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HERE IS ANOTHER THRILLING INSTALLMENT OF . . .

## "PATROLLING BEHIND THE RANGES"

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Our last article ended with the 12th day of the patrol and the date was March 29. We had just finished an extremely hard day of nine and one-half hours of walking, had gone to bed without a meal, leaving the cargo boys trying to cook their ration of rice and fish with the muddy water they had collected from the Strickland River. We begin this article with:

MARCH 30. D.Q. "I got very little sleep last night due to several factors. For one thing I was so tired when I went to bed and too, my feet and legs were hurting so bad I could not sleep. Then being down on the very bottom of the gorge it was hot and if these things were not enough there were hords of mosquitos and various other insects to bite and pester one. Finally the night

wore into dawn and before it was daylight I noted Brother Roberts getting up. I could not sleep but was resting some so after a



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while I arose and with no water to cook with we could only open up a can of fruit and eat that for

our breakfast. After we ate we discussed our plans for the day. Insofar as Brother Roberts was concerned his part of the patrol was about ended. When we were finally ready to get under way, we shook hands thinking we would soon be going our separate ways. We were to learn later that we would be together for another three and one-half hours. About 11:30 a.m. we came to where we were to go our separate ways, he going back to the Mission Station and I continuing on the patrol. I last saw Brother Roberts going over a grass covered ridge and I was once again descending into the jungle along side of the Strickland River," end quotation.

This was not the first time that I had slept on the banks of the Strickland River, however, I had not slept quite that close to the (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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"And Joseph said unto them, Fear not, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me: but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them." Gen. 50:19-21.

When Joseph's brothers sold him into bondage, they certainly didn't do it for their future good. They were so jealous of him that they could only think of one thing — murder. Some of them weren't completely for killing him; and while he was in a deep hole, some Egyptian merchants came by. This was an excellent solution to their problem. They got rid of Joseph and received money for it.

Later we find that God had a purpose in what happened that dark, dreary day. Joseph being second in command in Egypt was able to save his family from starvation. This proves that God is able to overrule bad for His good.

The week after Brother Halliman returned from his long patrol, my interpreter became very sick. On Saturday Brother Halliman saw him, and he said he was too weak to go anywhere. It was a bad case of malaria.

This left me without an inter-

preter. There are no other qualified Duna interpreters around the Mission. This brought on quite a dilemma with me. What to do? What can I do? That question was the total substance of my thoughts for several hours. I hated to sit by and do nothing on Sunday because of lack of an interpreter, alone. Could I preach



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in Duna? — No time to prepare a message, as before it took about fourteen hours. Besides, the interpreter was sick and couldn't help me with the translation anyway.

There was no alternative — I could read the book of Maki (Continued on page 6, column 3)

## What Should Be Expected Of Every Church Member Who Claims To Have Been Saved, Either Come To Christ, Or Else Go To Hell

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We will suppose that a certain person has really been saved. What should reasonably be expected of that person? He has become a child of God. Since God is now his Father. He has the right to command him, and he ought to be obedient unto Him. Where shall one go in order to find out

services. To go down the aisle does not save one . . . it is but a way of saying publicly that one has trusted in Christ. If one has not really trusted Him, then such a confession is a falsehood.

2. By Baptism. (Rom. 6:3-6). (Matt: 28:19).

To become a Christian, is to become a follower of Christ. How can one pretend to be such a follower, and at the same time fall down on the very first command of Jesus? Haven't you known persons to profess to become Christians, then to decline to be baptized? Did anyone do this in New Testament times? (Read Acts 2:41).

3. By Scriptural Baptism. Some Scriptural suggestions: (Acts 16: 14, 15, and 16:33).

In baptism a public profession of Christ is made. One puts on the Christian uniform so to speak. What of one who wants to become a soldier but refuses the uniform? What of one who would consent to put on only the little soldier's cap. (That's what those do who only have a bit of liquid sprinkled on their head).

II. ONE SHOULD BECOME A CHURCH MEMBER.

1. How many of those who were saved on Pentecost joined the church? (Acts 2:41).

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NOTE OBJECTIONS TO JOINING A CHURCH.

(1) "There are hypocrites in the church." (Cf. Judas is the first one. Where did he go when he died? How would you answer such an objection?)

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"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—Matt. 11:28.

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."—Matt. 25:41.

In these two statements we have the two, and only two, alternatives which face every man. It is come to Christ, or go to hell. What a difference there is in these two! Come to Christ for rest, for salvation, for eternal glory and bliss; or go to the hell of eternal, agonizing torment. We should notice that both of these statements are made by the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, both statements have back of them the authority of Deity. The kind, compassionate, loving, Lord Jesus invites sinners to come to him for salvation. This same Divine person says to those who do not come; "Go to Hell." This phrase is often used by the wicked of our day. We constantly hear one mortal say to another, "Go to Hell." How awful for one man

to say this to another. Surely he does not know what he is saying. Surely such a statement can only rightfully be made by our Sovereign Lord. We are most grateful that this sentence does not lie within the power of mortal man with his wicked, depraved heart of hate.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO COME TO CHRIST?

First of all, to come to Christ,



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what the heavenly Father desires for him to do? The answer — THE BIBLE. In the Bible we are told the things that we should do. Let us note some of them:

1. THE FIRST THING IS TO CONFESS CHRIST PUBLICLY.

How?

1. With the Mouth. (Rom. 10: 9). (Also Rom. 10:11); (Mark 8: 38).

That's the reason why we give an invitation at the close of our

### A Monument To Martin Luther King

Martin Luther King died as a casualty of his own program of "non-violent" violence. Since his death legions of liberal politicians along with the national news media have eulogized this apostle of violence as if he were God himself. But the death of Mr. (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "PLAIN PROPHECIES FOR PLAIN PEOPLE"

"Write the vision, and MAKE IT PLAIN upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."—Hab. 2:2.

#### "SOMEONE IS COMING!"

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."—Rev. 22:20.

Can you imagine two people standing in conversation, and as they are talking to one another, suddenly they hear footsteps echoing through the hall? I can hear one of them say, "Sh-h-h, someone is coming."

Tonight, I would to God that we might stand still—that we might listen to the echo of the footsteps of Jesus Christ. I insist, beloved, He is coming.

#### I. JESUS IS COMING.

Jesus Christ is definitely com-

ing back to this world. On that night when He would comfort His disciples, He said:

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:1-3.

Then on that last day of our Lord's earthly ministry, He led His disciples out to Mt. Olivet to that familiar scene—to that familiar place where the Son of God had resorted thither with

His disciples many, many times. Suddenly He began to lift Himself up into the air, until He was lost as a little speck within the ether-eal spaces. The disciples stood looking after Him, gazing into the sky, and the Word of God tells us that the angels came down and said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, SHALL SO COME IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Act. 1:11.

Then on that day when the Apostle Paul was writing to the church at Corinth, he reminded (Continued on page 2, column 5)



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one must believe that Christ is what He claims to be. No man has, can, or will ever savingly come to Christ, who does not believe what the Bible teaches about the person of Christ. These modern, so-called preachers who put a dress on, turn their collars backward and then deny the Biblical teachings of Christ have never come to Christ. Jesus (Continued on page 7, column 2)

### Yes, There Is A Moral Here

A rather talkative woman said to the fisherman, who was minding his own business. "Aren't you ashamed of yourself? So cruelly catching this poor, little fish!"

"Maybe you're right, lady," said the fisherman, "but if this fish had kept his mouth shut, he wouldn't be here."



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river before. We were no more than a few yards from the edge of the water and all night I could hear the water from the river swiftly rolling onward towards the sea. It was a miserable night spent and I was glad when I saw Brother Roberts getting out of bed. When I got up I noted several places on my face and neck that were swollen from insect bites. We had not eaten a hot meal, and I had not eaten since the morning before. This morning had very little to offer by way of breakfast as we still had no water to cook anything with. After we had finished our can of peaches we talked for a while and after a while decided that we would split up.

