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

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After Driving Nearly 50,000 Miles In The States, Bro. Halliman Soon To Return To His Beloved Natives In New Guinea

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Dear friends:
As I write this and think back over the past several months it hardly seems that they could have come and gone so fast; and yet, from another point of view, it seems that the past eleven months have been about the longest that I have ever spent. To be more specific, the past year has seemed exceedingly long, due to the fact that I have hardly seen my family; then, too, I have been away from the Mission and the folk around there that I have learned to love so much over the past few years. I suppose it has, on the other hand, gone so fast due to the fact that I have been going such a fast pace while back here. Many folk have said to me, "Brother Halliman, how do you ever sleep for it usually takes me at least three or more nights to get used to a bed," and my reply has been that if it took that long for me to be able to sleep in a new bed I would not have had

many nights sleep this year, for I have seldom had an opportunity to have more than two nights in



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any one bed.
Regardless though of what may or may not have happened in the

year that has gone by, the time is near at hand that we will be leaving to go back to New Guinea. The Lord willing, we will be leaving on January 15 and will be arriving in New Guinea on the 18th. These are our plans now as I write this on the 5th of December. All of us will be having another complete physical check up in about two weeks from now and insofar as we know there is nothing that would prevent our leaving health wise. It is going to take about \$5,000.00, perhaps a little more, to get my family and Brother Ralph Doty back to New Guinea and my pastor, Brother Wyrick, said recently that the church had raised all of it but \$350.00 and would easily have that by the time we were ready to leave. It is almost beyond human reasoning to figure out how a church no larger in membership than the Macedonia Baptist Church could raise over \$10,000.00 in two years by way of special offerings for the Lord's work, but when a church has been taught to give for missions and (Continued on page 8, column 1)

OLD LANDMARKISM

CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTORY.

The real questions at issue between the "Liberal" and the Strict, or "Old Landmark" Baptists—Fundamental principles upon which the "strict" policy rests axiomatically stated.

"I have known a man so set in his way of thinking that he would not admit the truth of an axiom if it was against him."—Old Author
"Convince a man against his will, and he's of the same opinion still."—Old Adage.
"He who answereth a matter before he heareth, it is folly and a shame unto him."—Solomon.

FACTS TAKEN FOR GRANTED.

1st Fact.

That Christ while on earth did "set up a kingdom" and "build a Church," unlike any institution that had ever been seen on earth.

2nd Fact.

That Christ "set up" but one kingdom, and built but one house, which he designed to be called, in all after ages, "the house of God," "the Church of the living God," and to be "a pillar and ground of the truth."

3rd Fact.

That Christ did not found his "kingdom" of provinces or parts in deadly antagonism to each other, and all in open rebellion to his own authority, laws and government—a kingdom constitutionally "divided against itself,"—or construct his divine "house," which he designed for his own glory and praise, of heterogeneous and discordant materials, so that, from their very nature, they could never be "fitly framed together" and become a homogeneous, compacted whole, but ever and necessarily "a house divided against itself."

"Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."—Christ.

But Christ's kingdom is never to be brought to desolation, and his Church is to stand forever.

THE DIRECT INFERENCES from these admitted facts are:

First. That the popular "church-branch theory" is a bald absurdity. That theory as preached and taught by those who pride themselves upon being "undenominational Christians," is that all these different sects are "branches of the Church." Branch is a relative term, and implies necessarily a trunk or body; but they are unable to tell us what or where the trunk or body of the (Continued on page 3, column 3)

Mystery Of Babylon A Type Of Rome And Protestantism

In Rev. 17:4 we read that the woman "was arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and uncleanness of her fornication." Many well know that scarlet and purple are the colors of the papacy. When the pope is installed to office five articles of attire which he must wear are scarlet. His vest covered with pearls and precious stones are to be worn. The cardinals wear purple and scarlet. (Continued on page 7, column 5)

A RICH, BUT TAX-FREE MAN

A tax assessor came one day to a poor Baptist pastor to determine the amount of taxes the pastor would have to pay. The following conversation took place:
"What property do you possess?" asked the assessor.
"I am a very wealthy man," replied the minister.
"List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.
"First, I have everlasting life," said the pastor.
"Second, I have a mansion in heaven," John 14:2.
"Third, I have peace that passes all understanding," Philippians 4:7.
"Fourth, I have joy unspeakable," I Peter 1:8.
"Fifth, I have divine love which never faileth," I Corinthians 13:8.
"Sixth, I have a faithful, pious wife," Proverbs 31:10.
"Seventh, I have healthy, happy, obedient children," Exodus 20:12.
"Eighth, I have true, loyal friends," Proverbs 18:24.
"Ninth, I have songs in the heart," Psalm 42:8.
"Tenth, I have a crown of life," (Continued on page 8, column 5)

GOD'S INHERITANCE

By A. W. PINK

"For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of His inheritance." (Deut. 32:9).

This verse brings before us a most blessed and wonderful line of truth, so wonderful that no human mind could possibly have invented it. It speaks of the mighty God having an "inheritance," and it tells us that this inheritance is in His own people! God refused to take this world for His inheritance — it will yet be burnt up. Nor did Heaven, peopled with angels, satisfy His heart. In eternity past Jehovah said, by way of anticipation, "My delights were with the sons of men." (Prov. 8:31).

This is by no means the only scripture which teaches that God's inheritance is in His saints.

In Psalm 135:4 we read, "For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto Himself, and Israel for His peculiar treasure."

In Mal. 3:17 the Lord speaks of His people as His "special treasure" (see margin) — so "special" that the highest manifestations of His love are made to them, the richest gifts of His hand are be-

stowed on them, the mansions on High are prepared and reserved for them!



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The same wondrous truth is taught in the New Testament. In

Eph. 1, we behold the apostle Paul praying that God would give unto His people the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: the eyes of their understanding being enlightened that they might know "what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" (v. 18). This is a truly amazing expression; not only do saints obtain an inheritance in God, but He also secures an inheritance in them! How overwhelming the thought that the great God should deem Himself the richer because of our faith, our love and worship! Surely this is one of the most marvelous truths revealed in Holy Writ — that God should pick up poor sinners and make them His inheritance! Yet so it is.

But what need has God of us? How can we possibly enrich Him? Does He not have everything — wisdom, power, grace and glory? (Continued on page 3 column 5)

Some Definitely False Ideas As To Rewards

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We are saved by grace through faith in Christ, apart from all works. So works have NOTHING to do with salvation. We are rewarded for the things we do for the Lord after we are saved. So then, WORKS HAVE EVERYTHING to do with rewards. Very few people give much thought or attention to the matter of rewards. If they did, they would not live the way they do, for the average Christian doesn't live and serve in such a way as to merit very much in the way of (Continued on page 8 column 3)

BILLY HONORED BY CATHOLICS

The VERY REVEREND Jude Cleary, Order of St. Benedict, and president of Catholic Belmont (N. C.) Abbey College, recently awarded a doctorate of humane letters to Billy Graham. The citation said in part:

"When time has sifted the Twentieth Century and most of us have receded into statistics, there will remain visible to the eye of history a relatively few men whose individual minds and wills have significantly shaped for good the events of our world. In this small company — the company of Picasso and Einstein, of Schweitzer, Churchill, and John XXIII — will certainly be found the figure of William Franklin Graham."

(Editor's Note) Times are surely changing. Ten years ago, this could not have happened, and a hundred years from now when Billy stands in the presence of God to be judged, he will wish that he had been loyal to the Word of God, so that he would not have been in the same category as Pope John XXIII.

