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A QUESTION FOR TRUTH LOVERS TO PONDER . . .

## Are Baptist Churches Now Storage Depots?

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 Dayton, Ohio

In a recent visit to Leslie and Clay Counties, for a series of meetings, I attended the Baptist Church, at Oneida, Kentucky, Sunday night Oct. 29th, 1967.

When the pastor gave the invitation, at the end of the service, a young lady came forward. She belonged to "The So-Called Lutheran Church," and was accepted under, what the leaders of the Oneida Baptist Church chose to call "The Watch-Care" of the church.

According to the Oneida Baptist Church, she will have all the rights and privileges of any member, to the extent, that she may teach in Sunday School, B.T.U. or, in general have all the rights and privileges of a regularly baptized member of that Church.

Instead of preaching and teaching according to Baptist doctrines, and offering Baptist baptism, upon the authority of a Missionary Baptist Church, to the young people who attend the "Oneida Baptist Institute," that Church, is

teaching by practice and inference, that one church is as good as another.



ELD. EDWARD BAKER

In 1958, I believe it was, my wife and the children and I became members of the Oneida

Baptist Church, by letter. Not very long after we became members, we were having the Lord's Supper. At least that was the idea, but instead of partaking, as the Master authorized — as recorded in 1st Corinthians 11:18ff, and 1st Corinthians 5:7-11; the pastor and deacons gave the bread and wine to foreigners, who were from Iraq, and Iran, and not members of our church.

Neither I, nor my wife, nor the children partook with them, for I considered it in open violation of the teachings of the Bible, therefore, really not the Lord's Supper, at all. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Also 2nd Corinthians 6:15, demands, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

I say again, "Have Baptist Churches become a storage depot?" Baptist Churches are true New Testament Churches, or else they are man-made, and have no right to call themselves churches.

I am persuaded that Revelation 17:5 is speaking of Rome and her (Continued on page 8, column 3)

## A FINE WEEK-END VISIT WITH GRACE BAPTISTS of ROME O.

On the weekend of November 4 and 5, it was our pleasure to travel to Rome, Ohio, (about forty miles north of Cleveland) to baptize and organize the Grace Baptist Church of that place.

Elder John Stepp had started this work several years ago. In view of the fact that he had begun preaching shortly after He was saved, and without any Bible knowledge, he had done the best he could in carrying on the work.

In the course of God's providence, he had learned much within the last few years through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, through our fellowship together, and through association with other strong Baptist preachers. For



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quite some time, he had realized that his work was not organized properly and that the baptisms that had been performed were somewhat irregular, to say the least.

Accordingly, I made this trip under the authority of Calvary Baptist Church to be of help and to assist Brother Stepp and the church there.

There were about forty members whom we had received as candidates for baptism into Calvary Baptist Church some month ago, and on this weekend of November 4 and 5, Mrs. Gilpin and I visited with them, baptized them into the fellowship of our church here in Ashland, and then organized them into a church.

We had a most wonderful service on Saturday evening with the entire group being present. Then I drove about twenty-five miles to the home of Brother Stepp where we spent the night. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## Paul Preached What The World Then, And Now, In This Apostate Age, Calls Heresy

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1967 BIBLE CONFERENCE

CHARLIE BUFORD  
 Birmingham, Alabama

ACTS 24:14

"But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets."

If the world ever branded a man as a heretic, it must have been Paul. He loved God and His word so much, that he was always dogmatic in preaching the doctrines of God. When it came to rightly dividing the word of truth, he didn't hesitate to become involved. He was beaten and thrown in jail at Philippi, that through the providence of God, he might say to the jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house," and then go home with him and preach the gospel to his family and baptize them. Then

he went on to establish a church at Thessalonica. There his enemies accused him of turning the world upside down with his preaching. Here he is described by his enemies as a pestilent, obnoxious, offensive person and a mover of sedition among the people. As he stands there before Felix accused of being a trouble maker by his way of worship and serving the Lord, I want you to see what he has to say: "But this I confess unto thee that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers."

That crowd must have been expecting Paul to confess to this

charge to save his own skin but beloved it was a different confession to that. He only had one confession to make and that was a confession of what the world calls heresy.

My aim is to show what the world calls heresy, and Paul said he worshipped in that way. So our study concerns what Paul believed.

I. Paul believed in total depravity.

I think this modern day depravity we hear so much about would make Paul sick at his stomach, just to hear about it. Beloved, Paul believed that all of man was depraved including his will.

These so called Baptists all over the country are constantly affirming that they believe in total depravity, yet they never cease to require their converts to do something to come up with (Continued on page 6, column 4)

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L. E. Jarrell  
 (New Mexico)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "Working In The World's Harvest Field"

"But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." —Mt. 9:36-38.

I rather imagine what was true in the days of Jesus has been true in every day down to the present time, and I certainly know that it is true today, that there is a tremendous harvest here in this world, and that the laborers

are exceedingly few.

To give you an indication as to how few the laborers are, I refer to an incident that I clipped from a paper of recent date relative to the United Church of Canada. When we think of Canada, we realize that is just our next door neighbor—only a very short distance away, and we would certainly not think that there could be much difference between the people of Canada and the people of the United States. Generally speaking, that is true, but so far as religious life is concerned, the United Church of Canada has completely drifted away from a conservative mooring of any

type at all. I was rather impressed by this article when they said that the Bible is a book of "myths, legends, history, poetry and wisdom literature." I was impressed especially when they made this statement concerning an individual who believed the Bible literally, that "they go on believing in clay-made man (Adam), a floating zoo (Noah), an amphibious - footed Jesus (walking on the water), a son of God who demonstrated his divinity as a home brew artist by turning water into wine and topped it with an ascension that looked like a Cape Kennedy blast (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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## A Baptist Mission Being Started In North Little Rock

The East Side Baptist Church of Benton, Arkansas, has started a mission in North Little Rock and we take pleasure in telling our readers of this.

This mission is currently meeting in the home of Brother C. A. Ratliff, 1615 West 44th Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. They



ELD. JOE SHELNUDDS

will later secure a building, but at present, are happy to meet in this home.

The meeting time for this new mission is Saturday evening at 7:00 P. M. and the work is under the auspices of the East Side Baptist Church of Benton, Arkansas, of which Brother Joe Shelnutts is pastor.

We would certainly urge all of our friends who live in that area to attend the services with them whenever God may make it possible. In view of the fact that we have approximately 200 copies of

this paper going to North Little Rock, we would expect, in all probability, that a number of our readers would be happy to attend, and we certainly trust that this will be true.

Brother and Sister Ratliff are devoted Christians, and the work is sponsored by a good church, and one of the best pastors that we know.

May God's blessings be and abide upon them in a very definite way.



## Five Baptist Churches

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 ices on this evening. To be sure, it was indeed a joy to see these visitors and friends and readers of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. In this connection, I must not fail to mention, Brother and Sister John Abbot of Benton, Arkansas, who have been long time friends and supporters of TBE. It was a joy to see them, especially since it had been years since our paths had crossed.

It was a blessed evening of fellowship with one of the best pastors that I have ever known, his church, and these visitors.

Instead of going back to Little Rock to spend the night with the Shelnutts, in order to save us time for the next day, the church paid for our motel and breakfast so that we could be on our way early the next morning.

On Friday, the 13th, late in the afternoon, we found ourselves at the home of Elder and Mrs. M. C. Hughes of Kountze, Texas. We had never met Brother Hughes until his recent visit with us at our Bible Conference this year. Frankly, I have seen but few individuals in life in the Baptist ministry who impressed me more than this dear man of God.

