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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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The Folly Of The Universal Church Theory

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This universal church theory lacks ANY proof. It is a colossal assumption. Let us set forth a few reasons as to why there is

icon defines the meaning of "ecclesia" (translated church) as follows: "An assembly of citizens summoned by the crier — the legislative assembly." Locality and organization inhere in the word ecclesia. The term is never used in classic or New Testament Greek to signify something that is invisible, universal, unassembled and unassembling.

However, according to the laws of language, the term "church" is sometimes used in a GENERIC sense, ABSTRACT SENSE, and PROSPECTIVE sense. But when ever the abstract or generic finds concrete expression, a particular church is always indicated.

2. The Church That Jesus Started Was Designed To Be A Functioning Body.

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no such thing as a universal, invisible church.

1. The Word "Church" Does Not Admit Of Such A Church Conception.

Liddell and Scott's Greek Lex-

This is the theory that the "true church" is not any local church, but is the invisible, universal "Body" of all believers. According to this theory all believers are mystically "baptized" into "the Body of Christ" when they become believers. This "Body" is deemed to be the important thing — the TRUE CHURCH.

This theory is heresy as heretical as the theories of Adventism, Jehovah's Witnessism, or those held by the so-called Church of Christ. It is less plausible than the heresies of many of the false sects of this day. They DO have some Scriptures which interpreted apart from other Scriptures, seem to bolster up the claims that are made.

Wonderful Time With Some Choice Saints In Two States

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It was my great pleasure and high honor recently to spend two weeks with some of God's choice saints and to preach in two great churches. I count it a great privilege to be saved by God's sovereign grace. Then to be privileged to be a member of a Baptist Church is surely a choice privilege. To be called of God to preach His precious Word is an

week in their home. They have a recent addition to their family — a seven months old girl. They kept bothering me about her. I think that every time she turned to a new position in her bed, one of the Buchanans would want me to come, and look, and to agree that "She was the cutest thing." I had a terrible time trying to convince Mrs. Buchanan that her baby girl was a totally depraved sinner.

I preached some strong messages on sovereign grace and church truth, and they were well received by the church. Brethren, we don't need a revival that we would have to hide what we believe in order to have such revival. I usually preach strong doctrine when ever God permits me to hold a meeting. This church is very sound. The church is small, but the attendance was very good. Each family was represented at each service. Most of the members live some distance from the church, but they were very faithful. The spirit of the services was excellent. This is a fine church and I would like for the readers of T.B.E. to pray for this church and its fine pastor. (Continued on page 8, column 4)



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honor beyond any human calling. When to be invited to preach that Word in a true Church of Christ — a sound Baptist Church — is as high as a man can go in this life.

There are some churches in which I would consider it no special honor to be invited to preach. In fact, there are some churches in which if I were invited to preach on them, I would wonder what was wrong with me. However, I always consider it a high honor to be invited to preach in a sound church. It was my privilege to preach a week in the West Griffin Baptist Church of Griffin, Ga., and the following week at the Philadelphia Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

I arrived in Griffin at 8:10 a.m. and picked me up and carried me to my home. The fellowship with the Buchanans was very good. Brother Gordon is one of the finest preachers of our day. He is very sound. I greatly enjoyed the

THE WALL THAT ENCLOSSES THE BRIDE

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As is the case of all other great Bible doctrines, there is much speculation, and a lot of false teaching concerning our Lord's

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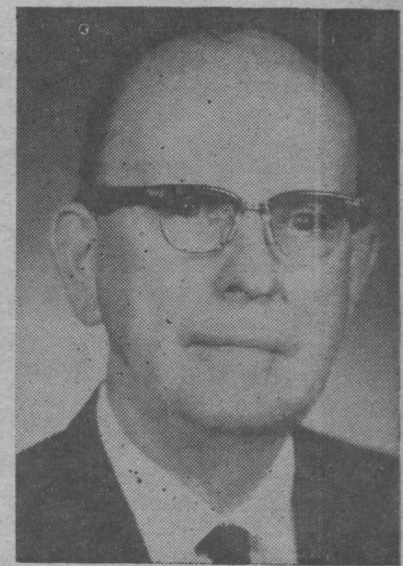
Bride. I want to say to begin with that I do not know all about this great subject. I know that quite well. But for a few moments may we study this wonderful subject together.

In II Cor. 11:2 Paul says, "I am jealous over you with godly jealousy; for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ." This word "chaste" comes from the Greek word HAGNOS which means pure from every fault. So Paul is to present a bride who is pure from every fault to Christ in the coming day. But in what sense, or in regard to what is she to be pure from every fault? Paul tells us in no uncertain terms that he himself was not a sinless person. He affirms that he was not yet perfect. And since he realized so well that he was not pure from every fault in regard to sin, therefore, we must look for this perfection elsewhere.

One of the most disgusting things we hear taught concerning the bride of Christ is that when a person is born again he or she just automatically becomes a part of it. Then there is another teaching somewhat similar to this one which says that all saved people who are baptized into a Baptist Church become a part of the bride. That is the teaching that I held to for many years. So far as I can recall, God spared me from ever believing in this monstrous thing called the uni-

versal church. Therefore, I have never believed in a universal bride. But for a long time I did believe that all born again Baptists were a part of that bride.

In later years, however, I have come to believe that not only did our Lord choose some from the masses of humanity to be saved, but that He chose some from among those who were to be saved to be His bride. A person does not have to be a part of the bride in order to be saved. That is plain universal nonsense. I am beginning to believe more and



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more that we do not have any more to do with our being a part of the bride than we do with our being born again. I hope to make myself clear on this point as we go along.

I believe we have this fact set forth at least typically in the Scriptures. In Mk. 3:13-14 we read, "And He goeth up into a mountain and calleth unto Him whom He would: and they came unto Him. And He ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach." Here we see Christ calling WHOM HE WOULD. Then we see those whom He called coming to Him. Please note, it does not say that some of those whom He called came to Him. And then we see Him ordaining twelve from among those who came. Then in Mt. 17:1-2 we read, "And after six days Jesus taketh with Him Peter, James and John his brother." (Continued on page 6, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"PLAIN PROPHECIES FOR PLAIN PEOPLE"

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

"ARMAGEDDON"

For the past several weeks I have been preaching to you on the subject of Prophecy. I have tried to show you that God has kept His word as to the prophecies of the past, and if He has kept His word concerning the prophecies of the past, does that not give us reason to believe that God will keep His word concerning all the prophecies that are yet future?

I think if God has kept His word relative to the Jewish nation (and He certainly has), I think He will likewise keep His word concerning the prophecies relative to the second coming, and all the things related thereto. I

have a feeling that God has kept His word relative to the nations that existed at the time when the Jews were making history. I am sure that God has kept every prophecy that was given relative to Edom, Moab, the Philistines, and all the balance of the nations roundabout the Jews. If God has kept His word concerning these, then surely we can expect Him to keep His word as to future events as well.

In our study of prophecy on last Sunday evening, I discussed what I choose to call, "The Tribulation Period." Actually, my message tonight is but a continuation of last Sunday evening's message. Last Sunday, I dis-

cussed in a general sense what is going to take place in the Tribulation Period. Tonight, I want to show you particularly one event at its close, and that is the Battle of Armageddon.

I am sure that all of you have heard about the Battle of Armageddon. I am sure you know there are individuals who say that the Battle of Armageddon has already been fought. There are religious denominations that are built upon the fact that Armageddon is in the background. Tonight, I want to show you what I think the Word of God says, and teaches, relative to the Battle of Armageddon.

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BOOK REVIEW

Baughner, Ruby Dell, and Sarah Hendricks Claypool. KENTUCKY, YESTERDAY AND TODAY. Kincaid Publishing House, 1964.

Beginning with Daniel Boone moving into Kentucky, the state's story is told in a conversational style that takes the reader into the past and carries him through the exciting history of Kentucky into the 1950's. Although the book is packed with information about Kentucky, it is presented in such a manner that the reader does not become bored. This book presents a factual picture of the state which is as correct as possible within such a limited scope.

Some additional features of Kentucky, Yesterday and Today include a list of governors of Kentucky; the state seal, flag, song, bird, and flower; a good index; and an extensive bibliography. The black and white illustrations are well done and add to the value of the book and to the reader's interest.

Baughner, Ruby Dell. THE LONG BRIDGE. Kincaid Publishing House, 1963.

If you have read and enjoyed Grace Livingston Hill's books, Ruby Dell Baughner's The Long Bridge is a "must" reading for you. Unlike most books being published today, it is a good, simply written story with nothing obscene in it.

