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WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU PROCURE THE LAST TWO ISSUES OF THE AND READ THEM ALONG WITH THIS FINAL INSTALLMENT.

By JOE WILSON Winston-Salem, N. C.

Part III

ngs about the church in Epheurch Paul established during third missionary journey. It as serving when Paul wrote I mothy. It was the church to a body of Christ. It is a habitan of God through the Spirit. It the instructor of Heavenly prin-Palities and powers as to the us study further relative to church in Ephesians.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Christ is the head of the

urch."—Eph. 5:23.

As members of sound Baptist urches we dare not own any ad but Christ. Let the Church England have its queen. Let Methodists have their conlling bishops. Let the Cathes have their pope. Let the esbyterians have their synods. MISSIONARY a, let the institutions of men furches falsely so-called) have om or what they will as their ads-but let Baptists own and ognize no head but Jesus rist. For any man or group claim or exercise headship over church is to usurp the authorwhich belongs only to Jesus rist, and such will surely aner to the Lord against whom rebel. he pastor is not the head of the VOL. 36, No. 45

Word, he has authority derived We have learned the following from the authoritative Word, and should be listened to by all who ns. It is the same kind of honor God's Word. However, the urch as spoken of elsewhere in pastor must not be an arbitrary New Testament. It was the dictator over the Lord's church. He is not the head of the church. The truth is that the pastor, along the church where Timothy with every member of the church, is subject to the authority of the church. God-given authority reich Christ sent a message in sides in a true church of Christ, V. 2:1-7. It is the body, or rath- and not in the pastor of the church. The church at Ephesus had tried them which said they were apostles and were not, and had found them liars. Read Rev. anifold wisdom of God. Now 2:2. Every member of the church must bow before the authority of the church. If it isn't a true church get out of it, but while a of the church in Ephesians. The pastor is a servant of the church, the messenger to the church, the leader of the church, but only Jesus Christ is the head

of the church. The deacons are not the head only knows how many

place of leadership—a place that how many deacon boards have ruined by deacon boards and are tion. When you join anything, demands honor and respect. As usurped the authority of Christ, no longer even to be considered you confess that what you join



ELDER JOE WILSON

he preaches the truths of God's and are running professed Baptist as true churches of Christ. The is larger, and more important word "deacon" means "servant," than a Baptist Church, and a and that is the deacon's business: church lowers its position and to serve the church. When he shows its utter misunderstanding seeks to rule the church, he rebels of God's Word, when it joins anyagainst the authority of Christ, thing. When you join something, and wrecks the church.

> group of women is not the head ly becomes your head. of the church. Listen: The place So who is the head of women in the church is that tion churches? Besides being

you become a part of it and who-The ladies aid or any other ever is the head of it automatical-

So who is the head of convenof silence and subjection. When filthy and utterly corrupt, the women start speaking in the convention and association is church, it isn't long until they wrong to start with. In fact, the start running the church. Breth- reason the convention is so rotren, a "woman-run" church is not ten is because it is wrong to start a fit place for either man or beast. with. I have not the least par-Bossy, usurping women have ticle of use for the convention, ruined more churches than we and not much use for any church can tell. Brethren, you better that is a part thereof. It is a keep the women in their God-vile, filthy, corrupt organization. appointed place in the church Wake Forest College (Baptist Color they will cause you more lege of North Carolina) has had trouble than you will ever cure. Martin Luther King, Dick Greg-Christ is the head of the church. ory, and Erskan Caldwell as Conventions and associations speakers. They invited the Soviet are not heads of the church. Now representative to the U.N. to Churches with an iron rule. God it is utterly unscriptural and anti- speak. I once said on our radio true scriptural for a Baptist Church to program that it looked like anyof the church. God only knows churches have been completely join an association or a conven- one could speak at Wake Forest except a patriotic American, a sound Baptist preacher, or the Lord Jesus Christ. These corrupt speakers, I presume, are paid out of money put into collection plates in convention churches. To call this sound Biblical practice, to call such a school a Christian college is a disgusting joke, and a crime against God. Brethren, the "co-op" is the God of the Southern Baptist Convention. A preacher could live like the devil and preach doctrines that originate in Hell, but as long as he leads his church to feed the "co-op" (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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urch. Under God, he has a



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ONCE SAVED NEVER LOST, BUT

The purpose of this message is forty years. exalt the Redeemer, to Whom the praise is due, and to com-His dear saints. Also it is prayer of the author that, by Grace of God, this feeble inument might be used of Him deliver His people from the ares of Arminianism (the doche that teaches a man can be ved one day and lost the next.

ALWAYS SAVED

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY BEING SAVED?

Wrath to come, as I Thess 1:10 s us, so then we could not call Salvation unless it were able arry us all the way to Heaven keep us there forever.

ome men preach that after we ty assessor of Dawrence County,
and leaves us to fend for our-Ohio, (1907-1908), mail carrier at In 1952, Brother Gibson visited apeake, Ohio. ves, while others teach that Ontinued on page 2, column 4)

THE SUPPOSED CATACLYSM

veral times of recent date editor has been personally rested as to a statement coning the supposed Cataclysm ch is thought by some to have Genesis 1:2.

Inted several times. Howsince it has been requested tion follows:

E SUPPOSED CATACLYSM

OUR VERY BEST FRIENDS

We take pleasure in saluting Elder L. D. Gibson of South Point, Ohio, who has been one of our closest friends for nearly

He was born at Ryansville, Ohio, in 1882, and was born again at the same place in 1899, and immediately after he was saved, he became a Baptist, and has been a staunch one all through the years.

Brother Gibson went to grammar school at Rankins, Ohio, and then finished high school under private tutors. Although with this limited amount of public schooling, he has taught astron-We mean not only regeneration omy at Grant Private School of conversion but saved from Grant, Ohio, and from his pen has come a large number of published articles and poems.

> In the many years that have intervened since he was saved,



ELD. L. D. GIBSON

me men preach that after we the C. & O. Railroad, was coun- was ordained as a Baptist minis a member; namely, the Mt. ty assessor of Lawrence County, ister in 1927.

Pleasant Baptist Church of Ches-

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the Holy Land and was in 13 nations of Europe and Asia at that time. Among other places that he visited was Rome, where he saw the statue of Peter, the supposed first Pope of Rome.

blessed with a wonderful helpmeet in life, and he and Mrs. Gibson live at South Point, Ohio. half. God blessed their home with five are still living with the exception of one son, who was killed

ers Brother Gibson as one of the am most glad. finest friends that he has ever known and rejoices over the fellowship that has been ours to experience through the years. May God bless our dear brother and his wife, and give them long years

BRIEF STATEMENT AS TO EDITOR'S

Your editor is glad to say, for the benefit of our readers scattered far and wide, that he has Brother Gibson has been improved considerably from a physical standpoint and is rejoicing for God's goodness in his be-

Perhaps most of you know that boys and three girls-all of whom I suffered a slight stroke of facial paralysis in the early part of the summer, but through the goodin an automobile accident in 1957. ness of God, I have recuperated The editor of this paper consid- remarkably well, and for this, I

I don't mean to say that I am well, but if one did not know of my condition during the past summer, then I doubt seriously that he would detect it today. To answer, though, the many inhe has taught school, worked for North Kenova, Ohio, (1916), and through His church, of which he ers, we take this opportunity to tell you as to my condition, and Pleasant Baptist Church of Chesto ask for your continued prayers for a complete and ultimate (Continued on page 8, column 2)

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

On Thursday morning, November 23, God gave to Calvary Baptist Church a most remarkable Thanksgiving service, with an exceedingly good crowd in attendance, a splendid offering, and a most wonderful spiritual fellowship.

Our offering for Thanksgiving unworthy heads and thank God Notice, He didn't say, 'I am A for His goodness to us. Truly, it

Many and dire were the predictions made for T.B.E. when it was You will notice that I said there first launched in 1937. It was defwas just one door in this ark. If initely stated that no independnic change took place be- ark. Though I have preached on Beloved, that door is a type of I had been building it, I would ent paper could survive long,

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finish it above; and the door of by. r position has been printed the ark shalt thou set in the side his paper for the last thirty thereof; with lower, second, and having been printed and third stories shalt thou make it." -Gen. 6:16.

and others say that a cata- was a door and a window in this of entrance to the ark. atinued on page 8, column 4) past, I trust what I say to you this only way that man can come to (Continued on page 3, column 5) (Continued on page 8, column 1)

"A window shall thou make to morning will be a blessing to you, God-the only way that man can

THE DOOR IS A MEANS OF ENTRANCE.

This is an interesting passage ark, and it was the means of en- and find pasture."-John 10:9. ecent date by a number of of Scripture to me, and one that trance. Noah went in that door. readers, we are happy to becomes more and more interest- Noah's wife went in that door. bly by printing it again. Our ing as time passes by. It is a Noah's sons and their wives went doors, but He said, "I am THE provided for THE BAPTIST EXblessing to me every time I study in that door. The animals went door," as if to say that there is AMINER through the years. it, but somehow during the past in that door. The snakes crawled no other way any man can come few weeks I have been especially in that door. The birds flew in to God except by Him. Cofield, Torrey, Pink, Hender- impressed by the fact that there that door. That door was a means

h verses one and two of Gen- that many, many times in the Lord Jesus Christ, for the have put a little door up in the without a heavy subsidy, being

place between Genesis 1:1 the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou as it has been to me in days gone make an entrance to God is by the door of the Lord Jesus Christ.