That which I say concerning Brother Hughes, I might also say concerning his church. The church is far out in the country, but it is one of those unusual cases that blesses the heart of a preacher. I could not say when I have been more warmly received than by Brother Hughes and the church.

Brother John Morgan, Baptist pastor in Houston, Texas, along with two carloads of his people, visited with us. This was a blessing especially in view of the fact that they had driven approximately 75 miles.

Then our old friend, Walter Herrin, whom we have known for over 20 years, along with his family drove from Orange, Texas, — a distance of about 50 miles to attend the services. It was good to see Brother Herrin, Brother Morgan, and the other visitors, and the fellowship with them and the church was great.

On Saturday night, October 14, I preached for the Bethel Baptist Church of Pasadena, Texas, which is pastored by Brother B. A. Langford. This was a great meeting — one that I will long remember. Truly, I could never forget the kindness that was shown me by Brother Langford and the church. We would certainly recommend that if any of our readers live in the area of Pasadena, that they avail themselves of worshipping

with this humble, sincere, and zealous pastor and church.

Brother Noble Hunt, pastor of Southmont Baptist Church of Houston, was present for the service on Saturday evening for an additional encouragement. Also Bro. Jack Thompson and Tommie Helm were visitors, but don't know the church they were from.

I have been trying to get Brother Langford to come to our Bible Conference for the last two years. I surely hope that God makes it possible for him and Brother Hunt and these other brethren to come to our Conference in 1968.

Realizing that I was to preach for the Caddo Baptist Church of Stockdale, Texas, on Sunday morning, and knowing that I was on the opposite side of Houston in Pasadena, I drove after the services on Saturday night about 50 miles beyond Houston before getting a motel, which put me a little closer to my destination of Sunday morning. Incidentally, let me tell you what Brother Langford did. He took his car and lead us through the intricate and complex highway system of Houston until we were completely out of town on the other side. Very few preachers have ever been as kind to me as Brother Langford, and this is just one example.

We arrived at Caddo Baptist Church in time for services on Sunday morning. This is a great old country church, pastored by one of the Baptist giants of today — Elder Gene Hensley. We stayed in Brother Hensley's home and enjoyed fellowship with his family immensely, and preached for this church four times on Sunday, and once each Monday evening, and Tuesday evening.

Bro. N. E. Hays and wife of Uvalde, Texas, came over and spent two days with us. They've been wonderful friends for years. There were folk who drove from San Antonio (about fifty miles) and from Austin (about ninety miles) for each of the services. I have never seen greater faithfulness to the Word, nor have I ever seen any group who loved their pastor more, nor have I ever had greater fellowship with any church than this one.

In order to break the trip on Wednesday, we drove after church services on Tuesday night to Austin, Texas, where we spent the night in the home of Brother and Sister Wayne Brookes, who are members of the Caddo Baptist Church. Their hospitality could never be surpassed. I look back upon this short evening and night's rest with them as one of the most pleasant parts of my trip.

On Wednesday, we drove over to Henderson, Texas, to be with our long-time friends, Elder and Mrs. John W. Reynolds, and the Providence Baptist Church of which Brother Reynolds is pastor. One can't know these folk without loving them, and neither can one be entertained in their home without being especially impressed by the Christian hospitality manifested thereby.

I first got acquainted with Brother Reynolds when I went to Mexico with him in 1955. I rode in the car with him, slept in the same room with him, ate with him and talked with him for over two weeks. I came home then to say that he was one of the greatest Baptist preachers that I have ever met, and as time has passed by, my impression of him has increased.

The Providence Baptist Church, of which Brother Reynolds is pastor, is a great group of saints. They have supported THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for many years in a liberal manner. Some churches are Baptist in name, but these folk are real Baptists.

We had a great number of visitors from other churches — some driving as much as 100 miles each way for the services. Brother Jim and Wanda Frederick from Texarkana, who are old friends of this editor, were a

## "GO FORWARD"

"... GO FORWARD," Ex. 14: front.

15. You are aware that these are the words of the Lord to Moses and Israel as they stood before the Red Sea. They were hemmed in. They could not turn to either right or left because of obstacles. Behind them were the hordes of the Egyptian soldiers, commanded by the Pharaoh himself. In front of them was the humanly impassable sea. The God who commands the impossible to be done enables it.

Had they, Israel, but remembered the God who devastated Egypt in their behalf, enriched them from its coffers and sheltered them from His wrath poured out on the land, they would have passed that night as calmly as they did the one in which they ate the passover lamb. God's people who are behind the blood of His sacrifice can know that He stands between them and all the forces of evil. Circumstances are of His ordering!

To go forward means to make progress. This was Paul's knowledge as he expresses it in Phil. 3:14. Going forward means a time and point of departure from a given place. It means that there is no point of return. There is to the child of God a continual reaching forth for the things before, Phil. 3:13. It means moving with a goal in

blessing to the service. Other visitors included: Pastor Pruitt and Pastor Anderson from Jacksonville, Texas; Bro. Lon Brian and wife from Ore City, Texas. It was a real joy to see and fellowship with these folk.

On Thursday morning, we left Henderson on our return home, arriving in Ashland about 5:00 o'clock on Friday afternoon, October 20.

We had driven 3200 miles, taken care of several items of business along the way, visited with a number of friends, preached in five unusually good sound Baptist Churches, and had the sweetest of Christian fellowship every where that we went. In it all, I have never been more favorably impressed and more definitely amazed at the influence of our written ministry. I know that TBE reaches lots of people, but I never realized the far-reaching influences that it had until making this trip. Just to see people drive for a hundred miles each way to go to church to hear the truth, is, in itself, a real blessing and I have come home more determined than ever to make THE BAPTIST EXAMINER what we have always said it was—"America's Greatest Religious Weekly."

None would be so naive as to assume that our ever pressing towards the mark — which is to be imitators of Christ — is not opposed on every hand by difficulties. There are external physical foes, there are those whom Satan would use to turn us aside, trip us up, paralyze our prayer life and seduce us to evil. Inside us, in our old nature, is enough sin and destruction, were it not restrained by the Spirit, to destroy the world. Doubtless our foes are without number. All praise to His Name, these are restrained and cannot molest us except as needed for our testing and strengthening.

We can go forward in Bible study, advance in our experiences with Him in prayer, set higher purposes in our giving, become more humble in our walk and more diligent in our witnessing.

How? The same God and the same power that enabled the Israelites to cross thru the sea on dry land is our Enabler. Phil. 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." The same command echoes from that day thru the millenniums to our present time — "SPEAK UNTO MY PEOPLE THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

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 Central Baptist Church,  
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 off."

Beloved, can you imagine anything much worse than that? If that were spoken by an out-and-out infidel, you wouldn't think anything about it, but to think that this came as a statement from the United Church of Canada!

But listen again, when they ridicule the belief of Heaven and Hell in the here-after by saying that this doctrine of last things "encourages a sheep and goat division between good guys and bad guys, which may be all right on TV's Bonanza, but has nothing to do with the Bible, where we are warned not to judge, lest we be judged."

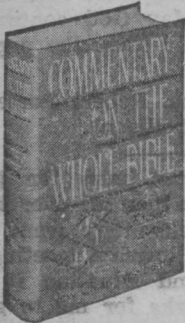
When I read this, beloved, I said to myself, it is hard to believe that a group that claims to be a church would make statements of this type whereby they ridicule the Word of God. Then I remembered the words of my Saviour when He said:

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. . . . Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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## "THE HOT LINE"

Dearly Beloved:

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, it is with the greatest of joy that I thank God for this wonderful year of 1967. In spite of wars, racial riots, apostasy, and difficulties on every hand, I truly thank God for the blessing of this year.