The action takes place in a small Kentucky town and tells of Peter Overson's struggle to recover both physically and emotionally from an automobile accident that renders his legs useless. Although his mental suffering is aggravated by his fiancée's coldness and final desertion, his new-found faith in God helps him become a whole person again. As he strives to build his bridge of faith and hope, he receives help from his friends — Linda, his

nurse, Gus, his friend, J. G. R., an unknown benefactor. Peter's rise from bitterness to hope makes an exciting and delightful story.

Universal Church

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Matt. 28:18-20. But this universal, invisible church of the imagination can not go anywhere or do anything. It has no function, nor is it capable of performing any.

3. If the church mentioned in Matt. 16:18 was invisible and universal—if it consists of all the born-again, then we are forced to the conclusion that JESUS DIDN'T REALLY START ANYTHING! Such a "church" as that wouldn't have to be begun — it would just BE without the necessity of being started. Think this through—it reduces the universal invisible church to absurdity.

4. The preponderant use of the word church prohibits the universal, invisible conception. Jesus used the word church for the first time, so far as the record goes, in Matt. 16:18. Thereafter He used the word 21 times, and in each one of these instances, He unmistakably referred to the local assembly. Those 21 times establishes what He meant in Matt. 16:18. Therefore Jesus meant local assembly every time He mentioned church. How dare men give to the word church a meaning different from that meant by Jesus in every instance that He is recorded as having used the word!

5. The universal, invisible theory is false because it arose long after New Testament times. Harnack the historian, in his "History of Christian Dogma" says, "The expression invisible church is found for the first time in Hegessipus." Then he goes on to show that the early Christian writers never one time speak of such a thing.

6. If it was a universal invisible church that Jesus started, then He didn't start the local assembly, hence such would be without Scriptural warrant. Eph. 4:4 says, "There is ONE BODY." If this body is a local church, then there is no invisible, universal "Body." If there is a universal, invisible body, then there is no warrant for the local body, for there is JUST ONE. One must take his choice. Holders of the universal theory admit two bodies—one visible and one invisible. They deny that Paul told the truth when he said "there is ONE body."

7. The universal church theory puts the kingdom of God out of business. Rather, they take it over and re-name it "church." Jesus taught that all who are truly born again become members of God's Kingdom (John 3:3-6) but if the universal theory is right, then instead of becoming members of the Kingdom, they become members of the universal church. The universal theory leaves no place for the Kingdom—it usurps it.

8. To assume that Jesus started a universal church rather than a local assembly is to be forced to

further assume that Paul and other believers certainly had the wrong idea, for they spent much time organizing local assemblies all down through the Roman world of that day.

9. The universal church theory has come to be a doctrine built on one proof text whose writer immediately denies the meaning they attach to it. (I Cor. 12:13). In verse 27 of this chapter Paul says that he referred to the local body there at Corinth.

Plain Prophecies

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I have often thought about a lad that I knew years ago—a little boy about four years of age—who hadn't quite learned to tell time by the clock. One day his father said to him, "Son, what time is it?" The little boy looked up at the clock, then turned around to his father and said, "The little hand is between 11 and 12, and the big hand is on 10." That was as much as he could tell, but he was getting pretty close to telling time. Of course, that meant that it was about 10 minutes 'til 12. The father said, "Well, I didn't know it was that late."

That was just a casual experience, but I think of it from a spiritual standpoint tonight. I am afraid that the majority of people don't realize that it is as late as it is from a spiritual point of view. I am afraid the statement that this father made when he said, "I didn't know it was that late," is certainly true so far as the majority of people are concerned, for the majority of folk don't realize how late it is, and how near we are until the time of the end.

It seems strange to me, in that respect, why it is that people can't tell the spiritual time of day. The birds, and the animals, and the fish, all seem to be able to tell time. For example, the nightingale that was born on an English hilltop—flies to Africa to the right place, and at the right time, once every year. It isn't driven there by hunger, and is isn't driven there by cold, but that nightingale, once every year, will fly from the hilltops of England to Africa, and will do so at a particular time. If that nightingale were to wait for cold and hunger to come, it would be entirely too late, but driven by neither cold nor hunger, the nightingale takes off for Africa at the exact time every year.

They tell me that if you put a nightingale inside of a coop with bars all around it, that the nightingale would beat the bars with its wings at that time of year when it is time for it to take off from England to go to Africa. Beloved, the nightingale can tell time.

I think also of the bobolink that we see in this section, and particularly in Iowa, and the Dakotas, and in some sections of the northern part of the United States. All during the latter part of the summer that little bobolink will be making music all over the wheat fields, but long before cold weather sets in, he will start for the Pampas region of South Brazil. He will fly for 5,000 miles and will stay there for five months, and then he will come back to the United States, and he does it every year. I tell you, birds can tell time.

I think not only of the birds but also of the fish. I have been impressed particularly in being over on the sea coast at various times to notice how horseshoe crabs that are supposed to be the lowest form mentally of all the fish family—I have noticed how those crabs come out on the bank to spawn at an exact time every year. In the month of June two days before the full

Exchange — For What!

You say,
Give up my CHRIST who died for me,
Who saved my soul and made me free,
A member of His Family—
Give up my CHRIST — for WHAT!

Give up the BOOK that shows God's face,
His matchless love and marvelous grace;
His plan to save a fallen race —
Give up the BOOK — for WHAT!

WHAT do you offer in exchange:
For ANSWERED PRAYER in Jesus' Name;
For CHRIST who hath the power to save,
And give us life beyond the grave;
For HOPE of meeting loved ones There;
For Peace of soul, and joy so rare;
For BOOK that shows the way to Heaven;
For CHURCH where fellowship is given —
WHAT can you exchange — for THAT!

Exchange my CHRIST: for cocktail, gin;
Two bleary eyes and silly grin;
For fun that crackles as of tin—
Exchange my CHRIST — for THAT!

Exchange my HOPE: for social gain
Which crumbles with its tarnished name;
For gold which vanishes like rain —
Exchange my HOPE — for THAT!

Exchange my PEACE who lives with me:
For vanity, unholy glee;
For sleepless nights of misery—
Exchange my PEACE — for THAT!

Exchange the BOOK that shows the way
To God, Himself, and Sinless Day;
For one that leads us far astray —
Exchange this BOOK — for THAT!

You say, "Phooey, there is no God,
We simply die, as does a dog;
And then decay just like a log, we're done —"
Should I exchange — for THAT!

Oh, please, do listen — IT IS TRUE;
There is a God who cared for you
Enough, to send His Son from Heaven,
To die, that you might be forgiven;
That one day, you'll before Him stand
Blood-washed, and in Immanuel's Land,
Triumphant in God's grace alone,
You'll sing of Him around the Throne:
"Hallelujah, 'tis done, I believe on the Son,
I'm saved by the blood of the Crucified One!"

—Florence Dolby Wolfe

moon comes, at night you will see a few crabs out on the ground and every year; how there is no variation so far as they are concerned? You say that is instinct. I'll tell you, beloved, they can tell time. They know how to read time.

I think of this and I think also about ourselves, how we can prognosticate so far as the weather is concerned. All the weather prognosticators and the professional weather forecasters claim that their weather forecasts are within 85 per cent

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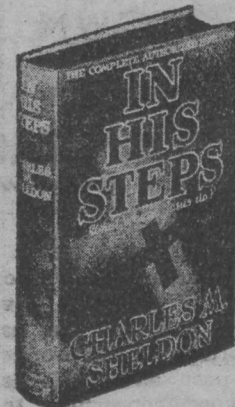
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accurate, and I suspect that is about right. It is rather interesting to me how it is that the signs relative to the time, and to the season, are so true.

I grew up on a farm and I have always been interested in noticing how things react in the light or the dark of the moon. When the stars seem extra bright, and extra large, we can say that we are in for some bad weather. Whenever you see a ring around the moon, you say that we are in for some bad weather. If there is one star inside that ring, you'll say it will be one day, and if there are two stars, you'll say that it will be two days until there will be a storm. When a rainbow appears, we say:

"Rainbow at night, sailor's delight;
Rainbow at morning, sailors take warning."

Then there is another poem that says:

"Evening red and morning gray,
Helps the traveler on his way;
Evening gray and morning red,
Brings bright showers on his head."

We read the signs from the sun, and the moon, and the stars, and the rainbow—we can read these, but God's Word says:

"The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"—Mt. 16:1-3.

If the fish and the birds are able to tell time, and if we ourselves are able to prognosticate what the weather will be by observing certain signs, then why is it that we can't read the signs of the times, and understand some things from a spiritual standpoint?

