee break? No—a sweet potato break. We all ate some sweet potato, had a drink of nice cool water, and were off again. Arriving at our destination for the day just after 12 noon, we immediately set up camp and held services. This service was well attended. The people here have been to the Mission several times asking me to come and preach for them, but because of the famine I could not come. After services Hudiba (the headman) came and started begging me to have a white man come and help them. This went on for several hours and continued (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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(Georgia)

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whaley
(Kansas)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS"

"For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." — I Cor. 2:2.

Just prior to Paul coming to Corinth to preach, he had been at Athens, and there on Mars' hill, the Apostle Paul preached doubtlessly the most learned sermon that he ever preached in all of his life. If you will read the 17th chapter of the book of Acts, you will find that when he was in Athens, preaching on Mars' hill, he preached one of the most learned discourses that you will find recorded in all the Word of God.

The Bible would indicate to us that he was speaking to two different groups of individuals. They are called, in this chapter, the Stoicks and the Epicureans. The Stoicks were the disciples of Zeno, who was a Greek Philosopher, who lived some 300 years before the days of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Stoicks' philosophy was that a man was to be a man, and work out his own salvation, and to do the best he can. In other words, the Stoicks were simply individuals who believed strongly in their own works. In contrast, the Epicureans were those individuals who were fol-

lowing after the Greek philosopher Epicurus. We get the word "Epicurean" today from the Epicurean philosophers of that day, and when we talk about a person being an Epicurean today, we mean that he lives for the things of this world. He likes to eat, he likes to drink, and he likes the pleasures of this world; and that was actually the philosophy of the Epicureans, even in the days of the Apostle Paul.

If you will look at these two groups, you will see definitely a decided contrast—one living expecting their lives to please the (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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Our Inheritance

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doing today, and we have what we have in this world whether it be little or much because He has chosen our inheritance for us. Think back through the years beloved and see if it was your planning and your thinking that has brought you to this hour. O, yes, you have been planning to come to this wonderful Bible Conference for weeks, months, maybe for a year. But what caused you to want to come this way when literally hundreds of people who live in walking distance of this great church do not care whether we have a Bible Conference or not? Yes, beloved, you are here today rather than in a honkeytonk somewhere, or in the penitentiary wishing you were in a honkeytonk, because God has chosen our inheritance for us.

Jeremiah says (10:23) "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Then again we read, "A man's heart deviseth his way (that is, he plans his road), but the Lord directeth his steps," Prov. 16:9. And again we read, "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord," Prov. 16:33. O how I can look back over my path strewn with God dishonoring thoughts and deeds and see that He has led me when I thought I was choosing my own way. I can see now that He has turned me withersoever He would, and I knew it not.

So much for that. Our subject is, "Our inheritance at the end of the apostasy." Since our inheritance is eternal, since it can never fade away, but rather it is reserved in heaven for us, I Pet. 1:4, there can never be a time when we do not have an inheritance. So it seems that our problem is a three-fold one. First, what is the

apostasy; second, when will it end; and third, what of our inheritance at that time?

WHAT IS APOSTASY?

In the first place, apostasy is not a person being saved today and lost tomorrow. The Bible knows nothing of such teaching. A person who is a child of God today can no more become the child of the devil tomorrow than Freddy and Mark Phelps can be the sons of Brother Fred Phelps today and the sons of L.B.J. tomorrow. The teaching that a person can be a child of God today and a child of the devil tomorrow is the product of an evil imagination, and not a Bible doctrine by any means. The New Century Dictionary says that apostasy is the abandonment of professed religious or other principles. Winston's Dictionary says it is the giving up of what one has professed. We are prone to think of apostasy as a terrible thing. We think of it in its evil aspect. But it can be a wonderful and a glorious thing.

For example, Billy Graham professes to believe that God can only do that which man is willing for Him to do. Now if it should please God to reveal His Son to Billy, and if Billy should really come to see who Jesus is, and should it please God to reveal to him the great truths concerning His sovereignty, Billy would depart from that which he now professes to believe and would begin to teach that man can only do what God is willing for him to do. That would be apostasy, and how wonderful that apostasy would be. But, since cases like that are so few and far between, we just think of apostasy as being something evil. And it is in this evil sense that we are to deal with it in our message.

It may be well for us to give an example or two of this kind of apostasy in order that everyone may know just what we have in mind. I believe every one of you will agree with me when I say that as a boy William Hamilton believed there was a God who was very much alive. He did not believe in this God, but he believed there was one. But after going to the wrong kind of school, and becoming demon possessed, Bill Hamilton now proclaims a dead God. To be sure Eric Rust and Dale Moody once believed that our Lord made all things and without Him was not anything made that was made. But after going to the wrong kind of school, and becoming demon possessed, they now proclaim a Christless creation. This is the kind of apostasy that will come to an end.

II WHEN WILL APOSTASY END?

This kind of apostasy is increasing by leaps and bounds. And if our Lord does not come for us, or send for us before another year, we will see much more of it in 68 than we see today. And after our Lord raptures His saints out of this world, and the Holy Spirit no longer hinders, demon possessed apostasy will, for a

time, be the order of the day. And, when God begins to pour out His awful judgments upon this old wicked world, these awful apostates will cling to their precious religious system for dear life. They will flee to their so-called churches for help in time of trouble. But when they see the stars (their precious religious leaders) begin to fall, and as they see their precious religious system destroyed as the beast and the ten kings make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire, they will be left in a desolate condition, no religious leaders to strengthen their faith in the old devil, and no church to flee to in time of trouble. I am persuaded that the old whore of Rev. 17:16 will include, not only the Catholic Church, but also her harlot daughters, including her adopted daughter, the apostate Baptists. In Rev. 18:4 we read, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." But instead of coming out of her, all of these apostate groups are flocking to her. So I believe they will all meet their doom together in Rev. 17:16.

Now, with all of their false religious leaders and all of their apostate churches gone for ever, they have no place to go except to the dens and the rocks of the mountains, Rev. 6:15. And when they do this, they will have forgotten all about their dead God. They say to the mountains and the rocks "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne." By this time there will be very little of the evil kind of apostasy left. And when they have seen the armies of the world fall upon the mountains of Israel, their blood run to the horse bridles for 200 miles down the valley as a result of the hundred pound hailstones falling upon them, their bodies being eaten by the fowls of the air and the beasts of the field, and it taking the Jews seven months to bury what is left of these bodies, there won't be a case of that kind of apostasy left in all the universe. Bill Hamilton will no longer rejoice over his dead God. And Eric Rust will no longer say the Old Testament begins with two creation myths.

III

WHAT IS OUR INHERITANCE?

But what of our inheritance when this time comes? In Prov. 4:18 we read, "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." As the wicked flee to the rocks and the mountains our Lord's saints shine brighter and brighter as the perfect day dawns. In I Thes. 4:16-17 we read, "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of (or like) the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." As this all takes place in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, I Cor. 15:52, we are to be clothed in glorified bodies like unto our Lord's glorious body. In Phil. 3:20-21 we read, "For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body." Then when we have been caught up to ever be with our Lord, and while the apostasy is being brought to an end, we shall be rewarded according to our faithfulness to Him and to His Word. In 2 Cor. 5:10 we are told that "We must all (our Lord's people) appear before the judgment seat of Christ." And those of the saints who have made themselves ready

TAKING GOD SERIOUSLY

So many times we hear this expression, "You don't mean it." One fears that this is the way most everyone thinks about what God has said. "Surely He doesn't mean it." The postponed actions of God such as His silence concerning the course of evil and His seeming indifference towards the improper behavior of His professed children have led many to this conclusion.