> "I AM THE DOOR: by me if any man enter in, he shall be for T.B.E. was aproximately There was only one door in the saved, and shall go in and out, \$4,000.00 and for this, we bow our

> > door," as if there were other is wonderful the way God has

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West Coast Reader Takes Issue With Forum's Answer

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

Please accept a comment re- pleteness. garding the October 28th Forum, lowing comment:

26. Isa. 24:1, 45:18).

were living in this land. The Pro- into the second Adam. phet is lamenting because of a future condition. God is a God 24-25 between Genesis 1:1 and until verse nine.

esis 1:26. Thus to apply the passage in Jeremiah is mere folly, for it allows God to have created hills, birds, and man, prior to the record set forth by the hand of Moses and the breath of the Spirit (Gen. 1:1-31). The breaking of bread in this manner would raise havoc of precious truths we certainly acknowledge (Num. 23:19, Mal. 3:6, Titus 1:2, and Jas. 1:17). This makes God

All three of the passages, assured by the claim found in this same reference work - page 3 (Jer. 4:23-26; Isa. 24:1; 45:18), clearly indicate that the earth had undergone a cataclymic change as the result of a divine judgment. I'm not denying Satan's fall preceded that of Adam, but I do not believe it necessary to credit it to a theory. Having considered Jeremiah, let us look to Isaiah 24:1. To contend this verse enhances the theory is also found to be without proper scriptural authority, for the writer is discussing a future event concerning Tyre. I'm more than fully persuaded, Scofield and his associates, perhaps sincere, became hyper-types and shadowists, thus wrestling the Scripture to destruction.

The third reference (Is. 45:18), is a proclamation of a Sovereign God, attesting to His ability to create; in fact, most of this chapter (Isa. 45), is just another great affirmation of His com-

The word "replenished" is a which by the way, has been just choice of the translators. I offer rest mightily upon the family. another of the countless bless- this with a limited knowledge ings I have received from the of the original. Strong sets bepages of THE BAPTIST EX- fore us a great number of words AMINER. However, although the we might consider; for example, occasion is rare, I'm not always "mele." Actually by using this in accord with some of the treat- word-replenish-it affords the ments expressed. Hence, the fol- only strong point the "Duo-Creatists" could boast. For them to The two creation theory is to do so would disallow the need this wretch nothing more than of a second Adam, for the first a theory. I wish to base this Adam was not the FIRST MAN, claim upon the only source wor- according to Scofield and science. thy of consideration - God's pre- I personally perfer, "and so it is cious Word. The Scripture ref- written, the FIRST MAN Adam erences which advocates use, can was made a living soul; the last be found in the Scofield refer- Adam was made a quickening ence Bible, page 3, (Jer. 4:23- spirit." (I Cor. 15:45). Also, For as in Adam all die, even so Jeremiah was set apart for a in Christ shall all be made alive." certain work in the first part of (I Cor. 15:22). Praise God for this great book, and that was to my being in the first Adam, for bring a message to God's people if this were not true, I would and the passage considered is not have been the recipient of a directed to those people who NEW BIRTH, which drew me

Trust this will be received in the manner that it was sentanointed fall prostrate and praise 2 would deny God's sovereign God for His Word. May He help order, for in the same Genesis each of us, who by His grace, account, "land" does not appear are earnestly contending for the faith, recalling Paul's words to Moreover "fowl" is first men- young Timothy (II Tim. 2:15). tioned in verse twenty, while the May God richly bless the breth-FIRST MAN makes his entrance, ren, who weekly set forth their listic work.

DEPARTS TO BE WITH HIS LORD



ELD FRANK GOULOOZE

Our very dear friend and brother, Elder Frank Goulooze, went to be with the Lord, of rerecent date. Calvary Baptist after we are saved we are put into Church, THE BAPTIST EXAMI-NER, and the editor of this paper could not call either case salvahave never had a better friend tion. and we thank God for our recollection of him.

The details of his life, death, and burial are not available today, but we hasten to print this little note that his many friends may know of his passing.

May God's gracious comfort

positions on the subjects presented, for their labor is not in

Enclosed is a money order for \$10.00 because of The Baptist Examiner and the need of its support.

By His Grace,

R. W. Lukens, Rio Linda, Calif.



BOOK REVIEW

Here's A Book You Should Own As To Last Days

"The End of This Present World" by Lehman Strauss will of order. For us to place verses in love. May each of God's be an inspiration and encouragement to all who may read it.

Brother Strauss is a former minister of the Highland Park Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., who now lives in Philadelphia, Pa., and is now giving all his time to Bible Conference and evange-

As it might be expected, Mr. Strauss is a Universal Church to us but rather "Christ in you are made perfect forever by man, which means that he is the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27)? about the sorriest Baptist that It is like Newton of old said, you can imagine. you will forget the fact of his con- far, and Grace will carry us tinued use of the word "church" home." as referring to the Universal Church, and will read the book II. SCRIPTURAL PROOF OF for what it is worth otherwise, you will be blessed immeasurably by so doing.

There are six splendid chap- 9, also Romans 6:23). ters in the book as follows:

The Coming World Church The Coming Man of Sin

The Coming Doom of Russia The Coming World Conflict The Coming Reign of Christ

The price of this book is \$3.95, and may be ordered from our book store. It will be definitely an eye-opener to you relative to future events, and we urge all our readers to order this book, if you would like to know the events that are to come in the latter days.

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Good Man Starting A New Work In Tucson, Arizona

Elder Hillary A. Howell of that one should contact Brother Tucson, Ariz., is establishing a Howell. Write him at 2711 East work in that city known as the Linden Street, or phone him a Grace Memorial Baptist Church. 793-2275. At present, they are meeting in It is a joy to say these 16 the home of Brother Howell at words of commendation in behalf 2711 East Linden Street, but they of Brother Howell and his work will be moving into another especially since we have knowl building very soon (d.v.). This him for quite a number of year church will not be affiliated with and hold him in the highest of any Convention, Association, or organized fellowship. It will simply be an Independent New Testament Church.

Brother Howell says that they have a sponsoring mother church, which has extended an arm and authorization to organize.

It could be that some of our vention crowd. May we ask that friends live in that area, or if you remember Brother Howell in anyone has knowledge of a friend prayer, and assist him in any wal or relative that is planning to possible, in getting this new work move to Tucson, by all means, established.

regard.

Brother Howell was, once up a time, a Southern Baptist. Fo 18 years, he pastored churches in the Southern Baptist Convention Since he departed from the con vention in 1956, he has had his share of persecution from the con

Once Saved

(Continued From Page One) a foot race with the devil. We

When we say that we are saved, we mean that we are as safe and secure as the saints are in Heaven. I am as safe as the Apostle Paul, though in glory he is far happier than I, but not any more secure.

The judgment for me is past. You know, many speak of finding out at the judgment whether they are saved or lost. Let me warn you that all who stand before the Great White Throne will be cast into hell. (Read Rev. 20:11-15. No one is mentioned in this passage as being pronounced righteous or saved.) My judgment took place almost 2000 years ago at Calvary, when Christ the Blessed Redeemer died for me, bearing my sins, guilt, and punishment. He was buried and rose again the third day for my justification.

Some would say that we are boastful and presumptious, but it is not so, since we are standing not in what we have done or are going to do, but in what Christ has done for us. Like the old song, we must say, "Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

By "once saved, always saved," we mean that salvation is of the Lord. If we are prayerful, it is God that makes us such. If we are zealous in the Lord's work, then God causes us to be so. If we have any works which are good, we must point to God, as it is written in Isaiah 26:12:

"For Thou hast wrought all our works in us."

If we live in a consistent life, it is God that holds us, so then we are debtors to the triumph of Divine Grace.

How can we fail to make Heaven our home, since it is not left

However, if "Grace has brought us safe thus

THE SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

Salvation Is a Gift. (Eph. 2:8, The Bible says in Romans 11:29:

"The gifts and callings of God are without repentance."

That means He never withdraws a gift once bestowed. Many in Christ (where there is no go men would consider it below their The End of This Present World honor to withdraw a gift they had once given, and is not God far by our will or by sin, but him more honorable than men? Since verse teaches that, once in the car it is a gift, it does not depend on we are there for keeps. our efforts; it is not wages, but never come out of Him since a free gift.

Eternal Life is Bestowed on potent power. In I Sam. 2.9 The Christian (I John 5:11, 12).

Now then, if it is eternal life." The Word of God Promises The Now then, if it is eternal, it we will Make It To Heaven will ears the word eternal Events. can never end. The word eternal means unending. If we have be carried out; God's honor is something eternal, we shall have stake. Notice, then, the promise it for eternity. Some world it for eternity. Some would ob- concerning our security.

it like a little boy might lose pen knife," (and I would agree, this eternal life were left for to keep.) However, it is Christ that keeps our eternal life for us Notice Col. 3:3:

"Your life is hid with Christ ! God."

The only way we could lose of eternal life is if Christ could be slain, which is impossible.

The Christian Is Protected The Triune God.

In John 10:28, we find that th Christian is in Christ's hand, Whom it is written in Matt. 28:18 "All power is given unto Me in

Heaven and in earth." It is universal power. In John 10:29, we find that th Christian is also in the Father

hand. In spite of this, som would be so foolish as to say that the saint could crawl out between the fingers. In the first place brethren, did you ever know of the anyone that wanted out of the Lord's hand? In the second place those omnipotent hands are sealed by the by the Holy Spirit. Ephesian

"Grieve not the Holy Spirit God, whereby ye are sealed un the day of redemption."

So then the Christian has triune seal—God the Father, Go the Son, God the Holy Spirit.