Brother Roberts had mainly come to go with me into the Pogaia area and now that we had been there and come out, insofar as he was concerned his mission on this patrol was accomplished, therefore, he would start for home today and I would continue on as pre-planned. It took us a while to get our gear sorted out. He would need only enough supplies to get him back to the mission, but he would have to spend at least one night on the road and probably two so he would have to take a few supplies and some of the cargo boys with him. In due time we had things sorted out and I gave him a few final instructions about some things and we shook hands and bid each other a pleasant journey insofar as journeys can be pleasant in this kind of country. We had no idea that we would still be together for another three and one-half hours. Every time we attempted to

leave the river and jungle we were beaten back by mountain sides that looked not too unlike the Swiss Alps. We knew that we were in the Strickland gorge but were soon to find that we were in a gorge that would not be easily conquered by man.

This undoubtedly was the worse walking that we had attempted to do on this patrol. By 8 a. m. the jungle was steaming hot and the various vines and cane and many other kinds of jungle growth was so thick we had to send two men in front of us to clear the way enough that we could make some attempt at walking. Much of the time we were crawling through holes they had made for us to get through. This would cause us to try again at getting to the top and out of this mess but each time we had to turn back to the jungle. After about two hours of this and with no water we were nearly dehydrated, and as mid-day neared the heat and thirst had begun to take a heavy toll on our strength.

After three and a half hours of this we finally came to a place where barrels of water were cascading down the mountain side into the Strickland River. This not only meant water to drink but a possible outlet from this steaming jungle. We soon began to literally claw our way up the side of the mountain and as we came to the first level we stopped amid the stream and drank to our fill of fresh cold water; we bathed, washed some clothes and rested for a while. Up to now we had only thought of getting a drink of fresh water but once our thirst was quenched we suddenly awoke to the fact that we were in the midst of a beautiful sight. As we looked up and followed the cascading stream we saw multitudes of miniature waterfalls and a lovely pool at the bottom of each. Some of the waterfalls were quite large and some of the pools deep enough to swim in, the water as clear as a crystal. This is the kind of a scene that one might read about in a fiction novel or the kind that you might rarely see on canvas after some great artist has had a fanciful dream about some Utopia, but here was the real thing. Brother Roberts and I were actually in the midst of one of the most beautiful settings that I have ever witnessed, unmolested and unchanged by the hands of man.

For about thirty minutes we went up following the stream until we could eventually see the edge of the jungle area and tall grass beyond. Soon we were out of the timber and approaching the grass covered ridges. Now we stopped again and this was where Brother Roberts would leave us and so after a short talk he started off up the steep mountain side and I last saw him as he was going over one of the sharp grass covered ridges about half way up towards the top, and I was once again descending the sloping ridge back towards the Strickland River and the steaming jungle that I had not too long before left. Since the bridge that the natives had recently built had been swept away by flood waters, I had decided to go back to the place where I crossed the river just before returning to America last year and investigate the possibilities of getting another bridge across the river there. While I was at home last year some natives had purposely destroyed that bridge and also the one that Brother Roberts had crossed in April of last year. In due time we reached our old camp site where we slept for two nights in January last year and left some of the natives to setting up camp while a few of us went on down to the place where we had crossed the river. Upon arrival at the river we noted six natives

on the other side and after quite a long talk with them they agreed to help us in the construction of a new bridge so with that we went back to camp and as it was now near night we cooked a good supper and soon went to bed. So ended the thirteenth day of my patrol.

March 31. D.Q. "Today being Sunday there has been very little activity. I have rested all day with the exception of holding a service for the cargo boys," end quotation. I didn't get more than a few yards from the camp on this day and after having walked for seven days straight and the last two days through dense jungle area this day was most welcomed as a day of rest. So the fourteenth day of the patrol ended without incident.

April 1. D.Q. "When we had finished breakfast this morning a few of us took a walk down to the bridge site. Four of the six natives that we had seen there on Saturday were waiting for us, two of them we had seen before were women. After quite a lengthy discussion with them we decided to abandon the idea of building a bridge at this time," end quotation.

Since I had crossed the river in January last year, there had been a famine, some sort of an epidemic had struck and taken a great toll of life, a few of the natives had come on this side of the river before the bridges were destroyed and most of what was left had joined another clan across the mountain from where they had lived, so consequently, there were only a few people left that I had seen before. The four men said they were all that was left that would be able to work and with such a few it would be next to impossible for them to try to bring the materials needed to build the bridge. On our side of the river there were no materials readily available. It would be a two hours walk one way to reach materials for the bridge on our side, so with all these things confronting us, as it would take a week or more to get a bridge across at this place, we decided to wait about building the bridge until a later date.

We left the waters edge with the people on the other side waving to us and shouting goodbye. It was sad to leave them. We were soon back at camp and in a short time had our things together and were under way. I dreaded the long walk to the top of this gorge but there was no

other way out. In something like two hours we had reached the top but, while we were exhausted, had a long way to go. We were on our way to Yedo, the place we had left over a week ago. On our way we came to a place where some of the Kola people from across the Strickland had settled. One man lay in a hut with something wrong with both legs and he had great difficulty walking only a short way. There was a little girl about 4 years old and an old woman that was blind. The little girl had a bad case of malaria so after we did what we could for them by way of medical aid I preached to them. I had never seen any of these people before, although I had been in the area where they formerly lived.

Soon we walked on and now the trail led down through open grass plains, some small ridges, a patch of timber occasionally and sweet potato gardens. About mid-afternoon we reached Yedo. About an hour before we reached Yedo it started raining and by the time we got there we were soaked. I announced two services for the next day and with that, dried out, cooked my evening meal and went to bed. So ended the fifteenth day of my patrol.

April 2 through 5. April 2, 3, 4 and 5 were merely routine patrol days. We started off on the second by having a service in the morning at Yedo and had one in the afternoon with good sized crowds at both services. It was just as well that we decided to remain there for that day as it rained almost the entire day. The next day we left early in the morning for Haiwi and after about six hours we had reached there and had a late service. Regardless of the time you arrive at this place they are always expecting a service. We have had a good ministry among these people.

On the morning of the fourth we left Haiwi for Lake Kopia. After seven hours of walking we arrived there. The walking had not been too bad on this day as about half of the way was vehicle road. I discussed a couple of matters of business with the officer in charge at Kopia and then went to one of the government rest houses to sleep for the night. Lake Kopia lies in a deep depression. The lake itself is not very large, covering perhaps two and a half acres but a very picturesque government station has been built near it. It has an excellent airstrip but due to the fact that there are not over a thousand natives that live in and near the valley there is not too much activity there as compared to many of the patrol posts. Up to now, I have not been any where in the territory that has as many mosquitoes as I have seen at Kopia, and undoubtedly this is where the mosquitoes originated for they are the largest that I have ever seen any place that I have ever been.

On the morning of the fifth we left Kopia quite early and the first eleven miles of walking we had a good road so we made quite good time. We then left the vehicle road and had a very bad stretch through jungle area for about an hour when we came to a very large garden and where a small building had been erected for worship services. When I was through this area a year and three months before there were no worship services going on there. There were reported to be four people meeting there. We got set up for the night and then decided to have a late afternoon service. I was surprised to find that 25 people turned out for the service and a reported four more that had not been able to make it. We announced another service for the next morning before we would leave and soon after that the crowd dispersed and we settled in for the night. So this brought us down through the nineteenth day of the patrol.

## Plain Prophecies

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them in the study of the Lord's Supper, that they would only serve this Supper until the Lord Jesus Christ came back to the world a second time. We read "For as often as ye eat the bread and drink this cup, ye shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—Cor. 11:26.