From what is said above, it is evident that two erroneous suppositions are drawn. 1st. That God is like men, Psa. 50:20, that is, He is vacillatory like us. 2nd. That perhaps God doesn't know as much as is acclaimed, Job 22:13. These two views consummate in a behavior pattern described in Ecc. 8:11.

Nothing will be sadder to those who take God's Word most flipantly than to find out in death that the Christ who died and arose the third day is destined to be their Judge. It is then that the awful truth of these verses will crash in upon their damned soul: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God"; "God is angry with the wicked every day"; "The wages

of sin is death"; and "It is appointed unto men once to die, and after this, the judgment."

It is also sad that even so many among professing Christians take God so lightly. This is evidenced in those who:

1. Maintain their right to the mode of baptism that they choose, when there is only one according to the Scriptures.

2. Who are so careless to maintain Bible study and devotion with God.

3. By those who quibble about having to tithe to His Church.

4. By those who are so careless in their attendance upon worship and the fellowship of the saints.

Saints must never forget I Cor. 5:10: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ: that everyone may receive things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." This verse, considered by any truly born-again person, is a great help to move one towards taking God seriously.

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(Rev. 18:7) are to be married to that wonderful Bridegroom, and all other of the saints will be invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb, Rev. 18:9. After this, and while the apostasy is coming to an end, we will come down with our Lord to the earth. I Thes. 3:13. As a part of our inheritance, we are to reign with our Lord here on the earth (Rev. 5:10) for one thousand years (Rev. 20:6). When this wonderful thousand years have come to an end, our eternal inheritance will have just begun. In Rev. 22:5 we learn that we are to reign with our Lord in the new earth for ever and ever.

The Arminian denies that all this is a part of the inheritance that God has chosen for us. He says that Psa. 47:4 has to do only with our inheritance here in this life and that it has nothing to do with our eternal destiny. There are many people in the world who will admit that God has chosen our inheritance for us in the material realm. And there are not a few who will admit that He has chosen our inheritance for us in the physical realm. But O how few there are who will admit that He has chosen our inheritance in the Spiritual realm. They are perfectly willing to say that He has chosen our vocation, our parents and even our environment. But when it comes to His choosing our eternal destiny, they kick loose from the traces. I agree with the Arminian when he says no one would choose hell, but I cannot agree with Spurgeon when he says that people choose the road that leads to the pit. I contend that they do not have any choosing to do, but rather when a person is born into this world, he comes from his mother's womb onto that broad road that leads

to the pit. He lands right in the middle of it, and therefore he has no choosing to do.

That being true, are we not thankful to God that He has chosen our inheritance for us, not only in this life, but in the life to come as well? And the more we come to know about this wonderful inheritance in the new life, the less value we put upon this old sinful world and all it has to offer. That wonderful inheritance that awaits us at the end of the apostasy is glorious indeed. And if our Lord should come to us and say, "I will give you the most beautiful clothes that this world can produce, a change for every hour of the day so long as you live, in exchange for your glorified body that I have promised you in the next life," you would say, "No thank you Lord, all the most beautiful clothes that old world can produce are trash ready for the garbage can compared to that wonderful glorified body. So just let your glorious promise stand." If He should come to us and say, "I will make you ruler over all the nations in the earth in exchange for your promise that you are to reign with Me in my kingdom," you would say, "No thank you Lord, we'll just wait for that glorious day." If He should come to us and say, "I will send you all the world's finest orchestras, the best clubs and acapella choirs to sing for you continually so long as you live, in exchange for your promise of hearing the mountains into singing and all the clapping their hands," you would say, "No thank you Lord, we'll just wait for that glorious day." And if He should come to us and say, "I will give you the earth

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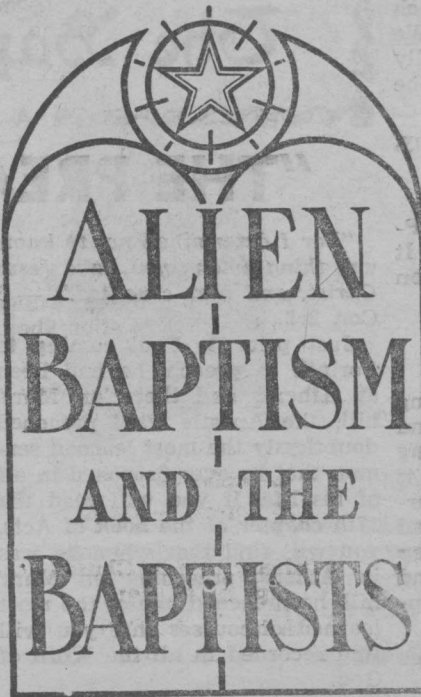
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fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein, and add thousand years to your life span in order that you may be able to enjoy all that wealth in exchange for the eternal life I have already given you," we would say, "No thank you Lord, perish the thought. We will just let our inheritance you have chosen for us stand."

Yes, He has chosen our inheritance for us. We are who we are, where we are and when we are because He has chosen our inheritance for us. We are doing what we are doing today, and we have what we have in this world whether it be little or much because He has chosen our inheritance for us. And we will enjoy wonderful eternal life along with all the wonderful and glorious things that goes with it in the life because He has chosen our inheritance for us. And O how brightly our inheritance will shine when the apostasy comes to an end.



Idolatry

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come intermingled with the worship service and condoned the hierarchy of the largest organized group of alleged Christians, the Church in Rome.

"So numerous had become the different portraits of Christ that the year 691 A.D. a council the Roman Catholic Church finally accepted them by official decree and permitted them to become a part of their worship practice and service." (Farrar, p. 100)

There remained many sincere believers who attempted several times in the succeeding centuries bringing the Church back to the apostolic teaching of the scripture. The most successful effort was the Great Reformation. However, Satan again deceived many of these reformers who did not break away from the superstitious associations with these pictures, especially those supposed to be of Christ. Thus, Protestants carried these painted idols directly from the Roman Catholic Church into their worship. The result is that, today, many Protestants are buying and using these pictures in their Christian literature as a mark or symbol of their faith. These likenesses are put in churches and homes and

carried on their person.

Misappropriating God's Glory

Certainly pictures which some call Christ are not Christ's form or visage. Therefore, it is an idolatrous and deceptive practice to use these pictures as supplements to teaching and preaching the Word of Truth. Jesus said, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63).

Christians excuse themselves by saying that they do not worship these pictures, but merely use them as reminders of Christ. Can it be pleasing and acceptable to the Heavenly Father for His children to cherish mental illusions copied from pagan gods to remind them that the Blood of the sacrificial Lamb has been shed? (Read Heb. 9:14; I Cor. 5, 7).

Widespread utilization is made of these objects in tracts, calendars, slides, flannelgraphs and magazines. There are also lighted pictures, sold by fundamental Protestant denominations designed to portray the compassionate expression in the eyes of our Lord. What mockery!