Did you know that all God people are kept by divine power (I Pet. 1:5: "Kept by the power of God.") How much do you count God's power for? There is greater power! Thank God, we're, are not kept by ourselves, but blat the power of Co. the power of God, and He cann

God Regards His People

In Ephesians 1:4, it says out blame." Christ endured th blame at Calvary, thereby setting them free. The reason they never go to hell is because is no reason to send them then The slate was wiped clean at vary. In the sight of God,

sacrifice (Heb. 10:14). God's People Are Spok Being Preserved. Psalm 37:28 says:

"The Lord loveth judgment a forsaketh not His saints: they preserved forever." How long forever?

In Jude 1, we read: "Preset in Jesus Christ." Here, then, Word of God says we are pos served in Christ. There is no ing here said about us doing thing to be preserved, but rathe it is an act of free Grace.

Some teach that once we demnation for the sinner, -8:1) that we can get out of the are preserved by His own own

"He will keep the feet of His saints."

ject and say, "well, we could lose (Continued on page 6, column

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Local Church

(Continued from page one) ow at the sacred shrine of the op," he is an honored member the S. B. C. But let a man ever so godly, and preach the h without any admixture of or, and then speak out against evils of the "co-op"; fail to at the sacred "co-op," and ther, he is out. He is blacked, and if they can get him of the church he is in now, will never get another convenr member churches that to all ctical purposes amounts to authis is the truth. Associaand conventions to exist; a for any church to be a memsuch a church; and I hope by church will be in the Bride. you get the impression that llenge any man living to give ptural authority for such or- for faithful service. lizations, or for membership in Brethren, there is not be ough whitewash in the unise to cover the black, filthy ruption of the Southern Bap-Convention, and the only remfor those who bow to the le is "Come out of her, my ple." Christ is the head of

he church is executive agent the Lord's work, and not the Islative. A Baptist Church has right to make laws, but only arn what laws are given in hald's Word, and to carry them

A Baptist Church has no at to vote on letting the women ak, or joining the convention, changing the doctrines. What votes does not change the rd of God. A vote contrary to Word of God does not change precious Word. Let us dili-nly study God's Word, let us to our glorious Head for on the Word, and let us walk bedience to our one and only Christ is the head of the

Doused bride of the heavenly geldegroom.

and church in this pas-

a universal invisible church. As the words husband and wife are used generically, and when applied refer to a local visible husband and a local visible wife; so the word church when applied refers to a local visible church. What straws men clutch at in order to hold on to a preconceived

The church which is the bride of Christ is not the redeemed of all ages for the Bible speaks of bride, the bridegroom, the friend of the bridegroom, the church. The association and companions of the bride, those vention exercise an influence invited to the wedding. So there will be others in Heaven besides Baptists; but only those who were You S. B. C. boys know faithful, loyal members of sound Baptist churches will be in the s and Conventions are rebels Bride of Christ. This church is anst the authority of God, not the redeemed from Pentecost pers of the authority of Jesus to the Rapture. The Bible knows ist, and member churches nothing of such a church. It dedeparted from the faith of came from the mind of a heretic New Testament. It is my firm or a worse place than that. The viction based upon God's Church of our Lord was started d that it is a sin for associa- during his earthly ministry, before Pentecost, and will be continued by His sovereign power of such an organization; a sin until His coming again; and only any believer to be a member those who are members of this

Being in the Bride is a place n against the convention. I of special reward. Salvation is by grace, but there are rewards

> "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."-Rev. 19:7, 8.

made herself ready. Note that the fine linen was the righteous acts of the saints, not the imputed righteousness of Christ. Certain-Scriptural baptism which fulfills all righteousness is necessary to this fine linen and to being in the Bride. So being in the Bride is a special reward, a wonderful reward, an unspeakable reward given to those who by Scriptural baptism become members of sound Baptist Churches and remain loyal faithful members of such churches. Baptist brethren, the church in glory, or in prospect, theory of the Bride of Christ was invented to get men in the church over yonder who refuse the church in Ephesians is the despise the Lord's church here. to become members here, who They deliberately chose to remain out of true churches while here Husbands, love your wives, on earth. They showed their conas Christ also loved the tempt for true churches here on ch, and gave himself for it. earth. Let them stay out of the he might sanctify and church there when she is marhase it with the washing of ried to her Lord. Do not invent er by the Word."—Eph. 5:25, a theory to get those in the bride who rebelled against church truth 9h. 5:23-33 uses the relation- on earth. It makes a difference between Christ and the now whether or not one is a Baprch to illustrate the relation- tist. It makes a big difference between husband and wife. now. And brethren, it is going this church that is the to make a tremendous difference oused bride of Christ is the in glory. Do you think that God church that is spoken of would make what He does now Sity. The words "wife," "hus- ious day that will be! When the church. lks down the ais

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when they are married to Christ. Amen! Amen!

which the Lord's work is to be done and through which God is to get glory.

church by Jesus Christ through- will cause some sound work to son to be a member of, to faith-Notice here that the wife had out all ages, world without end. Amen."-Eph. 3:21.

This is one of the greatest verses in the Bible on the church. Methinks I could rise in the middle of the night and preach on it without further preparation. But it would take many lifetimes to get out of it, all that is in it.

It is our chief duty to glorify God. The chief end of man is to glorify God. Happiness is not our chief duty. Helping others is ity. not our chief duty. Serving our country is not our chief duty. Glorifying our God is our chief

"Whether therefore ye eat, or to the glory of God."-I Cor.

Now in glorifying God, we are not to decide what, or which, will parted."—Acts 13:2-4. glorify God: each man choosing differently because of different opinions, but we are to learn from the Word of God that which glorifies Him. The Bible is the textbook on how believers may bring glory to God. Now this Word tells us that God gets glory through the church. The church local visible, sound Missionary

are used in the institutional Glory to be married to the Heav- through free-lancism. This is the Word of God, are parasites generic sense. The wife is enly Bridegroom! How the mem- where the preacher or a little living off of the churches, and a universal invisible wife, bers of false churches who get group with him go out on their should be destroyed immediately, husband is not a universal there will wish they had been own without any church author- if not sooner. Let false churches Sible husband. You say that true to God's Word, and memity. The preacher sets up a tent have what they will and work as olish. It is no more foolish bers of God's church. How it will and has meetings on his own. He they please; but let Baptists fol-

secution Baptists have endured himself "your radio pastor" or Word of God. When they do, the God-ordained institution through Now brethren, if God calls a man lar of Baptist money. to preach, and if God calls a man to do a certain work, such as God, and God says He gets glory some mission work, radio preach- through the church, it is there-"Unto him be glory in the ing or any other work, then God fore, the duty of every saved perrecognize that call and authorize fully attend, to regularly and systhat work. And if God doesn't tematically support, and to serve lead some sound church to recog- God as a member of, and under nize your call to preach, and to the authority of a sound Missionauthorize a work you desire to ary Baptist Church. Let us seek do, then don't you preach, and more and more to glorify Him. don't you do that work. When Let us realize that we can't do God called Paul and Barnabas to this, except through the church. do missionary work, God also God will richly and eternally recaused the church at Antioch to recognize that call, and to send Him through His church, and them forth with church author- they will be members of the

"As they ministered to the bless you all. Amen! Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being Gable for the pigeons. I know sent forth by the Holy Ghost, de-

> Brethren, the only ones sent forth by the Holy Ghost are those sent forth by church authority. When they finished their first missionary journey they reported back to the church that sent them forth. Read Acts 14:26, 27.

We are not to glorify God through mission boards. Convenspoken of here is the same one tions, associations and mission we have been talking about—a boards are all alike, and are without one particle of Scriptural au-Baptist Church. We are not at thority. God gave the authority liberty in the matter. If we de- to do mission work to the church, where in this book, and else- out of church membership, and sire to glorify God we must be- and the church has no right to in the New Testament. It then after death say that it didn't come members of a sound church delegate that authority to any ot a universal invisible mon- matter? Brethren, what a glor- and serve God through that man or board. Mission boards are operating without authority, When the heretics speak of repay for the ridicules and per- gets a radio program and calls low the teachings of the precious

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"your radio evangelist" and com- mission boards, trustee boards of pletely ignores the authority of schools started by man, and the The church in Ephesians is the the true local church of our Lord. like will not receive aonther dol-

Since it is our duty to glorify ward those who bring glory to bride of our precious Lord. God

Door And Window"

(Continued from page one) if I had been building it, I would have put a little door at the side for the snakes to crawl through. If I had been building it, I would have put a wide door for the hippopotamus to walk in. If I had been building it, I would have put a big tall door for the giraffe to walk in. But, beloved, when God built the ark, He put just one door in that ark, and that one door is a type of Jesus Christ.

There is just one way that a man can come to Christ, for He Himself said:

"I am the way."-John 14:6. Notice, He didn't say, "I am A Way," but He said, "I am THE

Preachers today tell you that there are different ways. I heard a preacher of recent date say that there had been six ways of salvation-that God had six ways of salvation in days gone by. There is not a word of truth to it, for the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am the way. I am the door."
God has never had but one way for people to come to Him, and that was through Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NONE OTHER NAME under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."-Acts 4:12.

Beloved, as there was just one door to that ark, so there is just one way that a man can come to God, and that way is the Lord Jesus Christ.

You will notice that those who come into the ark come in because God put them there. God (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"When, where, and by whom was the idea of Christmas and Santa Claus conceived?"