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE FALL"

(Read Genesis 3.)

This is one of the passages of the Word of God that has always meant much to me. There is something about this chapter that always thrills my soul every time I read it. It is my sincere prayer that God will take this third chapter of Genesis and the message that I shall preach to you, and make it real in your mind, and in your memory, in the week to come.

I'd like to offer three preliminary statements before we come to study the chapter.

First, here is an unequivocal refutation of the Darwinian hypothesis of evolution. You'll notice

that I do not refer to it as the Darwinian law of evolution, but rather the Darwinian hypothesis, or theory, of evolution. I do not consider evolution to be a law, but rather a theory or a hypothesis, and I think if there is ever a chapter in all the Word of God that denies evolution it is this third chapter of the Book of Genesis.

This chapter tells us how man fell, rather than how man elevated himself. In this chapter we have not evolution, but devolution, for man fell from a position that he had originally occupied, unto the position that he occupies in this present day.

As I say, evolution is not a law; it is merely a guess. In fact, it is a system of shrewd guesses that have been pieced together to make up the theory of evolution.

I think of evolution on about the same basis as the little boy who came running into his house one afternoon and said, "Mother, Mother, I've learned all there is to know about horses. I know how they make horses now. Mr. Schultz, the blacksmith, makes them." She said, "Did you see him make a horse? A whole horse?" He said, "Well, not exactly, but I saw him finish one up, for he was tacking the shoe (Continued on page 2 column 2)

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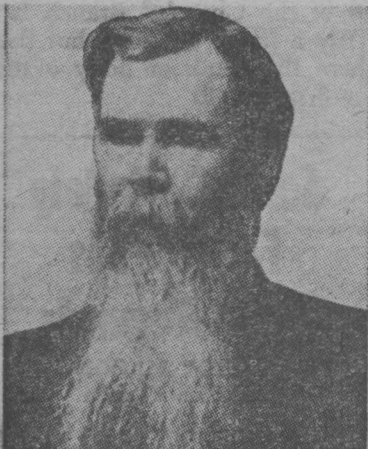
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J. R. GRAVES

It is our expectancy to print it then in book form. We are sure that there are thousands of God's own who will be happy to see this book back on the market again. May God grant that it may be the means of causing many to return to the Landmark position which Baptists have espoused for the past twenty centuries.

We may not agree with Bro. Graves in all his conclusions, yet in the main we are in solid agree-

ment, since we are firm believers in the landmark position as to church truth.

An Old Goose Can Make A Loud Cackle

"Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people." — Lev. 19:16.

"A tale-bearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." — Prov. 11:13.



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Gossips of both genders, give up the shameful trade of tale bearing; don't be the devil's bellows any longer to blow up the fire of strife. Leave off setting people by the ears. If you do not cut a bit off your tongues, at least season them with the salt of grace. Praise God more and blame your neighbours less. Any goose can cackle, any fly can find a sore place, any empty barrel can give forth sound, any briar can tear a man's flesh. No flies will go down your throat if you keep your mouth shut, and no evil-speaking will come up. Think much, but say little: be quick at work and slow at talk; and above all, ask the great Lord to set a watch over your lips.

"The Fall"

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on as I came by."

You know, beloved, that is just about like the theory of evolution, for it is based on a system of guesses. The sad thing about it is, in life there is entirely too much guessing done in relation to the Word of God, and especially is that true in the theory of evolution.

Secondly, this chapter thoroughly repudiates the theory of hered-

ity and environment. There are a lot of people today who say the two things that are most important in life are heredity and environment. All those who go to school are thrown in contact with the theories of heredity and environment. When I was in high school and college, I was taught that you have to have the right heredity, and you have to be sure that your environment is perfect.

Well, beloved, here is a passage of Scripture that thoroughly repudiates the idea of heredity and environment. Here was a pair of individuals that had the best heredity of anybody in all the world, and they had the greatest environment of anybody in all the world, yet their heredity and their environment both failed them.

Thirdly, another preliminary statement is that God's enemies of this present day tread the same path as Satan. If you will read this chapter, you'll notice that Satan added to, and altered, and denied the Word of God. Beloved, God's enemies today tread the same identical path as the Devil, because God's enemies today add to, and alter, and deny the Word of God.

I.

SATAN AND THE FALL.

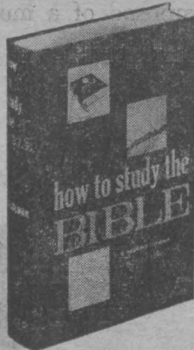
May I remind you that there is a Devil. Satan actually exists. I don't say there is a Devil who has horns sticking out of the top of his head, and a tail that drags the ground. I don't say there is a Devil who goes about, as Satan is usually pictured, belching fire. However, I do say there is a Devil in this world. Listen:

"And supper being ended, THE DEVIL having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him." — John 13:2.

You'll notice that in the days of Jesus there was a Devil, for the Devil put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus Christ. But I'd like to go back

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a long time before that, to the very first book of the Bible—the Book of Job—and I'd like to show you that the Devil was here when the Book of Job was written. Listen:

"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and SATAN came also among them." — Job 1:6.

This seemingly would indicate that the angels came into the presence of God to give an account of themselves, and it says that the Devil came also. I say to you, this was the very first book of the Bible ever written, and in this Book of Job we find, in the very first chapter, that there was a Devil within the world.

Notice again:

"And the Lord said unto Satan,

Our Need Of God's Grace

The sinner has need of that aspect of the grace of God that brings salvation. This function of grace is the enabling of the regenerated sinner to believe on the risen Lord for "the justification unto life," Rom. 5:18. The immediate result of this act of enabling grace is salvation, Rom. 5:1. Ephesians 2:8.

The next aspect of God's grace is that which enables us to live as the redeemed should. Our disposition before we were saved is seen in these words, "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another." Titus 3:3. Now the only reason for any change is found in the next verse, "But after that the kindness and love of our Saviour-God toward man appeared . . ." v. 4. As a result of this in-working grace, our disposition towards God and our fellow man changed and especially toward the saints of God.

It is the Grace of God in the heart of a child of God that draws

out the love of God, that is in us towards each other, because this common grace shared by His children. We do not love each other in and according to the carnal nature. This carnal nature is the cause of all strife between the children of God, I Cor. 3:3. The grace of God enables us to love one another despite our weaknesses of the flesh! However, this grace that is in every saint should make us want to and live so that our brethren and sisters in the Lord experience minimum of difficulty in loving us.

Wounded pride, deprivation of a coveted honor, a spirit sensitive towards taking offence and the lack of a comprehension of our own weakness express the fact that grace to live by has not been desired nor diligently sought.

For peace of mind, see the following scriptures: Hebrews 4:1 and Phil. 4:6.

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Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." — Job 1:7.

Now this Devil we find in the Book of Job, works in the religious or spiritual realm. He certainly did not come to them on any other basis except that of the religious or the spiritual realm. If you will read this third chapter of Genesis very carefully, you will find that the Devil's work was in the realm of the religious and the spiritual.

That is the way the Devil works today, for actually the work of the Devil today is in the realm of the religious and the spiritual. Listen:

"For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." — II Cor. 11:14, 15.

This would tell us that the Devil has his ministers today. In other words, the Devil works in the religious and spiritual realm. You can be certain of one thing—in this realm, the Devil has plenty of preachers in this world today. The Devil has plenty of emissaries and plenty of religious leaders in this world today to represent him.