Some Christians even give the credit for the salvation of souls to these artistic portrayals, and the statement has been made, that the Holy Spirit inspires them. This is unscriptural and untrue. Images, being of heathen origin, could not have originated under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. God's house is not divided. "I am the LORD; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." (Isa. 42:8).

One does not have to bow the knee before an image to practice idolatry or spiritual fornication. This sin can be committed in the heart by offering affection to lifeless imitations that can neither see, nor hear, nor speak." (Read Psalm 135; 15, 16, 17; Acts 17:24, 25).

Dreamer of Dreams

According to reports in commercial and religious publications, one artist insinuates that the original portrait called "The Head of Christ" was given to him in a dream. Christians, believing this artist was truly inspired, have bought millions of copies of his painted god. The Word of God says, "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams . . . saying, Let us go after other gods . . . Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of

dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul." (Deut. 13; 1, 2, 3).

Lesson From Israel

God made no distinction in condemning all idols, whether pictures or statues, which were made to represent either Himself or a false god. "For all the gods of the people are idols . . ." (I Chron. 16:26). How often God punished Israel for provoking Him to anger with their idolatry. "Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made." (Isa. 2:8).

One example of this occurred in the Wilderness while Moses was away on Mount Sinai. The Israelites combined their gold to make a visible form upon which to set their affections. They did not consider the golden calf a strange god, but the one that brought them out of Egypt. (Neh. 9:18).

Lesson Unheeded Today

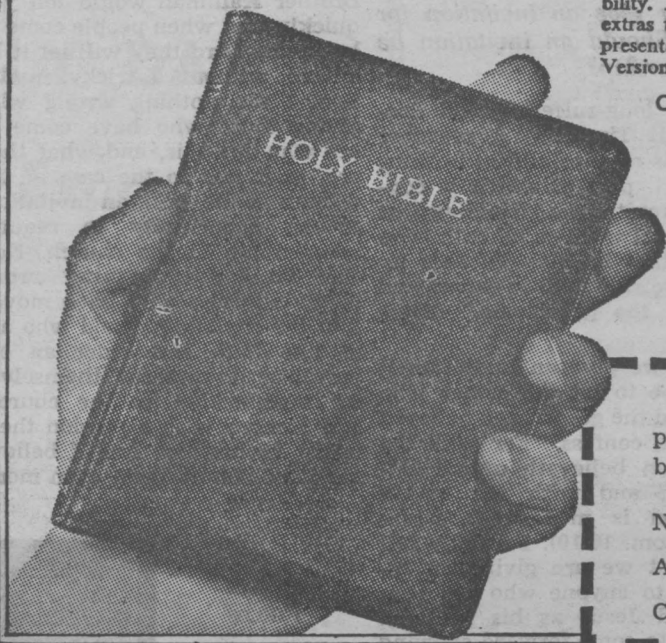
While Christ is absent from us in His physical form, (John 16:5, 7, 10) some Christians feel a need to see a tangible object to use in their worship. Such an object provides a mental image which when thinking of Christ. By this they have fallen into the fallacy of praying to a remembrance of an image instead of the true Christ by faith. These Christians undermine the very spiritual qualities which distinguish true Christianity from pagan religions which always employ objects, to some degree, in their worship. Not only are objects used, but the presentation in Christian churches of Biblical motion pictures with actors representing Christ, such as "The King of Kings," provides another opportunity for believers to transfer their love and trust from the Christ, whom we see not for a season except by faith, (John 16:16) to the form of a mortal impersonator.

Paul reminded the contemporary Christians who had seen Christ in the flesh: . . . "indeed even though we have known Christ as a man we do not know Him like that any longer." (2 Cor. 5:16). He rejoiced in the spiritual knowledge of Christ and the power of His Resurrection. (Phil. 3:1, 9, 10).

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to reproduce His physical appearance to gain spiritual insight can only result in disillusionment.

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Another incident occurred when the Lord commanded them, when they entered into the land of Canaan, to destroy all pictures and images of the Canaanite gods. (Num. 33:52). "Now all these things (Old Testament episodes) happened to them for examples; and are written for our admonition, (I Cor. 10:11) that the church may not make the same mistakes that Israel made. Since immediately after the Babylonian captivity (556 B.C.) and even today, Israel remembering how God took vengeance for their inventions, (Psalm 99:8) are now without any form of representation of God in their place of worship. "For the children of Israel shall abide many days . . . without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim (household god.) (Hos. 3:4). Now Israel is looking askance at the pictures and images made and used by those who claim to have a spiritual knowledge of the Messiah, and remembering, the Lord charged them to utterly detest the images of the pagan gods for they are an abomination to the Lord God and a cursed thing. (Deut. 7:25, 26).

Conclusion

If the antichrist should appear looking like these pictures called

Christ, many could be deceived. "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry." (I Cor. 10:14)

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24). "Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity—the Godhead . . . is like . . . a representation by human art and imagination or anything constructed or invented." (Acts 17:29 (Amplified)).

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. (2 Cor. 5:18, 19). "He is the exact likeness of the unseen God—the visible representation of the invisible." (Col. 1:15 (Amplified)). He is our soon-coming King who will appear in great power and tremendous glory (Matt. 24:30) in the beauty of His Holiness and Truth, for a body of true believers who "walk by faith and not by sight." (2 Cor. 5:7).

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory; Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." (I Pet. 1:8, 9).

When we see the Great King in all His glory and stand without pretense before Christ, our Judge, (2 Cor. 5:10) some will be ashamed in His Holy Presence because they have allowed their emotions to be stirred by the carnal works of the artist. Which is the Christ you are worshipping; man's conception or the Son of the living God?

"What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God." (2 Cor. 6:16). "And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ." (2 Thess. 3:5).—Tract.

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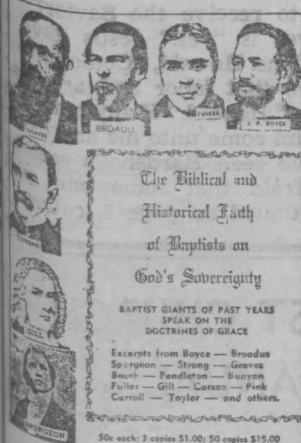
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"Discuss invitations. Should a pastor give an invitation for the lost to be received by the Savior? Should an invitation be given to Baptists to transfer their membership?"

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Invitations should be given. I do not agree with the wording in the invitation given in the question however. We do not extend an invitation for the lost to be received by the Saviour. (We do not invite the Lord to save anyone.)

There are a lot of wrong invitations given. I have heard so-called evangelists say, "Won't you let the Lord save you?" or "The Lord wants to save you, but you won't let him." I have heard them say, "The Lord is knocking on your heart door — won't you let him in?" My friends, these kinds of invitations are nothing but blasphemy. To imply that the Lord can't do anything without man's help or that man has to do it is to say that God is not sovereign and man is capable of saving himself. Ephesians 2:8, 9 tells us, "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." Man cannot save himself — it is a gift of God. To imply that a man can come to God is to deny John 6:44. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him . . ."

We have people inviting sinners to come to an altar — to be "baptized" — to join a "church," etc. These things are wrong but, just because some people do wrong is no sign we ought not to do the right thing.

We believe in the doctrine of Election — therefore we know that there will be people saved. We do not know when God will draw them by the gospel — but we know He will.