Every time that we, as church, partake of the Lord's Supper, if not a word is said about the second coming, we have it in prophecy before us, for the Lord's Supper is a silent sermon in itself, telling us that Jesus Christ is coming back some day.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica, he said:

"But I would not have you be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we be with the Lord." — I Thess. 4:13-17.

Yes, beloved, when we read these Scriptures, we come to face with this fact, Jesus Christ is coming again.

### II. JESUS IS GOING TO COME SUDDENLY AND UNEXPECTEDLY.

We read: "For as the LIGHTNING COMETH out of the east, and shineth" (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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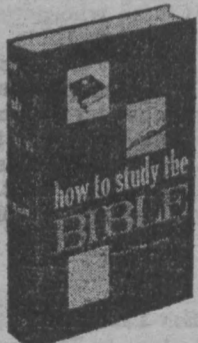
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### Plain Prophecies

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even unto the west, SO shall also  
the coming of the Son of man be."  
—Mt. 24:27.

You know as well as I how quickly the lightning flashes from one horizon to the other. You know how quickly the lightning covers the entire sky. Well, beloved, in just as rapid a manner, the Lord Jesus Christ is coming and as suddenly and unexpectedly.

Notice again:  
"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a THIEF IN THE NIGHT."—I Thess. 5:2.

If somebody is going to rob your home tonight, I will guarantee you that he does not send you a special delivery letter this day telling you that he will be there at such and such an hour tonight. Beloved, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be, just as suddenly, just as unexpectedly, and just as surprisingly as the coming of a thief to your home.

Listen again:  
"Therefore be ye also ready: for in SUCH AN HOUR AS YE THINK NOT the son of man cometh."—Mt. 24:44.

I'd like to pause and ask you a simple question. Do those of you who are here think that the Lord Jesus Christ is coming back tonight? Now think carefully before you would answer. Do you think Jesus Christ is coming before the rising of tomorrow's sun? Do you think the Son of God is coming back tonight before you awaken and start on your day's work tomorrow? I am positive

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that nearly everyone of us would say, "No, we just don't believe He is going to come in that manner that soon." May I remind you that in this text, it says, "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Read again:  
"In a moment, in THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."—I Cor. 15:52.

I ask you, how long does it take to wink your eye? Well, just as long as it takes you to wink, that long it is going to take the Lord Jesus Christ to put in His appearance. Beloved, it blesses my soul when I tell you that He is coming suddenly and unexpectedly.

### III. WHAT WILL THE EARTH BE LIKE AT HIS COMING?

I think we can find many prophecies in the Word of God as to what the earth, and that which is in the earth, will be like when He comes.

I think that even our automobiles can prophesy to us about the second coming. Listen:

"The chariots shall rage in the streets. They shall jostle one against another in the broadways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings."—Nahum 2:4.

The chauffeur sits behind the wheel and little realizes that as he drives along the road he is fulfilling prophecy thereby. If you will read the second chapter of Nahum, you will find the prophet talking about the second coming of Jesus Christ, and it says that when Christ comes, it will be a time when the chariots are raging in the streets, and when they will be jostling one another in the broad ways.

If you will go around the junk yards, the second handed automobile sales, and to all the repair shops, you can easily see how many cars have recently jostled themselves together. You can easily see how many cars have raged in the streets as they have been running like lightning in the broad way. I tell you, beloved, there is never an automobile wreck without a prophecy of the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you ask me what the world is going to be like when Jesus comes again, I say that it is going to be just like it is today with the automobiles raging in the streets, jostling one another in the broad ways, and running like lightning on the highways. It will be thus at the time of the second coming of our Lord.

What is it going to be like when Jesus comes back to this world? The world is going to be given over to pleasure. How truly we know this today, even apart from the Word of God. I can turn to God's Word and read to you Scripture after Scripture to show you that pleasure will characterize the last days. You know it is true. It wouldn't be a bit of trouble to talk to anyone about pleasure today. Everybody is interested in pleasure. Everybody is concerned about pleasure. The majority of people in America during the summertime are just about 99 per cent television on a Sunday afternoon watching a ball game. The world has pleasure on its mind. All over this world, the dance halls, the movie houses, the swimming pools, the bowling alleys, and all the places of amusement are flooded with people. Everybody has pleasure on his mind, but the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ stand practically destitute so far as attendance is concerned. What does the Word of God say about the last days? Listen:

"This know, also that in the LAST DAYS, perilous times shall come. LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD."—II Tim. 3:1, 4.

If we were to divide the people of this town on the basis of those who love pleasure and

those who love God, we would have a tremendous army on the side of those who love pleasure and comparatively speaking we would only have a mere pittance, or a handful on the side of those who love God. Yes, when our Lord Jesus comes again, the world is going to be given over to pleasure.

What is the world going to be like when Jesus comes? Beloved, the world is going to be very much concerned with travel. People today are travel conscious. I can remember when I was a boy; if a man went 20 miles from our community to Covington, Ky., he had something to talk about for months later. He had been some place. He had something to really discuss. I am sure that the majority of people fifty years ago had never been a hundred miles away from home.

How is it today? Today individuals think nothing at all of getting into an airplane and taking off for Chicago or New York. It is a common thing for people today to think in terms of long distance travel. What does the Word of God say? Listen:

"But, thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end, MANY SHALL RUN TO AND FRO, and knowledge shall be increased."—Dan. 12:4.

This prophecy is certainly true. There is travel on the highway, travel on the skyway, travel everywhere. Men and women are traveling here and there and when they arrive they are not satisfied, so they start someplace else. Our Lord said that at the end of time, it will be thus, and the world will be given over to running here and there.

I will remind you also that at the time of Jesus' coming the world is going to be very definitely conscious of knowledge. We read:

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

Certainly this is true today. People are ever learning. Children enter school—grade school, high school, college, and after they get out of college, they specialize perhaps in some particular field. Then there are home-makers' clubs, and all kinds of ways for people to learn how to do things, even after they get out of school. They are ever learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, as it is in Jesus Christ.

Let me remind you that you don't learn the truth of God's Word through your mentality. You don't learn the truth of the Book in a schoolroom. Men are ever learning, but they never come to the truth concerning Jesus. It is a characteristic of the last days, for Daniel says at

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the time of the end knowledge shall be increased.

Again, when Jesus comes this world is going to be given over to troubles of all kinds. Listen:

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."—Mt. 24:6-8.

All down through the ages, we have had wars and we have had pestilences, we have had earthquakes. All down through the ages, we have had troubles of one type or another. But we have never had the wars we have had of recent years. We have never had the earthquakes. We have never had the pestilences. We have never had the troubles in divers places that we have had in the last fifty years. Beloved, three world wars are in my memory since I was a lad in my teens. I can safely say that we have had the greatest wars, the greatest earthquakes, the greatest pestilences, the greatest troubles in divers places in the last fifty years that have been known in the history of mankind. Our Lord said that at the time of His coming, these things would be but the beginning of sorrows to the human family.

What is the world going to be like when the Lord comes again? There will be revolutions in various parts of the earth. God's Word tells us this is to be true. Listen:

"And I will SHAKE ALL NATIONS, and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts."—Haggai 2:7.

Before the desire of all nations comes, all nations are going to be shaken. Revolutions? Yes. Troubles in the nation? Yes. Before the "Desire of all nations" puts in His appearance all nations are going to be shaken.

Notice again:  
"I will OVERTURN, OVERTURN, OVERTURN, IT: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."—Ezek. 21:27.