Our annual Bible Conference was the best yet, with over 800 in attendance, coming from 26 states, the District of Columbia, one foreign country, and two Canadian provinces. In all, 33 sermons were preached, which as well as the singing, was graciously blest of God to our spiritual good.

Calvary Baptist Church is not only happy over the Bible Conference, but for many other rich blessings this year. While it is not finished, we are most grateful for our new building. We, also, thank God for the splendid revival meeting we had shortly after the Bible Conference, with Elder Joe Wilson preaching. Likewise, we thank God for the numerical growth we have experienced, for it has been greater this year than ever before. Yes, Calvary Baptist Church has much for which to be grateful.

We have had a good year for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I don't say everything has been a bed of roses, but God has taken care of our written ministry most wonderfully. We are most thankful for the friends and supporters God has raised up in our behalf.

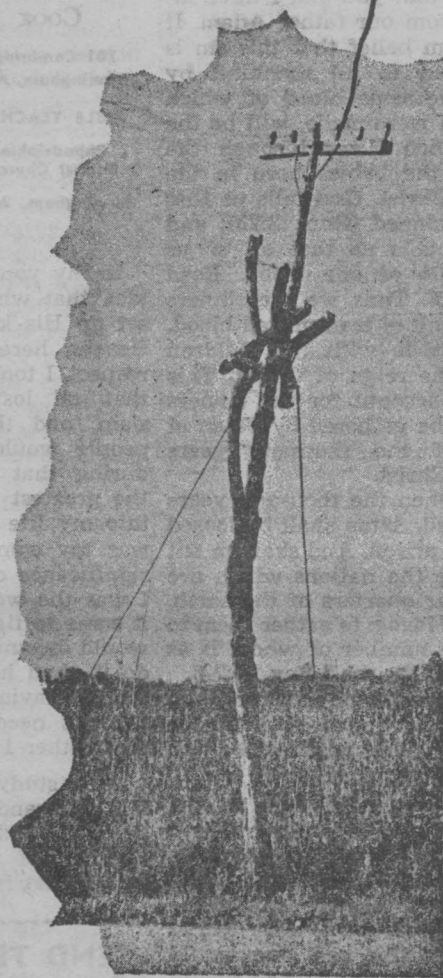
Our only real financially "dry spell" has been of recent date. Several small bills have accumulated, amounting to nearly \$2,500.00. We are hoping God gives us \$5,000.00 this Thanksgiving --- to pay our bills, buy a new stock of paper, and thus finish up the year, debt free.

If you had been with me on my recent trip to Texas, and had seen the reaction of our readers, or if you could only read our mail for one week, you'd realize in part, the value of TBE, and you'd thank God for whatever part you've had in sending it out.

If we have been a blessing to you, won't you be extraordinarily generous just now with an offering in our behalf. We need your assistance more than I can express in words. May God bless you.

In Him forever,

*John R. Gilpin*  
John R. Gilpin



business to send the Word, and to teach the Word to that individual.

May I remind you that this field is given over to bondage. Listen: "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness."—I John 5:19.

In other words, beloved, the whole world lieth in the hands of the Wicked One. So this field is under, or in bondage.

There are places in the world today where an individual can still be a slave. There are places in the world where slavery is still tolerated and practiced. Can you imagine a man or a woman who is the property of someone, what it would be like not to be able to say or do anything except with the consent of the owner? I say to you, no slave was ever in bondage to another human being the like of which the world is in bondage to the Devil.

This harvest field is also under condemnation. We read:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."—Rom. 5:12.

Notice, the world—one man sinned—death passed on all men, for all men have sinned. You can see that the field is under condemnation.

Notice again:

"He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned ALREADY, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."—John 3:18.

Talk about condemnation, we have it. This whole world is under a sentence of condemnation. Why? Because the world has sinned, and the world has not believed on the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour.

If you will go back to Egypt on the night of that first memorable passover when the children of Israel were delivered out of Egypt, you will find that God pronounced a sentence of condemnation upon the firstborn, to the extent that the first born in every home of that whole land was condemned to die. The first-born of the Egyptians, the first-born of the Israelites, the first-born of the cattle, the firstborn of every beast was condemned to die that night, and the only way that the sentence of condemnation could be lifted was for the death angel to find that the door posts and the lintel above the door were sprinkled with blood that evening. Otherwise, the first-born within that home died, for every firstborn individual was condemned.

May I remind you that our condition is far worse than that which was true in the land of Egypt. There, it was just the first-born that was under condemnation, but today it is every individual that was ever born into this world. We are all under a sentence of condemnation. All of us have been condemned. We have all had the sentence of death passed upon us, and we are all condemned apart from the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

This field is also in ignorance so far as God is concerned. Now the field is the world, and the

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such turn away."—II Tim.

So I realize that we are living the last days when people have form of godliness, but are sure-denying the power thereof.

When I read anything of this type, I am reminded of my text which says, "The harvest truly is

plenteous, but the labourers are few." Certainly the harvest is plenteous today, and truly the labourers are getting fewer and fewer all the time.

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### THE HARVEST FIELD.

Our Lord Jesus talks about a harvest field.

That harvest field is the world. Listen:

"The field is the world."—Mt. 13:38.

When I talk about a harvest field, I am using Scriptural terminology, for even my Lord refers to the harvest field as the world. Whether it is in Ashland, Kentucky, or whether it is in the farthest point of the world from us; whether it is an individual who is cultured, or one that is boorish; whether it is an individual who has education, or one who is most illiterate; whether it is an individual who to his ears a piano is just a noise, or whether it is an individual to whom everything is music—regardless of who the individual is, or where the individual is, the field is the world. Every person that you and I meet, or every person that is met tomorrow by a saved person, that individual with whom we come in contact is a part of the world, and our Lord says that the field is the world.

We have a big field to tell about Heaven. I am not limited. Some missionary groups try to divide up a country among the denominations, as if to say,

"Somebody else is already working here, so it isn't right for us to work here. We'll take another section. We'll divide up the country according to our religious groups to be sure there is no overlapping." Beloved, it is not for us to thus divide the world, but it is for us to realize that wherever there is an individual, he is a part of the world, and it is our

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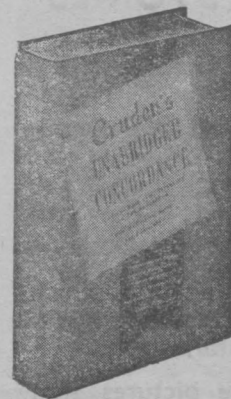
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This is another question regarding the last days. Once again it is necessary for me to say that I do not know enough about it to give a detailed answer. I believe that when Christ reigns on earth God's people will reign with Him.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." (Rev. 20:6) Obviously the redeemed and the unredeemed will occupy the earth.

As to the question concerning childbirth, I find no reason to believe that mortal woman will cease bearing children. As long as there are male and female there will be childbirth.

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Yes, there will be both the redeemed and unredeemed occupying the earth during the glorious reign of Christ on the earth. There are numerous Scriptures which tell us that there will be people on the earth during His reign. Read Isa. 2:4, Zech. 14:16, Zeph. 3:14-20, Dan. 7:13-14. These Scriptures give to us positive proof that there will be people on the earth during the thousand year reign. If there are people here, then we must determine where they came from, and how they came to be on the earth.