Let's look at the clock and observe what we can see, so far as the clock is concerned. I ask, what time is it? How late is it? Which way are those hands pointing? If you will notice on your watch, you have three hands—an hour hand, a second hand and the minute hand. I would like for you to notice how those hands are pointing from a spiritual standpoint.

I like to think of that second hand as pointing toward the redeemed, or the saved people, of this world. What does it tell me, beloved? If I look at that little second hand that is ticking all the time, and ask the question, which way is it pointing, what can it tell me? If it speaks about the saved of this world, it tells me one thing, that we are in the latter days so far as the saved people are concerned. Listen:

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the LATTER TIMES some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."—I Tim. 4:1-3.

"This know also, that in the last days PERILOUS TIMES shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."—II Tim. 3:1.

I say, beloved, that little second hand that is ticking away, tells us one thing: we are getting down to the close of the church age—we have almost run out of time so far as the church age is concerned.

Let's look at the hour hand. I would like for the hour hand to represent the Gentile nations of the world. You realize of course, that the Jewish people were under the control of the Gentiles from the time of Nebuchadnezzar to a little past 1950 when the Jews became a nation again. In other words, for 2500 years, the Jewish people were under the control of Gentile powers. Beloved, I would like for you to notice this truth, that while that has been true, God's Word says:

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, UNTIL THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES BE FULFILLED."—Luke 21:24.

Beloved, Jerusalem isn't trodden down by the Gentiles any longer. Jerusalem is completely freed of the Gentiles. I am saying that we can learn something by looking at the clock.

Let's look at that long hand—the minute hand. I would like for this hand on the clock to point to Israel. Listen:

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is NEAR, EVEN AT THE DOORS."—Mt. 24:32, 33.

Beloved, I think we can realize that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ can't be far away, as we look at the hands of the clock.

Notice again:

"In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord our Righteousness. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. But, the Lord liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the

north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land."—Jer. 23:6-8.

What does this tell us? It says that the time isn't going to come when they'll say that the Lord brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, but that the time is going to come when they'll say that the Lord that liveth, has brought up those seed of the house of Israel, which has been scattered throughout all the countries.

I say to you, they are being brought back today, one by one. Time would fail me to tell you all that has happened so far as the Zionist movement is concerned in the last forty years? Would you believe me when I say that Zionism is a triumphant factor relative to the Jews? They are rebuilding Palestine. They are rebuilding the land where our Lord lived, and the land that lay desolate for years is now being turned into a fruitful field, and a fruitful valley. Why? Because the Lord is bringing up the children of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered.

Look at these three hands. The second hand points to the redeemed, and everything relative to the redeemed, as we are coming down to the end of the

of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying: Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the GREAT WINEPRESS OF THE WRATH OF GOD. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs."—Rev. 14:14-20.

This is a picture of Armageddon. This is one of the Bible pictures of the Battle of Armageddon. I don't mean to tell you that I can say what every word in these seven verses represent, but I think that it gives to us a gruesome, awesome picture of what is in store for the world at the end of the Tribulation Period.

Can you imagine God enduring, with patience, the nations of this world? That is what He is doing today. Listen:

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at."—Acts. 17:30.

God is just winking at ignorance today. He is just allowing people to go on in their sin. However, one of these days, God is going to thrust in His sharp sickle and is going to reap the clusters of the earth, and cast them, as it says, into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

Notice what comes out of that winepress of God's wrath. It says that the blood flows up to the horses' bridles for a space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs. A thousand and six hundred furlongs reduced to miles is 176 miles. When it says that the blood is going to flow up to the horses' bridles for that distance, it would tell us that the blood is going to flow approximately 4 feet deep for 176 miles.

You may say, "That doesn't seem possible. There is not that much blood in all the world." I don't know how many people will be in this world when that time comes, and I couldn't say where all that blood is coming from, but I am just reading to you the Word of God, and I believe what God says within His Word. I accept it as final when God says that the blood is going to flow up to the horses' bridles for a space of 176 miles.

I do know this: when Titus, the Roman general, marched against the city of Jerusalem in the year 70 A.D.—just about forty years after Jesus went back to Glory—when they killed so many of the Jews, and when he burned the city of Jerusalem and carried thousands of Jews captive that were sold in Egypt—I do know that history says that they put out the fires in the city of Jerusalem by dipping up the buckets of blood that was running in the streets of Jerusalem. History says that they put out the fires within that city with the blood of Jewish men and women that had been slain.

I don't know how God is going to work it out, when the Battle of Armageddon takes place. I can't say that it is going to be in foxholes; I can't say

that it is going to be in trenches; I can't say how wide-spread it is going to be, but I will say that God says the blood is going to be up to the horses' bridles for a space of 176 miles.

III

Let's notice another Scripture which likewise gives to us a picture of the Battle of Armageddon:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a VESTURE DIPPED IN BLOOD: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goes a SHARP SWORD, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

"And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worship his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."—Rev. 19:11-20.

You will notice that it speaks of this individual riding on this white horse, and it says that His name is The Word of God. When it speaks about the Word of God, this is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then in the 15th verse it says that He is going to smite the nations, and He is going to rule them with a rod of iron.

I tell you, beloved, men get by with a lot of meanness and a lot of devilry today that they are not going to get by with forever. Listen:

"And the times of this ignorance GOD WINKED AT; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."—Acts 17:30, 31.

What is God doing today? He is winking at sin. He is just allowing the world to go on in its evil way. God isn't dealing with the world today. The only thing that God is doing today is taking His elect out of the world. He is gathering His elect children unto Himself, and that is all He is doing.

You say, "I thought God was trying to save the world." Beloved, God doesn't try to do anything. He does what is His will, and He is not trying to save anybody. He is just saving and gathering out of the world His

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day. The hour hand points to the Gentile nations, which tells us that the time of the Gentiles is fast running out, and that the Gentiles have trodden down Jerusalem for the last time. The long hand, or the minute hand, points to the Jews and says to us that Zionism is a complete success, and that the Jews are rebuilding the land of Palestine.

I ask you, what time is it? When the father said, "Son, what time is it," the son said, "The little hand is between 11 and 12, and the big hand is pointing at 10." The father said, "I didn't know it was that late." When you look at the redeemed, or when you look at the Jews, or when you look at the Gentile nations, you have to look up and say, "Father, I didn't know it was that late. I didn't realize that time had passed by and we were so far along the schedule, and that we were so near the end of time."

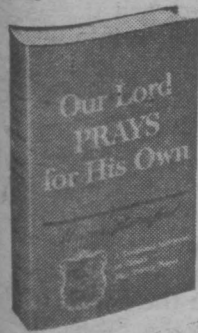
Well, beloved, some of these days, time is going to completely run out. So far as the redeemed of the Lord is concerned, they are going to be called away. Following that is going to come the Tribulation Period, which is going to end with the Battle of Armageddon. I want to read you several Scriptures that will show you about the Battle of Armageddon.

II

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy SICKLE and reap; for the time is come for thee to reap; for the HARVEST OF THE EARTH IS RIPE. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out

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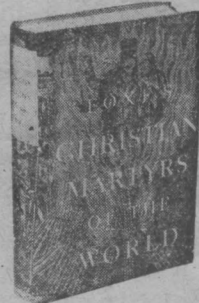
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I have heard sermons preached on the Prodigal Son for a lifetime, but I have never heard a scriptural sermon on it yet. The preacher usually identifies the Prodigal with the lost sinner, and sentimentally speaking he really "goes to town." But the Prodigal does not represent the lost sinner. Is a lost sinner a child of God? Can he truthfully call God father? If he is a child of God and has a right to call God father, then the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God is true. No — the sinner is a child of the devil, just as Jesus said in John 8, when He said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the works of your father ye do." It is when one is saved that he is given the privilege of becoming a son of God. "To as many as receive Him — He gives the power to become the children of God, even to as many as believe on His name."

What then does the parable mean?

Study Luke 15 and you will see there three stories — the story of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost boy." The three are not designated as three parables, but rather as ONE parable. Luke 15:3, and "He spake THIS parable unto them..." The three stories constitute a parable concerning lost things.

What is the background of this story of the lost boy? It is found in verse 1 and 2. Publicans and sinners "drew near to hear him." This brought grumbling from the scribes and Pharisees. They hadn't the slightest thought that salvation was for such creatures as Gentiles or for tax collectors (publicans) or sinners. Really, they themselves were the rank-est sinners, but they didn't realize or admit it. Jesus told this parable of three stories to show that God is concerned about the out-cast and sinful.