Beloved, don't think there is going to be any stability so far as governments are concerned. I expect Khrushchevs, Mussolinis, Hitlers, and Fidel Castros. I expect individuals of all kinds to occupy positions of prominence and authority. I expect there to be an overturning because God said, "I will overturn, overturn, overturn, until he comes whose right it is." We can expect revolutions in government at the time when Jesus comes.

I ask again what it is going to be like when Jesus comes? This earth is going to be filled with unrest and uneasiness and fear. We read:

"And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars, and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; MEN'S HEARTS FAILING THEM FOR FEAR, and for looking after those things which are coming on earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."—Luke 21:25, 26.

Notice on the earth, there will be signs, just as there will be signs in the sky. He says on earth there will be distress of nations, with perplexity, and worse than that, men's hearts failing them for fear.

You ask a business man today about the stability of his business, and see how much fear there is. You ask any individual as to his walk in life, and see how fear characterizes him. I tell you, beloved, this earth is going to be filled with unrest, and fear, and distress of nations when the Lord Jesus comes again.

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What is the earth going to be like when the Lord Jesus comes? The Lord Jesus said that Jerusalem was going to be liberated of the Turk. Listen:

"And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down with Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled."—Luke 21:24.

Notice, beloved, Jerusalem is to be trodden down of the Gentiles. For how long? Until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. Let's see. Go back through the days of the Dark Ages. Come down near to this present time, and hear the tramp, tramp, tramp of the armies as the Turk, the Moslem, the Arab parade through the streets of Jerusalem. Didn't our Lord say it would be thus? Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles have been fulfilled.

Let's go back to the days of World War I, when General Allenby led a group of soldiers into Palestine. Miraculously, not a shot was fired. They started shouting that Allenby was coming and the Turks heard it. All they got was the first syllable "Alla, Alla," which reminded them of their god, and they fled from Jerusalem. General Allenby took possession of the city of Jerusalem without the firing of a single shot in December, 1917.

The Allies and their Supreme Council in San Remo in 1920 turned the city over as a national home for the Jews.

I have said through all the days of my ministry that the times of the Gentiles came to an end in that year 1920 when Jerusalem was turned back to the Jews as a national home, and that Luke 21:24 was fulfilled that day when it says that Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. The next step, the next (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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People are very careful about what they eat, but it is tragic that the "pure food law" does not seem to apply as to what they feed their soul.

# The Baptist Examiner FORUM

*"If a Baptist Church that was sound in doctrine and practice should start receiving alien immersion and practicing open communion, would their baptism still be Scriptural? And if not, how much or how long would another sound Baptist Church have to receive the unscriptural baptism from the first church before it became unscriptural?"*

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I take no pleasure, or delight in trying to answer a question of this nature. However, I can see that this is an all important question to a saint who finds himself, or herself in such a church. I just wish I could be of more help with such a problem. My heart goes out to a person who suddenly finds himself in this predicament. There is the love for the church, and the love of the brethren in that church that simply cannot be forgotten over night. No one knows that better than I do. I have been there. But I can assure you (and this is the voice of experience), true happiness and joy in the Lord comes only when we put our love for our dear Lord way out ahead of our love for a church that has gone apostate, and for the precious friends we have in that church. After all, the most precious friend we have is the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is my honest opinion that after a church has knowingly received alien baptism, and has practiced open communion, their baptism would not be worth enough of old stagnant water to do the baptizing in. And I am also persuaded that no sound Baptist Church would knowingly accept baptism administered by a church that received alien immersion and practices open communion. A church would not become unscriptural as a result of

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receiving a member who was baptized by such a church, but rather the church would receive this type of baptism because it was already unscriptural. A sound, Scriptural Church would never stoop to such depths knowingly. And if she did receive a member with this kind of baptism unknowingly, and later learned of it, she would be forced to require that the member either be baptized, or go on his way.

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There are three main doctrines that a church must stand for if it remains a scriptural church. The first is the way of salvation. A church must know as Jonah learned that "Salvation is of the Lord." (Jonah 2:9) We must understand that man is saved through Jesus Christ alone. "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) If salvation is not through any other, then we know that man cannot save himself. "For by grace are ye saved through faith: and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8, 9) Many Baptists claim that they believe this yet they say that we have to take the first step, or that we must believe before God's grace works. In other words they say that if we come to Jesus without any help from God we will be saved. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:44) Again we read, "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: AND AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED." (Acts 13:48)

The second doctrine goes along with the first — and that is the doctrine of the church. A church is a local assembly of baptized believers. It was started by Christ when He was here on earth and it is the channel through which the commission must be fulfilled. No other organization or religion is of the Lord and cannot be recognized as such.

Finally the doctrine of church ordinances must be observed correctly. Baptism must be administered to a person who has already been saved, by the church (or rather an authorized representative of the church). It must be immersion to represent the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and that the recipient is dead to sin and walking in newness of life. The Lord's supper is to be observed by the members of the local church only and no one else.

If a church accepts alien baptism, that church is saying by its action that none of the three doctrines mentioned above are important. Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works;

or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." (Rev. 2:4, 5) The first love is Christ, and Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

Whenever a church learns of another church going off in this respect, it cannot accept the baptism of that church. We must teach constantly the truths regarding this so that if we have received a member unknowingly from such a church that member can and must bring it to the attention of the church and be baptized scripturally.

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No. A Baptist church that was sound in the faith would immediately unchurch herself by receiving alien baptism and practicing open communion. By receiving alien immersion, a Baptist church would also be receiving the doctrine of the church which did the baptizing. Those who are baptized, manifest by this action that they are saved. In submitting to baptism of a certain denomination, they testify that they were saved in the manner prescribed by the church doing the baptizing.

To illustrate this, let us suppose that a once sound Baptist church received Campbellite baptism. The person they have received was baptized in order to be saved; therefore, this church has received baptismal regeneration, and becomes unscriptural.

A Baptist church by receiving alien immersion lowers herself to the same plane of the church whose baptism she received. To me, a great number of churches who go by the name Baptist are in reality no better than the Protestants. The only difference in them is their name. It is a farce for a group of people to go by the name Baptist, and then advocate doctrines which are contrary to the doctrine on which a Baptist Church was founded. The name Baptist without Baptist teaching or Biblical doctrine means nothing.

The head of all true Baptist Churches has commanded that His churches be separate from all others.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty."—II Cor. 6:17-18.

In these verses the Lord commands His church not to touch the unclean thing.

The Lord has made Himself clear, that false doctrine are an unclean thing to Him.

"Then Jesus said unto them, take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." Matt. 16:6 and 12.

In receiving alien baptism, a Baptist Church is touching an unclean thing. Not only is she touching the unclean thing, but she is uniting in propagating the unclean thing. Thus she is in violation of the command to be separate, and by so doing, becomes unscriptural. Their baptism would be unscriptural and should be rejected as without divine approval.

It is my belief that we should withdraw ourselves from all Baptist Churches who receive alien baptism and practice open communion. Neither do I believe

that we should linger in so doing. These churches should be recognized as no better than any other false organization. In fact, I would just as soon receive the baptism of a Campbellite church as to receive baptism of a Baptist Church that receives Campbellite baptism.

May I ask each of you this question: What would be the difference in receiving the baptism of Campbellites and receiving the baptism of a Baptist Church that receives Campbellite baptism? It would still be Campbellite baptism though it goes by the name Baptist.

In view of the explicit commands of God's Word to be separate, touch not the unclean thing, withdraw yourselves and abstain from all appearances of evil, we have no alternative but to reject as unscriptural the baptism of a Baptist church receiving alien baptism.

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In answering this question human opinion and human judgment must be resorted to since I know of no Scripture that cat-

egorically gives the answer. This being true we should have patience with our brethren who do not see eye to eye with us.