Any preacher who knows the Doctrines of Grace will be one who preaches the gospel and gives an invitation in such a way as to bring honor and glory to God. After Peter preached the message on the day of Pentecost, he said, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." We are also told, "And with many other works did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation." (Acts 2:39, 40). Timothy was told to, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort

with all long-suffering and doctrine." (II Tim. 4:2) A preacher is told his responsibilities in Titus chapter 1, part of which is concerning invitations. "Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers." (Titus 1:9).

When we give an invitation it should be to let the sinner who has heard the gospel, and believed in Christ, confess. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Rom. 10:10). I usually tell them that we are giving an invitation to anyone who has seen the Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour to come forward showing that he has trusted. I try to make it clear that coming forward does not save anyone, but trusting Christ does.

As to extending an invitation for a person to transfer membership. Why not? A person is supposed to be a member of a local body of Christ and if he is away from that body he should join with another body.

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It is very hard indeed to give an invitation without at least implying that the lost person can do something to help out in the matter of his, or her salvation. On the other hand, it is hard indeed to give an invitation, that does not lend encouragement to the goats to come into the pasture. I know Baptists have come to think of the invitation as the climax of the service. And to be sure it is just that if the object of the service is to count heads. In the average Baptist invitation of today the lost are not only invited to come, they are made to feel like a "heel" if they do not come.

In Mt. 16:19 our Lord gave the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter. And in Acts 2:22-41 and 10:34-48 I believe we see Peter giving us those keys. And if your evangelistic message does not contain the elements found in these two great sermons, there is something wrong with your message. You do not have to word it just as Peter did, but you sure do need to set forth the same facts. All

the invitation that Peter gave was in his message. But most Baptist preachers of our day would like for Acts 2:37 to read "While they sang the last dozen or so stanzas they were pricked in their heart."

People are saved by means of the preached Word and not by a long drawn out, tricky invitation. Brother Halliman would tell you quickly that when people come to know the Lord they will let it be known without a tricky invitation. I see nothing wrong with giving those who have come to see who Jesus is, and what they are, as it was in the case of the woman at the well, an invitation, or an opportunity to request membership in the church. Neither do I see anything wrong in giving those who have moved into the community, and who are of like faith and order an opportunity to present themselves for membership in the church. But I abhor with a passion these tricky invitations. And I believe my Lord abhors them even more.

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I do not fully understand the question, but as much as I understand I will try to answer.

If the querist is having reference to a dead depraved sinner receiving Christ in a natural state; that is, without first the quickening work of the Spirit, it would be a waste of time to give an invitation to him. Regardless of how appealing one would make the invitation, it could not change him in any sense, for those who are dead, do not have an ear with which to hear an invitation regarding spiritual things. Neither do they have eyes with which to comprehend the things of the Lord.

"But the natural man receiveth not the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." I Cor. 2:14.

Therefore, I do not give an invitation to those whose condition of spiritual death will not enable them to hear, but I do give an invitation to those who have been quickened by the Holy Spirit. This invitation is based on Acts 2:37-38.

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, men and brethren what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Verse 37 reveals to us the work of the Spirit in regeneration for they heard and were pricked in their hearts. This is evidence of the initial work of the Spirit in regeneration. This made them cry out, "What shall we do?" This cry is not the cry of a depraved sinner, for salvation is not according as we do, but according to what Christ has done for us.

This is also evident in the salvation of the Apostle Paul. We hear him cry out, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Those who have been quickened by the Holy Spirit, they desire to know the next step which they must take. It is then that the Apostle Peter invites them to repent and be baptized. This is the true invitation. Would it not be rather foolish to give an invitation to a dead man telling him to repent and be baptized?

To those who heed this invitation there is the promise of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

I would have you notice that the invitation was not to receive the Holy Spirit, but rather the gifts of the Spirit. They had been given the Spirit in verse 37. It is my belief that the gifts of the Spirit are given through baptism. By this, I do not mean any baptism, but the baptism at the hand of a authorized church which is a Baptist Church.

Read Isa. 55:1-6.

This invitation is given to those who are thirsty. Here again may I point out that the dead do not thirst. To be thirsty for the things of God, one must be made alive spiritually. Here the invitation is given to come to the waters. The Lord gives the same invitation in Jn. 7:37-39. The Lord invites those who are made thirsty to come unto Him and drink. Now, may I ask this question? Where is the Lord, or where can I find Him if I am thirsty? There is only one place on this earth that a thirsty soul can come to Jesus and that is the place where He has taken up His abode, and that is in His church.

"I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you." Jn. 14:18.

Thus, the invitation to those who are thirsty is to affiliate themselves with His church for on the Day of Pentecost, He came and took up His residence in His church.

There are certain conditions where it would be advisable for a Baptist to transfer his membership to another church of like faith. If he lived so far from his own church that he could not attend, then I believe if there is a true church where he could attend, he should transfer his membership. Sometimes members desire to transfer their membership because of some petty differences between them and other members of the body, then I believe that they should not transfer their membership, but resolve the differences in the way that the Lord has told us to in Mat. 18:15-19.

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Among the things that Satan has perverted to an alarming and disgusting degree, are invitations. I have seen invitations that were dragged out until they were as long in duration as the rest of the service, and I have seen all kinds of tricks and stunts used to get people to make some sort of a profession. Many preachers are really going to have something to answer for when they stand at the Judgment Seat of Christ for the great God takes no part in trickery, nor does he want "converts" that are enticed down front through schemes. The preacher may have a "successful"

meeting in point of numbers, through invitation schemes, but he has dishonored God and has raked in some unsaved people who will help corrupt a church. Let us note some of the wrong kinds of invitations.

1 — The invitation that starts, "Every head bowed and every eye closed." If the preacher makes this request that the congregation may reverently engage in prayer, then well and good, but that is not the usual idea. The usual idea is to get some people to hold up their hands or to come forward while no one is looking at them. It is the idea, "Sneak down the aisle and make a profession while no one sees you. You won't have to stand any embarrassment for Christ." Let me ask how much a profession is worth, when the one professing is ashamed of Christ?

2 — Another invitation is, "Come down and give me your hand and Jesus your heart." Such an invitation presents a false way of salvation. The sinner is not in a giving position to give God anything. He is saved when he receives Christ. "To as many as receive him, to them gives he the privilege of becoming the sons of God . . ." Jesus doesn't want your nasty, stinking old heart, for it is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. It is so filthy that when a person is saved God gives a "new heart."

3 — Another invitation makes much of the prayer of the preacher. "Come down and let ME (Me!) pray for you." This is often a mere ruse to get people forward, and I have seen cases in which the preacher even forgot to offer the prayer. The idea is often lodged in people's minds that the preacher has some great mediatorial power to get the sinner through by means of his praying. Attention is diverted from Jesus to the preacher, and often he seems quite willing to have it so.

4 — Another invitation invites people down to "THE ALTAR" where they are exhorted to "pray through." Listen: the last altar was the cross of Calvary on which our Saviour died. An altar in the Bible sense is a place for sacrifice, and there is no need for an altar since Jesus died as atoning sacrifice for sin. And as for "praying through," that is Satanic nonsense. People are not saved through prayer or weeping or any such things. Paul said (Acts 16) "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." That is still the right instruction to give — not "pray through."