Notice also how the Devil works from without to within, which is just exactly the opposite of God's working. In this third chapter of Genesis, the Devil began by calling attention to this tree, and he worked from that into the heart of Eve, so that he actually worked from without to within. God's way of working is just exactly opposite. God doesn't try to reform an individual, but God works from within to without. God starts with the heart and works to the outside of the individual.

That is one reason why I have never taken any part, nor had any use for a temperance campaign or reform movement. I grant you, everybody would be better off sober than drunk, whether they are driving or whether they are walking; yet, at the same time, I have never found it profitable to spend my time on a temperance campaign, for the simple reason I am working just like the Devil works—I am working on the outside of the man to try to get into him, while God's way of working is to regenerate the heart and let that change the outside of his life.

I say to you, the Devil's method of work, as revealed in this third chapter of Genesis, is just the exact opposite of God's. God's way of working is from the heart to the outside. God doesn't start by reforming you. God doesn't change you, and make you over on the outside, and then work

until He gets into your heart. Rather, God regenerates your heart, and having regenerated your heart, He reforms your life on the outside.

II.

MAN AND THE FALL.

As soon as man fell, he discovered there was something wrong with himself. He didn't know there was anything wrong with himself prior to that time, but now he came to realize that there was something wrong with himself.

I ask you, don't you realize there is something wrong with yourself? Whether you are saved or unsaved, don't you realize there is something wrong with yourself? I think that Adam came to realize this just as soon as he sinned, and I am satisfied that this fall of man was the means whereby Adam discovered there was something wrong. don't mean there was anything (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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ing before he sinned, yet as he sinned, he realized his condition—that something was long with him.

When Adam fell, the Word of says he tried to hide his by a self-provided cover- Adam and Eve hurriedly got the clothes for themselves. Up that time they had been nud- Up to that time Adam and e had never known what it s to wear clothes. They had shame. They had no con- sence prior to that time, and e was no reason for them to or clothes. But now Adam s to hide his shame by a self- rovided covering.

Notice what that covering was. e Bible says that they tried to e fig leaf aprons. I read this y in Genesis 3, and then I turn e New Testament and read ther story. I read about the when Jesus was going into city, how He saw a fig tree didn't have any fruit on it. He pronounced a curse upon e fig tree. I ask, is there any son that it was a fig tree that

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He cursed? Why wasn't it some other kind of tree? I think I know the reason. Jesus Christ cursed the fig tree as He entered into the city just the same as God placed a curse upon those fig leaf aprons that Adam and Eve made, trying to hide their shame, with their self-provided covering.

Do you realize that none of us would have ever been bothered with shoes, hats, dresses and suits, and we would never have had to worry about the financial end of buying those things, if sin had not entered? I tell you, beloved, clothes came about as a result of the sin that Adam and Eve committed in the Garden of Eden, and our clothes today are nothing else but a hangover from the time when Adam tried to hide his shame with a self-provided covering.

You will notice also that Adam in his part of the fall attempted to hide from God, for when the Lord God came down in the cool of the day, walking in the Garden of Eden, saying, "Where art thou?" Adam was hiding behind a bush, trying to get away from the Lord. We read:

"And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden." — Gen. 3:8.

Today, men are uneasy and fearful of God, and they try to hide themselves from God's presence. Why is it so hard to get an unsaved man to read the Bible? Why is it so hard to get an unsaved man to listen to a religious broadcast, or to get an unsaved man to go to church? Why is it so hard to get people to sit down and reason with you out of the Word of God? I'll tell you why — they are uneasy, and they are fearful. They are trying to do exactly what Adam did in the Garden of Eden, when Adam attempted to hide from the presence of God.

You'll notice that instead of confessing his sins, Adam sought to excuse them. When God called to Adam, "Where art thou?" Adam came out from behind the trees where he was hiding with that fig leaf on, and he said, "I was naked and I hid myself." God said, "How did you know you were naked?" Adam said, "We ate of the tree, when my wife gave me the fruit of the tree, and as a result thereof, we realized that we were naked." Then God asked Eve about the matter, and Eve said, "The serpent tempted me, and that is why I did it." Then God went to the serpent and asked the serpent for his part in the matter, and all the serpent could do was just admit what had taken place.

You see, beloved, instead of Adam confessing his sin to God, he sought to excuse it, and men have been doing that same thing right down to the present time. Mark it down, every man and woman in this world when he sins, instead of confessing his sins to God, will try to find an excuse for his sins.

I remember years ago seeing a little boy who had been washed and dressed up, with clean linen on his body, go out to play for a few minutes while waiting for his mother to take him shopping. The first thing I knew, that boy was down on the ground with two or three other boys with whom he was playing. When he realized he had gotten his clothes dirty, he jumped up, and said, "Now look what you made me do."

Beloved, I have seen that not only in children, but in adults a hundred times — trying to blame somebody else for what they had done. That is human nature, and instead of Adam confessing his sin, he sought to excuse it. Men and women are doing the same today. It is a hard thing to get a man to confess that he is a sinner.

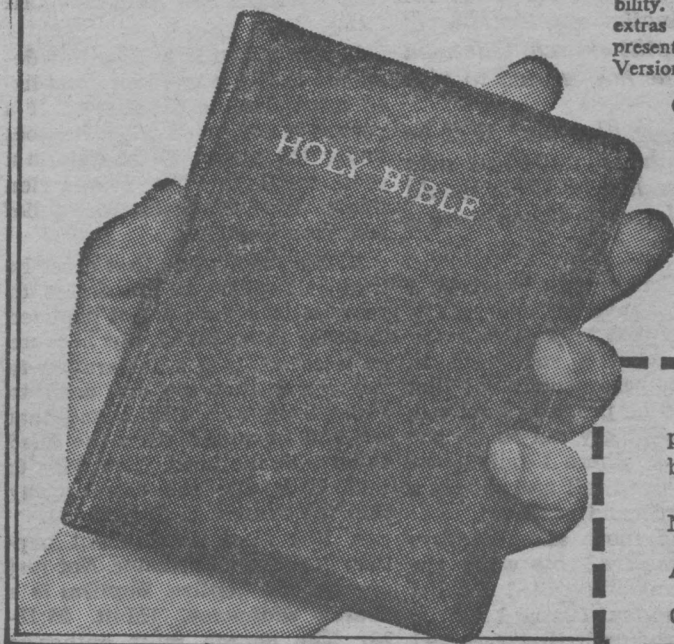
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tree is! But the absurdity of the conception of a tree bearing natural branches of fifteen or twenty different kinds of wood, does not seem to occur to the people or their teachers!

SECOND INFERENCE — The absurdity of the "church-army theory," which is the popular pulpit illustration with "undenominational preachers." This theory is, that all the different denominations compose but one great army, Christ being the "Captain," and the various sects the regiments, brigades and divisions, and their different creeds the different flags, etc. The illustration breaks down fatally when we remember that the parts of an army are all under the same laws and army regulations, and drilled by the same tactics, and not in conflict, each regiment with every other regiment in the army, as these different denominations, called churches, are—doing the army more deadly harm than the common enemy can do!