The human race goes back in its origin to God who created it. It went away from God, as described in the first chapter of Romans. God started a special race with Abraham through whom He planned to bless the world of mankind. (Gen. 12: "and in thee shall all the nations of the world be blessed.") The haughty scribe and Pharisee had no concern about those outside the Jews, despite the pre-

dictions of the prophets concerning the Gentiles. They bawled Jesus out for even preaching to sinners and outcasts. Jesus shows in the story of the prodigal the divine concern for those whom they despised. He portrays the Pharisees in the person of the elder brother who got mad because of the reception of the prodigal. "You never gave me any fatted calf" (see v. 29-30) was his grumble as he refused to even go into the party that was celebrating the prodigal's return. Jesus shows up the inhumane, intolerant, snooty Pharisees, and this is the real purpose of the story. To be sure, one can preach a sermon to the lost and can use points in connection with the story of the prodigal, by way of APPLICATION but not exegetically. The story has a racial and class significance primarily. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees for their wicked sense of racial superiority and shows that God is concerned about those who wandered far away from him. "God so loved the world (all races, lands and classes of men) that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish."

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In the study of a parable we should remember that all the details are not given. Had our Lord meant to make the lesson He was teaching plain and simple so that everyone could understand it, He would not have taught in parables. In Mt. 13: 10 the disciples asked Him why He spoke in parables. And in verse 11 He said "because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." We are commanded to "study to show ourselves approved unto God." And it is only through this of the Holy Spirit that we are given to understand the great truths that are taught in the parables.

As I see it (and I pray that it is because I have been given to see it), the younger son is a type of, or represents a lost sheep. We are told that he took his journey (that is, he went out from the Father). In Adam, we have all sinned. So, in Adam the lost sheep as well as the non-elect went out from the Father. This son's going to a far

country speaks of his, and of our going deep in sin. We see him wasting his substance with riotous living. How that speaks of every person's condition in his natural state. In Rom. 3:9-18 we see this son (like the rest of us) wasting his substance with riotous living. Space will not permit an exposition on these verses, but we urge every reader to read them and ponder their deep meaning.

The famine, and his being in want speaks so clearly of a person's being quickened and his coming to see that this old world has nothing that can satisfy his great need. The very moment a spiritually dead sinner is made alive he begins to be conscious of the spiritual famine in this old world. He begins to want that which the world cannot give. But though that be true, still the old flesh strives to remain in the saddle. So as a result of that we see this son joining (gluing) himself to a citizen of that far country. But he got no satisfaction from that because in Phil. 1:6 we read, "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Once the Father has begun to draw a lost sheep to Christ, He never relinquishes His hold upon that lost sheep until he is where He wants him to be. When this time comes in a person's life, he is made to realize that only Christ can supply his need.

"When he came to himself" speaks of his being in his right mind. In Titus 1:15 Paul says of the lost "even their mind and conscience is defiled." No lost person is in his right mind. But in Mk. 5:15 we see one who had been given to be sitting clothed and in his right mind. This son's saying "I will arise and go to my Father" might lead someone to think that the desire to do this originated within the son, but Jesus says in Jno. 6:65, "No man can come to me except it were given him of my Father." So this desire to go to the Father simply had to be given to him.

His saying "And am no more worthy to be called thy son" is not the cause of his salvation, but rather it is the fruit of it. It is the person who has been saved by God's marvelous grace that realizes his unworthiness.

The Father says, "Bring the best robe, and put it on him." In Isa. 61:10 we are told that "He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness." What better robe could have possibly been put upon this son? Then He said "put a ring on his hand." In one sense the ring speaks of ownership. When a bride wears her wedding band she is saying to all other men, I belong to another. So the Father is saying, this son now belongs to me. He then tells the servant to "put shoes on his feet." It is to be feared that this is where so many of our Lord's servants fall short. In Eph. 6:15 Paul tells us to "be shod with the preparation of the gospel." When our Lord has used the Word we preach to bring about the salvation of the lost, it is our duty to put shoes on their feet. We do that by our teaching them the all things which our Lord has commanded us.

The elder son is, to me, a clear type of the religionist who has never felt the need of anything the flesh cannot provide. In Mt. 7:22 we see a great host of these elder sons who say to our Lord at the great white throne judgment, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied (preached) in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils (demons)? and in thy name done many wonderful works? These who are represented by this elder son are expecting their good works to carry them safely to the glory

land. In Mt. 9:13 these elder sons are classed as the righteous, that is, the self-righteous. In Lk. 18:11 we hear one of them saying, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are."

This son, as I see it, represents those in Lk. 5:31 who have no need of a physician. So far as they are able to see, there is nothing wrong with them.

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Luke 15 is usually broken up by the commentators and dealt with as three separate parables. Actually however, the whole chapter constitutes one particular parable having 3 different pictures. There are succeeding stages, yet there are no breaks in it. One illustration flows into another. They all declare the same truth, but each reveals a different phase of it. Each part is needful to the other, for this parable gives to us a complete picture of salvation, which cannot be conveyed by just one phase of it.

First part, reveals a seeking Shepherd (Jesus Christ). Second part, a seeking woman (Spirit in the church). Third part, a welcoming Father (God the Father). Thus the parable reveals the work of the trinity in saving that which was lost. The work of the Spirit logically follows the work of the Shepherd, and it is natural for the Father to welcome home those for whom the Son died, and whom the Spirit regenerates and converts.

Many in interpreting the story of the prodigal point out that there is no mention of a Saviour or the Spirit, but there is no need to repeat what has already been said. The Saviour is pictured in the Shepherd seeking the lost sheep, and the Spirit is revealed in the woman with the light (Gospel) seeking the lost coin.

The story of the prodigal starts out with two brothers at home; then the prodigal leaves, while the elder brother remains at home. One is a picture of disgrace and ruin; the other, a picture of prosperity. It ends with the prodigal safe within the Father's house, the elder brother on the outside murmuring and complaining because of the grace bestowed upon the prodigal by the Father.

The prodigal is a picture of the elect of God who left home in Adam.

"For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Rom. 5:19.

Notice that they were made sinners. All are sinners in Adam, but it is only the prodigals (elect) that are made sinners, or made conscious that they are sinners in Adam. All of those who are made sinners, are made righteous in Jesus Christ. Thus the prodigal is a picture of those for whom Christ came into the world to seek and to save. The

elder son represents the non-elect who were never made sinners, such as the scribes and Pharisees to whom the parable was spoken, because they complained and murmured when Jesus sat down and ate with sinners. See verse 2.

The prodigal while in the far country began to be in want which is evidence of the regenerating work of the Spirit. Until one is born again he cannot see his need. Read Jn. 3:3. Knowing that something was missing in his life, he joined himself to a citizen of the far country, which pictures to us a false prophet and his doctrine. The evidence of this is found when he sent him into the fields to work. A false prophet's theme is salvation by works; therefore he put him to work feeding swine, not sheep. While in the field the Spirit tells us, "and he would fain have filled his belly with the husk that the swine did eat." You will notice that the swine ate husk — the reason, the citizen did not have the corn to feed them, only husk. The true corn is Jesus Christ which men who preach salvation by works do not have.

It is at this time that the prodigal is made to realize that there is bread in the Father's house, and he resolved to go to the Father's house that he might have bread. This is a picture of the Spirit of God as he draws the elect to God the Father. Ps. 110:3; Jn. 6:44.

Though he resolved to go to the Father yet his Father saw him a long way off. This is a beautiful picture of elective grace, for God saw us prodigals from before the foundation of the

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world, and wrote our names down in the book of life. The Father is not surprised when His children come home. He has appointed the hour of our homecoming.

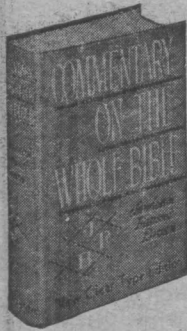
The prodigal was welcomed with open arms, because the Shepherd had died to save him from his sins, and the Spirit had sought him from among the rubbish of the world. A robe was then brought forth and placed upon him, which denotes the imputed righteousness of Christ. A ring was placed on his finger which reveals the Father's love for His own, having neither beginning nor ending; shoes placed on his feet to carry the good news of the gospel. Complete salvation was given him, and then the Father commanded a feast be prepared that He might enjoy the fellowship with the prodigal. The fatted calf is Jesus, and His sacrifice, around which all of God's children feast with the Father.

Music was supplied and they began to be merry. I do not know the title of the song they sang, but I am sure that "Amazing Grace" would not have been out of order, for it was God's grace that sent the Shepherd to die for our sins; it was grace that caused God to send the Spirit into our lives; and it was grace that welcomed us into the Father's house.