Personally, I abominate the practice of alien immersion, and it seems to me that the pastor who leads a church to receive such must either be grossly ignorant on the church question or else so crazy to grab members that he will do most anything in order to increase his church membership. And it is true that pastors are mostly to blame for such errors as receiving alien immersion. For instance, I knew a Baptist church that for years was very sound doctrinally. They called a pastor who was very ambitious and who doted on numbers. I learned of a case in which a couple was received on alien immersion. He knew the situation, but he wanted the couple so badly that he covered up their baptism. The church was not responsible for this, hence they didn't know the facts, hence I am sure that that church had not ceased to be a true church, and I feel that their baptism was Scriptural. So, I feel that for a church's baptism to become unscriptural that church would have to become knowingly a practitioner of error concerning baptism of the Lord's Supper. For a church to adopt the practice of receiving alien baptism and open communion, would in my judgment render them unscriptural and personally, I would recommend any church that I was a member of to reject (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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thing to expect is His footfall as we listen for Him to come. Jerusalem has been liberated. The times of the Gentiles have ended so far as Jerusalem is concerned, for it is no longer trodden down by the Gentiles. Someone is coming. That someone is Jesus.

What is the world going to be like when Jesus comes? The world is going to be filled with false preachers of all kinds. Listen:

"And many FALSE PROPHETS shall rise, and shall deceive many."—Mt. 24:11.

Paul describes the false prophets that shall arise, for he says:

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

How many people are there preaching today who don't know anything about "the power thereof?"

What do they know about the power of God so far as His Sovereignty is concerned? Nothing!

What do they know about the power of God so far as the doctrines of election and predestination are concerned? Nothing.

You know as well as I that the majority of people in this world are Arminian to the core. The

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Word of God says that they shall have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. Beloved, we can expect false preachers right down to the end of time before Jesus Christ comes.

I don't expect it to get better. I don't expect to find more preachers preaching the truth than there are today, but rather the reverse. There are preachers today who are going in for Easter, and Good Friday, and the Holy Week services that 25 years ago would have spurned, and rejected, and repudiated the entirety thereof. I am thinking of churches that tolerate Good Friday services today that wouldn't have even considered such 25 years ago. I don't expect conditions to get better religiously; rather, I expect them to get worse. Religiously, I expect a little handful here and a little handful there that will stand for the truth—the elect of God who know the Book—that He has revealed Himself unto. In the main, the world is going to go on and on led by the religious hirelings and the religious heretics, farther and farther and farther from the things of God.

What is the world going to be like when Jesus comes? Beloved, there is going to be a general disbelief even as to His coming. Ask the man that you meet when you go out tonight if he thinks Jesus Christ is soon to come, and he will probably laugh at you. He will think that you doubtlessly will need to make a trip to the psychiatrist.

I was talking to a salesman in my printing shop just a short time ago. He was a man of unusual intelligence, I would say. He asked me about business conditions, conditions morally and spiritually. When I expressed myself, I went further and said, "But I think this is all just pre-figured in the Bible. I think it is only heading up for the coming of Jesus Christ." I can never forget that little sympathetic smile that he gave me, for he seemed to think that I was indeed in bad condition. He seemed to think by his attitude that I needed treatment of some sort, for he said, "Now, Brother Gilpin, there have been these kind of conditions all the way back down through the ages and Christ has never come. He will never come. It is foolish to think that He will."

The Bible speaks of such for we read:

"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days, scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."—II Pet. 3:3,4.

What this salesman said to me, Simon Peter said would be true at the coming of Jesus Christ. He said there would be a general disbelief as to the coming of the Son of God back to this earth.

When Jesus comes, this world is going to be exceedingly materially minded. People are going to have their minds on material things rather than on spiritual things. Listen:

"For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day they entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came and took them all away, so shall the coming of the son of man be."—Mt. 24:38, 39.

Now, I am not saying that there is anything wrong with eating, drinking nor marrying or giving in marriage. I am not saying there is a thing wrong with those four events that are spoken of, but the thing that was wrong was that was all they were thinking of in Noah's day. And that is all the people are thinking about today. They have their minds on material things—eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage—the things of the world, and they are not concerned with spiritual things at all.

We read:  
"And because iniquity shall

abound, the love of many shall wax cold."—Mt. 24:12.

At the time of Christ's coming iniquities will be abounding all about us. What effect will that have on those of us who are saved? You know what effect it has on you, beloved. When you see the things on the television screen that are wrong, it numbs your resistance to evil. When you watch television and see things that are placed upon the screen, things that are sold by way of cigarettes, tobacco, and beers, and wines, it paralyzes your opposition to evil.

Beloved, it oughtn't have that effect. It ought to be just the opposite. When iniquity abounds, it ought to make us stand up more thoroughly for the things of the Lord. But that is not the way it works. Rather, when iniquity abounds, the love of many waxes cold. What is going to be true when Jesus comes? The world is going to be materialistically minded. The world is going to be thinking in terms of eating and drinking, and marriage and giving in marriage. The world is going to think in terms of material things, and God's people are going to be chilled spiritually as a result of being contaminated by living in the world.

**IV. HOW WILL THE LORD JESUS CHRIST COME?**

When the Lord Jesus Christ appears, how will He come? We read:

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR."—Rev. 22:16.

Is there anything more beautiful after a night of darkness than the bright and morning star when it puts in its appearance? There have been several nights in my life that I haven't gone to bed—when I've been up all night for one reason or another, and some of those nights have been exceedingly dark nights from the standpoint of the elements—no moon, no stars shining, just enshrouded with total darkness. I can say to you one of the most precious memories that comes to my mind now is that of seeing the bright and morning star put in its appearance just before the break of day.

Beloved, that is just exactly how the coming of Jesus is going to be. When everything about us is dark—religiously, materially, educationally, politically, industrially, economically, morally, and socially — when things are getting darker so far as this world is concerned, the bright and morning star, Jesus Christ, is going to come. Oh, what a blessing it will be when He puts in His appearance!

**V. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN JESUS COMES?**

We read:

"For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."—I Thes. 4:15, 17.

When Jesus comes, the dead in Christ are going to come out of the grave, and we which are alive are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. It will be a glorious day, for your dead and my dead are going to come out of the ground. It will be a glorious day when we see them caught away, and when you and I are caught up to be with the Lord in the air.

The Lord Jesus tells us concerning His coming. Listen:

"And at midnight, there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and

trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came: and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."—Mt. 25:6-10.

What is going to happen when Jesus comes? The dead in Christ will arise and the living in Christ will be transformed—changed in a moment's time, in a twinkling of

an eye will be changed to look like the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have a very good friend who has gone on to glory. He loved me for what I stood for. He loved THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. As long as he lived, he supported it liberally with his money. The Lord took him on to glory a few years ago. Up yonder in Heaven tonight I am sure he bears record to the truthfulness of what I am telling you about our experience and relationship together. He used to get after me a great deal because of the fact that I frown and draw (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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## "Plain Prophecies"

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 my eyebrows when I preach. Well, that just happens to be a habit of mine through the years. I am not angry in any wise at all but it has just been a habit; and as we grow older these facial features become more fixed and more set and the result is that I can't help it. He used to say, "Brother Gilpin, it hurts your ministry. You ought to have it removed." He used to urge me to go to Louisville to a face surgeon, and have my face lifted. Beloved, I have heard about people having their face lifted, and sometimes it fell back, and they were in worse shape than they were before, and I was afraid that might be the result with me. I told him, "No, we'll go on like it is." But beloved, there is one thing certain. Some of these days, I am going to have my face lifted. Some of these days He is coming and when He comes I am going to be changed in a moment's time. All the wrinkles, and all the frowns, and all the surplus flesh over my eyes that seems to pucker and make me look like I am angry when I am preaching, are going to be changed. I am going to be made to look like the Lord Jesus Christ. Glorious Day! Someone is coming! How we do look forward to that day!