The question as stated is, "Should a pastor give an invitation for the lost to be received by the Savior?" This statement must be a typographical error. If the querist means, "Should a pastor give an invitation for the lost to receive the Savior?" the answer is "yes." Jesus gave invitations. He said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." He said, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink." I have seen Hardshells seemingly afraid that some one might

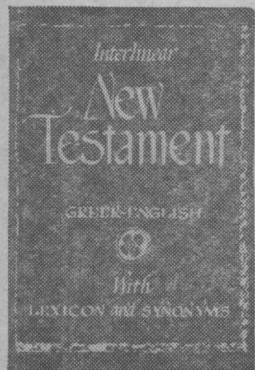
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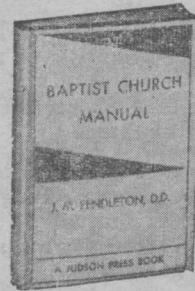
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The Forum

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turn to Christ during the service, and they said, "Now I am not talking to the lost — my desire is to feed the sheep." No one need be afraid that the non-elect are going to turn to Christ or that some old non-elect goat is going to get into the sheepfold. It is the business of a preacher to reach to a congregation and to give an invitation as if every person present was elect and was designed to be called out under his ministry. After all, so far as we know they may be all of the elect. We should leave that with God.

The questioner also asks should an invitation be given Baptists to transfer their membership? Certainly it should. Baptists who move into a new community need to have it made plain that they will be welcome in the church and attend, and also they need to be urged to do their duty in keeping membership with another church. To fail to move membership is usually to backslide, and we need to be warned about

and a still greater colony of Epicureans. Apparently, the Apostle Paul decided to direct his message toward these individuals. The Word of God would tell us that the Apostle Paul soared into the skies. If ever Paul scattered stardust over his audience, he did so when he preached this sermon on Mars' hill, for there on Mars' hill he talked to them about the unknown God.

It is true that they didn't know Him. It is true that they were ignorant of Him. In fact, it is true today that everybody outside of the Lord Jesus Christ is ignorant of Him, and we can preach the same unknown God to every man who is unsaved today.

When the Apostle Paul preached in the city of Athens, the Word of God would indicate that his results were not as great as elsewhere. Now I am not measuring Paul's success by his results; in fact, I am not measuring any man's success by the results that he has, but I say that even though Paul's results were scarce most every place, that his results in the city of Athens were very, very scarce.

The Word of God says that there were a few that believed, but in the main, there were not many folk that received Him in the city of Athens, and accordingly, Paul left Athens discouraged. If you will read the 17th chapter of the book of the Acts and also the book of I Corinthians, you will find that apparently the Apostle Paul left the city of Athens somewhat discouraged as a result of his ministry.

I have had the same experi-

ence. I am satisfied that many preachers have had the same experience when they have poured out their heart, and did the best they could, to preach, and the results were virtually nothing. I am satisfied that many have closed their Bible and said, "Lord, my message hasn't accomplished much today."

When the Apostle Paul left the city of Athens, he left it, I think, somewhat discouraged. He crossed the Aegean Sea, and in a few days time was at Corinth, where he began a lengthy ministry. When he writes back to these Corinthians five years later, he says, "When I came to you five years ago from Athens, having preached to the Stoicks and the Epicureans—when I came to you, I didn't come with excellency of wisdom and speech, but I came to you declaring only the counsel of God, for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

I think there was a reason why the Apostle Paul came to Corinth in that manner. He had probably tried, maybe just a little, in his own flesh, at Athens. Now when he comes to Corinth, the Apostle Paul says, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

There were plenty of things that were wrong in the city of Corinth. I am satisfied there was lots of vice in the government of Corinth. Why didn't Paul start some kind of a reform movement to clean up the politics of the city of Corinth? Just one reason: "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

I am satisfied there were plenty of things in the city of Corinth that were challenging so far as the youth were concerned, for Paul, in the city of Corinth, saw the youth subjected to great and grievous immorality. Now why didn't Paul say, "We have to do something for the young people. There is not enough being done for the young people. You can't expect them to enjoy sermons like old people can. You have to do something for the young people." If Paul had been a modern preacher, that would have been what Paul would have said. He would have said, "We have to have some skating parties. We have to have some swimming parties. We have to do things to appeal to the flesh of our young people." If the Apostle Paul had been a modern young preacher

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he would have said, "The best thing we can do is to get into the 'Little League.' Get a baseball team for the youngsters, and then as they grow up, we will get other things for them, and we will concentrate on these young people. But, beloved, he didn't do that. Rather, he said, 'For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.'"

I am satisfied there was plenty of immorality in the city of Corinth. In fact, if you will read the religion of the city of Corinth you will find that it was so mixed up with immorality, it would be hard to tell whether you were attending a church service when Paul went there, or whether you were attending a meeting in a house of prostitution. I measure my words when I say that, for there was a temple to Aphrodite in the city of Corinth where a thousand priestess courtesans served day by day a religion to their god, which was nothing but the work of their fleshly nature.

If the Apostle Paul had inclined to have done so, he might have gotten together some kind of a reform movement to change the religious life in the city of Corinth, but he didn't do it. He said, "I came to you five years ago from Athens where I had preached to the Stoicks and the Epicureans. I had dealt with them with words of wisdom and excellency of speech. I scattered stardust over all the audience of Athens, but when I came to you, I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

I

THE WORLD BY WISDOM KNEW NOT GOD.

The Apostle Paul told these folk at Corinth that the world by wisdom couldn't understand God. Listen:

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom KNEW NOT GOD."—I Cor. 1:21.

Let's go back to the third chapter of Genesis. Eve has a visitor, which surely was not a slimy snake crawling around on the ground. I rather imagine when Isaiah refers to the "fiery flying serpent" that it was doubt-

lessly such as that, that Eve had to visit her in the Garden of Eden. At any rate, it was a beautiful creature, the snake, which spoke to Eve. They parleyed and they discussed certain things. The serpent said, "has God forbidden you to do any one thing?" Eve spoke up and said, "God has told us not to eat of this one tree, and furthermore, we are not to touch it, lest we die."

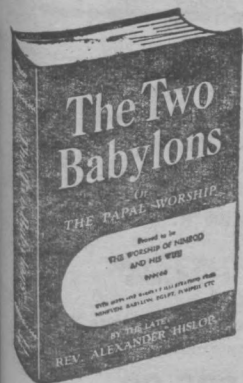
Beloved, the first individual that ever added to the Word of God was Eve. God hadn't said anything about touching the tree. God had told them not to eat it. When the serpent saw that Eve was inclined in the direction of a doubt of God, he then said, "Ye shall not surely die." The first lie that was told in this world was thus told by the devil.

Then the serpent went further and said, "If you will just eat of the fruit of this tree, your eyes would be opened and you would be as God. You would know good and evil then." Poor old Eve, beguiled by the serpent, soon found herself eating of that forbidden fruit, and giving of that forbidden fruit unto her husband. Beloved, they were doing nothing else but trying to know God by wisdom. They were trying to find out God with their own wisdom.

I wish you would notice that when they listened to the Devil's lie rather than to God's truth, they got knowledge all right, but it was a knowledge of sin, and they missed the knowledge of God. Do you see what happened, beloved? Do you see what these individuals did? They took fig leaves and tried to make clothes for themselves from these fig leaves. Why? They had gotten knowledge, but it was a knowledge of sin; it wasn't a knowledge of God.