These people are those who have come through the tribulation, and the Battle of Armageddon, and have entered the reign of Christ in a natural body (these are not the saints of this age for they were raptured before the tribulation period started). These people like Noah are delivered

from death, and placed on the earth that has been cleansed by the judgments of the tribulation period. Their bodies will not be changed as are the saints at the rapture, but enter the reign of Christ in the same body that they were born with.

During the reign of Christ there will be childbirth.

"There shall no more thence be an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days, for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed." Isa. 65:20.

This verse gives to us proof that there will be babies and sinners on earth in the reign of Christ. The babies being born to these people who enter the reign in a natural body, will inherit the same sin that you and I have inherited from our father Adam. It is my firm belief that this sin is transmitted to all mankind by blood. The same blood of which you and I were made, will be the blood which flows through the veins of the babies born in the reign of Christ. God tells us that all have sinned (Rom. 3:23); and then He tells us that all of us were made of one blood. Read Acts. 17:26. Thus we are sinners as the result of transmitted blood. So will it be with the children born in the reign of Christ. This will also account for the sinners that will be gathered by Satan at the end of the thousand years reign of Christ.

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, God and Magog, to gather them to battle the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." Rev. 20:7-8.

Proof cannot be clearer than this that there will be both the redeemed and unredeemed on earth during the reign of Christ.

Even though Satan is in the bottomless pit, yet still sin lies in the heart of man. This shows to us how desperately wicked is the human heart. As we look at the golden age of peace, with Christ as King of this age, one would think that surely all men would be drawn to Him. It will be the same then as now for human nature will still be the same. Our Lord while preaching in the city of Capernaum said:

"Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father." Jn. 6:65.

It is not, no man "will" come to me, rather no man "can" come

to me. Though man's environment may be the best as it will be in the reign of Christ, he is still depraved and unable in the flesh to approach a Holy God. Therefore those who are born in the Millennium will be in need of salvation, the same as sinners in this age.

Noah and his family are a perfect picture of what will take place during the reign of Christ. When the ark landed, Noah and his family were the only people on earth. The rest had been destroyed by the flood. No sinners on the earth at this time, for Noah's family were all saved. Yet from them have come billions of sinners. Those who were born to Noah after the flood were born in sin. So shall it be in the reign of Christ. It will still be true, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh, that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Jn 3:6.

From the number that Satan will gather together at the end of the Millennium it becomes very evident that there will be a population explosion during the reign of Christ on the earth. Though there shall be many billions of people on the earth, the Lord will rule them all with a rod of iron.

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In my younger days I had the idea that when Christ came and set up His kingdom it would be Heaven here on earth in every respect. I took Rev. 19:21 to mean that all lost people would be slain, and therefore only saved people would inhabit the earth during that time. But probably the greatest thing that has come into my life since my new birth was my coming to see the real significance of Isa. 55:8-9. Surely I was the world champion when it came to figuring out what God would do, and just how He would do it. And how I do praise Him for His having shown me that He did not need my blueprint, but that rather I needed His.

After studying His blueprint for His thousand years reign I find that Rev. 19:21 is speaking of the remnant of the world's fighting power that is left after the great

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battle of Armageddon. Then in Zech. 14:16 we see the people who are left in all the nations after this great battle going to Jerusalem every year to worship the Lord of hosts. And in verse 18 we are told that "the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles." Then in Isa. 65:20 the RSV says, "No more shall be in it (the millennial kingdom) an infant that lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed." And in Rev. 28:8 we see old Satan after he has been loosed for a little season at the end of the thousand years gathering up an army whose number is as the sand of the sea. We are also told in this verse that Satan deceives all these people. But let us remember that the elect are not deceived. Mt. 24:24. Then in Rev. 2:27 and 12:5 we see our Lord ruling with a rod of iron.

All these Scriptures prove to my satisfaction that both redeemed and unredeemed people will live upon this earth during that time, and the population will have to multiply greatly after the battle of Armageddon in order for

old Satan to muster up an army whose number will be as the sand of the sea. . . To be sure, children will be born then just as now, and they will live much longer than now due to the curse having been removed from off the earth.

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Yes, there will evidently be both redeemed and unredeemed on the earth during that time. Isa. 65:20 tells us several things concerning this wonderful period. He says (v. 20) that if one dies at the age of one hundred years he will be thought of as having died in infancy. He also says, "There shall no more be an infant of days." That there will be infants requires that there shall be childbirth during that time, but it is made plain that infants won't be dying after a few days of life. In the same passage we have indication that there will be unredeemed people living for he says, "But the sinner an hundred years old shall be accursed." In Isa. 11 we have a description of the Millennium, and the prophet says, "The sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp." This expression argues for childbirth during that time. Verse six says, "And a little child shall lead them." Little children would not be here except for people being born during the Millennium. (Yes, and Brother please tear up that sentimental sermon on "a little child shall lead them" in which you make that mean that a little child shall lead older people to salvation. No reference whatsoever is made of such. It simply means that God shall take the ferocity out of animal life such that a little child shall be able to lead lions about like pets.)

And evidently the population will increase during the reign of Christ, though with increased longevity the birthrate will doubtless be decreased. Remember that one of the curses placed upon woman was multiplied conception. Gen. 3:16 says, "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception." Most of the curse will have been lifted from the earth during the Millennium.

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world isn't ignorant about everything. On most subjects, the people of this world are very intelligent. They tell me that those two astronauts that recently failed were exceedingly intelligent individuals. Their discussion after they came back would indicate that they talked a language which the average man or woman knows

nothing at all about. They are not ignorant so far as space is concerned. They are not ignorant so far as mechanics are concerned. They know things that you and I will never know, because we'll never study it. The world isn't ignorant about space. The world is not in ignorance so far as the things of this life are concerned, but the world is in absolute ignorance so far as spiritual things are concerned. Listen:

"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom KNEW NOT GOD, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."—1 Cor. 1:21.

Talk about spiritual ignorance, we have it, when people are so ignorant that they can understand everything else in this world, but they understand absolutely nothing about spiritual things unless God reveals it to them.

Notice again:

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness COMPREHENDED IT NOT. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe."—John 1:5-7.

Here is a Scripture which tells us that the "light" is shining, but men don't know it is shining. Who is it that doesn't realize that the sun shines? It is a blind man. Someone who has the misfortune to have no eyesight might not realize that the sun is shining. Only a blind man would have to be told that the sun was shining. A man with eyesight could see it was shining.

Well, this world is in such gross darkness that the light of the Lord Jesus Christ shines around us, and among us, and within us, yet God had to send a Baptist preacher by the name of John the Baptist to tell the world that the light was shining. He came and bore witness of the Lord Jesus Christ when He was here in the days of His flesh.

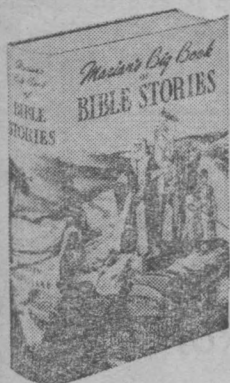
Talk about the world being ignorant, the world is so ignorant of the Lord Jesus Christ that it has to be told that the Son of God is here, and even then, the world will never know it unless it is revealed unto them.