### VI. WHY IS JESUS CHRIST DELAYING HIS COMING?

Two thousand years have passed since Jesus was here in this world, and since He made reference to the fact that He was going to come back. Why is it that He doesn't come back? Why is it that the Lord delays His coming? Why is it that He hasn't put in His appearance already? The Word of God gives us the answer:

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."  
 —II Peter 3:9.

I will not take time to give you any exegesis of this Scripture tonight for I have explained

it so many times in the past. Of course, you know that it is the passage that Arminians fall back on to prove free will and free moral agency, but it doesn't prove it at all. What Peter is literally talking about is the second coming of Christ, and he says that the reason the Lord has delayed His coming—the reason why He has timed it as He has is because He is long-suffering to us-ward, the elect of God, and He is not willing that one of His elect shall perish. He is not willing for one of His, for whom He died, to fail to get to Heaven. And He has thus put off His coming. He has pushed His coming into the future for one purpose, that the last one of His elect shall be garnered off this earth and gathered with Him, and He is not slack concerning His promise. He remembers His promise. He is going to come, but He is just waiting until that last elect is caught away to be with Him.

### CONCLUSION

When my Lord comes, it is going to be too late for any unsaved person in this house to be saved. Oh, there'll be lots of people saved after Jesus comes, but there won't be a single person who has ever heard the gospel preached before He comes that will be saved after He comes. If you have heard the Word of God preached before hand, when Jesus comes your doom is sealed. Listen:

"And to you who are troubled, rest with us when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on them, that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be PUNISHED with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."  
 —II Thes. 1:7-9.

When Jesus comes, every man who has ever heard the truth will find that Jesus will take vengeance upon him.

Notice again:  
 "That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."  
 —II Thes. 2:12.

Notice the past participle, "who believed not the truth." They had an opportunity to have believed. They heard the truth. They had the message preached unto them. They heard the Word of God faithfully preached. Yet they believed not the truth, but took pleasure in unrighteousness.

John also tells us what will be the outcome of those who are unsaved when Jesus comes, for he says:

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."  
 —Rev. 16:15.

Beloved, the man who is here who is unsaved when Jesus comes will be found walking naked. What does it mean? He will be destitute of the righteousness of God. He will be naked so far as God's righteousness is concerned. And what will be the result? Shame and confusion of face eternally.

Yes, beloved, when Jesus comes, the man who has heard the Word of God and has rejected it will have no opportunity to be saved. I would say, then, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh." I thank God that the way is open for the man who is outside Jesus Christ. I thank God that Jesus died for the sins of His elect. May you turn to the Son of God and be saved.

"And him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."  
 —John 6:37.

May God give you the grace to come to Jesus Christ and be saved. I beg you to come to the Son of God tonight. Why? Be-

cause someone is coming, and when He comes it will be too late.

May God bless you!

## Fred W. Roberts

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(Mark) in Duna before the church — then let the pastor preach. Yes, that sounded better than not doing anything. While the thought was still paramount in my mind, I thought that maybe I would say a few words afterward as I have been praying in Duna for six months. I decided right then that whatever the Lord brought to my mind I would say — if one minute or more — it was all in His hands. I can not prevaricate about the tension and excitement that filled me. What would happen — would I even be able to read Duna before a church?

That night I studied Mark for a while, wondering what would happen the next day. Finally, at

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bed time, as I prayed for help the next day, I said, "Lord, this is for your glory, not that I can think about how smart or good I am." For the Bible says that none of us are able to do one thing without the help of God. Certainly for the service to be a success the next day, it would totally depend on the eternal purpose of Almighty God.

I arose early, determined not to think of what would happen in a few hours. The morning seemed to slip away so fast. That first cup of elixer (coffee) was over. Then one of Karen's wonderful breakfasts had become history. Already, there was only time for one cup of coffee before time to start walking. The walk was only between four and five miles.

As I left the Mission, Brother Halliman's interpreter jokingly said, "Where are you going?" The simple reply was, "Just going to read the Bible before a Duna Church." As I walked along the road, it was hard to keep from thinking about the big event which would shortly come to pass. I sang a number of songs to keep my mind occupied. Finally, I arrived at the church.

After a short wait for the pastor, the service began. Everybody was totally bewildered at my

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## "I Should Like to Know"

1. Should other Baptist Churches fellowship with a Baptist church that—

(1) Has banquets to raise money?

Yes, fellowship the church; but rebuke her evil works.

(2) Suffers a woman to make motions and then speak to the motions?

Yes. Rev. 2:18-28 tells about such a church. The Lord said He would deal with the woman, but did not tell other churches to refuse to fellowship the church.

(3) Think all Baptists should take the Lord's Supper together?

Yes. There is a wide difference of opinion as to the Scripture teaching on that subject, even among orthodox Baptists.

2. Is the Lord's Supper a church ordinance or Christian ordinance?

Church ordinance. I Cor. 11:18, 20. It can't be observed in any other way. It ceases to be the Lord's Supper if there is division or heresy in those who partake. There is always both division and heresy where there is open communion; therefore no Lord's Supper. Read this passage in the Revised Version.

3. Should a close-communication Baptist unite with an open-communication church?

No. For thereby he would endorse the heresy of that church.

4. Suppose all the churches in a city are open communion, what should a Baptist do, who moves into that city?

One of three things: Ask the pastor and deacons of the nearest church to give "Thus saith

presence without an interpreter. There were probably many things that went through their heads which I will never know (or want to know). The way it turned out — there was not a person there who knew any Pidgin English so it was Duna all of the way from beginning to end.

I started by asking for a Christian man to pray. The usually long prayers that these people pray — seemed to be over before it started. We had a couple of songs, then another prayer which seemed to be over very rapidly also. It was time and there was nothing I could think of to stall, so I began. Slowly Maki (Mark) was opened to the first chapter. Then the Lord took over. I read the first fifteen verses of Maki (Mark) with very little difficulty. The only problem was that it seemed so fast that before I knew it I was through reading the portion of the Bible which had been planned. What should I do now, was the heart-pounding question of the moment? The first thought was: you have done all right with the reading of the Bible — quit while you are ahead. But some thoughts came to me in Duna at that time also which changed the course of the immediate and the future. I said to myself — I will say whatever the Lord brings to mind as has already been settled.

I slowly began to speak in Duna (it probably sounded like I had rocks in my mouth). First, the thought — The Lord Jesus Christ was more than just a man. He was God in the flesh. John was not Christ, but came to prepare the way of the Lord. He would only baptize believers. You must repent in order to enter heaven. God only will forgive sins. He will only forgive the sins of those who believe in Him. God is mighty and we are nothing. The only way to real peace is by trusting in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone can save you.

I lasted seven whole minutes. To many of you that might sound like a very, very short time, but if you had been in my place that (Continued on page 7, column 1)

the Lord" for their open communion. Maybe their failure to find it would lead them to repentance. Second, begin to talk and work for the establishment of an orthodox Baptist Church in that city. Third, move out of the city, and go where there is an orthodox church. No man or woman ought to live for business reasons in a place where they are denied the privileges of church fellowship.

5. Is the baptism of a preacher all right, if he has been ordained, even though he has not been born again?

That depends. Does the church know that he has not been born again and still keeps him for pastor? The baptism of a church like that is worthless, for they are the worst of heretics themselves as to regenerated church membership. We will have to know more about the case.

6. What of a Baptist, who attends and supports a lodge, in which there are members who think it "a Divine institution, second to none" and are depending on it for salvation?

We think they are "blind leaders of the blind" — lots of them. We think the balance are "partakers of other men's sins."

7. Were John the Baptist and John the Beloved members of the Masonic lodge?

No. Only the ignorant and the uninformed Masons say such false and foolish things as that. The informed know better.