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The idea of Christmas as a religious festival was conceived by the Catholic church in the 4th or 5th century.

does not reveal the exact date, but states that it was several hundred years after the birth of

Though it was first observed by the Catholic Church as a religious observance, Dec. 25th was observed as a special holiday by the pagans many hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. This day was a special day to these pagans because it was on this day that they honored the son of the Babylonian Queen of Heaven. Historians tells us that on this date the sun was at its fartherest point south. Because 18-19. the sun would start its journey back toward the north on Dec. 25th, the heathen observed it as a special day in honor of the son of the Babylonian Queen of Heaven, which was the sun.

World Book Encyclopedia says, "When the pagans of Northern Europe became Christians, they made their sacred evergreen tree part of the Christian festival and decorated the tree with gilded nuts, candles, (a carry over from sun worship) and apples to stand for the stars, moon and

When the Catholics went into these pagan lands, the pagans would not endorse their faith, so the Catholic Church absolved the heathen festival into their religious system. They did this in order to win the heathen to their faith. They (Catholics) called this festival Christmas, which is a compound word meaning Christ mass. Having established Christmas as a religious festival, they filled the world with the doctrine of Christmas. The Protestants assisted in this also. When they came out of the Catholic Church, they brought with them the doctrine of Christmas. At first they experienced some difficulty in establishing the date of Dec. 25th. There were many different dates set, but finally Dec. 25th was officiallyproclaimed as the birthday of Christ.

of Christ in honor of the sun.

ancient pagans had a midwinter of the sun's return northward, after the short days and discouraging cold. Christianity supplanting paganism made the date of the midwinter (pagan) feast as the traditional date of ly accepted. Even the most orthodox churchmen now state that "Mass." great event in Bethlehem.

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When we observe Dec. 25th as To follow in this path of setback in Christmas." fore, it is most improper to try to put Him into something He The material at my disposal ever sanctioned Christmas as His

If God had desired that we set aside a day to worship the birth pulled by eight reindeer. The of His Son, He would have told us the date of His birth, and how we were to observe it. He it should always be made crystal told us to observe His Son's death and how we are to do it. Read I Cor. 11, but nowhere is there a verse of Scripture to justify observance of the birth.

Furthermore, when the world observes Christmas, He (whose birthday they say they are celebrating) is not invited—neither is He wanted. Read John 15:

They (world of the ungodly) celebrate Christmas with drunkenness and all manner of sin. Though the party is in honor of Christ's birthday, no invitation is sent for Him to attend His own party. If one (invitation) were given, I know He would not at-

The teaching that goes with Christmas, namely Santa Claus, is also blasphemous and a disgrace to our Redeemer. Those who teach their children of Santa Claus become guilty of placing before these children another God, other than Jehovah God. They give to Santa more power than they will give to God. They misrepresent the truth to their children concerning Santa's ability, yet they know when they tell their children about Santa, that it is not true.

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Christmas had its beginning about the middle of the fourth century in Rome during the reign of bishop Julian I, or Julius I in Christmas then in its origin some books, who reigned from 337 is pagan, having nothing to do to 352 A.D. That is, it had its with the birth of Christ, for it beginning somewhat as we know was observed before the birth it today at that time. Christmas, like Easter, Santa Claus and the Science Digest says, "Christ- Catholic Church has evolved mas comes on Dec. 25th because through the centuries. They did not begin as we know them today. feat to celebrate the beginning Christmas sprang from the old workshop of Tammuz on the banks of the Euphrates some two thousand years before Christ. This season of worship of Tamtransition easier by setting the muz was later merged with the festival in honor of the Roman god "Saturn" called "Saturnalia" Christ's birth. The connection lasted seven days. This merger was originally called "Christ's was originally called "Christ's winter solstice is rather general- Mass," but our Lord's saints refused to have anything to do with As Bro. R. F. Becker says: there is no dependable word or changed to "Christmas," and tradition exactly dating the many of the saints did, and still 17 is in every essence that self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the self- Claus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the real Ho! Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the real Ho! Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the real Ho! Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the real Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! But he is no more and the real Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! line, and sinker.

in the fourth century, identified as the Roman Catholic with God. This is brought out This Saint Nicholas is said to have Church.' gone out at night taking presents to needy children in his town. Roman Catholic Church has After his death, his fame spread caused the bloodshed of many throughout Europe. During the men of God, and that fact alone Middle Ages, his feast was cele- should make us keep away from brated on December 6th. Dutch anything that she has advocated. settlers brought this custom to We also see from Scripture that New Amsterdam which is now God says: New York. English-speaking children tried to say the Dutch name people, that ye be not partakers "Sinter Klaas" up with Santa Claus. For hun- not of her plagues. For her sins the birthday of Christ, we are dreds of years in Europe this have reached unto heaven, and which was declared a religious tall, thin fellow. But Washing- ties." (Rev. 18:4, 5). feast by the Catholic Church. ton Irving created a new image This passage of mythical man was pictured as a God hath remembered her iniquifor him in his "Knickerbocker's ting aside Dec. 25th as Christ's History of New York" published elation 17 out of whom comes birthday, we would be guilty of in 1809. Irving described Santa the woman representing the Roidol worshipping, which was the as a jolly fellow wearing a broad- man Catholic Church. custom of the pagans. Today, brimmed hat and huge breeches. we hear the cry, "O put Christ According to Irving Santa rode in anything connected with this He never a wagon above the treetops and church that teaches contrary to that is making "Santa Claus" the was in it in the first place; there- dropped presents down the chim- the Word of God.

In 1822 Clement C. Moore never was in; neither has He wrote the poem "A Visit From St. Nicholas" in which he pictured Santa as we know him today. Moore had him riding in a sleigh story of Santa Claus is an excellent story to tell to children, but clear that it is a fairy tale. parents tell children that Santa Claus brought their Christmas toys, they lie, and do not tell the the Christian's responsibility to

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Usually I can answer the question by following the Scriptures, however this is one question that cannot be answered by Scripture. assure you I will use some Scripture in my answer, but the Bible does not in any way teach about Christmas or Santa Claus.

As we enter a study of Christmas, let us consider what the name means.

medieval 'Christes Masse,' the church is only aping Rome, and Mass of Christ; the feast com- that Christmas and Lent and memorating the birth of Jesus, Easter are pagan to the very core. observed by the Christian church They never once think that God

ever, a difficulty in accepting tract.) this as the date of the Nativity, December being the height of the rainy season in Judea, when things that are connected with neither flocks nor shepherds Christmas. could have been at night in the fields of Bethlehem." (Encyclopedia Brittanica.)

a time when shepherds were out ity, but they are things which set be mentioned that serve to make

solstice, was a familiar Roman cyclopedia.) feast celebrating the victory of easily turned from a pagan to a consider the Christmas tree. Christian one, since Christians consider Christ as the light of Scandinavian countries. of a leader in the Roman Church. of

brated as the day of the Nativity, evergreen trees part of the Chrisbut in the year 354, by order of tian festival, and decorated the Bishop Liberius of Rome, Decem- trees with gilded nuts, candles (a ber 25 was adopted." (World carry-over from sun worship), Book Encyclopedia.)

reader, to follow these orders pedia.) from the Roman Catholic Church?

"God has revealed by His spirit needs to be discussed here: and that 'Babylon the Great' of Rev. do, swallowed the mess hook, same Babylon of old. And that person Saint Nicholas. Saint Santa Claus, the mythical man saw, with her name on her fore- one of the kindest bishops in the Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is pure today had his beginning in a law, with her name on her fore- one of the kindest bishops in the Ho! Santa Claus is pure of today, had his beginning in a head, arrayed in purple and scar- history of the Roman Catholic myth, but it is claimed that real person, Saint Nicholas who let and gold, and drunken with Church." (World Encyclopedia.) got his name from a Roman got his name got his name from a Roman got his name from a Roman got his name got his name got his name from a Roman got his name got hi was bishop of Myra, an ancient blood of the saints and the martown in Lycia which is now Tur- tyrs of Jesus has long ago been Claus,"

Certainly we know that the

Come out of her, my and they came of her sins, and that ye receive

This passage of Scripture is speaking of the Babylon of Rev-

Oh, how we ought to run from

The thought of Christians joining hand in hand with pagans in supporting and enjoying Babylon's idolatry, now revived in the Roman Catholic Church, ought to make every soul that loves Christ's name and blood, shrink in holy horror." (Lent, Good Friday and Easter).

Many people have the idea that even though a thing is wrong, it is correct to observe such if they do not realize it is wrong. search after the truth and to only do God's will in order that He it is a lie. might be glorified.

not under law and has a liberty FESTIVALS OBSERVED that others do not have, but God

called unto liberty; only use not them as long as they last. liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." (Gal. 5:13).

And again He says, "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak. (I Cor. 8:9).

If we in our churches observe this festival then,

"This weak believer within our Protestant Church (and our Baptist Churches) seems to feel he is under obligation to be present or have a part in his church's celebrations of Babylonish festivals. Having never been taught the truth, he does not realize that "Christmas, derived from the in these observances his own on the 25th of December." (En- does not look lightly on idolatry cyclopedia Brittanica) . . . see I John 2:16 and 5:21." And further ". . . There is, how- (Lent, Good Friday and Easter-

pagan festivals, but also the guise of religion. You can't men-

"The giving of presents and use not have a counterfeit. of holly, mistletoe, Yule logs, and the wassail bowl have all come to that Christ was born on Dec If the date could not have been us from the days before Christianof December chosen?