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elect children, and He is allowing the world at large to go on. However, some of these days, the Bible tells us, God is going to rule the nations of the world with a rod of iron and with the fierceness of Almighty God.

You say, "I thought God was a God of love." Beloved, the Bible says more about God being a God of hate than it does about Him being a God of love. If you think God loves everybody, then you have a lot to learn out of the Word of God. God does not love everybody; God loves only His elect. He loves His own children. God, I say, does not love the world at large. He is allowing the world to go on, but some of these days God is going to wreak vengeance upon his world. Notice that He says the fowls gather to eat the flesh of mighty men, and the beast and false prophets are taken and cast alive into the lake which burneth with brimstone. I tell you, that is the end of the Anti-Christ; that is the end of the beast; that is the end of the false prophets—when they are cast into the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which takes place at the end of the Battle of Armageddon which closes the Tribulation Period.

IV.

Notice again:

"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the SLAUGHTER. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be DISSOLVED, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. For my sword shall be BATHED IN HEAVEN: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a GREAT SLAUGHTER in the land of Idumea."—Isa. 34:1-6.

This tells us the same thing that we read in the book of Revelation only it was written seven hundred years before the book of Revelation was written. It tells us that there is going to be a battle some of these days whereby the Lord Jesus Christ is going to deal indignation upon the nations of this world.

Would to God that I could emphasize this truth sufficiently, and cause you to realize that God is just allowing the nations of this world to go on, but He isn't going to allow them to go on forever. Eventually, He is going to shower His indignation upon the nations of this world, to the extent that there will be enough blood flow out of carcasses that "the mountains shall be melted with their blood."

You say, "How can that take place?" Beloved, I don't know. I am just telling you that is what God says within His Word, and it certainly ought to give to us a picture of the fiery indignation of God that is going to fall upon this world when God's sword is bathed in blood.

V.

Notice another passage of Scripture:

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be awakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the HARVEST IS RIFE: come, get you down; for the press is full, THE VATS OVERFLOW; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."—Joel 3:9-16.

I thought we were getting ready for peace. I thought that was the purpose of the League of Nations, when it was formed at the end of World War I. I thought we were getting ready for peace. God says that before there can be any peace, there has to be one last war, and that war culminates in the Battle of Armageddon. At that time, they are going to beat their plowshares into swords, and their pruning hooks into spears, and God is going to bring them into (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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den. The natives seem to plant in a haphazard manner, in spite of the Administration's "Agricultural Advisors." The idea that corn would probably grow better if it were all grown in one place seems to be a principle that has never gotten through to the natives. As a result, there will be one stalk of corn in the middle of a sweet potato patch and its nearest relative may be 500 feet away! This makes cross pollination by the bees a rather difficult and haphazard thing. Consequently, their corn has something to be desired.

Continuing on, my bush pilot flew over miles and miles of jungle where there apparently was no road or trail at all. Not a sign of life below us other than the white cock-a-toos or pigeons that were sometimes seen. Occasionally there would be a clearing and a cluster of native huts, usually not far from a stream of some kind. In the Siwai area there are almost no springs, as the land is for the most part flat, so natives get all of their water out of the many small streams and rivers. I had always liked the idea of streams, but now as I looked down on them, I realized that

these streams and rivers kept the island cut up into small sections, many of which spoke a different language than did their neighbors. Also the rivers kept me from getting out of the Siwai area except by plane! It was also easy to see that the people that lived on this island were spread rather thin in some areas.

As we flew on northward we came closer to the central mountain range in the middle of the island and passed very close to an active volcano. Being almost on the same level of elevation as the mouth of the volcano, one could literally look right inside it. The volcano was belching out sulphurous fumes and clouds of smoke, and far down on one side of the outside of the cone, we could see pieces of solidified lava sliding down the slope. The pilot related to me the fact that in the mountain range in the south there was a large cone-shaped mountain which might have, at one time, been a volcano, but has been just a large mountain for many hundreds of years. Some scientists had been examining it for sometime, and have found that the inside of the mountain is getting hotter and hotter and that as there are no fissures anywhere in it, there is no way for it to relieve its pressure. They predict that someday—in fact, any day—they expect that mountain to blow up! This would no doubt result in an active volcano of perhaps major proportions. I can not see the volcano from my house due to the jungle all around me, but from over on the air strip one can see it about ten miles away. If it ever erupts while I am here, it will probably be a rich source for an article in TBE!

But getting back to the subject of the jungle. It is thick, impenetrable, and steamy due to the frequent rains and the boiling sun at all other times during the day.

There has been some talk in Nukui village where I live, of building a new church building. I am all for it! The present one, which you have seen pictures of in TBE, is a sad spectacle. The first few times I went in it, I banged my head something awful on the two low logs which go across the building, as they were only 5½ feet from the ground! The thing that annoyed me most about the building was that it had no door, and it had walls which did not come all of the way to the dirt floor, leaving a gap about 12 inches high through which the chickens and pigs could wander at will! Now, to me, there is something very disconcerting about the necessity of picking one's way carefully into a Baptist Church building, being very careful where one steps, and being most cautious where one sits! Failure to use great care and failure to exercise utmost caution will result in stepping in, or sitting in, that which will remain unnamed, but which has been closely related to wandering chickens and pigs. I happened to comment on this point to the Patrol Officer one day and he laughed and said, "You don't know what trouble is. The big Methodist Church at Tonu has a concrete floor and a tin roof but it has no door either . . . and they have several Jersey cows wandering around!" "You don't mean it?" I began to remonstrate with him. He stopped me short. "The native came to the Methodist missionary and said in pidgin, 'Bulmakau em i-go long haus lotu na em i-bagarapim tru!' (You will have no trouble with translating this if you will remember that Lotu means "church" and "long" means "in" and the other words are derived from English and it is a phonetic language) . . . oh, yes, and "na" is "and" and the i- before "go" is a predicate marker. Not having a cow around is something to be thankful for!

PICTURES FROM SOLOMON ISLANDS



This picture shows the trail outside the rear of my house. The ordinary sized native is dwarfed by the high jungle all around him. This trail leads to the road which goes to Konga. It is not a bad trail except when one of the native societies sends their wheel tractor down it, dragging a trailer behind. The ground is soft because of the frequent rains, and the tractors usually get bogged down in the mud and then they spin their wheels and this in turn digs two deep ruts in the ground. The tractors also very often break down the little bridges that go over the many little streams that cross the trail. Bridges made for bicycles and people don't last too long when a heavy tractor bounces on them.



This picture shows the newest "church" in the area—another "kapos" or rum house dedicated to the worship of Satan! You can see in the picture how thick the roof is, and how well built the house is . . . details which testify to the prominence of the natives who build these Devil houses. The two Baptist Church buildings are little more than rude huts compared to the affluence that emanates from this structure. As is true in America, often the largest and most pretentious structures are the farthest from the truth.

The new church building, according to its designer, is to be up off the ground and is to have a door as well as latticed windows. I know that this would at least be a more healthful church for the little children. At present, the small babies wallow around on the dirt floor during services, and as most babies are as naked as the day they were born, they can get pretty well messed up all over. Bougainville babies don't seem to crawl on their hands and knees—they just sort of slide thru the dirt on their bottoms. For their sake, I hope to see a new building here before too long.

Someone told me one time that he hoped to be able to see Bougainville thru my eyes. Well, not all of it is a pretty sight, but when one remembers that 50 years ago these people were in the Stone Age, their progress has been remarkable. Yet I would rather have seen their "civilization" come about as a result of the gospel being preached instead of a social gospel that has introduced nominal Christianity, but retained the Devil worship just as it was fifty years ago! This is the one point I will never be able to understand. How can any kind of professing Christian mission tolerate a native preacher who occupies the pulpit in a nominal Christian church on Sunday and doubles in brass as a Witch Doctor on Saturday night? Yet this is a common thing here on Bougainville.

Well, brethren, pray for our work here and pray for the churches and their native pastors, as well as the work in the Southern Highlands on the island of New Guinea.



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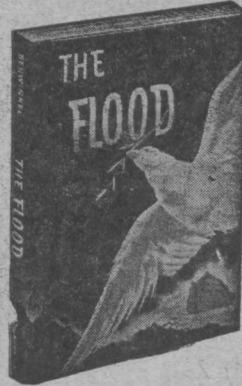
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"Plain Prophecies"

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the valley of Jehosaphat, and He is going to put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Beloved, you can't read this without realizing that God is going to bathe this earth in blood some of these days.

VI.