THIRD INFERENCE from the premise is the equal absurdity of the "universal church theory." This theory is, that all the different and opposing sects, taken together, constitute the kingdom of Christ on earth, and all the true Christians in these sects constitute the "invisible, spiritual Church." This theory—of one kingdom, composed of a multitude of discordant elements, irremediably divided against themselves and engaged in destroying each other—is sufficiently noticed above. It is too preposterously absurd to be put forth by men who have any respect for the wisdom of the Divine Founder of the Church. Infidels could wish for no better argument against Christianity. I honestly believe that more infidels are made by those who preach, hold, and teach these absurd and unscriptural church theories than by all the speeches and writings of infidels themselves. Convince a man that it is true that Christ originated all these diverse sects, and is the author of their radically different and mutually destructive faiths, and he must be an infidel or a fool. If they mean invisible kingdom, the reply is, Christ has not two kingdoms or two churches, considered as institutions, for he has but one Bride, and will have but one "wife"—he is not a bigamist.

4th Fact.

It will be granted by all that there are fifty distinct religious organizations in America alone, (see *Churches and Sects in America*) each radically dissimilar in form and faith, each asserting its right to be considered an *evangelical* — which means scriptural — church, and, in more respects than any other, like the original organization which Christ set up to be the model and pattern for all his churches.

Now, the unthinking multitude is taught to believe that all these sects are equally *evangelical*, and that it is proof of "intolerant bigotry," and the lack of all "Christian charity," to assert that all can not be churches, or if one is indeed *scriptural*, all the rest must be unscriptural. The absurdity of admitting them all to be equally churches of Christ does not occur to them. Let us see.

AXIOM I.

Things equal to or like the same thing are equal to or like each other.

Corollary.—If these fifty different and conflicting organizations, claiming to be churches, are each *evangelical*, i. e., *scriptural*, they must be like each other in doctrine and organization; but they are essentially and radically unlike the one to the other, and therefore they can not all be *scriptural*.

The man who admits they are alike *evangelical*, or any two of them, involves himself in the absurdity of asserting that things unlike and unequal to each other are like the same thing!

It is asserted by the advocates of an "undenominational Christianity," that Baptists and Pedobaptists hold "in common all the fundamental doctrines and essential principles of Christianity, differing only in non-essentials."

This is a thorough misstatement of the known and palpable facts in the case, and calculated to deceive and mislead the unthinking.

Protestants are fundamentally opposed to each other; e.g., (Continued on page 6, column 3)

Inheritance

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All true, yet there is something that He needs, yes, needs; namely, vessels. Just as the sun needs the earth to shine upon, so God needs vessels to fill, vessels through which His glory may be reflected, vessels on which the riches of His grace may be lavished.

Mark that God's people are not only called His "portion," His "special treasure," but also His "inheritance." This suggests three things.

First, an "inheritance" is obtained through death: so God's inheritance is secured to Him through the death of His beloved Son.

Second, an "inheritance" denotes perpetuity — "to a man and his heirs forever" are the terms often used.

Third, an "inheritance" is for possession, it is something which is entered into, lived upon, enjoyed. (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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"A woman who was a member of the Nazarene church, joined a so-called Baptist church, being received on the Nazarene baptism. She lettered out of that church into another Baptist church, and still later, lettered out into a second Baptist church. One man says that he knows all this to be true, but he has refused to give the name of the woman.

What kind of a person would do a thing like that? Will he not be held accountable for his actions? What about those who have been baptized since she came into the church? What would you do if you were the pastor? What would you do if you were a member?"

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Four questions are asked here.

1. "What kind of a person would do a thing like that?" My answer would be a gossip person who is willing to peddle information that is calculated to stir controversy, but is not willing to give such information as would make it possible for something to be done about the situation.

2. "Will he not be held accountable for his actions?" Certainly he will be, for he either should say nothing or else be willing to give all of the information he has, one or the other.

3. "What about those who have been baptized since she came into the church?" Well, what about them? I can't see that such persons are involved in any way.

4. "What would you do if you were a member of that church?" Of course, if I knew nothing about the situation I wouldn't do anything, or if I merely heard some gossip by a person who wouldn't tell who he was talking about, I wouldn't pay any attention to it. If I definitely knew that alien immersion — or alien baptism, had been received, I would talk with the pastor about it with a view to correcting the situation.

5. I see that there are really five questions, and the last one is this: "What would you do if you were the pastor?" If I were the pastor and discovered that a person had been received without Scriptural baptism, I would go to the person concerned and with kindness and tact I would seek to show her that she had never been properly baptized, and that she should correct the situation

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by being Scripturally baptized. I recall that I have had several situations like that to arise. In every case save one, I succeeded in showing the persons involved that they should be properly baptized, and they willingly did so. In the one instance where I failed, the couple involved left and sought a looser church and pastor.

More and more alien baptism is being received by what the querist terms, "so-called Baptist churches" today. I would not be pastor of a church that received such, unless they agreed to mend their way. A loose church like that is loose because pastors have neglected to indoctrinate. A pastor can avoid many a problem and much trouble, by continually instructing his church in right doctrine.

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There are several questions to be answered. Perhaps it would be best to begin with the last.

If I were the pastor I would begin with a series of messages on baptism. I would talk to the woman and try to show her that she was not baptized and therefore not a member of the church. (I Cor. 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . .") Since a baptism is the ceremonial door into the church, this woman was never in the church. I would then have the church to remove her name from the records. It would not be necessary to exclude her since she was not a member of the church. I would also write a letter to both churches — the one that received her baptism and the one that unwillingly, perhaps, received her by letter from the first church — telling them of our action and reprimanding them for receiving alien baptism.

A member of such a church should talk to the pastor about correcting the situation. If he does not do anything about it, then the member should find a church that stands for the truth. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord . . ." (II Cor. 6:17).

As far as the people who were baptized after this lady became a member, let me remind you that her baptism has nothing to do with the authority of baptism. If the church is a true church, the baptism is OK, even if they have sinned in accepting this woman's baptism. I might add, however, that most churches that receive alien baptism are not true churches and therefore do not have proper authority to baptize.

Very briefly let me take this time to remind you of the things that must be true before a person has been scripturally baptized. J. M. Pendleton said that, "Baptism is the immersion in water, by a proper administrator, of a

believer in Christ, into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." I might add — "For the proper reason."

1. The mode of baptism must be immersion. Sprinkling or pouring is not baptism. Those who claim that it is are deliberately denying the Word of God. The meaning of the word, and the symbolism of the act both teach immersion. (For example, see Rom. 6:3, Col. 2:12.)

2. The subject for baptism demands that the one being baptized must first be a believer. If a person is not saved when he goes under the water, all he gets is a good wetting. The commission (Matt. 28:18-20) calls for belief and then baptism.

3. The third thing that must be true in baptism is the design or purpose. A person is not baptized in order to be saved, but because he is saved. It is a declaration to the world that we are dead to sin and alive in Christ and that we will be raised from the dead to be with the Lord. (See Rom. 6:1-4). It is also the entranceway into the church. (I Cor. 12:13).

4. The final point about baptism is the administrator. Not just anyone can baptize. Baptism is a church ordinance. (Matt. 28:18-20). The church must authorize someone to administer it. (Remember — the church is a local body of baptized believers. Not just any denomination or religious group is a church. The only true church is a Missionary Baptist Church.)

I have saved one question to answer last. What kind of a person would refuse to tell about such a disgraceful situation? I will tell you. It is a person who does not love the Lord above all others. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." (Matt. 22:37). It is a person who does not hold the Lord's Church in the high esteem it should be. (See Eph. 5:25). It is a person who will have to answer to God for this sin.