8. How can a woman keep silent in the church, and yet make a public confession of her wrongdoing, if she is guilty of a public offense?

Most of them do it through the pastor or some other brother, who has been appointed by the church to see them about their sins. If not that way just like they made a public confession of their faith, when they first joined the church.

9. Should churches have B. T. U.'s where both sexes take part?

No. "We ought to obey God rather than men." I Cor. 14:34-37 and I Tim. 2:8-13 plainly forbid such.

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morning you would have thought as I did at the time — it was a long seven minutes. I shall not lie to you — it was a very hard and difficult seven minutes. There were times when I couldn't think of the word at all and had to leave the sentence unfinished. At several times during that short period of time the Lord enabled me to drive home some points with great force.

With the service finally over after another song and prayer, I started the walk home. I have to admit that my happiness was great and the walk seemed very short on the way home.

It is wonderful how God works. He brought good out of bad in this case. The interpreter was sick so I tried a service in Duna — which with the help of God has opened a new era in my life. I was so happy at the way God helped me that Sunday that I have preached every Sunday service since (five) in Duna. It is already a little easier to discourse in Duna. Duna is a very complex language, so it will be a very long time before I will be able to really say what I want to, the way that I want to. My thanks are first to God who gives the ability and next to Elder Dennis Cochran, the S. I. L. translator, who interpreted Mark into Duna.

It is wonderful to be able to tell you that I preached a twenty-five minute message on Sunday and two other short messages all in Duna this week. I believe that

*Humility is that strange thing that the moment you think you have it, you have lost it.*

God has definitely answered your prayers, and it was mentioned in some letters that some of you were praying for the day when I would be able to preach in Duna. Isn't our living God wonderful above describing? Please pray much for me yet as I have barely begun. May God bless you all.

### Christ . . . Hell

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Christ is God. He was virgin-born. He lived a sinless life. He died a substitutionary death. He arose from the grave. He ascended bodily into Heaven. He is coming again. Now the man who does not believe these truths about Christ has never come to Christ. Beloved, if a man has been saved by the Lord Jesus Christ, he knows his Lord and Saviour too well to believe Him just a man. Then one must realize his need of Christ before he will ever come to Christ. The unsaved man has absolutely no conception of his great need of Christ, unless and until, taught by the Holy Spirit. Our churches are filled with unregenerate sinners who have been brought to an outward profession of faith; but have never been taught the deep need of their lost condition. These folk are the curse of present day churches.

To come to Christ means that one must have a desire for Christ. The natural man hates Christ. He will go anywhere, but to Christ.

He will go to Hell rather than come to Christ. Christ is the most hated person in the universe to the natural man. We see this throughout the Word of God and observe it on every hand. Now this man must be given a hunger and a thirst for Christ, so that Christ becomes to him the most wonderful and desirable of beings, or he will never come to Christ. Surely we see that a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit is required here.

Then to come to Christ is to trust in Him as one's own personal Lord and Saviour. When one has been shown his deep need, and has been given a hunger and thirst for Christ, then he comes to Christ and commits himself to Christ for salvation. Then he believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and is saved for time and eternity.

#### WHO IS INVITED TO COME TO CHRIST?

"Come unto me, all ye that la-

bour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28. Here we see that those who labour and are heavy laden are invited to come. Notice who this invitation is not to. It is not for the man who loves his sin, who rolls sin as a sweet morsel under his tongue. Those who delight in sin as to their haunts of sin as to places of sweet delight are not invited to come. Those who boast of their sin, who enjoy nothing so much as a night of sin are not invited to come. Those who neglect their wives and children, and spend their income on the pleasures of sin, are not invited to come. Oh, no! This invitation is to a very restricted group. The man who feels sin to be a heavy burden upon his back that he cannot bear — the man who hates sin and desires to be free from it — who thinks that relief from this heavy burden would be the greatest of blessings, that man is invited to come to Christ. What good news this is to the truly burdened one. Come to Christ, dear one, and He will give you rest. Well do I remember the time when sin became such a burden to me. Long had I indulged in sin with the greatest of pleasure. How I detested those who would seek to turn me from my sin. Sin was my chief joy. But there came a time when that in which I had long taken pleasure became a burden too heavy to bear. I longed for relief more than for all the riches of this world. Glad day, when He invited me to Him, and I came, and found this wonderful rest. Yes, the heavy laden is invited to come.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."—Isa. 55:1.

"He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." John 6:35.

"And let him that is athirst come."—Rev. 22:17.

From these verses we learn that the hungry and thirsty are invited to come to Christ. As bread and drink are essential to man's physical life, so Christ is that which is absolutely essential to spiritual life. He is the bread and water of eternal life. Note again that this is a limited invitation to a specially qualified people. The man who is satisfied with sin, whose appetites are for

sin, is not invited to Christ. The man who has no desire for Christ — who sees no beauty in Christ that he should desire Him is not invited to come. The man who uses the lovely name of Christ as a blasphemous oath — who never looks into His Word to learn of Him—who does not attend services to hear about Christ, who cannot even stand still while one talks to him of Christ — this man is not invited to come. But the man who has been wrought upon by the Spirit so that he hungers and thirsts for Christ more than for even the necessary things of physical existence is invited freely to come to Christ. And I tell you the man who hungers and thirsts will come to Christ. Those who have no such desires will give a thousand excuses why they do not come. But let a man be effectually wrought upon by the Holy Spirit—let him be given this burning desire for Christ and that man will climb a mountain, swim an ocean, wade through Hell, throw away all his excuses and overcome all obstacles to come to Jesus. He will come. He has been effectually called. He will not, and he cannot, stay away.

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else." Isa. 45:22. The ends of the earth are invited to come to Christ. We might look at this as showing that all nations, races, and social groups are invited to come. God has made up His elect from every nation, and people, and tongue. No man is excluded simply because of nationality, race or social position. Then we might look at this text in a moral sense and say that those who are the ends of the earth as to sin are invited. The outcast from society, the moral leper, the man and woman deepest in the gutter of sin and further from decency and human morality are invited to come. Manasseh was one of the worst kings in Old Testament history, yet he was invited to come. The thief on the cross, dying in his crime and sin was invited to come. The woman who was a sinner was invited to come. The woman with five husbands was invited to come. Matthew, the publican, was invited to come. Paul, the chief of sinners was invited to come. Surely, even the ends of the earth are invited to come.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." — Isa. 55:7.

"I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."—Matt. 9:13.

"This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." — Lk. 15:2.

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly."—Rom. 5:6.

From the above verses we learn that the wicked, sinful, and ungodly are invited to come to Christ. Again: a limited invitation to a special class. The man who boasts of, and trusts in his own righteousness, is not invited. The Pharisee who thanks God that he is not as other men are, is not invited. Those who say "I am as good as those church-members," are not invited. Oh, no! to think oneself righteous and to trust in that, bars one from this glorious invitation and all it involves. This invitation is for the publican who calls himself a sinner and cries for mercy — for the man who realizes that he is a filthy, depraved, Hell-deserving sinner. No man has, can, or will come to Christ until he first is made to take his place as a vile wretch, utterly undeserving of the grace of God.

"They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick."—Matt. 9:12.

The man who thinks himself

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to be in spiritual health, and having no need of the Divine physician is not invited to come. But the one who is sick to the point of eternal death — who maybe has spent much upon other physicians and is not better, but rather worse — who knows that there is absolutely no hope of ever being cured by human means — is invited to come, and freely come to Christ, for instantaneous, perfect, and eternal healing of the sin-sick soul.

"And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." — Rev. 22:17.

Here in this much abused, much mis-used, and yet very precious Scripture we learn that the willing are invited to come to Christ. Again: and please note this — there is an invitation — not to all men everywhere — but a limited invitation to a specially qualified group. The whosoever won'ts are not invited to come. We may look this text over with a magnifying glass — we might dissect it with the sur-

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**A Monument**

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King did not erase the evil which he did. "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still." (Rev. 22:11).