Again, that field has some of God's own, and He is going to take them out. Now I don't say that God is trying to take them out, because God isn't. God never tries to do anything. Now you have tried to do things. Sometimes you succeed, and sometimes you don't. You and I may try to do things, but God doesn't try. God never tries to do anything; God just does His will. And God is taking out of this world those who are His, who are living in this field.

I turn to the Word of God and I find that James says:

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, TO TAKE OUT OF THEM a people for his name."—Acts 15:14.

Notice, James didn't say, "God is trying to take out of this world a people for His name." Instead, He said, "God visited the Gentiles." (Continued on page 5, column 1)



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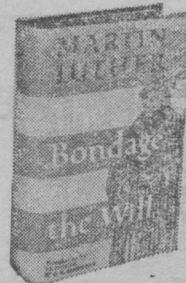
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to take out of them a people for His name." Beloved, you can be certain that God isn't trying to have the world, and God isn't trying to take out of the world a group of people, but God is doing exactly what He predetermined and foreordained to do—He is taking out of this world a people for His name.

A fellow held a revival meeting in a near-by town some twenty years ago. He was announced as a Baptist evangelist, but so far as I am concerned, he was a Baptist excuse. In fact, he even go further and say that he was a sorry excuse of a Baptist. One night, after he had been preaching for about ten days and not a person had made a profession of faith, he said in closing his sermon, "You just won't let God save you. God has been trying to save you for the last two weeks, and you folk just won't let God save you."

Beloved, God hadn't been trying to do any such thing. That preacher plain-out lied. When any man says that God is trying to do something, he is just lying on his Lord. My Lord doesn't try to do anything, but He does what He wills.

I say, this world, this harvest field, has some of God's own in it, and God is going to take them out. He isn't going to try to do it, but He is going to do it, for we read:

"All that the Father giveth me SHALL COME TO ME: and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."—John 6:37.

"AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED."—Acts 13:48.

I say then that this harvest field, which is the world, is in bondage, is under condemnation, and is ignorant of the things of God, yet this harvest field has some of God's own in it, and God is taking them out of this world for Himself.

### II

## THE WORK.

Now having looked at the field, the text says we are to pray that the Lord will send forth labourers into the harvest. What are we to do?

First of all, God says we are to go into the field. Listen:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

To whom was He speaking? Generally speaking, He said it to the church, and it is the church's business to send out workers. Do you realize in the final analysis this is spoken to every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ? He is saying to everyone of us, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We are to do our work through a church, but we are to go. Too many times we are content with giving our money to somebody else to go. Too many times it is easier to give than go. Too many times it is far easier to send somebody else than to go for us to go. But our Lord says, "Go ye into all the world."

Not only did He say to go into the world, but He said we are

to be witnesses for our Lord. Listen:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

What is a witness? Suppose a man has heard something that somebody else said, that somebody else said about somebody else. Would you say that man is a witness? No. All he would know would be what he has heard. Then what is a witness? A witness is one who tells what he knows. He doesn't tell what he has heard somebody else say. He doesn't tell what he thinks. He tells only what he knows.

Our Lord said that we are to be witnesses for our Lord. Where? In Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. What are we to do? We are to be witnesses, and tell what we know. Beloved, you have to know the One whom to know means life eternal before you can be a witness for our Lord.

The Word of God says also that we are to teach all nations. We read:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,"—Mt. 28:19.

That word "teach" means "disciple." Is all the world going to be saved? No; but it is our business to disciple all nations. It is our business to teach all nations. I have no business to quit teaching the Word of God as long as there is one individual within this world who hasn't heard the gospel of Jesus.

I wonder sometimes if we have any business to preach the gospel twice to one man as long as there is another man that hasn't heard it yet. Many times we are preaching and feeding the same congregation over and over again on Sunday, until God's people often wax soft by being taught so well and preached to so thoroughly. I wonder if we do wrong in doing so as long as there is one man left in the world who hasn't heard for the first time the glorious truths of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God also indicates that we are to preach the gospel. Listen:

"To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand."—II Cor. 10:16.

Notice, we are to preach the gospel in the regions beyond us. That means beyond our house, our domicile, our place of rest. We are to preach the gospel in the regions beyond. I thank God that God has enabled our church to reach out through our radio broadcast to regions beyond. God enables us, through our paper, to reach out to the regions beyond. I thank God He has enabled us to reach out to the regions beyond by way of a ministry to other individuals that we help to support. Whenever I think of it, I remember this truth which is a part of the work—we are to preach the gospel in the regions beyond.

I say again, you and I have no business to be content at doing nothing but listening and absorbing all the Word of God that

we can, as long as there are lost people who haven't heard the story of Jesus Christ.

The Bible indicates that we are to declare His glory unto the ends of the earth. Listen:

"Declare his glory AMONG THE HEATHEN; his marvellous works AMONG ALL NATIONS."—I Chron. 16:24.

I didn't realize until recently how much the Bible says about missions in the Old Testament. I was amazed at the number of instances reference is made to missionary work. But here is one that above all else struck my fancy, when it said, "Declare his glory among the heathen."

It doesn't say that all the heathen are going to be saved. It doesn't say that all of them are going to believe. However, it does say that it is our business to declare His glory among the heathen, and we have this assurance—that God has some among the heathen in various places that will believe.

What are we to declare? His glory—the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the glory of the church that our Lord has established, the glory of the death of the Son of God at Calvary, the glory of His marvelous resurrection, and the glory of His wondrous ascension. We are to declare His glory among the heathen.

When Brother Halliman went to his place of labor in New Guinea, I am sure that he hoped that God would save souls, but he didn't have one bit of assurance as to how many God was going to save under his ministry. He went there with the impression that it was of the Lord—that God was calling him to that place, and it was his business to go there and preach the Word. He had no assurance of how many people were going to be saved there. When he went there he did exactly what this text says, for it says we are to "declare his glory among the heathen."

I say, beloved, I am to tell every individual that I meet the glory of the gospel, the glory of the church, the glory of the death of Jesus Christ, the glory of His resurrection, the glory of His ascension, and His intercession for us today. I am to preach His glory. When I have done that, I have done all I can do, and if God saves somebody, I'll be thankful to have been the instrument through whom God has worked and declared His glory among the heathen.

We are also to bid people to the marriage. We read:

"Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage."—Mt. 22:9.

Everybody likes to think about a marriage. Somehow there is no event in human life that stirs the emotions more than marriage. Do you realize that you and I have the task of being heralds for our Lord? We have the task of announcing the greatest marriage in the world that is going to take place and to invite men and women to that marriage.

Suppose you were sent out this morning as a herald to tell somebody about a wedding that is going to take place. Wouldn't it be a joy to go around and tell everybody that So-and-So is going to be married on such-and-such a date? It would be much more pleasant as a task than it would be to tell about somebody that has died, whose funeral is to be conducted. It is a much more pleasant task than it would be to go around to say So-and-So is sick and destitute and we need to take up an offering for him. It would be a much more pleasant task than it would be to go to various homes as a bearer of bad news. Beloved, we have the best news in this world to tell. There is a marriage that is going to take place, and that is the marriage of the Lamb, and it is our business to invite men to the marriage.

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you are inviting people to a marriage. That means you are not only telling them about the gospel of Jesus Christ whereby they can be saved, but you have to also tell them about Baptist baptism and the Baptist Church, so that they'll be sure that they are not just visitors at the wedding, but that they'll be a part of the bride of Christ. I'll be happy for everyone that gets there if he is just a visitor, but I would a whole lot rather he would be a part of the bride. I say then, that my business, and your business, and our business as a church, and part of our work, is to bid men to the marriage.