I want to tell you, beloved, this is the best illustration in all the Bible to show us that the world by wisdom cannot understand God. You don't know God by human intellect. You can send a boy to school and he will learn everything in this world so far as material things are concerned, but he won't learn about God. Listen:

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"They looked unto Him, and were radiant."

—Ps. 34:5 R. V.

By J. B. ROWELL, Victoria, B. C.

LOVE INTERCEDING

Every moment, night or day, our once crucified, but now Risen Lord, is engaged in His Intercessory Ministry on our behalf. "I am he that liveth, and became dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore." "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Thus, this ever-living, ever-loving Lord, ever intercedes for us in all our weaknesses, in all our temptations. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." (Rev. 1:18; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:15).

LOVE'S RETURN

"I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." (John 14:31; Acts 1:11). Thus, Christians are to live as those who have "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God: and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come." (1 Thes. 1:9, 10).

Watching! Waiting! Serving! This is the joy and privilege of every child of God. "Looking for that Blessed Hope, and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:13, 14). How much we may thank the Lord for this precious truth—*Jesus is coming again!*

LOVE'S CORONATION

Yes, The Crowning Day is coming by and by. The rolling thunders of triumph are to reverberate through the entire universe, "Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." "We shall also reign with him." "And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." (Rev. 19-6; 11:15; 2 Timothy 2:12; Rev. 22:5).

"IMMORTAL LOVE, for ever full,
For ever flowing free,
For ever shared, for ever whole,
A never-ebbing seal"

"Preaching... Cross"

Listen again, for Paul, in talking about the last days, says:

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."—II Tim. 3:7.

You start a boy to kindergarten, and he goes from that to grade school, and from that to high school, and from that to college, and from that to a university. Then he gets out in the school of practical experience and hard knocks, and he goes through life educated in the eyes of the world, we would say, but he knows nothing about Almighty God, because people are ever learning, but they will never be able to come to the knowledge of the truth with their own human intellect. I tell you, beloved, you just don't find out God by human wisdom.

That is what the Lord Jesus meant when he was talking to

Simon Peter. Listen:

"Flesh and blood HATH NOT REVEALED it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." — Mt. 16:17.

Simon Peter hadn't learned about Jesus because of his flesh and blood, or because of his human intellect. What he knew, he learned from God.

May I pause long enough to say that if you are saved you ought to get on your knees before God today and thank Him for what He has done. He has worked a miracle for you. You have had a revelation from Almighty God, that the man of the world has not had.

If you are unsaved, you will never be saved unless the Spirit of God works a miracle for you and opens your intellect and reveals the Lord Jesus Christ unto you. I say, you just don't find out God by human wisdom.

II

THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS IS FOOLISHNESS TO THEM THAT PERISH.

This is what the Apostle Paul says, for we read:

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish FOOLISHNESS; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." — I Cor. 1:18.

Look at the Jews. They were looking after a sign, but Jesus said, "There shall be no sign given except that of the prophet Jonah." They didn't want a sign of the prophet Jonah, for that was a sign of a dead Christ—a sign of a Christ that was resurrected. Just like Jonah was vomited out of that fish, that was a sign of a weak Christ, and they didn't want a weak Christ. The Jews wanted a Christ of power who would set up a kingdom and rule this world.

What were the Greeks seeking for? The Word of God says that they were seeking after wisdom.

Beloved, you don't find God through wisdom. I tell you, in view of the fact that the Jews were seeking a sign of Christ, and the Greeks were seeking after wisdom, I say to you, the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness. The Jew doesn't like a weak Christ. The Greek doesn't like a Christ that he can't understand with his own wisdom, and the Christ we preach to you is neither a strong Christ in the eyes of the world, nor is He a Christ that is understood by human wisdom. Beloved, the preaching of the cross is foolishness to that man who perishes.

Let me tear a couple of pages out of my own experience.

There used to be a man who worked in a bank, who was exceedingly courteous to me. In the years gone by, he had graduated from the University of Kentucky and had become a newspaper reporter, working for one of the nation's outstanding dailies, and was very successful in the field of journalism. He decided he wanted to come back to his home town and the only job that was open to him, was working in a bank. As I say, he was unusually nice to me. Time after time he has waited on me, always most courteous when I was in the bank. I never one time witnessed to that man. Not one time did I tell him, that someday I hoped to see him saved.

Some few years passed and I learned one day that he was in the hospital and I went to visit him. I talked to one of his relatives and he said, "It is only a matter of a few weeks—maybe a few days, at most that he can live. He is seriously ill and is dying fast, and if you can do anything for him, Brother Gilpin, do it." I went into his room and I said to him, as I called him by name, "First of all, I owe you an apology. You have waited on me in the bank dozens and dozens of times, and never one time did

I tell you about Jesus." I said, "Time after time you have been nice to me. You have been more than courteous. You have helped me business wise, and you advised me so far as this world is concerned, but not one time did I ever tell you how to be saved. Therefore I want to apologize to you first of all."

Then I took my Bible and I read him Scripture after Scripture to tell him how Jesus died for our sins and that there is no hope otherwise. I gave him every thought I could from God's Word to show him that the only hope that any man could have is that Jesus Christ died for our sins. I showed him how our works could never save. When I finished, I said, "Now what do you think of what I have said?" "Well," he said, "I am glad to have your philosophy of life, and I will have to weigh it along with other philosophies that others give to me." That was as far as I could get. Why? Because "the world by wisdom knew not God" and "the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness."

Before I left the hospital room he said to me, "It seems to me that man could do something or

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other. It seems so foolish to think that one must depend entirely upon God." I turned and read him this Scripture: "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness." He had said it, and I confirmed it with the Word of God.

In my first pastorate there was a man whom I have spoken of before—a man who was an infidel. The first time I met him was on a cold November afternoon when I was visiting another family who lived near the backside of this infidel's farm. There was a cold drizzly rain and this infidel was out there on Sunday afternoon sowing wheat. He had come over to this house where I had come to visit, and I got acquainted with him. However, he let me know immediately that he had no use for preachers, and he did it in no uncertain terms. In fact, I can remember very definitely some of the scathing, biting words that he used concerning preachers. I say,

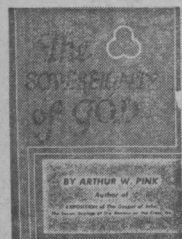
I got acquainted with him that afternoon. That was my first impression of that man.

Days passed and in the providence of God I got pretty well acquainted with him. The time came one day when he struck his arm with the handle of the scythe and it became swollen. He thought nothing about it, but a few days later it became exceedingly sore. He was not able to drive, and I happened to be available, and I took him in my car to a doctor. The doctor told him that he had tuberculosis of the bone and that his arm was going to have to be taken off. I drove him to the doctor several times, and I went with him to the hospital when they took his arm off. I stood there beside him. He wouldn't even go through the operation unless I promised to stay beside him.

Time passed by. All the time I had been witnessing to him, and one day I said, "I want you to come to church." We had ridden hundreds of miles together, but I had never gotten him to come to church one time. So I said, "I want you to come to church tomorrow night." He said, "I think I will do it. I have an asthmatic condition, as you know, and when I get in a crowd, I cough badly, but if you will open the window, I will drive my car just outside the window where I can listen." We did so.