One of December chosen? "The early church fathers prob- Christmas tree and Santa Claus, Brittanica says, "Before the ably chose December 25 because the day would lose much of its century there was no general control for the forest of the same state. the feast of the sun, or winter meaning to families." (World En-

light over darkness. This idea was coming before Christianity, let us or Dec. 25th." A scientific maga-

"Tree worship was common in life." (World Book Encyclopedia.) Swedes and Norwegians still place Not only was this absurd notion a small fir tree or branch on the taken from the Roman festival, ridge pole of a newly built house but also it was taken by order for good luck. When the pagans Northern Europe became "Other dates were often cele- Christians, they made their sacred and apples to stand for the stars, Why is it wrong, Christian moon, and sun." (World Encyclo-

There is one other thing about Christmas that is important and

woman which the apostle John Nicholas was the youngest and so often seen on TV with his Holsaw, with her name on her fore, one of the kindest hishors in the

strongly in the song they sing:

You better watch out, You better not pout, You better not cry, For I'm telling you why-Santa Claus is coming to town He knows when you are sleep

He knows when you're awake He knows when you've been good or bad.

So be good for goodness sake

Then when we have Bible school we teach the children 1

God sees what you do, He hears what you say My Lord is writing all the time, time, time, etc.

In the minds of the children same as God. Parents tell their children that Santa Claus is able to bring presents to every house in the world on Christmas eve which makes him again as pow erful as God. Another song that is sung is a

ditty about "I Saw Mama Kiss ing Santa Claus" which would give the children the idea that it's all right for "Mama" to be unfaithful to "Daddy."

The sad thing about this is that It is Christians, along with the world, make up these lines about "Santa Claus" and get angry if told

Most of my answer is copied It is true that a Christian is from my tract entitled PAGAN OUR CHURCH. I have just 10 or 12 left, but if any of you would "For brethren, ye have been like a copy I will be glad to send



The answer should first be el pressed negatively. The idea Christmas and Santa Claus WAS NOT CONCEIVED IN THE BI-BLE, nor is either one based of anything taught in the Bible.

Positively, I believe the corre answer to be that Christmas and Santa Claus were both conceived in the cunning mind of the Devil Oh, what a cunning creature the Devil is! He likes to palm Not only did the day come from things that are heathen under the tion a single doctrine of the New Testament for which Satan does

There is no historical evidence 25th. A number of things could sensus of opinion as to whe should come on the calendar, As an example of those things whether on Jan. 6th, March 25th, zine had an article some time ago in which the author said that Christmas was set on Dec. 25th finally because the pagans had a big celebration at that time to celebrate the turning of the sun northward. If this is true, then the Catholic Church in one more in stance took over a heathen fest tival and tried to give it a Christian air is ian significance. The World Book Encyclopedia says that Bishop Liberius of Rome was the one who gave the final order establishing To lishing Dec. 25th as the day commemorate the birth of Christ

But what about Santa Claus A good way to get busted in the eeds to be discussed here:

"The modern mythical Santa Claus. They say that he is laus developed from the real Ho! Ho! But he with his real to say something against a "jolly old fellow" with his real to say something against and eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is to say something against a say of the eye is t then is the "Jolly Green Giant" got his name from a Roman Poeple have made "Santa Catholic bishop. The World Ensomewhat synonymous (Continued on page 5, column 1)

The Forum

(Continued from page 4) clopedia says, "The modern Thical Santa Claus developed in the real person, Saint Nichas . . . of the Roman Catholic hurch."

So, it would seem that Christs and Santa Claus were both ceived by the mind of Satan, were introduced into the soled Christian world through agency of the Roman Catho-Church.

Carly in my ministerial life I church to cut out the ole Christmas celebration. At ristmas time I usually preacha sermon on the coming of rist (which is in order at any le) and on Sunday night I ached a sermon on the return Christ. We had no Santa Claus wling around the church lding, no Christmas tree (a ng of heathen origin), and no ristmas parties in the church by the church. We often had ple saved during the Christseason, offerings increased Well as attendance, and there no after Christmas let-down. e pastor said to me, "It takes church thirty days at least get over Christmas." My reply "We have no let-down what-

The very name "Christmas" rist-mass) ought to warn us to the whole Christmas celebraalone, as a church. The Bible uld be our guide, not heathen dition. "Nothing beyond what Written" says the Bible.

And And

oor And Window"

ontinued from page three) ight them in. Noah wouldn't e gone into that ark if it n't been for God. Noah's wife ldn't have gone into that ark hadn't been for God. Noah's y wouldn't have gone in if it 't been for God. We read: But Noah found grace in the of the Lord.—Gen. 6:8.

Come thou and all thy house the ark."—Gen. 7:1. eloved, I am saying to you,

h went in, his wife went in, his family went in, all bee God put them there. you are saved, you are saved

ause Christ saved you. You saved and on your way to y all because God saved you, put you into salvation just He put Noah in the ark. You not saved because you are a better than somebody else. are not saved because of you self, but you are saved bee the Lord saved you-just God put Noah into that ark. e read:

For who maketh thee to differ another?"—I Cor. 4:7.

ask, how is it that you are laved and others in your fam- that ark. not saved? I'll tell you. is only one who maketh to differ from another, and is God. If you are saved, are in Christ Jesus because but you in. sten again:

or ye see your calling, brethhow that not many wise men the flesh, not many mighty, many noble, are called: But hath chosen the foolish s of the world to confound wise; and God hath chosen weak things of the world to und the things which are ty: And base things of the and things which are ded, hath God chosen, yea, and which are not, to bring to -I. Cor. 1:26-31.

at a marvelous passage of ture! He calls us. He does 13:24, 25.

glory in their goodness, but rath- Lord, open unto us," and the Lord glory in the Lord.

Let's notice that God had the

as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in."—Gen. 7:16.

us, and God keeps us.

The interesting thing about this that God shut Noah and his family in that ark, and a year and ten days later when that door animal had died. Everyone, and and couldn't get in. every thing, that went in, came back out. God shut them in and prevented anyone from going out. If it were left up to us, every

one of us would go to Hell, for we have committed enough sin Lord saves us, and the Lord helps Christ. us. Paul said:

lieved, and am persuaded that he IS ABLE TO KEEP that which I God's elect getting into Heaven. have committed unto him against that day."-II Tim. 1:12.

"Wherefore he is ABLE ALSO TO SAVE THEM TO THE UT-TERMOST that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."-Heb. 7:25.

"Now unto him that is ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALL-ING, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."—Jude 1:24.

I tell you, beloved, that door is just a type of the Lord Jesus Christ. There is only one door, and God put them in that one door, and God shut the door. If you are ever saved, it will be because God put you into Christ, and God will keep you saved, just like He kept the people of the ark.

If you will read the story of this civilization, you will find there was plenty of sin. God said to Cain:

"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door."-Gen. 4:7.

The expression that God uses here is that of a wild animal waiting, just ready to spring, when you open the door. God said, "Cain, you have not only sinned, but there is plenty of sin all around you."

Beloved, there is no doubt in my mind but that they also had all kinds of religion in those days —that they had the same kinds of religion that we have today. There is no doubt in my mind that they had diversities of religion in those days, but there is one thing certain—there was only one door to God's ark, and when they went in that door, God shut d, and maybe your brother the door, and God kept them in, Your sister are not saved? despite all of the sin that was on is it that you are saved and the outside. For 120 years Noah be your husband or your wife was building that ark, and then saved? How is it that you eventually God shut the door on

> Beloved, the same God that shut the door back there, is the Every beast, every creeping thing, New Testament. Listen:

25:10.

I haven't time to enter into a means, but I just use it to illus- but it was a means of exit. trate what is meant in Genesis 7:16. They went in. God put forth for service. Listen: them into the ark, and God shut closed.

When we come to the Gospel of Scripture, for it says:

should glory in his presence. will seek to enter in, and shall and the Lord Jesus Christ gives has opened. of him are ye in Christ Jesus, not be able. When once the mas- us the command for service. Lisof God is made unto us wis- ter of the house is risen up, and ten: and righteousness, and sanc- hath shut to the door, and ye ding as it is written, He that knock at the door, saying, Lord, name of the Father, and of the door, you might as well make up th, let him glory in the Lord, open unto us; and he shall Son, and of the Holy Spirit: your mind that the door is closed. answer and say unto you, I know Teaching them to observe all All the effort that you put forth,

ye are."

ark to put them in, and then He crowd that didn't believe Noah to His people, today, "You have said, "No, Paul; no preaching shut the door:

when he was preaching and come to me, I have saved you, there." The Holy Spirit wouldn't "And they that went in, went building the ark had come around in male and female of all flesh, and said "Noah, open the door; we believe you now,"-do you believe many would have been in God not only put them in, but the ark? And how many would God shut them in. Isn't that have been outside the ark? I tell what God does today? God saves you, beloved, all that God had chosen were inside the ark, and all those that He had not chosen were outside the ark. those that were saved were inside the ark—sealed in, and could was opened, not a single one of not get out. All those that were them had died, and not a single not saved, were on the outside,

Jesus said:
"All that the Father giveth me that cometh to me I will in no

wise cast out." - John 6:37. The same is true here—everyto actually go to Hell. But the one that God calls will come to

"For I know whom I have be- about God's elect going to Hell. I am not worried a bit about I say to you, everyone that God has chosen before the foundation

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Lord Jesus Christ and will be saved. The Lord is going to keep them, and not a single one of His elect is going to Hell.

II.

THE DOOR IS ALSO MEANS OF EXIT.

This door is a means of ingress and also egress. It is an exit as well as entrance.

We read:

"And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: and every fowl, and whatsoever "And the door was shut."-Mt. their kinds, went forth out of the ark."-Gen. 8:15-19.