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I believe I had rather be a member of the Nazarene Church from which this woman came than to be a member of the Baptist Church that received her on her Nazarene baptism. There is probably less hypocrisy in the Nazarene Church. And I dare say there is no truth found in either one of them.

When a Baptist Church stoops low enough to accept any kind of alien baptism, she has reached the point of no return. She knows absolutely nothing about the truth of God's Word, and furthermore, she has no interest in, nor any desire for the truth. And any other Baptist Church that know-

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ingly fellowships with her is just as sorry as she is. We are living in a day when church letters aren't worth a dime a dozen unless you actually know the church that has granted the letter.

All this means that some Baptist Church has some of the devil's trash hidden in her tent. And the man who knows that this woman is in this church without baptism, does this church an injustice by withholding information that is badly needed by this church. And I fear he is just as guilty of her dastardly deed as she is herself. And those who have been baptized by this church who received this woman on her Nazarene baptism have no better baptism than the Nazarene woman has. I mean those who have been baptized since this woman was received into the church.

If I were a member of this church that accepted Nazarene baptism, I would get out of her as soon as possible. There is no redemption for this church, and any of our Lord's saints who may be in her should come out of her lest they be partakers of her evil deeds. And if I were the pastor of this church, I believe I would resign at once and repent of my awful sin in dust and ashes.

When we see things like this coming to pass we are made to wonder if the end of this church age is not near, even at the door.

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A person who would withhold information that is detrimental to the fellowship of a church, and by that action places a church in danger of having the candlestick removed, is surely a weak and unstable person, to say the least. In fact, to withhold such information would constitute sin.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." James 4:17.

This individual evidently has been asked to supply this information, having refused to do so, it now becomes not only a sin, but a willful sin, which God must and shall deal with, in His own time.

"For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries." Heb. 10:26-27.

From these verses it becomes clear that there could not be a willful sin without knowledge. But now that this problem has been brought to the knowledge of this person, as well as the church, to continue therein would be a willful and deliberate violation of the Scripture. Their action would invite the chastening hand of God to fall upon them. The sin of Achan as recorded in Joshua 7 is a good Biblical illustration of what I am trying to say. In this chapter God told Israel that they could not stand before their enemies until they had taken away that accursed thing from among them (verse 12). So it is with the church; they cannot expect the blessings of God until this sin has been removed from them.

I would not consider the baptism of those who were baptized since this one came in, to be null and void. The reason is, that this church did not know at the time that they baptized that she had unscriptural baptism within her. But I would add that they hasten to take care of this problem, as Israel did when sin was found within her.

If I were a member of this church I would leave no stone unturned, until this person was

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found who came into the church with alien baptism—finding her, explain to her the seriousness of her position, not only to herself, but to the church as a whole. If she is a child of God perhaps she can be converted to the truth of the right authority for baptism.

If I were pastor of this church, I would lead this church on a mission of search and destroy. Searching among the flock for this erring person, and then destroying the accursed doctrine that had come among the members. First, I would ask for the leadership of the Spirit, that this person might quickly be apprehended, the right hand of fellowship be withdrawn from her, that she shall be cut off from the flock. Then asking the flock to authorize her baptism, making her a true portion of the body of Christ.

It is the responsibility of the pastor to hear for the church, and to speak for the church.

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith He that holdeth the seven stars in His right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." Rev. 2:1.

In the seven letters to the seven churches of Asia, we find the Lord addressing these letters to the pastors. The pastor, therefore, is held accountable for the conduct of the church where the Lord has placed him as overseer. See Acts 20:28. Knowing that I must give an account to the head of the church I would do everything within my power to correct this issue, for if it is not corrected here, then it shall be at the Judgment Seat of Christ, with a loss of rewards because of unfaithfulness.

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An atheist is an unbeliever who prefers to raise his children in a Christian community.

"The Fall"

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old reprobate standing in front of the church building when I came out of services. He was drunk as an English lord, and was standing there doing his best to hold up a telephone post. I walked up to him and tried to talk to him. John Jr. said, "Well, why don't you pray with him?" I thought if John Jr. expected me to do so, I'd better try to do it. I tried to get him down on his knees to pray with him. I said, "Lord, bless this drunken sinner."

He jumped up immediately and said, "Don't you tell the Lord I am a sinner." I got him down a second time and started to pray. I said, "Lord, save this drunken wretch." He jumped up and said, "Don't you tell the Lord I am a wretch." You know, beloved, I couldn't get that man for one moment's time to stand still and let me talk to him on the basis of his sin, for every time I tried to show him as to his sins, he had an excuse for it.

That started back in the Garden of Eden. Instead of confessing his sin, Adam made excuses for his sin.

III GOD AND THE FALL.

I want you to notice that God sought out Adam, and God has been seeking out sinners from that time down to this. Sinners haven't been seeking the Lord, but it is the Lord who has been seeking them. Listen:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I HAVE CHOSEN YOU."—John 15:16.

Let's notice some examples from the Word of God as to how God seeks sinners.

Go back to Bethel when Jacob was fleeing from his father's home after he had robbed his brother of his birthright. Jacob was fleeing for his life. He came to Bethel, and the Word of God tells us that he was thinking only in terms of putting as many miles as possible behind him that he might get away from his home to save his life. But there in the nighttime, God came down and spoke to him. He saw the angels of God ascending and descending upon the ladder, which is a precious type to us. When he saw the earth and Heaven separated, this was a picture of how earth and Heaven were separated by sin. Then he saw the earth and Heaven joined with a ladder, which was a picture of how God joined earth and Heaven together with the cross of Jesus Christ. On that night that Jacob was lying there upon the ground, it was God that came to him, and spoke to him. When morning came, Jacob arose and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not." You see, beloved, it wasn't Jacob seeking the Lord, but it was the Lord that was seeking Jacob.

The Word of God tells us that Abraham lived in Padan-aram. I think the 24th chapter of Joshua would indicate that all of Abraham's ancestors were idolaters. I am satisfied that Abraham himself was an idolater. Tradition says that he was an idolatrous priest—a heathen priest in a temple in the land of Padan-aram. Whether he was a priest or not, I do not know, but I do know from Josh. 24 that he was an idolater, and I know furthermore that God called him, for we read: "Look unto Abraham our father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I CALLED HIM ALONE, and blessed him, and increased him."—Isa. 51:2.

I say to you, Abraham wasn't looking for God, when God called him and said, "Leave your land and go to the land that I will show thee."

I want you to notice also how God sought Moses. Go to the time that the bush was burning, when Moses was out in the backside of the desert looking after his father-in-law's sheep. Moses said, "Here is something unusual. I'd better turn aside and investigate." When he did, it was God that was speaking to him through the burning bush. Beloved, it was God that sought out Moses, and not Moses that sought out God.

The same is true of us today. We read:

"For the Son of man is COME TO SEEK and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

Notice, it doesn't say that the lost seek in order that they might be saved, but rather it is the Son of Man that seeks the lost.

In the story of the shepherd and the sheep, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke, do you remember what part the sheep had in that parable? The only part that the sheep had was that he strayed away. What part did the shepherd have? The Word of God says that the shepherd went out after him, and found him, and put him on his shoulders and brought him back safely into the fold.

In every one of these instances—and I might give you others—we can see this truth—it was God who did the seeking. It was God who sought Jacob at Bethel; it was God who sought Abraham at Padan-aram; it was God who sought Moses at the burning bush; and it was the shepherd that sought out the sheep.