Our Lord also tells us that we are to pray about the harvest, for He said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Do you know what happened, beloved? Every one of His disciples were sent forth. Evidently they did what He told them to do—that is, they prayed, and every one of those disciples were sent forth as labourers into the harvest.

Talk about the high cost of living! Let me tell you, that is the high cost of prayer. It is the most costly thing in this world. You had better not pray about a matter unless you are willing that it could be answered through you. There is a possibility if you pray about a thing, God may send you out to take care of it. He said to His disciples, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Beloved, I judge they prayed, for every one of them were sent forth.

I say then, that the field is the world, and we are to go into all the world and be witnesses for our Lord, we are to teach all nations, we are to preach the gospel, we are to declare His glory, we are to bid men to the marriage, and we are to pray about the harvest.

### III

## THE INCENTIVE.

I am impressed every once in a while when I read an advertisement of some company that

is advertising for help, when they tell you what they will pay you, plus their fringe benefits. Now those are incentives to get you to come to work. Now let me tell you the incentive you and I have—what God gives to us that we might be interested in this work of missions to the ends of the earth.

First of all, there is the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Beloved, if I don't say anything else, that is enough incentive to send everyone of us to the darkest corner of the earth. If I drop dead before I finish my message, and don't get to tell you the other incentives, I have told you already enough that everyone of us ought to be willing to go to the ends of the earth, to tell about Jesus Christ. I say then, the first incentive I mention, and greater than all else, is the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

"Who GAVE HIMSELF FOR OUR SINS, that he might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father."—Gal. 1:4.

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

"For Christ also hath ONCE SUFFERED FOR SINS, the just for the unjust."—I Pet. 3:18.

Talk about an incentive, beloved, could I offer any greater incentive than just to say that He died for you—what are you doing for Him? Could I bring before your mind any greater incentive than to say that what was wrought out at Calvary two thousand years ago was for you. Talk about an incentive; there is no incentive like the incentive of the suffering of Jesus.

A second incentive is the power of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If God sends me out into the world, He sends me armed in some manner, and that is the gospel of Jesus Christ. 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

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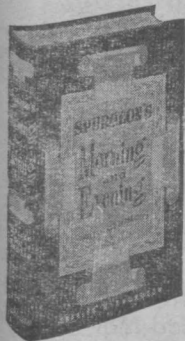
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the Jew first, and also to the Greek."—Rom. 1:16.

The word "power" here is the word from whence we get the word "dynamite." It says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the dynamite of God unto salvation." Beloved, when God sends us out, He gives us the gospel to preach, and that gospel is dynamite. It has power.

I am not matching wits with you today. I'd never do that. I am not at all trying to preach to you on the basis that through my message I'll batter down your opposition to the gospel of Jesus Christ. All I have to offer is the gospel—the fact that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and that has dynamite about it. When I preach that to you, I don't have to match wits with you. I don't have to work to get you to make a profession of faith. When the Son of God becomes your Saviour through the dynamite of the gospel, you'll rejoice to tell the world that Jesus Christ is your Saviour.

A third incentive is the fact that there are so many false preachers in the world today. To me that is an incentive. I read to you a little while ago a report relative to the United Church of Canada, and I could read you report after report of like nature. This "God is dead" movement has caught on all over America. It is something new. It is something that is intriguing to the flesh. From all over America I get clippings from various papers that are sent to me by people relative to what is happening. Just recently, I received a clipping relative to a Methodist preacher that had four young girls to sing songs that had no place in the church, to play the guitar in the church, and to read supposed-to-be prayers that

would be a disgrace if they were read even in a house of ill-fame. When I read that, I said to myself, Oh, what an incentive!

I say, beloved, when I run into false preachers, I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get busy for the Lord. Paul had the same experience for he said:

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again: If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received let him be accursed."—Gal. 1:6-9.

Paul doesn't say, "Well, now we are almost in agreement. We don't differ too much. You just do the best you can." Rather, Paul says, "That fellow is a hell-bound man."

Sometime ago, I preached on the subject, "From the Frying Pan into the Fire," and I told how Luci, the daughter of L. B. J. left the Episcopalians and went to the Catholics. I said in my sermon that all she did was just change her brand of paganism. In discussing it, I referred to Bishop Pike. There isn't a man in this world who is farther from the truth than Bishop Pike. The heathen in some far away land, or the natives in New Guinea, who have never heard the gospel, are no farther away than Bishop Pike is. When I referred to Pike, I did so in a way that some of you didn't seem to think was very appropriate, for I said Pike was a hell-bound spiritual bastard. I repeat this morning, he is as sure of Hell as the fact that God made little

green apples. When I think about an individual of that type, I don't apologize for my language, but I say that he is nothing but a hell-bound spiritual illegitimate.

Talk about an incentive—when I hear about some individual that is a false teacher, it puts fire into me, and I am ready to go out on the firing line and preach the gospel. I realize in view of things like that, how few people are preaching the Word of God. We read:

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies."—II Pet. 2:1.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are CERTAIN MEN CREPT IN UNAWARES, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation."—Jude 1:3, 4.

I look to Calvary and I see Jesus who died there, and when I see His death, to me that is an incentive. When I realize the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, I say that is an incentive. When I see these false preachers, I say that is an incentive. My business is to go out and counteract in every way I can what they have done.

A fourth incentive is the promise of His abiding presence. Listen:

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Here, beloved, is the promise of His abiding presence.

When God called Moses to lead the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt into Canaan, Moses didn't like the idea. He didn't think much of it. He said:

"Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?"—Ex. 3:11.

Beloved, God didn't even answer that question. Instead, He said to Moses:

"Certainly I will be with thee."—Ex. 3:12.

God by-passed Moses' question and said, "I'll be with you." He promised His abiding presence.

Talk about an incentive for serving the Lord, I have it. I don't serve the Lord by myself. I have seen God do so many things that are so marvelous, and so impossible to have taken place, if it hadn't been that He was with me.

The fifth incentive is the least of all, yet most people think of it as first — ultimately, He is going to reward us for what we do. Now that is putting the work of the Lord on a commercial basis—the fact that God is going to reward us. The only reason that I want any reward at all is because the Bible tells us that one day we are

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going to lay our crowns at the feet of the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is any desire I would have for any reward, it is the fact that I in turn would lay that reward down in honor of Him who has inspired me to do whatsoever I might do for the Lord.

### CONCLUSION

The field is the world, and it is in bad condition — ignorant, condemned, and in bondage, and out of that pitiful state God is reaching down to take out a people for His name. Our work is bidding people to the marriage, going into all the world, preaching the gospel, and teaching all nations. The incentive — the chiefest of all — is the cross of Calvary on which my Lord died. The other incentives which I have mentioned all turn into insignificance in comparison with this.

Might it please God to help each of us to come back to our text and hear our Lord say, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Yes, the harvest field is white unto harvest, and the world needs the gospel. May God help you and me to give out the message unto the lost.

May God bless you!



### Heresy

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their part in salvation. You often hear them say poor old God has done all He can; now it is all up to you. That is beyond all doubt, the most stupid remark a man can make. Omnipotence cannot be exhausted, and if it could be, then all of the promises of God are mere speculation and based upon uncertainty.

Paul described depravity like this: Rom. 3:9-18 — "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable: there is none that doeth good, no, not one: Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they

have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes." Then for a further description of depravity listen to him again in II Tim. 3:1-7—"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." Then in Eph. 2:1 Paul said: "You were dead." Beloved, I don't know what your definition of depravity is, but I know of no one who is more depraved than a dead man. That is as depraved as a man can get.