You will notice that the ark discussion as to what this parable was not only a means of entrance,

Let's notice that they went

"And God blessed Noah and the door, and those on the outside his sons, and said unto them, Be were outside, for the door was fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."-Gen. 9:1.

Luke, we find a remarkable command—a command for serv- couraged. I tell you, one thing have a hot-water bottle at your

you not whence ye are."-Luke things whatsoever I have com- and all that you try to do when manded you: and, lo, I am with God has closed the door, is all in men after the flesh. He This is saying that some shall you alway, even unto the end of vain. I say to you, God opens not call men that they shall stand at the door, saying, "Lord, the world. Amen." -Mt. 28:19, 20. doors, and God closes doors.

world."

exit by way of service.

service. We read:

is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."—I Cor. 16:9.

but he did stay at Corinth a year I am not worried a particle at Ephesus, where he wrote the open, but there are lots of adversaries.

of the world will come to the God who shut Noah in the ark, open up the door after God closed put Noah out of the ark to serve, it. and that same God has a service for us to perform. There was a the ark was a means of entrance, door of service for Paul, and there and it was a means of exit. It is a door for His people today.

tunity to serve people. I am thinking about THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and its world-wide ministry. I think of our local radio program. I think of our Bible Conference. I think of the Word of God that we send forth God opens the door for His people today.

If God opens a door to somebody, nobody can shut it. Listen:

hast a little strength, and hast was being destroyed. kept my word, and hast not denied my name."-Rev. 3:8.

church at Philadelphia. He said, nobody can shut that door."

say it to any mission board. He with the Lord. didn't say it to any kind of exsaid it to a church. He said, "I him. Listen: have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it."

I tell you, beloved, whenever God opens the door for a church is not a doubt in my mind but above, not on things on the that there have been many, many earth."—Col. 3:1, 2. attempts to shut the doors which God has opened in our behalf. many attempts made to shut the look, is down. The only time creepeth upon the earth, after THE BAPTIST EXAMINER isn't he is turned over on his back, and a door that God has opened for he can then see the sky. us to minister to the world! You Beloved, I think that sometimes

that encourages me always is this, feet, and an ice pack on

I might go further and say that

I tell you, beloved, just like Paul was in Asia preaching, er He calls them that we shall shall say, "I know you not whence God told Noah and his family to and one day God just slammed go out of the ark to multiply and the door in his face. He tried Do you believe if some of the replenish the earth, so God says to go over to Bithynia, but God and I am keeping you. I won't allow Paul to go over to Bithynia. allow you to be lost. But I have Then Paul came on down to something for you to do. I have Troas, and when he got to Troas, some preaching and some teach- a vision appeared to Paul. There ing for you to do within this stood a man of Macedonia saying, "Come over into Macedonia and So the door was not only a help us." (Acts 16:9). The Word of means of entrance to God, but God says that Paul came on the door was also a means of down to Samathracia, and the next day to Neapolis, and from I turn to the Word of God and thence to Philippi, which was the I find that God opens doors for chief city of that part of Macedonia. God closed up Asia, but "For a great door and effectual God opened up Macedonia.

If you will look at your map, you will see the space that the Paul didn't stay but a few days Apostle Paul traveled from the SHALL COME TO ME; and him any place that he went because time that God closed the door, of opposition to his preaching, until the time that God opened the door for him to go over to and a half, which was his second Macedonia. You will find that longest ministry. However, he there were hundreds of miles had one longer one, and that was wherein God said, "No preaching. at Ephesus, where he wrote the I will not allow you to preach book of I Corinthians. He said here." The Spirit of God sufto them, "There is a great door fered them not to preach there. God closed the door to Paul in Asia, and He left it closed. There I tell you, beloved, the same wasn't any use in Paul trying to

I say, beloved, the door into was a means of ingress and I know there is a door of service egress. Christ is also the only for us. Just think of the way in way of entrance to God, and then which God has given us an oppor- God sends His own out in service.

THE WINDOW WAS FOR MEDITATION AND COMMU-NION.

The window was in the top of the ark. God put that window into the world. I tell you, the there so the people could not see same God that moved Paul to outside, and watch their relatives say that there was a great and and friends die. Noah was just effectual door open to him-that as human as you and I. You wouldn't want to see your friends die and go to Hell. You wouldn't You know, beloved, when God want to see your loved ones spend opens a door, nobody can shut it. an eternity in Hell. You wouldn't want to see them destroyed. God put the window in the top of the "I know thy works: behold, I ark for one purpose—so they have set before thee an open door, wouldn't have to look upon that and no man can shut it: for thou ungodly, hellish civilization as it

Why was it there? It was a window for meditation. When This is what God said to the Noah looked through the window, who could he see? Not his friends, "I have an open door for you, and not his neighbors, and not his relatives, but he could lookstraight Notice, God said this to the into the face of God. God put church at Philadelphia. He didn't that window in the top of the ark say it to any individual. He didn't for meditation and communion

I think, beloved, God wants us ternal organization by way of an to spend much time in meditation association or a convention or any and communion-more time than kind of a conference. Rather, He you and I spend every day with

"If ye then be risen with Christ, SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. today, no man can shut it. There Set your affection on things

When I was a boy, I lived on a farm, and I notice I know God has kept us going eyes are put in its nose in such through the years in spite of the a way that the only way it can You can't tell me that that a hog ever looks up is when

can't tell me that this church in God has to lay us over on our itself isn't an open door! Be- back in order for us to look to loved, God has given us this heaven. I think that sometimes church, and all Hell can't stop it. God has to put us down, so that This is a thing that encourages we can see up. I have often said and helps me along. Your pastor that we all have enough religion. doesn't have a pastor. He doesn't for the days of adversity, but have anybody to preach to him. mighty few of us have enough re-Your pastor sometimes gets to ligion for the days of prosperity. Notice, they went forth on a the place that he needs to be en- When things go wrong, when you "Strive to enter in at the strait Likewise, we come to God that when God opens a door, all head, you can look toward Heavthings that are: That no gate: for many, I say unto you, through the Lord Jesus Christ Hell can't shut the door, that God en then. You can really commune with the Lord then.

Just as God put a window in God closes doors, and when He the top of the ark, so Noah could "Go ye therefore, and teach closes one, you can't open it. You look up, so God wants us to comtion, and redemption: That, begin to stand without, and to all nations, baptizing them in the can try, but when God closes a mune and to meditate with Him. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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"Door And Window" (Continued from page five)

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."—Col. 3:8, 12-14.

I tell you, beloved, you and I ought to put off the things of this world and put on the things of the Lord.

Go back to the Old Testament and find Daniel when he was in captivity. He had a window also. And do you know where that window was? It was in the wall, so when he looked out, he looked toward Jerusalem. The Word of God tells us that the king had passed an edict that nobody was to pray to God for thirty daysthat they were to pray to the king. Daniel got down on his knees three times a day before that open window, and prayed with his face towards Jerusalem, just like the Word of God had taught him to. When Solomon dedicated the temple, he said, "If you ever go into captivity, pray with your face towards Jerusalem," and Daniel did. He had a window that he looked out for meditation with the Lord.

Noah didn't have any use for that window until God closed the door, and I think sometimes God closes a door so we can open a window.

the hills of Kentucky I preached in a crowded schoolroom. Some- the name of our Master, body shut the door, but they opened the window. Always on those nights when the door was closed, somebody thought to open a window.

May I remind you that through (Continued from page two) the door we meet God, and said: "They shall never perish." May I remind you that through through the door we also meet the (John 10:28). He said "never;" it world. Through the window we Noah came in through a door, are no strings attached. looked through a window, and We find another unconditional went out through the door for promise in Romans 8:30: service. We came in through a "Whom He justified, them He door—Jesus Christ, we look unto also glorified." service. We came in through a Heaven by way of meditation, and we go out through the door for service.

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has both a door and a window in become temporary? It is impos- day and lost the next in Gal 3:3, his life. Some people are all one sible. or the other. Some people just pray and talk to the Lord, but words: "An everlasting salva- begun in the Spirit, are ye now never serve. Some even boast tion." that they can pray for hours at a ing cannot die or finally be lost. time. Some people are all win-Now, it is good to have a window to talk to the Lord, but it is well also to serve Him. In contrast, some are all door. They just want to serve, but never med-

A good example of a "door" and a "window" is found in Mary ner of sin. and Martha. Martha was the home body, who thought in terms of her guests and was anxious man's sinning, such a one has us with an Holy calling, not ac- (Continued on page 7, column 5) about their entertainment. In power been born again about their entertainment. In never been born again. contrast, Mary sat at the feet of

on her apron, both excited and her across the last 2,000 years birth and it cannot fail.
when she said in substance, Masall concerned about serving, terms of meditation.

should be all "door" or "window." us who have come to God through God. Jesus Christ have made the entrance unto God. Then, we ought we have come to Jesus, and then, we we ought to go out through the Christ. door for service.

We ough Christ unto Goa.

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Once Saved

If He has justified us, washed us in His own blood, then glory is certain; Heaven is sure accord-

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Again in John 17:24, Jesus said: "I will that they also whom thou hast given me be with me

Where is Jesus? Heaven? of 3:14 says: course. It is His will that His "I know

people be with Him. Regardless doeth, it shall be forever." of what many say, the divine will cording to His will in the army

Spoken of as Being Everlasting. Many think that salvation is a temporary thing; we might have he himself shall be saved; yet so it today but next week it could be gone. I thank God that His salvation is eternal. Notice Isaiah

"Lift up your eyes to the Heavens and look upon the earth beneath, for the Heavens shall vanish away like smoke and the earth shall wax old like a garment and ism. So gaping are the ones we they that dwell therein shall die in like manner, BUT my salvation none will set sail in her. shall be forever and my righteousness shall not be abolished."