This truth is presented to us so forcibly when we read:

"We loved him, because HE

FIRST LOVED US."—I John 4:19.

Why do you love the Lord Jesus Christ? It is because He first loved us.

So I say that it was God who sought out Adam. Adam would have been there hiding from God yet, if it hadn't been that God sought him out. He would have been back there right now with his fig leaf garments on, if God hadn't sought him out.

Brother, sister, you and I would have been still in our sins if God hadn't sought us out. There isn't a one of us who has ever sought the Lord. You like sin too much. You like what this world has to offer entirely too much. You like what this world offers to your flesh too much, to have ever sought the Lord yourself. The Lord had to seek you out just like God sought Adam out in the Garden of Eden.

I want you to notice also that it was God who provided the lamb, and that lamb speaks to us of substitution. God made some clothes for Adam and Eve, and those clothes in all probability were made from a lamb's skin. At any rate, God provided the substitute. Listen:

"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."—Gen. 3:21.

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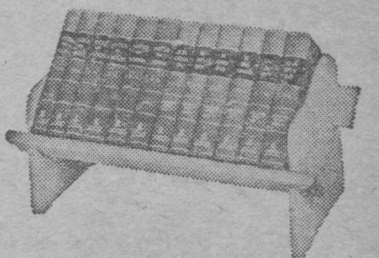
I go back to the Garden of Eden and I see the skin that is given to Adam and Eve for a covering. I see the lamb that is dead, that is lying there on the ground. I see the blood that has flowed from that lamb, and I say, "Why did this lamb die?" God killed that lamb. God caused its blood to flow in order that a guilty man and wife might be covered from their sins. Brother, sister, that is substitution. The lamb died instead of Adam and Eve.

I come to the New Testament and I find the Lord Jesus Christ going to the cross. I see them as they nail Him to that cross of wood, with the nails piercing His hands and feet. I see them as they drop that cross into the hole in the ground that had been prepared to receive it, and I see the Son of God as His body sways there upon that cross between earth and Heaven. I see the blood as it falls—drop, drop, drop, from the body of the Son of God. As I look to Him, as His blood flows from His body, I ask the question, why is Jesus Christ dying? Beloved, He is dying for sinners, just like a lamb died as a substitute for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

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"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."—Gen. 3:21.

God furnished those skins. Adam was not clothed through his own self-righteousness. He tried to clothe himself in fig leaves, but God repudiated it, and God refused it. God provided a covering for this man and wife in view of their sins.

Now put this passage of Scripture together with Luke 15, which is the story of the lost silver, the lost sheep, and the lost son. You remember when the son came home, the father said to his servant, "Bring forth the best robe and put it on him." Notice what kind of a robe was provided for this son when he came home—"the best robe."

What kind of a robe did God give Adam and Eve back there in the Garden of Eden? He gave (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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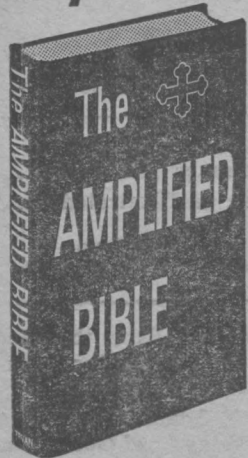
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them a lamb skin for a covering. In type, this tells us that when Jesus Christ came to die for our sins, He gave to us a robe of righteousness. What kind of a robe of righteousness? It was the best robe; not second best, but the best—the righteousness of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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5:21.

God took my sins and put them over on Jesus Christ, and then God took the righteousness of Jesus Christ and put it over on me; so that Jesus Christ was clothed in my sins at Calvary, and now I am clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ today. Talk about something wonderful, to me this is precious.

God provided a covering for Adam and Eve, and God provided a spiritual covering—the covering of righteousness—the righteousness of God's own Son, for every one of us who are saved. If you are saved, then you are clothed in the righteousness of God's own Son, and you can say with Isaiah:

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath CLOTHED ME with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."—Isa. 61:10.

Beloved, listen, in the sight of God, I am dressed up like a bride or a bridegroom. When people get married, they always try to get a new suit or a new dress. They always get dressed up more than they ever dressed up before in life. The day that Jesus Christ became my Saviour, God put a robe on me—a robe of righteousness, and I am dressed up, in the sight of God, just like a bridegroom.

IV

JESUS AND THE FALL.

Just as we have studied the part of Satan, man, and God in the fall, so now, I want to direct your attention to the part which Jesus had in the fall of man in the Garden of Eden.

It might be interesting to notice that it was prophetically told that He would enter the world in a unique manner. In this third chapter of Genesis, he is spoken of as "the seed of the woman," which means that He was to be born of a woman, without a human father. It has always been conspicuous to me that sin came into the human family through a woman—Eve—and in like manner, the Saviour Himself was born of a woman.

Let me read you three Scriptures which will abundantly show that Jesus was born of a virgin and thus came into this world in a unique way:

"Therefore, the Lord himself

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Old Landmarkism

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the Presbyterians will admit, and openly maintain, that their Calvinism is vitally opposed to the Arminianism of the Methodists, and Methodists will as freely assert that their Arminianism is fundamentally and essentially opposed to Calvinism. Presbyterians hold and teach that Arminianism is *subversive of Christianity*, and Methodists affirm the same of Calvinism. If one preaches the Gospel, the other certainly does not.

Every sound Baptist in the land will affirm that the fundamental doctrines and principles of Pedobaptism are utterly subversive of the whole system of Christianity. Therefore, it is not true that Baptists and Pedobaptists "hold in common" all the fundamentals of Christianity and are equally evangelical, in doctrine they differ radically.

AXIOM II.

Two truths or a thousand can no more antagonize, than two or one thousand parallel lines can cross each other.

DIRECT INFERENCE.—Two or one thousand evangelical—which always means scriptural—churches can not antagonize, but must be essentially one in fundamental doctrines and principles, having "one faith and one baptism" in form and design, as certainly as "one Lord and Savior." 1. Therefore, all evangelical churches are equal to and like each other. 2. Therefore, the fifty different denominations in America are not all evangelical—if one is, only one is.

AXIOM III.

Baptist, Campbellite and Pedobaptist organizations, being fundamentally and vitally different in doctrine, in character and in principles—if Baptist churches are evangelical, as all Baptists do believe, then all Pedo-baptist and Campbellite societies are not evangelical, and vice versa.

REM.—It requires us to do violence to the plainest dictates of reason to demand that we admit that opposites and contradictories are one and the same—equal.

AXIOM IV.

Contradictory systems or theories no more than antagonizing elements in nature—light and darkness—can exist in the same time or place without antagonism. Harmony or quiescence is impossible.

DIRECT INFERENCE.—There can not be any harmony or real union of effort between a system of religion founded in truth, and systems of religion founded in error; and sham unions are hypocritical and sinful.

DEFINITION.—Compromise is the settlement of differences between two or more parties by mutual concessions.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES.—Principles, moral convictions and the revealed truths of God can not be denied, yielded or modified to effect a compromise; while *opinions, prejudices, feelings and self-interests* may be.

E. g., politics has been defined "the science of compromise" because based upon opinions, self-interests and prejudices, and these may be conceded or modified.

Christianity—*scientia scientiarum*—being a system of divinely revealed truths and principles to be held and proclaimed in their entirety, and therefore admitting no increase or diminution, can neither be conceded nor modified. Therefore, between Christianity—the gospel of Christ—and systems of religion that are not Christianity, between the gospel and "a gospel which is another gospel," there can be no compromise or affiliation.