The next morning I met him on the road and I said, "What did you think about the service last night?" He said, "Well, you called on somebody to pray, and he got up and closed his eyes and I thought, what a foolish thing to talk up into the skies." Then he said, "You sang a half dozen songs and they didn't make any sense to me. I thought they were the biggest bunch of foolishness I ever heard in my life." Then he said, "You got up to preach and I realized that you had some little ability and I thought, what an intelligent man he is, and here he is absolutely wasting his time." He said, "I hope I haven't hurt your feelings, but that is exactly my reaction." I said, "Brother, you haven't hurt my feelings at all, but I am going to hurt yours with the Word of God. I am going to tell you that your reaction is the reaction that I would expect from a man that is unsaved, and is perishing, and going to Hell, for the Word of God says that 'the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness.' If you were not perishing—if you were not on the road to Hell—if you were not dying and going to Hell to spend your eternity—if that were not your experience, you wouldn't have thought it was all foolishness last night."

Eventually, I saw that man saved. Eventually, I saw that man come to a knowledge of Jesus Christ. I witnessed to him five times before that man was saved, and before the Lord Jesus Christ. (Continued on page 7, column 1)



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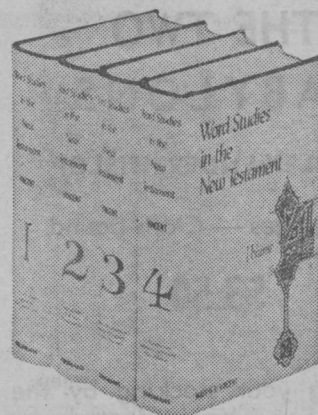
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 fit to reveal Himself to him. tell you of his experience that you might see that the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who perish.

WHOM GOD SAVES.

If you don't find out God by your own intellect, and if the preaching of the cross is foolishness to that man that is going to hell, then I ask, whom does God save?

First of all, He saves those who believe. Listen:
 "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—I Cor. 1:21.

Whom does He save? Those that believe. Believe what? That there is a God? No. That there is a Christ? No. That Christ died on the cross? No. What? That Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins. Listen:

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that BELIEVETH; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Rom. 1:16.

"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.

"For by grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God."—Eph. 2:8.

I say, beloved, in view of the fact that you don't find out God by worldly wisdom, and in view of the fact that the preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that are perishing, I ask, who is that God saves? I say, first of all, He saves those that believe.

Secondly, He saves those whom He calls, for we read:

"But unto them which are CALLED, both Jews and Greeks, I will give the power of God, and the wisdom of God."—I Cor. 1:24.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men, not many mighty, not many noble, are CALLED."—I Cor. 1:26.

Who are saved, beloved? Not those who are trying to find out God by earthly wisdom, but those who are called of God.

I want to insist that God has to call a man if he is saved. Listen:
 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are THE CALLED according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren."—Rom. 8:29, 30.

"Wherefore holy brethren, PARTAKERS OF THE HEAVENLY CALLING, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.—Heb. 3:1.

I say, God has to call a man for that man to be saved?

Oh, can't I come down the aisle and pick out a man and twist his arm and persuade him to come forward and make a profession? Yes, I can, and it is done, too. Churches do it. Preachers do it. Evangelists do it. It is a good way to have a good report for others to read in the paper. It is a good way to fill up the church with ecclesiastical corpses. Yes, I can do it, but that doesn't result in salvation, but when the Holy Spirit walks the aisle and pauses beside you, and calls you, that is different.

Whom does He save? I say, He saves those that believe, and He saves those that are called. Also, He saves those that are chosen. Listen:

"But GOD HATH CHOSEN the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."—I Cor. 1:27, 28.

Beloved, God has to do the choosing, and He calls those whom He chooses.

Let's look at it. Who are saved? Those that believe. Why do they believe? Because they have been called of God. Why are they called of God? Because God chose them before the foundation of the world.

Beloved, do you need worldly wisdom to understand God? No. You don't need any worldly wisdom. Why? Because every individual that believes, believes because he has been called of God, and he is called of God only because God chose him before the foundation of the world.

Isn't it remarkable those whom God chooses? The Word of God says that He has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. Beloved, I believe that many a fellow who doesn't know the A.B.C.'s so far as the material things of this world are concerned, knows more spiritually than lots of college professors. I think there are college professors that are spiritual ignoramuses so far as God's Word is concerned.

Isn't it remarkable the crowd that God chooses? Go read in the Bible of the inconsequential men that followed Jesus in the days of His ministry. You will read how there were publicans and sinners who gathered themselves around Him. We read:
 "And the common people heard him gladly."—Mark 12:37.

Oh, what a crowd it was that He chose!

Go back in the Old Testament and see an old man by the name of Shamgar who was used of God. What did he have whereby God used him? Just an ox goad. Talk about God choosing foolish, inconsequential things of this world, the base things—God chose Shamgar with an ox goad.

God chose Gideon who said himself that he was the least of his father's household.

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the sheepfold when he was but a little boy and passed by those great big stalwart sons of Jesse. God chose a little red-headed, freckled-face boy that was out there herding the sheep, that was of such little consequence to his father that he didn't think about him when Samuel said, "Bring your sons in, for I have come to anoint a king." He didn't even think about David, but God had chosen him.

I want to tell you, it isn't up to you and me to tell God whom to choose, or how to choose. God saves those who believe. They believe because they have been called, and they are called because they have been chosen.

I look at Amos. Amos was a farmer, a gatherer of sycamore bark, a herdsman. He wasn't any prophet. He said, "I was no prophet," but God called him to come to the city of Bethel to deliver a message unto them. Imagine God sending out there and getting an old "hick" from the country to tell those educated, cultured people in the city of Bethel that their religion was all in vain.

Here is Elisha. He is plowing. He has eight oxen out there in front of him. He has a plow in front of him. He is plowing. God says, "Elisha, I have something different for you. I want you to plow through the hearts and souls of men. I want you to quit this plowing of the ground, and I want you to plow the souls of men and sow them down with the seed of my Word." Elisha takes his plow and makes an altar and uses the wood of the plow for the fire. He kills the animals and puts them on the altar in order that he might offer

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a sacrifice to God, and he begins a service for the Lord.

If you think it strange that God chose Elisha, look how He chose little Samuel. When God put Samuel into the home of that old priest, Eli, little did Samuel know, and little did his mother know, and little did Eli know the future that was in store for them. But by and by, one night, God spoke to Samuel. You say, "Do you believe God speaks to men?" Maybe not always literally, but just as strongly as though it were a literal voice. Well, God spoke to Samuel, and Samuel jumped up and ran to Eli and said, "Here am I." Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." He came back a second time and Eli said, "No, I didn't call you. Go back and lie down." Samuel came a third time and by this time Eli realized that it was the Lord who was talking to Samuel. Eli said, "You go back and lie down and if the voice comes back again, you say, 'Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.'" Samuel went back and lay down and when God spoke for the fourth time, it was then that Samuel said, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Imagine God passing by all those people in all that country to call a little boy that was so young that he didn't know anything about the Lord. I tell you, beloved, the crowd that God calls, the crowd that He has chosen, the crowd that He is going to use is not the crowd that man would choose.