In one tragic week 125 cities in 29 states and the District of Columbia were hit by guerrilla warfare. Thirty-nine persons were killed, 3,500 were injured, and more than 20,000 people were

arrested for participating in acts of insurrection and thievery. Some 2,600 fires were started which resulted in property damages amounting to 45 million in insurance losses alone and millions more in other losses. To protect the innocent and restore order, 68,887 troops were employed, including 21,586 U.S. Army regulars and 47,301 National Guardsmen. So those who seek to see the monument of Dr. King can find it in the burned cities of Chicago, Washington, Baltimore, Kansas City and Memphis.

Dr. King's cohorts showed their true nature after the death of their self-seeking revolutionist. In contrast to the activities of the lawless anarchists following King's death is the conduct of the followers of Jesus Christ after the death of their great leader. Christ's followers did not engage in looting, stealing, and murder. They did not try to burn the cities of the Roman world. They never cried, "Police brutality!" or "Burn, baby, burn!" In-

stead they were subject to principalities and powers; they obeyed the magistrates. The Lord's disciples secretly prayed for their enemies and remained as gentle and harmless as doves. Behold, the contrast! Yet many of King's followers claim a low form of betrayal to the Saviour! What hypocrisy!

I wonder when the liberal National Administration is going to realize that the violence in America is not being caused by slums, discrimination and unemployment, but by Communists who are fomenting a revolution in the United States, just like they have done and are doing in other countries around the world.



**The Forum**

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their baptism. Of course persons who were properly baptized by other churches and who became members of such a church by letter could move their membership without being immersed over again.

In answer to the question as to how long it would take another church to become unscriptural if it kept on receiving the alien baptism of the first church, it would not take long if the facts were known and understood by that church.

We need to realize that this question of receiving alien immersion is a serious and basic question. The question of church authority is at stake. The ordinance was given by Jesus to His church—not to a conglomeration of organizations that might be called into existence by men down through the centuries. The Carpenter's Union, or the Humane Society has just as much authority to baptize as any man-founded, so-called church, and their baptism would be just as valid.



**Christ . . . Hell**

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geon's scalpel, but search as we may, we will never find any place in this verse for a "whosoever won't," to get in. And is it not true that all of us by nature are "whosoever won't's?" And is it not true that those who have come and drunk of this water will all admit that there was a supernatural work in them that changed them from whosoever won't's to whosoever will's? There was a time I would not come. There was a time I would come. What made that eternal difference. Ah, it was the blessed Holy Spirit who did not save me against my will — who did not save me by my will — but who sweetly and effectually wrought within me a new will. Surely the multitude of whosoever won't's are left out here, but anyone, anywhere who is willing, is invited to come and take the water of life freely.

**SOME VERY IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS.**

We learn that the invitations in, and of themselves, are insufficient to secure the salvation of one single individual. We learn that all the invitations we have studied are not made to all men everywhere, indiscriminately; but are made to a limited and particular people. Arminians make much of so-called general invitations. I know of no such in the Bible. We learn (and please note this) that the Bible invitations pre-suppose, are based upon, and absolutely require a previous, effectual work of the Holy Spirit before anyone will savingly respond to the said invitation. Please read this sentence again and again.

Now, beloved, God could have let all mankind go to hell without giving any invitations at all.

Or He could have given the invitation as it stood, left it up to man, who could not, and would not, of himself respond and let all who reject the invitation go to Hell. This would have secured the same result as no invitation at all, and all men would have gone to Hell. Friend, a man could as easily be saved by keeping the law perfectly, as by responding to one of these invitations without the work of the Holy Spirit. After all, a dead man could have done one as easily as the other. Now, the marvel of sovereign grace is this: That God not only gives the invitation — but also, to the elect, gives the desire and ability to respond to the invitation. The gospel of sovereign, saving grace gives the thirst and then satisfies that thirst with the water of life — gives the hunger, and then satisfies that hunger with the bread of life. What a glorious, saving gospel is this! Not an impossible requirement imposed upon a dead man, but the giving of life to an elect people and then bidding them to exercise that God-given life in repentance and faith; which said life causes them to do.

But in the beginning we had two texts. One said, "Come to Christ," the other said, "Go to hell." For all those who do not respond to the Saviour's invitation, there is another word to fall from His lips upon their ears—"GO TO HELL." Yes, go to hell; and that word pronounced not by mortal man who cannot carry out such a statement — but by the Sovereign Lord of all. "Go to Hell." "Go to Hell." "Go to Hell." Oh! the awfulness of hearing these words pronounced by Christ. What tongue can describe; what mind comprehend a part of what is involved in this. Yet it will be, it must be said to all those who depart this life without coming to Christ.

Go to Hell. Not to purgatory where you will eventually get out. Not to annihilation, the dream of many. Not to a second chance after death. But, go to Hell. So we learn from the lips of the Saviour Himself that there is a Hell. The false prophet may talk of love in God, and of no wrath in God, but our Saviour, who is God Himself, tells us much about hell — that there is a hell — that it is a place of awful, agonizing torment — that there is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth there — that it is eternal. All this we learn from the lips of Jesus, and more.

Dear friends, you are an eternal being. You must spend eternity somewhere. There is a Heaven and there is a Hell, and that's all there is. Its either one or the other. And Christ is the one, only, and absolute difference between eternity in Heaven or in Hell. It is either come to Christ or "go to Hell." To dodge Christ or to try some other way, is to miss out. It is Christ or Hell. Oh, I beseech you that if you have not yet done so, that you will come to Christ. I warn that if you do not come to Christ you will, you must, go to Hell.

If you have come to Christ and are therefore saved, thank God that He was pleased to bring you, and seek to tell others about Him, and pray for the salvation of others. God bless you all.



**Expected?**

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Any hypocrites in the world? Any genuine Christians in the churches?

Does God hold you responsible for the hypocrites?

(2) "I don't know which of the many churches to join?"

How would you answer that? Can one find out — if so, how? Is it worth any thought and study to know the truth on this matter? Isn't it reasonable to expect counterfeit churches, and should one because of counterfeits refuse the genuine? Apply this in money matters.

(3) "I can serve God as well outside the church." How would

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you meet that argument? **THINGS TO CONSIDER IN THIS CONNECTION:** How many people are saved as the result of life and works of those outside churches? To what other institution did Christ commit his work? Can we afford to scorn Christ's agency for the doing of His work? Suppose every person through the centuries had refused to have anything to do with churches, what would be the condition?

**III. AFTER CHURCH MEMBERSHIP — WHAT?**

1. The condition of some after long membership. (I Cor. 3:1-2).
2. A description of what ought to be. (Ephes. 4:13-15; 2 Peter 3:18).



**It Is Wrong To Speak Of Mary As Virgin**

Mary had four sons after the birth of Jesus whose names were James, Simon, Joses and Judas (Matt. 13:55). She also had some daughters, but their names are not given. Hence it is wrong to speak of the virgin Mary as she is no virgin any more. She was a virgin when Christ was born only (Matt. 1:23; Isa. 7:14). —Milburn Cockrell



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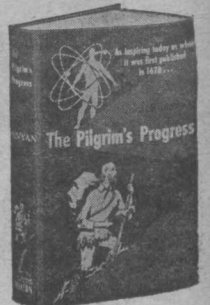
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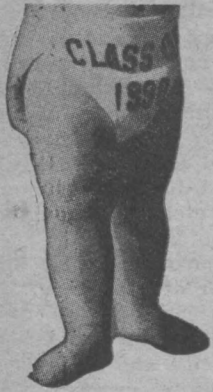
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