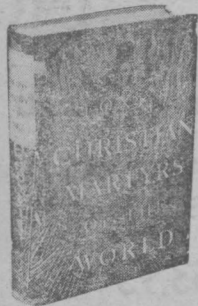
Paul didn't look at depravity as some kind of paralysis that disabled everything but the will. He believed that a depraved man was DEAD spiritually, and that the only way out was to be elected to salvation by a Sovereign God, which brings us to say in the second place that:

II. Paul believed in unconditional election.

Since a totally depraved man can have no part in his salvation, it must of necessity all be of God, or else there can be none at all.

Some say that God elected whom He foresaw would believe. If that be the case, beloved, then God foresaw a quality in some that He didn't see in others, and therefore He saved them by quality instead of grace. If He foresaw goodness in some that He didn't see in others, then He saved them by works of righteousness which we have

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one and not by His mercy. Those who claim to be in this group cannot say as Paul did, "I know what I am by the grace of God." These cannot glory in the works of Jesus Christ. But they will have to glory in their works. My dear beloved friend, though our God is omniscient and could not see any goodness in us to merit salvation, though he could see all. Though there be nothing hid from His all-seeing eye, even God couldn't see what doesn't exist. Though the eye of omniscience looks us over from the top of our head to the sole of our feet, he could only see wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. And whatever place we fill in His plan, He must act first and qualify us for it.

The election that Paul believed in was unconditional. It was not based upon foreseen holiness. Eph. 1:4—"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, That we should be holy." Instead of seeing holiness, He must have seen unholiness in us. It wasn't based on foreseen effort. Rom. 9:16—"So it is not of him that willeth, of him that runneth, but of that sheweth mercy."

Beloved, I say to you, that if we have eternal life in God's Son, that it is all based, upon what God saw in you according to the purpose of His will. Listen to II Tim. 1:9—"Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to works, but according to his purpose and grace, which given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

I know some will call this heresy but Paul believed it and preached it and declared publicly that he worshipped God in the way which they called heresy.

II. Paul believed in a limited atonement.

The greatest part of the world's religions don't even believe in atonement. The atonement that the world preaches about doesn't have any substitution in it. The atonement that the world preaches about doesn't declare the success of God in His work of reconciliation. This so-called atonement that the world preaches about presents God as fainting, faltering, failing, puny God, who is unable to do what he purposed to do. I say

unto you, beloved, a preacher should be ashamed to preach about the failures of God until his congregation feels sorry for him. Many of us have been guilty of this, and I pray that I may never be guilty of it again, but hold up the light God has given me that others may see it.

The meaning of the word atonement leaves no room for error.

It means AT-ONE-MENT. It means substitution. It means Reconciliation. Isa. 53:1-5—"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Listen to Paul's words: Rom. 3:24-26—"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. God declared his righteousness in my behalf and because of that free gracious act of God I stand uncondemned before God. Rom. 8:33—"Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?" It is God that justifieth. This is not said about any other. Therefore only the elect have been atoned for.

Paul not only believed in an absolute atonement but he believed in a particular atonement. Isa. 53:11—"God saw the travail of his soul and was satisfied. If his atoning death was for the entire race then all are at one with God. If he made atonement for the race then the race has Christ for their substitute. If Christ Jesus made atonement for all then all are recon-

ciled, and no one will ever burn in the fires of hell. If God is satisfied he can demand no more. John 15:13—"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." If Jesus died for all of Adam's race then most of his friends will burn in hell for ever, and His great universal love is as strong toward those in hell as it is toward us that are saved. So therefore he couldn't have saved us because he loved us but because of something he saw in us to merit salvation. Rom. 8:33-did not ask who shall lay anything to the charge of Adam's race, but the elect. John 10:15—"As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep." This says he died for his sheep. Then in Matt. 1:21 we read: "He shall save His people from their sin." Who are His people? John 17:2—"As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." This verse says God gave him His people and those are the ones he came to give life to.

Beloved, I say to you that God could not have purposed to save the human race and yet be omniscient, and omnipotent. If you insist that God planned a universal atonement, beloved, you must deny the omnipotence of God because He has failed in His plan and bit off more than He could chew. If you insist upon a universal atonement, you must deny the omniscience of God, because he purposed to save a multitude whom he knew were going to Hell. No, beloved, the God I preach is the almighty God—the Creator of all things. A God who hath his way in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth and none can stay his hand or say unto him what doest thou? Paul believed in a successful God.

Some have said, if only certain ones will be saved and if they are certain to be saved, why preach the gospel at all. Beloved, the gospel is God's ordained means of calling out the elect. I Cor. 1:21—"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching." In I Cor. 4:5 it says: "I have begotten you through the gospel." James 1:18 says: "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth." Matt. 28:18—"Jesus said 'go ye therefore and preach.' This is reason enough for our preaching the gospel. Now beloved, if you believe Jesus died to make atonement for every man without exception and atonement means complete and absolute substitution, and if atonement means reconciliation, Then every man without exception is atoned for and will be saved. Then why do you preach the gospel? Because all are saved anyway, according to your belief.

IV. Paul believed in irresistible grace.

This doctrine dampens the spirit of the free willers, but that doesn't change the truth of it. The free willers believe that atonement was made for the entire race, and it is available for all. They think that the application of it can be made by any one. It is (as it were) draped over a coat hanger, and can be hung back in a closet until a man chooses to put it on. Beloved, this idea places God in a place of ignorance, uncertainty, and utter defeat—ignorant of the final results, uncertain of saving any, and defeated in his uni-

versal plan to save the race. Even Jesus himself said, there would be (many) on the broad road to destruction, compared with (few) who enter into life.

Rom. 1:16—Paul said: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation." Paul did not say that the gospel made salvation available, but that it is the power of God unto salvation.

Man has no more power to resist, the call of God through the gospel, than he had to save himself in the first place.

He is depraved and what ever he receives from God, God must take the initiative. And if God can not break down the will of some, by what power does He break down the will of any?

Listen to I Pet. 3:18—"For Christ also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." Beloved, this didn't say that Jesus was trying to bring us to God but that he died for us that he might bring us to God. Jude 14 says—"Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints." According to the Arminian the original plan could not guarantee that God would have ten thousand to bring. When the Word of God speaks to us of an innumerable host that no man could number out of every nation, kindred, and tongue who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb of God, does this come to pass by the will of man or the power of God? If a man is dead and another purposes to give him life he cannot refuse it. He must first be quickened before he can do anything, and when he is born again (quickened) he doesn't want to reject his Saviour then.

If a totally depraved person could successfully resist God's grace he surely would. But thank God he can't. If God had left the whole thing in my hands, I would have turned Him down cold, because I loved the world, and enjoyed the sin it had to offer. But beloved, God had a definite purpose to redeem a particular people and nothing could stand in the way of it. Listen to the Word of God: John 6:37—"All that the Father giveth me shall come unto me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." I used to just wear out the last half of that verse and ignore the first part. My, what a blessing it was to know that Jesus would never cast me out. I used that to prove the security of the believer. By God's grace I have learned that a greater blessing is in the first

part of that verse. We see there that we were in God's covenant of redemption. (All that the Father giveth me) we see here that all in this covenant (shall come to Christ). There is no guess work about it. Acts 13:48—"As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." There was nothing left here but goats, and it was impossible for them to believe. Because they were not ordained to eternal life. There will be no goats in Heaven, and there will be none of God's sheep in Hell. Beloved, God knows what He is doing, and though the world's religions try to cover up this truth with human reasoning yet God still cries out as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. Some of these free willers treat the Word of God like an aspirin. They only use it when they have a pain and then they buffer it, they powder it, they liquify, they capsule it, to a different effect but still have the same truth. You can say what you will but you can't make that verse say anything else. "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." Psa. 110:3—"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."