I ask, whom does God save? He saves those that believe. And why do they believe? Because they have been called. Why are they called? Because they have been chosen.

WHAT GOD MAKES CHRIST TO BE TO THOSE HE CHOOSES.

What does God do for those folk who believe, who are called and who are chosen? We read:

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."—I Cor. 1:30.

Beloved, you get wisdom when you get Jesus Christ in your heart. How wise? Listen:

"In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."—Col. 2:3.

What does God make Christ to us when we are in Christ? He has been made unto us wisdom.

God also makes unto us right-

eousness. You don't have your own righteousness, but you have the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, when God looks down upon me, He doesn't see me in my own filthiness, and in my own self-righteousness, but God sees me clothed in the righteousness of His own Son. Notice:

"For he hath made him, who knew no sin; to be sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."—II Cor. 5:21.

Thank God, He clothes us in His own righteousness!

What else does He do for us? The Word of God says that Christ has been made unto us not only wisdom and righteousness, but also sanctification. We are set apart to the service of God as a result of what Jesus Christ has done. Listen:

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."—II Thes. 2:13.

Also, we have redemption in Jesus Christ. We don't have it any other way.

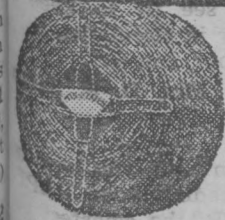
I stood there in Mexico a few years ago at the sacrificial grounds of the pyramid that was built to the sun and I saw how they had the serpent carved in rock, all the way around their sacrificial place. They knew something about the serpent. Somehow they had gotten some revelation of the serpent and what the serpent had done, but they had tried by wisdom to find out God, and accordingly they took their own people and offered them as a sacrifice. I saw the stone on which they laid them, and the knives that they used for cutting their hearts out. What was wrong? Just one thing. That isn't redemption. That is the world trying to find out God by wisdom. But when God reveals Himself to us, He reveals Himself through Jesus Christ, and we have redemption in Jesus Christ. Listen:

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

Beloved, what has He been made for us? He has been made wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

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Now get my closing thought. If you don't find out God by human intellect; and if the world in its attempt to find out God by human intellect perishes, thinking that the cross is foolish; and if God saves those who believe because they have been called, and because they have been chosen; and if God makes us to be in Christ, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, then what is there left for you and me to do? There is just one

thing. Paul expressed it when he wrote to the churches of Galatia: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Gal. 6:14.

I tell you, beloved, my glory is only in the cross of Jesus Christ. I can't glory in anything that I do. I can't glory in anything so far as this world is concerned. Listen, brother, sister, the object of all of our glory is Jesus Christ Himself. Why? Because of what He has been made to us.

"Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the

rich man glory in his riches; But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord."—Jer. 9: 23, 24.

I am not to glory in wisdom, I am not to glory in might, and I am not to glory in riches. If I glory in anything, it is to be the fact that I know God through Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION

Do you know Him? Is He your Saviour? Have you been saved? Are you redeemed? Has Christ been made to you wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption? Do you glory in Him today? Oh, might God reveal Himself to you, that you might believe Jesus Christ died for your sins, that you might come to a realization that you are one of His — chosen and called of the Lord, that you might go out from this place to glory in the Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless you!



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were, missed the most important meeting held anywhere in the world. If the political leaders had been here they would have found the solution to all the world's problems. That solution being Jesus Christ.

William D. Fisher
Platteville, Wisconsin

God in grace, provided more truth in one weekend, than all the ministers could feed their own flocks in a year. I thank Him I was led to attend and I also thank God for Calvary Baptist Church. I trust God shall continue to use this work of Calvary Baptist Church for the years to come, though they be few, for His glory. May God bless, comfort and teach you more is my prayer and desire.

John Wesley Napier,
Prichard, West Virginia



Fred W. Roberts

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ed the next morning until the time we left. I told him that only God could call a missionary to this place. (When God does, he will grow to like these people as Brother Halliman and I do).

The other missionaries hate Brother Halliman and what he stands for so they try in every way they can to get our members. Before I came, they said no one else would ever come to help him, and he was an old man and would die before long. When he went back to America (which he only went back for the work's sake and not because he wanted to), they said he would never come back. These missions get their medicine from the government as we do (although we have had to buy some in the past). They refuse to give medicine to Baptists because they think by doing this they will get some of our people. To my knowledge this Satanic device doesn't work — it only causes our people to be more firm.

The next day we held services at about 8:00 a.m. By 9:30 we were on our way. At 11:00 a.m. we came to a small church where services were held. After services we went on to another church arriving at 12:45. Immediately the

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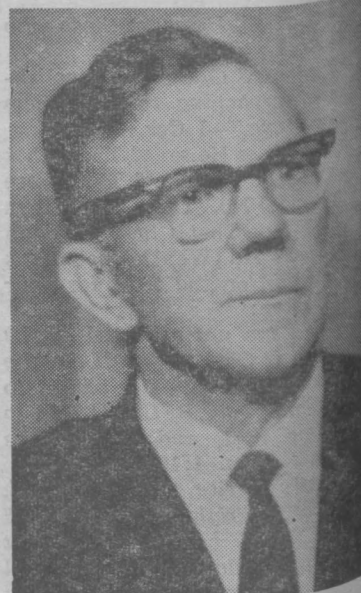
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We are sure that there is a great potential there, and we pray for them that they may be able to establish a solid, sound work, especially since there are no sound churches in that area.

Brother O. B. Baker is pastor of the Verona Baptist Church, which is sponsoring this new mission. Loving Brother Baker as we do, we pray for him and the church, and for this mission, and we would urge our friends in that

area to attend, not only the mission at Miamisburg, but the



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church at Verona whenever they might have an opportunity to do so.

people wanted me to preach. After a bite to eat and a little studying, the third service for the day was held. Some of the people here were so happy to see me they could hardly contain themselves. The last message was very hard to deliver — did you ever go to sleep while preaching? I almost did while the interpreter was interpreting. By the time the service was over since it was impossible for me to stay awake any more I went right to the house and slept for a little over an hour. After that I had a good Bible study.

The following day we didn't walk very far, around five miles and on a road for cars. Three services were held again, but this time I slept a little between the second and third services. All of the services were well attended this day also as the people are starved for the Word of God. I was so moved by their begging me to have a white man (missionary) come to live in their area and work with them continually, that I am going back in a couple of weeks to some of these churches and some that I haven't seen as of yet. Pray with the natives, Brother Halliman, and I that God will call a missionary to help these people.

The following day we left for home. We started by climbing very nearly straight up a high mountain. After descending the other side of this mountain we came to the mission station where Brother Halliman and I went when Brother Halliman started his month long patrol before leaving for the States. We stopped and held services here, but we didn't stay long as it seemed so lonesome

without Brother Halliman there. It took me four hours and forty-five minutes to make the trip from the Mission to this mission station and five hours and fifteen minutes to return home. This time I made it home in three hours and fifteen minutes. This is about what it takes Brother Halliman to walk this distance.

In four days eight sermons were preached to a large number of people. Services were held in about five different places. It was worth all of the walking and sweating when God's Word is proclaimed to people willing to hear His Word.



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