Listen again:

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a CUP OF TREMBLING unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with ASTONISHMENT, and his rider with MADNESS: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with BLINDNESS."—Zech. 12:2-4.

Do you believe the time is coming when they are going to hate the Jews worse than they did in the days of Mussolini and Hitler? I believe the time is coming when Russia, leading the crowd, is going to come from the north, and they will direct the armies of the world in an all-out slaughter against the Jews, and they are going to do everything they can do to destroy every Jew in the world.

This tells us that all the people of the earth are going to be gathered together against Jerusalem, but what does God say? Beloved, it doesn't make any difference what we think, God has the last say in everything. What does God say? He says He is going to smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness.

Can you imagine what it will be like when the horses are smitten with astonishment and all of their riders have suddenly lost their minds and have been smitten with madness. Can you imagine what it is going to be like when every horse is smitten with blindness? God is giving us a description of what the Battle of Armageddon is going to be like.

VII.

Let's notice again:

"And it shall come to pass, that in the day, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left there. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, it is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God."—Zech. 13:8, 9.

This tells us that when this Battle of Armageddon is fought, two-thirds of the Jews are going to be killed, and they would all be killed were it not for the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ comes and fights for them. When He fights in their behalf, the Word of God says that the remaining third looks to Him and are saved, and they are brought through the fire to be refined as gold is tried. However, before that third of the Jews are saved, two out of every three Jews are going to be cut off in the Battle of Armageddon.

VIII.

Notice another Scripture:

"For I will gather all nations

against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses RIFLED, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into CAPTIVITY, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."—Zech. 14:2-4.

Notice that the nations are going to be gathered against the city of Jerusalem, and as a result women are going to be ravished, the houses are going to be rifled, and the cities are going to go further into captivity. The only thing that saves a single Jew will be the fact that the Lord of hosts fights in their behalf.

IX.

Notice another Scripture relative to the Battle of Armageddon:

"And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their FLESH shall CONSUME AWAY while they stand upon their feet, and their EYES shall consume away in their holes, and their TONGUE shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor. And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague."—Zech. 14:12-15.

This tells us that there is coming a time when the flesh of the soldier shall consume away while they stand on their feet, and their eyes are going to consume away until you can just see the holes in their head where their eyes have been, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

I can remember when President Truman made the greatest decision that any president was ever called upon to make, or probably will ever be called upon to make, which leads me to believe that Truman was the greatest president that we have ever had. He made the most momentous decision that was ever made by any man when he made the decision to drop the atomic bomb. When that bomb fell on Hiroshima—when that bomb became a reality, the flesh melted, the eyes began to just dwindle in the sockets, and the tongue actually melted in the mouths of the individuals. I said, it could be that God will use atomic power. Then when the hydrogen bomb and the cobalt bomb were developed with more power than the atomic bomb, I said it might be that. I don't know what it is going to be, whether it will be an atomic bomb, or a hydrogen bomb, or a cobalt bomb, but I know one thing: God has all the power of the sun at His disposal, and God is going to plague these individuals that come to fight against Jerusalem to the extent that their flesh is going to melt from their bodies, their eyes are going to melt out of their sockets, and their tongues are going to

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melt in their mouth. That is the Battle of Armageddon.

What is going to be the result? Beloved, it is going to result in the conversion and the salvation of every Jew within the world, in one day's time. Two-thirds of the Jews are going to be killed that day, but there is going to be one-third of them that are going to be saved, a nation in one day. Listen:

"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to BRING FORTH IN ONE DAY? or shall a nation be BORN AT ONCE? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."—Isa. 66:8.

There is a day coming when a nation is going to be born in one day's time, when two-thirds of the Jews are slain and only one-third left. That remaining one-third as a nation is going to become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ all in one day's time. The Battle of Armageddon is God's battle upon the nations of this world, to bring the Jews unto salvation, and to cause the Jews to be saved.

X.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, it just doesn't seem possible that there is going to be a battle as fierce as that." Let's go back and think about some of the battles that have been fought in the past. Without going too far back in history, let's just go to World War I. Do you know that World War I, which began in 1914 and ended in 1918, cost 30 million lives, 10 million of which were soldiers and 20 million of which were civilians? Do you know that the League of Nations statisticians said World War I cost \$400 billion. Now, beloved, don't ask me what \$400 billion looks like; I have no idea, but that was their estimate of what World War I cost.

They went further in their estimate and said that if that \$400 billion had been spent in a different manner, it would have provided a cottage and a house site, worth \$4,000, for every family in Great Britain, Canada, United States, France, Germany, Belgium, and Russia. Of course a \$4,000 building isn't very much of a house today, but at the end of World War I, it would build almost a palace.

Then the League of Nations statisticians said that after they had done that, they could take every city which had 200,000 population and build a \$5 million hospital and a \$10 million university.

They also said that they could take the remaining money and put it on interest at 5 per cent (which is of course is out of the question today, because you can't get money at 5 per cent interest today) and it would provide enough money to add a subsidy of \$1,000 a year for 125,000 teachers and 125,000 nurses.

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After all this had been done, they said there would be enough money remaining that would equal the total value of all public and private property in France and Belgium at the beginning of World War I.

Beloved, that is some little idea of what \$400 billion looks like. But I wasn't satisfied when I read that in the DAWN magazine years ago, so I went to the bank and borrowed some silver dollars. I set them up, one on top of the other, and I started making a measurement of silver dollars. Beloved, if they had those \$400 billion melted down and molded into silver dollars, do you know what kind of a building it would take to house that money? One building couldn't do it, but I tell you what it would take. I figured it up and I found that it would take a building 50 feet wide, 100 feet long, and 18 feet high, and would require 1,500 buildings that size to house \$400 billion silver dollars.

Then I got to thinking about those people that were killed during World War I—those 10 million soldiers. Do you like to go to parades? Do you like to see a parade? Would you like to go to one that lasted all day, two days, three days, four days, a week? Wouldn't it be something to sit by a curbstone and watch a parade that lasted for a week? Beloved, if you would take those 10 million soldiers that were killed in World War I and start them in a parade, marching 10 abreast, for eight hours a day, from the time the first wave of soldiers came by until the last passed by, it would take 46 years for the parade to be over.

We have seen that. That has taken place. Yet some people say, "That Battle of Armageddon, I can't believe it. I can't believe it is going to be as bad as the Bible says it is. I can't believe the blood is going to be up to the horses' bridles, for 176 miles. I can't believe people are going to have their eyes to melt, and their tongues to melt, and their flesh to melt off their bones." Though people say that, we have already seen worse than that take place so far as war is concerned within this world.

I say to you, beloved, that Tribulation Period is coming to an end, and when it comes to an end, a third of the Jews are going to be saved as a result of the Battle of Armageddon.

XI.

There are going to be some Gentiles saved too. Listen:

"After this I beheld, and, lo, A GREAT MULTITUDE, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."—Rev. 7:9, 10.

I am saying to you, there are

going to be people saved during the Tribulation Period. One-third of the Jews are going to be saved; and not only that but multitudes—a crowd that can't be numbered—are going to be saved, and they are going to sing the praise of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice again:

"What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and MADE THEM WHITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB."—Rev. 7:13, 14.

Notice how they washed their robes. Notice how they had been made white. It was in the blood of the Lamb. It wasn't in the baptistry, for nobody is ever saved by being baptized. Nobody is ever saved by going down to the baptistry. Baptism is for those who have been saved. It is for those who have become children of God. It says to the world, "We have been saved, our sins have been washed away in the blood; and this picture to the world what has taken place in our hearts already."

Beloved, this crowd is going to be saved by the blood of the Lamb. God has just one way to save you. God never has had but one way to save you. God will never have but one way whereby any man can be saved, and there will never be anybody saved except on the basis of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God tonight that I can tell you about the blood. I thank my God that I can tell you that God only has one way of salvation, and the man who believes that Jesus Christ died for his sins, that man is saved for time and eternity. I can't go to Hell because Jesus Christ has already suffered my Hell on the cross of Calvary. Oh, might the blood of Jesus Christ become precious to your soul tonight is my prayer for you.

May God bless you!

The Wall

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er, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light." Here we see our Lord leaving the other apostles at the foot of the mountain as He takes these three men with Him apart. Our Lord loves every one of His elect people. There is not a single one of those whom He has elected unto salvation that He did not love even before they were ever born into this world. So He loves all of His people. But there are some of His people whom He loves more than He does others of them. There are some of His people whose fellowship He desires more than that of others.