I can't help but think about different times when God made His elect willing.

I think of Zacchaeus, that little dried up, sawed off runt. He was looking for amusement and nothing more. Jesus had led this multitude through Jericho and if He had been trying to find just whosoever will, and save them He sure didn't impress Jericho much. The streets must have been lined with people. No doubt some must have looked on from upstairs windows and roof tops yet the saving Son of God marched on through them. Then outside of Jericho, we see Zacchaeus. He had heard of a miracle worker coming through town. Therefore he wanted to see Jesus, WHO HE WAS. I say many hundreds and thousands go to see A. A. Allen and Oral Roberts for the same reason. He was seeking amusement. In order that he would not miss the show, he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed up in a tree by the road. He had a front row seat. He was going to see this miracle worker. Then when those who sat on the spit and whittle bench in town told of this miracle worker, he would have first hand information to tell them.

When Jesus came along He stopped and suppose He had said, Zacchaeus, please open your heart and come on down here and let me save you. You can refuse and (Continued on page 8, column 4)

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one to be baptized in their new baptistry, which thereby made him a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, and he baptized the balance of those who were present, and they became members of our church here in Ashland.

After the baptism, we had a reorganization service, and I can truthfully say I consider it an unusually great service. The others who could not get there because of the snow will be baptized later under the authority of the Grace Baptist Church of Rome, Ohio, by Bro. Stepp.

Frankly, I consider Brother

John Stepp and his wife two of the finest people with whom I have been associated. It takes a mighty "big" man to admit his wrongs and to right them, especially when it would be so much easier to go on in the wrong. I think of Brother Stepp as one of the greatest men that I have ever met, and I thank God for the privilege of being able to assist him and the church in this manner.

If any of you are ever passing through that area, be sure to stop to see them. The latch string hangs out at the home of Brother Stepp, and all true Baptists will be welcome at his home, and as for the church, it will be a blessing to you to visit and to have fellowship with them. I consider this one of the greatest groups of God's people that I have ever been with, and I ask you to join with me in prayer that God shall bless them mightily in the days to come.

After the morning services, Mrs. Gilpin and I left immediately for home, particularly on account of the snow. It is well that we did, for after we got home on Sunday evening, one of the brethren called to see if we had gotten home safely and he said that there were 24 inches of snow in most of that area, and that it was still falling. The radio said on Monday morning that from Cleveland through northern Ohio over through New York, that there were 24 inches of snow on the average.

We thank God for another good safe 750 mile journey over this weekend and rejoice for His traveling mercies and journeying grace that He gave us.

On the way up, we stopped at Mentor, Ohio, and enjoyed the evening meal on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jernigan and family. We truly thank God for these folk who have been our friends for many years, and for the privilege of being in their home. They are wonderful people, it was a wonderful evening meal, and it was wonderful fellowship that God gave us with them.

In advance, we had made arrangements with Brother James Hobbs to preach for us at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday night, and it was a joy, even though tired as we were, to listen to a great message from Brother Hobbs — truly one of the best that we had heard in a long time. Brother Berkley Pennington, one of the preacher brethren of our church, had preached on Sunday morning and we also understand that it was a great service with a wonderful sermon and rich fellowship.

Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor thank God for the privilege that we have of serving others, and it is a joy today to share this weekend experience with our readers.

## Storage Depots

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daughters, which is every man-made group, of Protestantism, that has come out of her since the Reformation.

Therefore, I for one, have no intention of taking part in her sins. I have enough trouble with the Devil, without being yoked up with His Churches. The Devil has many ministers, according to II Corinthians 11:12-15. Why shouldn't He have many so-called churches, for His Devilish ministers to pastor?

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How we do wish that all of our friends in the reading audience could be with us! What a happy meeting that would be! We have been hearing from some of you so long that we feel as if we know you as well as our own family. The warm letters that you readers have sent to us have drawn us close to you, and we feel very much as if we know you personally.

Of course, all of TBE's reading family cannot come and be with us. But several of our friends in and near Ashland are planning to

do so. We will be gathering together for a time of prayer and thanksgiving to the Lord for His blessings upon us, at 8:30 on Thursday morning, November 23, at Calvary Baptist Church. We are expecting wonderful blessings from God that day.

No doubt hundreds of you have already written and others intend to do so. Well, please don't put off doing so — be sure your letter reaches us before November 23rd. God is wonderfully blessing us in these days, and we are looking forward to even greater blessings in the future. Financial burdens are very heavy, but we are trusting in God to take care of them. He can work in the hearts of His people and cause them to do what He wills. So we are relying upon Him to impress each of you to do what He would have you to do. We know that this work is the work of God, and He will take care of it as long as He wants to use it.

falling, no-Hell, baptismal regenerationists. I will be as Joshua was in the book that bears his name, 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, chose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

That, is my position too.

## Heresy

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stay up there if you like, but I wish you would come down and let me save you. Salvation is made available and I beg you to be saved, so I will not have to suffer in vain on your behalf. I have done all I can.

Listen beloved, doesn't this kind of belief make you feel sorry for God and His poor Son? I say unto you, Jesus commanded Zacchaeus to come down and said "this day is salvation come to thy house." He didn't ask permission to enter his heart. He didn't stand and knock on the heart's door. He just kicked the door down and came on in.

Paul was breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of Christ and had no intention of ever becoming a follower of Jesus. While he was persecuting the Lord's church God called him and proclaimed, I have chosen him, he is a chosen vessel. Paul said God had separated him from his mother's womb and called him by His grace. Could Paul say no? I believe he would have if he could. He certainly was not looking for

a Saviour at least not in Jesus. John 5:24-25 speaks of the dead hearing the voice of Jesus and being made alive, passed from death unto life. If regeneration is a passing from death to life, what resistance can the corpse offer? Paul believed in irresistible grace.

Then finally:

V. Paul believed in preservation of the saints, or security of the believer as some say.

Paul said, that he was confident that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ — Phil 1:6.

Redemption is an eternal thing. Heb. 9:12 — "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."

We persevere because we are preserved in God's Son. Perseverance and pre-severance is a fruit of regeneration for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

Preservation is a work of divine grace. Hear this I John 4:4 — "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Then John 10:27 — "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Jesus teaches here that his sheep are in his Father's hand. We are as safe as the grip of omnipotence, and the devil can't break it. Col. 3:3 says — our life is hid with Christ in God. That is safe enough.

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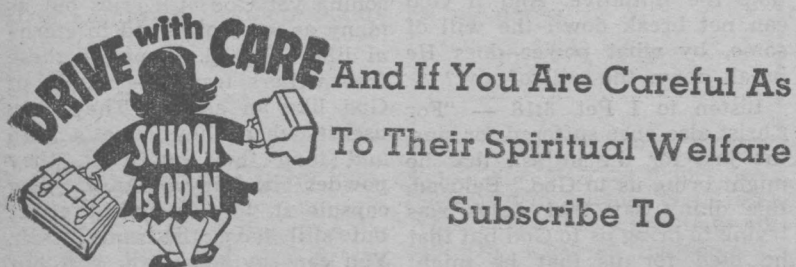
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