We see in this text the Heavens are temporary and the earth likethose who inhabit the earth are things which shall never pass away: His salvation (bestowed on eous by robing us in His perfect righteousness, then brethren, we all of these things works? shall be righteous for ever. Praise

Hebrews 9:12 we read:

"Having obtained eternal redemption for us."

In Isaiah 45:17, we find these Anything that is everlast- made perfect by the flesh?"

Regeneration Cannot Fail.

ing in the security of the believer. ning. They say such a doctrine gives a license for sinning, further stating that, if they believed that, they would go out and live in all man- ing to His mercy He saved us."

I have news for you. If fear II Tim. 1:9: of Hell is the only restraint on a

As God the Father and God the Jesus and listened to His teach- Son cannot fail, neither can God the Holy Spirit. Just as the pre-I can see Martha as she came cious blood of Christ cannot fail, into the room, wiping her hands neither can the new birth. The Bible nowhere mentions of being agitated because she was having born from above more than one to do all the work. I could hear time. There is only one new

Regeneration is not left to man, ter, please send my sister out here but is the work of God, as we to help me. As I say, Martha was are told in John 1:13. In Phil. 1:6:

"Being confident of this very whereas Mary thought only in thing that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform I tell you beloved, none of us it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Here we find the work begun We ought to be both. Those of by God is going to be finished by

If we are in the family, then we are in it for keeps. Whoever to look up for meditation, devo- heard of anyone being unborn? tion, and communion. We ought It is not a matter of activity, but to have a window for such after of birth.

We That Are Saved Belong To

If I were to go into a store and In other words, we ought to make a purchase, buying certain have a door of entrance through articles and paying for them, then to I would take everything nome have a window for meditation. that I bought. What would you And then, empowered, we ought think if I were to leave some of I remember many years ago in to have a door of egress through my purchases behind! What a which we go out for service, in fool! What a failure! (failing to take home what I bought).

The Word of the Lord says concerning those in whom the Holy Spirit dwells:

"Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price." (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

What I am saying is this: all that the Son of God bought and is an unconditional promise. He paid for He is going to take home. look to God and then we go out doesn't say if they keep the com- He won't leave any of His purthrough the door for service. mands, or if they sin not; there chases behind. The God we worship never fails.

The Saint And His Savior Can Never Be Separated.

Romans 8:38, 39 tells us that nothing can separate. Sin can break our fellowship and cause us to lose the joy of our salvation, but the Saviour is faithful. The truth is seen in II Tim. 2:13:

"If we believe not yet He abideth faithful."

The preacher in Ecclesiastes

"I know that whatsoever God

Rather than struggle against the ing to His own purpose and grace is always executed. "He doth ac- great doctrine, we ought to rejoice, giving God all the glory. If of Heaven, and among the in- our being is right, then our end habitants of the earth." Dan. 4:35. is sure to be. The Scripture says is sure to be. The Scripture says Salvation and Redemption Are in I Cor. 3:15:

"If any man's work shall be "Looking unto Jesus, the burned, he shall suffer loss: but and finisher of our faith." as by fire."

REASONS WHY THE DOC-TRINE OF LOSING ONE'S SAL-VATION CANNOT BE TRUE.

There are many holes which would sink the ship of Arminianshall try to expose that we trust (Rom. 7:18).

tion by Grace.

The Bible plainly teaches that salvation is by grace. No Chriswise is only for a season, and tian would dispute this. However, the Bible also teaches in soon to pass away. But notice two Romans 11:6 that grace and works cannot be mixed; either salvation is by works or else it is by grace. unworthy creatures like us) and Then, if our getting to Heaven His righteousness (imputed to His depends on our holding out, and saints). If He has made us right- our will, and our faithfulness, and how we serve the Lord, are not

Such teaching then would mix works and grace for salvation. So His redemption is eternal. In then, if we believe in salvation by grace, we must also believe in 'once saved, always saved.' believe the Scripture speaks of How can anything eternal ever the foolishness of being saved one where two questions are asked:

"Are ye so foolish? Having

It is just as much of an abomination to God to tack our filthy a saint could go astray by believ- as it is to put works on the begin- on how strong the Ark of Safety en The Bible says in Titus

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but accord-

Also the same thing is seen in

cording to our works, but accordwhich was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Such Teaching Would Turn Our Eyes From Christ to Self. The Bible says in Heb. 12:2: "Looking unto Jesus, the author

The Apostle Paul said he had no confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:3). Yet, if the Arminian teach ing is true, then we must always be looking to ourselves to see if we are keeping ourselves saved. I thank God that I am kept by divine grace, for, like Paul,

"I know that in me (that is in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing

Such Teaching Limits The Pow-Such Teaching Denies Salva- er of God and Exalts The Power of Satan. Many preachers put Satan and ut

God on the same level when it comes to power, but the Scripture Th

"The Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:6).

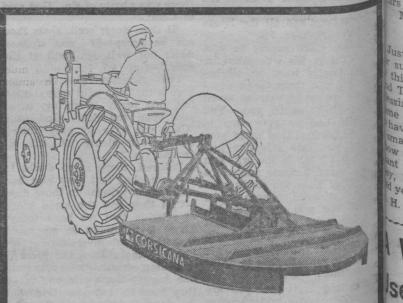
Can you imagine how the Devil would rejoice if he could capture one of the Lord's saints? We can almost hear him say, Christ was able to save the strong ones but not the weaker ones. Satan would be able to parade his fue captured trophies and tell how he ight was able to outwit the Lord and l steal His portion. Brethren, is not 25.0 such teaching repulsive to any one one taught by the Holy Spirit?

We thank God that salvation our does not depend on the power of ved the saint but upon the power of God. Just as Noah's Ark contained the strong and the weak, elephants and doves, yet all were The equally safe since their deliver ad ance did not depend on them, but essi

It Causes What Would Be Good Works To Be Evil.

Before any work can be called good in the sight of God it must among other things, have a prop "who hath saved us and called the equality of the deed. The with an Holy calling, not ac-

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ear Brethren of Calvary ptist Church:

s blessings

od for His divine love as the needs of TBE. er of all blessings, and for His Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour. Next, I want to ank Him for brethren of like th and practice who believe the uths of sovereign grace and New stament Churches.

pastor, and each member. I grateful for the great work this church and the gospel EXAMINER, to all states ghty way

ved by Grace.

John L. Stepp Madison, Ohio

d it every word. It's such a essing to our hearts to know of n who still preach the truth.

get a blessing from every rd in TBE. Pray for us here at him to be more steadfast. bernacle Baptist Church and If the Lord bless you for many ars to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Surber (Tulsa, Okla.)

H. Harris (Jacksonville, Tex.)

I have a real love for your folk, the church, and THE BAPTIST Being unable to attend the EXAMINER. I have found no work you are doing in your writlanksgiving services, yet know- greater source of help and ten ministry. g that it will be a blessing to all strength, other than Jesus Christ at attend, and since this is and the Bible, than TBE. So I anksgiving morning, I want hope there are enough friends to know I am thankful for who desire to see the truth continue to go forth, that there will First of all, I want to thank be enough and more to meet the

William D. Fisher (Platteville, Wisconsin)

I am sorry to report that I will be unable to be with you this Thanksgiving. I will be thinking This morning, I want to thank of you and your fine church, the d for Calvary Baptist Church, people, and wishing you all the

I have with interest read the "Impressions." It would seem that ing forth through THE BAP- many people wait all year to attend your Conference just to hear abroad. It truly has been a the Word. As a minister I feel ssing to me, and the church of ashamed. I know that I can do ich I am pastor. May God con- nothing for them, but feel regret, we to bless and use you in a and yet as I sit here right now typing. I feel this money will am sending a small offering help them to at least receive a 25.00) to help carry on this mis- paper which prints the Word hary work. May God bless each and instead of sitting here feel-Other and sister there. I remain ing sorry for them, and doing brother in Christ, a sinner nothing, perhaps this little bit of money will do more to help correct this than my sympathy will, or rather would have done.

John, let me thank you for all Thank God for this paper. We your help and for the advice as well as the instruction you have given me. It has really helped to enlighten me. I know that God C. C. Dobbins (Dille, W. Va.) used you, but I also know that you have helped correct some Just a note and small offering false thinking which will keep let you know how much we me from hurting others by teachyour work, and our ing and preaching false facts. If and Saviour Christ Jesus. nothing else, your paper has helped this preacher and encouraged

Hope you're feeling better. David W. Bliss (E. St. Louis, Illinois)

As the Thanksgiving time draws Just a few lines to thank God close, I am sending you a little such a great spiritual leader offering. At 82, I have so much this Satan cursed world. You to be thankful for, and among TBE have been a wonderful the multitude of things, stands ssing to me ever since I be- out the Examiner. It has been a he acquainted with you. Hope great blessing to me these last have TBE as long as I live. Just 20 years. It has helped me to mall Thanksgiving offering to grow in the grace and knowledge w my love for such a spiritual of God which is one of the things ht in this awful day of apos- that God expects of His reborn May God richly bless you children. Yours in brotherly love,

> R. G. Patterson, (Crown City, Ohio)

I search for words to tell how greatly I appreciate you and the

I was saved April 18, 1955, and I'd like to say that the paper has been the greatest blessing to me in helping me to come to the knowledge of hard to understand Bible truths, than any other aids I have used in studying the Word of God. I especially like the Forum. I am amazed at the knowledge of Brother E. G. Cook.