Less or more, than the gospel is not the gospel, but error; hence the fearful penalty threatened in Revelation Chapter 22, against those who add to, or take from, the things revealed.

By withholding any of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity in our preaching, we can no more preach the gospel of Christ than we can spell the English language without the consonants; and to agree to withhold any part of the gospel, for any length of time, to effect a compromise with those who do not hold it, is manifest treason.

Those ministers who hold "union meetings" with those who believe and teach contrary to God's word, can not at the close say: "We have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God."

AXIOM V.

Compromise, being based upon mutual concessions, when effected between truth and error, truth must always suffer, since error has nothing of truth to surrender.

AXIOM VI.

"The accessory before or after the fact is equally guilty with the principal."—Common law.

ILL.—If we receive or pass, or encourage others to receive and pass, counterfeit money, we make ourselves equally guilty with those who counterfeit it.

Unscriptural systems of religion and churches are counterfeits of Christianity and counterfeit churches. To associate with the teachers of these systems so as to impress them and their followers, and all who witness our acts, that we recognize them as the accredited ministers of God's truth; we encourage them in their work and thus "bid them God-speed" and make ourselves accessories to, and partakers of their sins.

Now the work I have undertaken to accomplish by this "little book" is threefold:

1. To establish the fact in the minds of all, who will give me an impartial hearing, that Baptist churches are the churches of Christ, and that they alone hold, and have alone ever held, and preserved the doctrine of the gospel in all ages since the ascension of Christ.

2. To establish clearly what are the "Old Landmarks," the characteristic principles and policy, of true Baptists in all these ages.

3. To demonstrate, by invincible argument, that treating the ministers of other denominations as the accredited ministers of

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joyed.
Let us now consider five things about God's inheritance:

1. God purposed to have such an inheritance:

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance." (Psa. 33:12).

The "nation" of this verse is identical with the "holy nation" the "chosen generation, royal priesthood, peculiar people" of II Peter 2:9. This favoured people was chosen by God to be His inheritance: it was not an afterthought with Him, but decreed by Him in eternity past. Ere the foundation of the world, God fixed His heart upon having them for Himself.

2. God has purchased His people for an inheritance.

In Eph. 1:14 we read that the Holy Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His glory." So again in Acts 20:28, we read of "the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood." (Continued on page 7, column 4)

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"The Fall"

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"I shall give you a sign; Behold, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel."—Isa. 7:14.

"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is OF THE HOLY GHOST. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."—Matthew 1:20-21.

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, MADE OF A WOMAN, made under the law."—Galatians 4:4.

It is just as interesting to notice how Christ bore the results of the fall.

The ground was cursed as a result of man's fall, but Jesus bore the curse.

"Christ hath redeemed us from the CURSE of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."—Gal. 3:13.

Sorrow came as a part of the curse, growing out of the fall,

and Jesus likewise bore this at Calvary.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a MAN OF SORROWS, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not."—Isa. 53:3.

Thorns were a part of the curse in that God cursed the earth with thorns and thistles as a result of man's sins. Christ bore this portion of the curse in that He was crowned with thorns.

"And the soldiers platted a CROWN OF THORNS, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe."—John 19:3.

As a result of sin, man was to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. In other words, our sweat that falls from our bodies when we labor, came as a result of man's fall in the Garden of Eden.

Our Lord Jesus sweat great drops of blood at Calvary.

"And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his SWEAT was as it were GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD falling down to the ground."—Luke 22:44.

It was prophetically declared that as a result of the entrance of man's sin into the world that man would return to dust. Christ bore this also at Calvary.

"My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the DUST OF DEATH."—Psalms 22:15.

It is also interesting to notice that as a result of the entrance of sin, death became a reality. The day Adam sinned, he died spiritually and of course, later on, he died physically. With us, both physical and spiritual death came as a result of sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ suffered death at the cross. Literally, death means separation from God. Jesus was separated and therefore, died at Calvary, both physically and spiritually.

"And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani, that is to say, My God, My God,

WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME?"—Matthew 27:46.

This, then shows us the part that Jesus had in the fall. How wonderful it is to know that each of these curses is a result of the entrance of sin, and man's fall thereby, and that Jesus Christ bore the entire curse of that fall.

CONCLUSION

Having noted the part that Satan had in the fall, the part that man had in the fall, the part that God had in the fall, and the part that Jesus had in the fall, I ask you, in which part are you identified? You are a sinner, and you are identified in Adam, and as the Devil led Adam astray, the Devil continues to lead us astray today. How are you going to get back to God? There is just one

cause of what God did for us in Jesus Christ. That is why I say:

"My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name."

The only hope that I have is the hope that Adam and Eve had back there in the Garden of Eden.

We read: "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound."—Rom. 5:20.

I thank my God that though Adam and Eve sinned, the grace of God abounded in their behalf. I rejoice for this blessed truth, that though sin abounded in my life, the grace of God hath much more abounded in my life as well. May God bless you!



Inheritance

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God has not only redeemed His people from bondage and death but for Himself.

3. God comes and dwells in the midst of His inheritance:

"For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance" (Psa. 94:14).

Thus, these scriptures are not referring to the nation of Israel after the flesh. Just as Jehovah tabernacled in the midst of the redeemed Hebrews, so He now indwells His church, both collectively and individually. "Know ye not that ye (plural) are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (I Cor. 3:16). "Know ye not that your body (singular) is the temple of the Holy Spirit?" (I Cor. 6:19).

4. God beautifies His Inheritance.

Just as a man who has inherited a house or an estate takes possession of it and then makes improvements, so God is now fitting His people for Himself. He who has begun a good work within His own is now performing it until the day of Jesus Christ (Phil. 1:6). He is now conforming us to the image of His son; each Christian can say with the Psalmist "the Lord will perfect that which concerneth me." (Psa. 138:8). Nor will God be satisfied until we have been glorified. The Lord Jesus Christ "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." (Phil. 3:21). "When He shall appear, we shall be like Him." (I John 3:2).

5. And what of the future?

God will possess, live upon, enjoy His inheritance. In the unending ages yet to be, God will make known the "riches of His glory" on the vessels of His mercy (Rom. 9:23). The glory which God shall ever live upon — as upon an inheritance — shall rise out of His people. What a marvelous statement is that which is found at the close of Eph. 2, where the saints are likened unto a building "fitly framed together (which) groweth unto an holy temple of the Lord," of whom it is said, "in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Wonderful and glorious is the picture presented before us in Rev. 21: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John, saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God" (vv. 1:3).

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What a marvelous statement is that in Zephaniah 3:17: "The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save; He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love; He will joy over thee with singing." The great God will yet say "I am satisfied; here will I rest. This is Mine inheritance that I will live upon forever even the glory which I have bestowed on redeemed sinners." Surely we have to say with the Psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it" (139:6). May Divine grace enable us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called.



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tions. The great whore is said to sit "upon many waters" (Rev. 17:1). Then in verse 15 of the same chapter we are told that these waters upon which the whore sits "are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" (Rev. 17:15). So the great whore is a world-wide religious system. This fact also suggests that the whore is Catholicism. There are 475,000,000 Roman Catholics in the world, and only 225,000,000 Protestants and Baptists. Then from Rev. 17:9 we learn that this religious system has its headquarters on the seven hill city of Rome.