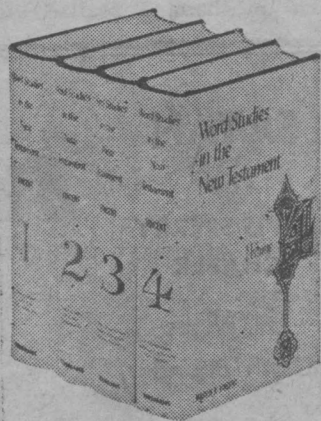
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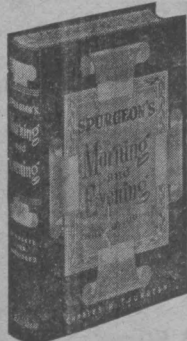
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It that be not true, why did He leave the other apostles at the foot of the mountain and cause them to miss that glorious experience? I'm sure there was plenty of room on that high mountain for every one of them had He wanted them along.

Then we find another notable incident in Mk. 14:32-33 where we read, "And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; and He saith to His disciples, 'Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And He taketh with Him Peter and James and John.' Don't tell me there was not room in that garden for the whole group. They had all been there together many times. Judas had been there with them so many times he did not have to hunt for our Lord when He was ready to betray Him. He knew exactly where to lead the soldiers. But, if you notice, this time our Lord leaves all of them at the gate of the garden except Peter, James and John. Now this reminds us of Song of Sol. 4:12 where we read, 'A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse.' Yes, Peter, James and John in that garden while the others were outside speaks so clearly to me of our Lord's bride inclosed in a garden.

But, beloved, there was absolutely nothing in these three brethren that would merit this special favor, no, in no wise. It seems that every time Peter opened his mouth he "stuck his big foot in it." And our Lord knew full well before He carried him up that mountain, or into that garden that he would deny Him three times, and that with an oath. And James and John had, through their mother, tried to pull strings in order that they might have the highest place of honor in the kingdom. No, the difference was not in Peter, James and John, but rather it was in Him who made the difference.

Yes, our Lord says that His

spouse, or His bride is a garden inclosed. And I am persuaded that the wall that incloses this garden is more impregnable than the wall that incloses the federal penitentiary. Someone may be saying, or at least wondering what this impregnable wall consists of. Beloved, I believe that wall is made up of the great and profound truths in God's precious Word. Let us not think for one fleeting moment that every person in this vicinity who refuses to believe all the great truths this church stands for is a lost person. If we are not very careful we will find ourselves saying that every saved person in reach of this church should be a member of this church. But, beloved, I am fully persuaded that there are quite a few saved people in reach of this church who have no more business being a member of this church than Matthew, Bartholomew, Thomas and the rest of the apostles had on that high mountain that day or in the garden of Gethsemane that night in the long ago.

Yes, I am persuaded that our Lord not only chooses whom He wants in His bride from among His elect people, but He says to the others, "You stay here." He does not say it audibly today as He did to the eight apostles at the gate of the garden of Gethsemane that night, but He says it, in essence, by His refusing to open up some one or more of His great truths to them. Let us not think for one moment that we came to see this truth, or that truth because we are smarter than some of the others of our Lord's people. No matter how smart you are, beloved, you do not see these great truths until He opens them up to you.

There are many of our Lord's saints who will rejoice in hearing you preach the great truths of God's Word until you come to Scriptures like Jno. 1:13, "Which are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God," or Jno. 5:21,

"The Son quickeneth whom He will," or Eph. 1:4, "According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before him in love," or Acts 13:48b, "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." There are some whom I believe are the Lord's saints who will not come back to hear you if you so much as read those, and other related Scriptures. Then there are others who will continue to come until you begin to contend for this great truth. So, the truth concerning God's sovereignty in the election, and in the salvation of the lost is the wall that keeps many of our Lord's saints out of the garden in which His bride is inclosed.

Then there are many of the saints who will rejoice greatly with you while you preach God's sovereignty and election. They will literally eat it up, and almost eat you up. But when you begin to contend for church truths, and church authority, they begin to wish they had eaten you up. These people will "Amen" you to death almost while you read, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." They will tell you that our Lord's command to go is all the authority you need. And, to be sure, it would have been all the authority we would need had our Lord not modified His statement later on.

In Acts 1:4 He told His disciples to wait there in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father. And, according to Jno. 14:16, this promise of the Father was the Holy Spirit. Then in Acts 1:8 we read, "Ye shall receive power after (when) the Holy Spirit is come upon you." All the translations that I am familiar with go along with the King James and put "power" in this verse, but I am unable to see why they do it. For a long time I thought this meant that the Holy Spirit would give these disciples the ability to perform the task set before them. But had our Lord meant that they would receive the ability to perform their task, He would have used the word DUNAMIS which means ability or might. But here He used the word EOUSIA which means right to act, or when used in respect to man it means delegated authority. So it would seem to me that our Lord is telling His disciples to wait until they have the proper authority before they start carrying out their commission. He was going to work with His churches through the Holy Spirit during this age.

So the Holy Spirit came and gave this authority, or power to act, directly to the church at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. But that has never been repeated. Those who tell you today that they received their authority directly from the Holy Spirit are running without their having been sent. The Holy Spirit gives this authority indirectly today through the churches. In Acts 13:2 the Holy Spirit told the church at Antioch to separate Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto He had called them. Here in this precious Scripture (and it is precious because it tells us in no uncertain terms just how we are to carry on our Lord's work, whether it be missions or any other kind of work) we see two great truths taught. The first is that the Holy Spirit does the calling of the ones who are to do a special work for the Lord, whether it be to preach the Word at home or abroad. The other is that when the Holy Spirit has called a man, or men for a special work, the church is to clothe them with proper authority and send them to the work whereunto the Lord has called them.

Then there are others who will rejoice with you in the preaching of God's sovereignty and election, and in the preaching and practicing

ing of church truth and church authority, but when you refuse to invite Grandpa and Uncle Joe to partake of the Lord's Supper with you, they have had it. Still there are those who will help you preach and teach close communion, but when you refuse to serve crackers and grape juice, they being to look for a church that has a menu more to their liking.

Then there are those who want no part with you because you refuse to accept those wonderful people who have Campbellite baptism. They will say I think we should be satisfied with their baptism if they are. They do not stop to think that our Lord is the one who is to be satisfied. And since He walked some sixty miles in order to receive Baptist baptism, we should not accept anything less. So if our Lord says to someone, "You stay here," that is, outside the inclosed garden, we had better leave them there, unless we are hankering for some good old honest to goodness heart-ache and misery.

Now you may differ with me when I say that I am persuaded that there are some of our Lord's born-again, blood-bought saints who just simply cannot be a part of your church if you contend for the truth of the eternal security of the saints. Scriptures like "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish" or "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," and a lot of others on the subject mean absolutely nothing to them. And until our Lord opens up these Scriptures to these people, this great truth will continue to be a wall to keep them out of His inclosed garden.

Then, if there is any one truth in the Bible that keeps more of our Lord's people out of His inclosed garden than any other, yea, possibly more than all the others put together, it is that found in I Cor. 14:34, "Let your women keep silence in the churches." If you contend for that truth you are not just a fanatic, you are an enemy to the Lord's work in the eyes of the great majority of the Lord's people. The arguments set forth by the Lord's own people against this Scripture are not only pathetic, they actually border on fantasy.

When I stop to think of the wonderful women, not only in my own church, but in many of yours, whose zeal and love for our Lord, and for His precious church puts so many of us men to shame, I will have to admit that if I had been the one to write this Bible, I would have left that verse out. And I believe Paul would have done the same thing had it been left up to him.

I have heard Baptists whom I have reason to believe were born-again Baptists who, in their desperation concerning this Scripture, say that Paul, being an old bachelor, just naturally had it in for the women. Saying a thing like that is not only pathetic, it

is dangerous. But the Lord's people do dangerous things sometimes. If you say that Paul wrote this statement because he had it in for the women, you should not argue with the Catholic when he says that Jno. 3:16 is probably the reflections of the evangelist. Yes, those who deny the inspiration of I Cor. 14:34 should give others the privilege of denying the inspiration of any other teaching they do not like, or agree with.

But probably the most popular argument against this truth is that found in the glorious training course books(?) of the Southern Convention, that is, they were having trouble in the church at Corinth and Paul told the women of that church to keep quiet until they got the trouble settled. It seems that the one who started this rumor overlooked a major and all important factor concerning this Scripture. If he had studied his English grammar just a little more he would have been able to see that the word "churches" is plural, and, therefore, it could not possibly be speaking of just this one church. One translation I have says, "Thus I likewise teach in all the churches of the saints, let the women keep silence in the churches." Another translation I have says, "As in all congregations of God's people, women should not address the meeting." But when Baptists want to disbelieve something they see in the Bible, they do not have to have too much help.