From July, 1964, to August, 1967, I lived in Greensboro, N. C., and held membership with the Smith Grove Baptist Church. It was there that I became acquainted with a dear brother in Christ, Raymond Knuckles. Raymond invited me to go to Winston-Salem one night to hear Brother Joe Wilson preach. It was through Brother Wilson's church (I should have said, the Lord's church which Brother Wilson pastors) that I was given a free subscription to the TBE, and it was through Brother Wilson, and especially Brother Knuckles, that I came to the understanding of the great Bible doctrines of election, limited atonement, and predestination. While I believed these things up to a point short of truth, it was through them that I really came to the understanding of these truths.

Since I now embrace these to be what the Bible teaches, it has simplified the Bible to the extent that there are no loose ends, but it reveals God to be all wise, all mighty, and all sovereign, and who works all things according to His own will and purpose.

I used to be afraid these docistry even though I was aware your prayers. of their presence and existence your labor of love has given me encouragement, which grows with every paper I receive.

Now the joy, assurance, and confidence that these truths bring, far surpasses the reproach-

es from men because of them. May the God of all grace and glory richly bless your soul and fill you with a burning zeal to continue in this work. As you are aware of what it means to be a recipient of God's eternal grace, to me, being a recipient of this paper is the next thing to being the recipient of God's grace. While I search for encouraging words, I believe this is as close as I can come to telling you how deeply I appreciate TBE.

Please remember that our pray-

ers are for you.

I pick up my mail and notice 4:19, along with many other it is written "My glory will I not the headlines of THE BAPTIST Scriptures. EXAMINER. It surely has brought me a lot of truth and I enjoy it very much.

prayers for vou and THE BAP-TIST EXAMINER.

Gus Henke Hialeah, Florida

I love THE BAPTIST EXAM-INER. It is the only paper that I know that stands for the "whole" Brother Gilpin, and the ministry of TBE. Enclosed is a check for our Thanksgiving offering.

Elder Elvis Gregory, Columbus, Mississippi

With the greatest of pleasure, I send you a small offering. I hope this will help to lift your ing Day and every day as you send out such a paper as THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

I can give my small offerings. I cannot support a mixed truth ing, so I prayed much as to what to do. I was led to send what little I am blessed to give to you.

Herschel Williamson, Somerset, Kentucky

derful spiritual food I receive us in our infirmities. from it each week! I also thank God for each of His servants who ical health the Lord has blessed forth the truth!

closest to my heart. I have passed old copies on to others in the hope their hearts may also receive the this paper coming into her home. with great expectancy and appe- for us. tite to a great feast when the paper comes.

If it is late we are on the phone to each other to find out if she or myself has heard from you. And then, we pray all is well and the paper will soon be arriving.

I pray daily for you and the ministry God has called you to, only motive acceptable to God is and that TBE may continue until our Lord comes.

Gilpin, a man completely "sold my motive is selfish. Thus, all out" to God.

Mrs. Joyce Smith

Lord Jesus Christ. We are bound that saved me. to thank God always for you, brethren. . .

We are sending this offering and a note of encouragement that you may know that we truly thank the Lord for Calvary Baptist Church, and our wonderful pastor, and the great work that is being done there, preaching, radio ministry, and printed ministry, tracts, books and climaxing with THE BAPTIST EXAM-INER.

We trust this will reach you before Thursday, as we may fail to be with you for worship and fellowship on that day. If we are trines would jeopardize my min- not with you, remember us in

We trust that you will receive in the Book, but after receiving sufficient offerings to meet the TBE for nearly a year now, need of forwarding THE BAP-



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Then we must mention just a few things for which we are "once saved, always saved" is a thankful — "Thanks be unto God Here is my donation for this for His unspeakable gift." I be- as the other is a man-honoring rally day, and along with it my lieve all of God's children should doctrine. I believe that when, by first thank God for this gift, The the grace of God, one views the Lord Jesus Christ. See II Cor. 9:

We are thankful to have mem- other way. bership in a scriptural New Testament church (Calvary of Ashland).

And again, we are thankful for truth. We are praying for you, the work of this great church. in her stand for the truths of the Bible, in all phases of the work there.

We are thankful for our pastor (Brother John R. Gilpin) and his dear companion - we must mention their hospitality in their

We are thankful for THE BAPfinancial burdens for Thanksgiv- TIST EXAMINER and the many men of God who contribute various articles for our reading enjoyment — for the stand it takes I don't have a church to which for the truth in this day of apostasy.

We are thankful for the Word with my presence and my offer- of God, and the desire He has given us to study, all of the great promises and blessings which it holds for us His children.

We are thankful for the Holy Spirit who directs, and opens

How I love TBE and the won- our understanding - who helps

We are thankful for the physwrite for this paper and give us with, and for the temporal blessings we enjoy each day; Next to my Bible, TBE ranks these are only a few of the many blessings that we receive from Him daily.

May His very richest blessings truth this paper holds forth. Some be yours at Calvary Baptist of my friends got very offended, Church on this Thanksgiving Day and others, such as Mrs Mary 1967. May each one assembled Billings, have praised God for with you there on this day be blessed and drawn just a little We both look forward each week, closer to Him who did so much

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Creech, Middletown, Ohio



Once Saved

(Continued from page 6) for His honor and glory.

Then, if I am working to keep Praise God for you, Brother myself saved, to stay in the fold, that I do under this motive is evil in the sight of God. On the (E. Brunswick, N. J.) other hand, if I believe in once saved always saved, then I do not "Grace be unto you, and peace, have to worry about my salvafrom God our Father and the tion, but merely to serve Him

Such Teaching Makes Light of Our Position in Christ.

Many Arminian preachers of different faiths in their defense of their doctrine, point to the fallen angels in Jude 6 and say "we are no better than they.

It is true we are no better morally, nor are we any more valuable, but in position we are far better. To be in Christ is the highest position possible. The Bible says we shall judge angels (I Cor. 6:3). We are in a loftier position than Adam was in the garden. The fallen angels as well as Adam were under a legal system, but we are under grace. As it is written:

"To the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved." (Eph. 1:6).

Such Teaching Robs The Children of God of Comfort.

The prophet was told "comfort ye, comfort ye my people" (Isa. 40:1), but how could anyone be comforted if such a doctrine of uncertainty were true?

Hebrews 4:9 says concerning the Lord Jesus Christ "there remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God," yet under this doctrine there can be no rest.

It Gives The Creature Some of God's Praise.

The creature is encouraged to hang unto his salvation and keep it; therefore, he is able to boast in how well he does this. The Bible says:

"He that glorieth, let him glory

Such a teaching then would I am thrilled every time when we do have this promise in Phil. tempt us to sin against God, as give to another.

> In closing, let me say that gospel aright, this doctrine must be accepted, since it could be no

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(Continued from page one) published weekly. On the contrary, God has seen to it that we giving, 1967. have had sufficient funds for the publishing of our paper, week after week, through the years, and today, we are most grateful as we look back upon our Thanksgiving service.

We were happy to have guests with us from several other a lot of work yet for me to do-churches round about, which especially through the columns of

the preacher brethren who were ious to do it. I am trusting Him present took part in the services today for a complete recovery, and in it all, we thank God for and for strength to do His will His goodness to us for Thanks- for many years to come.

Physical Health

(Continued from page one) recovery.

made us to rejoice. A number of this paper-and I am most anx-

Fred Halliman Soon To Return To His I have a feeling that God has Beloved New Guinea



Eld. Fred T. Halliman

Elder Fred T. Halliman, whom we consider one of the greatest missionaries next to Apostle Paul, shortly after the first of January.

Having spent over six years in New Guinea, the Halliman family have been in the states for the past year. I can't say that it has been much rest for them, but at least it has been a change of

Elder Fred Roberts has done a remarkable job of looking after and assisting in this missionary the work in New Guinea in the absence of Bro. Halliman. With only a very limited experience there with Brother Halliman to get acquainted with the work before Brother Halliman left, Brother Roberts has truly done a remarkable piece of work. We consider him and his family some of our best and dearest friends, and we thank God for the work that God has enabled him to do this past year while Brother Halliman was gone.

Brother Ralph Doty erstwhile, of Fossil, Oregon is returning

will be returning to New Guinea the mission field with Brother have fossils without death. Halliman and Brother Roberts for 2. If there were a catacity a short period of a few months, then there were two creations I and then he expects to settle on lions of years apart, and not of the Solomon Islands. All of this as the Bible teaches. work is under the sponsorship of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. It is a joy to us pace, and now they are planning of Calvary Baptist Church and to return to New Guinea early in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to publicise this work and we thank

> May we ask that you please remember Brother Halliman and Brother Doty as they plan their departure, and also remember Brother Roberts who is carrying on in a most faithful manner.



(Continued from page one) esis one. There are some reasons we offer why this is false.

with the Hallimans to New Guin- 1. Rom. 5:12 teaches there was plenish" in Gen. 1:28, is ea, and plans to work there on no death on the earth until Adam lated "fill," "fulfill," or sinned. If there was no death full' 246 times in the Old Testa until Adam sinned, then there ment. Creation was never sils: for you could not no foss

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apostasy is true. 4. The idea of a cataclysi contrary to all Bible teaching all Bible history shows there always a remnant left by of his work. If there were a cri ation millions of years befor Adam, it was such a colossal fa

ure, that no trace of it was lef 5. No pre-historic man. A was the first one. I Cor. 15. If no pre-historic man, then sin; no death; no dataclysni;

6. Bro. Pink's main argume drawn from the word, "replenish That argument is based on igni ance. The word, translated ntil Gen

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