John discloses that this mother of harlots is very rich (Rev. 17:4), and one needs only to consider (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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then depends on giving as the Lord leads, there is no limit to what can be done by a church. I am sure this is in sharp contrast to what many of you have experienced in times past when you were giving to support mission boards.

I still have a few more places to visit before winding up my itinerary, I expect though to be through by the 14th of this month. I will have just one month from

the time I finish visiting the churches to get some things packed and shipped to New Guinea. I have hardly seen my relatives since I have been back and will have very little time with them before I go — what has happened to the rest that I was supposed to get when I came back home? Beloved, I'll be glad to get back to New Guinea where all I have to do is to walk 25 to 30 miles a day, preach four or five times and then I can get some rest. Up to now I have not missed a single appointment and have not been late for any due to any fault of

my own, though I have had to drive as much as 36 hours at a time across country and have missed up to 3 nights sleep in a single week and two nights a week several times driving to my appointments in order to get there on schedule. Please pray for me as I expect this remaining month to be more trying than any of the previous months.

Mystery... Rome

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the property owned by the Catholic Church to identify this woman. Just think of the great cathedrals, all the paintings, sculpture and treasures of art, all the wineries, schools and hospitals, all the monasteries and the priceless treasures of the Vatican. According to the May 1961 issue of CHURCH AND STATE, the directly owned tax-exempt property of the Catholic Church in the U. S. is about eleven billion dollars. She constructs \$1.75 billion new schools, hospitals and churches each year in our country.

John also pictures this mother of harlots holding a golden cup in her hand, and indeed the Catholic Church is holding out a golden cup through the press and over TV and radio to the gullible American public. She wants the public to see her charitable acts, her outward piety, her grand architecture and her gorgeous church furnishings, but never does she want people to see "the abominations and filthiness of her fornication" which are the contents of the golden cup.

Rev. 17 sets the woman forth as being "drunken with the blood of the Saints, and with the blood of martyrs of Jesus." She drank their blood with such greediness that she intoxicated herself with it, and it was so pleasant she could not tell when she had enough. Those who cannot see the relationship between this woman and the Roman Catholic Church from this paramount fact needs to be committed to an institution for the mentally enfeebled. Who was it that burned John Huss at the stake? Who carried on the inquisitions in France, Spain and Italy? Who put to death fifty million Baptists during the Dark Ages? Who was it that carried on hanging, stifling, roasting, stabbing, frying, rack-ing, ravishing, ripping open, breaking the bones, rasping off the flesh, broiling, crucifying, immuring, poisoning, cutting off tongues, noses, ears, etc. sawing off the limbs, hacking to pieces, and drawing by the heels through the streets? It was the great whore — the Roman Catholic Church!

Rewards

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rewards. Also, many have entirely erroneous ideas concerning the nature of rewards. Let us take note of some of these false ideas.

1. THERE IS THE IDEA, HELD BY SOME HARDSHELLS, THAT EVERY ONE SHALL BE EQUAL IN THE LIFE TO COME. "I don't care if I just get to heaven by the skin of my teeth" said one person. Persons who deny the doctrine of rewards want to think that the Apostle Paul will receive no more than the most trifling Christian. That is not only contrary to the Bible but contrary to one's sense of common justice.

Old Landmarkism

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the gospel, and receiving any of their official acts—*preaching of immersion*—as scriptural, we do proclaim, louder than we can by words, that their societies are evangelical churches, and their teachings and practices orthodox as our own; and that by so doing we do encourage our own families and the world to enter their societies in preference to Baptist churches, because, with them, the offense of "the cross hath ceased."

I close by assuring the reader that in these pages he will not find one term of "abuse or personality." I shall not treat of men or motives, but discuss creeds, doctrines and practices, and try them by the Word of God and in the spirit of the Master; and therefore, whatever my critics or opposers may say, they can not charge me with being "uncharitable" —the trite but handy thrust—for the terms "charity" and "bigotry" can have no more rightful application in discussing creeds and religious doctrine than in repeating the multiplication table. The sole province of charity is to judge kindly of men's motives when they do wrong or teach error.

With the sole desire to gain the "well-done" of my Divine Master I shall write these pages regardless of the praise or censure of sinful men.

2. THERE IS THE FALSE IDEA THAT REWARDS WILL CONSIST OF A "WHITER ROBE" OR A BIGGER CROWN.

They seem to picture the saved as going around in a long white night gown-like garment, with a heavy and uncomfortable crown perched on his head. Who wants that sort of thing? WHAT WILL REWARDS CONSIST OF? For one thing — rewards will consist of POSITIONS OF RULERSHIP, HONOR AND GLORY under the Lord Jesus Christ during his thousand year rule over this world. Read Luke 19:17. In this passage rewards consist of rulership over ten cities. Paul wrote, "Know ye not that the saints shall judge (rule) the world?" Rule when? During the reign of Christ over the earth, of course. Note also Matt. 19:27-29. There the apostles are promised the judgeship over Israel. When? "In the regeneration" which means the making new of things on this earth. Christ is now calling out of the world, those who shall rule and reign with Him in the age to come. (Note Rev. 5:10). "We shall reign ON THE EARTH."

Many think of rewards as vague things to be enjoyed in Heaven. The Bible teaches that our rewards shall be enjoyed ON THIS EARTH. This is where we shall reign with Christ. Our rewards are spoken of as being "laid up in heaven" but that doesn't mean that they shall be enjoyed there. You have money laid up in a bank, but you are not required to spend and enjoy that money inside that bank.

3. THERE IS THE UTTERLY FALSE NOTION THAT WHEN PEOPLE DIE THEY "GO TO THEIR REWARD."

Many preachers preach such stuff at funerals, thereby showing their ignorance of the Scriptures. Rewards could not be received at death, because the influence of a life is not at an end when death takes place. Jesus says, "Behold I come quickly and my REWARD IS WITH ME." Rewards are to be received at the judgment seat of Christ. We have something said about this in I Cor. 3:13-15. Here in this passage salvation and rewards are distinguished, and we learn that a Christian can either "receive a reward" or can "suffer loss." Many a saved person will have fooled and frittered his life away. In fact, that is what most Christians are busy doing all the time.

4. THERE IS THE FALSE NOTION THAT "CHURCH WORK" IS PRODUCTIVE OF REWARD.

Most of the kind of church work that is carried on today will bring no reward at all, but censure from the Lord. Many church workers

are devoted to a denominational machine from which they receive their orders. They work for "credit" at headquarters. When they get "credit," verily "they have received their reward," as Jesus put it. That's all the reward they will ever get. Cut out the "credit" and most church work would stop. Church workers keep busy getting up parties, putting on programs, raising a quota for something or other. That sort of thing brings no reward.

WHAT DOES BRING REWARD? The greatest thing is the winning of a soul to Christ. "He that winneth souls is wise." Other things for which reward is received is backing and supporting a preacher of the gospel. (See Matt. 10:41). Bearing criticism and abuse and persecution for Christ's sake. (See Matt. 5:12).

Every one who is saved should labor so as to receive a "full reward" (See 2 John 8). One cannot let the devil and evil men curtail their reward. (See Col. 2:18). Sometimes people work for the Lord in a church, then something makes them mad and they blow up and cause trouble and destroy everything they have helped to build up. Of course they will receive no reward for what they have previously done, for they have ruined it.

No one should let the unworthy actions of others hinder them, for we shall each be rewarded strictly according to our own works. (See Matt. 16:27).

Tax-Free

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James 1:12.

The tax assessor closed his book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

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