I once thought that when a person was born again and was indwelt by the Holy Spirit he was capable of understanding any and all Bible doctrines. But, as of this moment, I am convinced that though a person is saved, and though he has the Holy Spirit abiding in Him for ever, he must still have the Scriptures opened up to him. And I further believe that our Lord by refusing to open up some of the Scriptures to the majority of His people, keeps them at the foot of the mountain, or at the gate of the garden while His chosen bride goes all the way with Him to the top of the mountain apart, or into the garden inclosed.

Then to sum it all up, I believe that in order for a person to be a part of the bride of Christ he, or she, must be a member of a sound, New Testament, Baptist Church. And, furthermore, that person must embrace every doctrine that is taught in the Bible. If every one included in the bride does not embrace all the doctrines taught in the Bible, the bride will be divided and, therefore, she cannot be a chaste virgin, that is, pure from every fault.

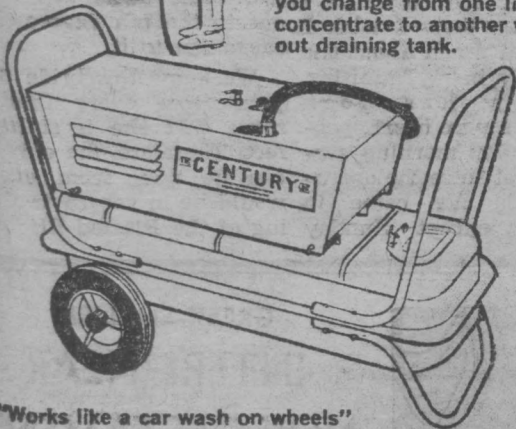
Some have asked, "What about the new converts who have not been taught all these doctrines when the rapture comes?" All I can say is that our Lord will take good care of that situation. (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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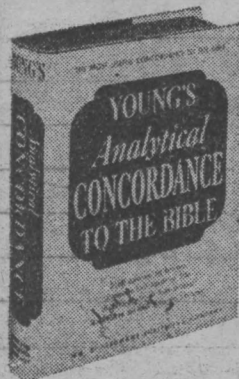
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PAPAL CLAIMS UNFOUNDED

The Roman Catholic Church claims it has an "Unbroken List of Popes from Peter to Today." It calls this List "The Title Deed of the Roman Catholic Church."

It either has a Title Deed or it does not. Either there is an Unbroken Line or there is not. If not, the Roman Catholic Church falls apart, and is proven to be a false church, from which every member should be converted and put his faith only in Jesus Christ as all-sufficient Saviour and Lord.

The fact is, there is no such thing as an "unbroken line!" No Title Company in the world would insure the title of the Roman Catholic Church. It is hopelessly confused. Four official Roman Catholic books give four different "Title Deeds!" They don't know if the actual number of so-called popes is 258, 261, 262, or less.

In 1947, the Vatican made changes regarding 74 popes. It removed "the little man who never was." Poor "pope" Donus had been listed as a pope in 973. But in 1947 the Vatican dropped him from its "unbroken line" — its glorious "Title Deed." Why? Because they found he had never even existed! In addition, the Vatican dropped six "popes" and removed the "sainthood" of four others!

How can this be, since the Roman Catholic Church claims that saints are made by God in heaven? Ask your priest.

The following are three Roman Catholic approved publications, with information showing how utterly confused they are concerning this so-called "Title Deed"—

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List of popes, pages 67-70. Total number of popes, starting with Peter, ending with Pius XII, 261.

Pope No. 137, John XIV; Pope No. 207, Martin V.

Statement on page 70: "Of the 261 popes from St. Peter to Pius II, 83 are honored as saints, 7 as blessed and 33 were martyred; they constitute a distinguished list of holy and saintly men, linking the Church with Christ and constituting the Title Deed of the Catholic Church — the one true Church of Jesus Christ on earth."

What's the Truth About Catholics? — author, Rev. John A. O'Brien, Copyright 1960, published by Our Sunday Visitor, Nihil Obstat Rev. Msgr. T. E. Dillon, Censor Librorum; Imprimatur John Francis Noll, DD, Bishop of Fort Wayne.

List of popes, pages 66-67. Total number of popes from Peter to Pius XII, 262.

Pope No. 137, Donus II; Pope No. 207, John XXII or XXIII or XXIV.

Pope No. 5 is shown as Anacletus, whereas in Faith of Millions, No. 5 is Everitus!

A January 18, 1947, news report from the Vatican states that

because it contains a mixture of Christianity.

Peter would tell you that Christ is the Rock. (I Peter 2:7,8) . . . (Acts 4:8-12). He would tell you that Matt. 16:18 refers to Christ Himself (Matt. 16:16; I Cor. 10:4) as the Rock upon which the Church is built. Peter is but a stone in the Church of Christ, as are other born again members. (I Peter 1:23, 2:5)—A. Dunlap.



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Hugh Upchurch
(North Carolina)



Wonderful Time

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tor. They meet in a remodelled home, but are planning soon to buy a lot and build a church building. This church supports a radio program weekly. They support T. B. E. (Every sound Baptist Church should do this), New Guinea Missions, and Brother James Denman in South America. This is a small church. Most of the sound churches are. The pastor works for a living at another job. Many of the sound ones do. Yet, they are doing a great work. Pray for them.

I left Griffin after services Saturday night and arrived in Birmingham at 1:15 a.m. Sunday June 23rd. I called Brother Cook, and soon he had me at their home, where many of God's preachers have spent many hours of sweet fellowship. Sister Cook was doing well, and greeted me cheerfully. What can I say of a week spent in the Cook's home? Those of you who know these saints, know that a week in their home would be a wonderful experience. Truly, it was a blessing to me. I learned to love Brother Cook some years ago through the Bible Conference at Ashland with the Calvary Baptist Church. My love and regard for him has deepened through the years with brief periods of fellowship and reading his articles and tracts. Surely, this man is one of God's choice teachers of the precious Word of God.

I preached a week in the Philadelphia Baptist Church. Brother Morrow is the fine pastor of this great church. Here is another of God's great preachers. This man has only been preaching a short time, but his grasp of the great truth of God's Word is simply amazing. I thought as I talked with him, how I wish I had known that much about the Word that early in my ministry. Brother Morrow has been through a very severe heart operation. The Sunday morning service was his first since the operation, May 9th. He came to every service except Sunday

night. No one would have dreamed that he would have been able to do this, but God was with him, and the services blessed him so much. I tell you, when he got up to introduce me, he was straining at the leash wanting to preach. Let us pray that his health will soon permit his return to his beloved pulpit. Brother Cook is the assistant pastor and has done an excellent job in the pastor's absence. Knowing brother Cook, we would have expected no less.

This is another small church, but is doing a great work. Never have I seen more unity or a better spirit in a church. They were in great harmony. The services were well-attended. The folks seemed to be very prayerful and desirous of God's blessings. Again I preached strong doctrinal sermons. Again they were well received. Here is a church where a man can feel free to preach the deep things of God's Word. We had very good services. There was one profession, with three coming for baptism. Let us pray for this church and the two fine preachers God has given them. This church supports T. B. E., New Guinea Missions, Brother Cook's tract ministry, and other mission work. It is amazing how so faithful in the support of missions. It seems that, beyond their power, they are willing to give to missions. Brethren, we profess to be "missionary"; and to live up to that profession, we must give to missions. The church that doesn't give to missions is "hard-shell" no matter what name they wear. Let me suggest that if some of the churches have a little extra to give to "Home Missions," that you send it to Philadelphia Baptist Church for Brother Cook's tract ministry.

I arrived home Sunday, June 30th, and preached that night. It was a joy to be back with the family and with the Grace Baptist Church here. Brothers Cletus Snyder, Herbert Cole, and Jessie Cole ably subbed for me while I was away. They are good, sound, and faithful men for which I thank God. We have a great church here, and ask you to pray for us. It was good to be back, but it was also good to fellowship some choice saints and preach in some great churches while away from home. I thank God for the friends He has given me in the truths of His precious Word. God bless you all.

The Wall

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Who knows that some of those new converts will be a part of the bride? He formulated His plans concerning His bride long ago, and those plans will be carried out to the nth degree. So let us say amen to it.

We know this bride cannot be pure from every fault in the sense that she is sinlessly perfect. Therefore, the only way she can be pure from every fault would be in regard to the teaching of the Blessed Bridegroom.



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The Story of the Pope — Dell publication, copyright 1957; Nihil Obstat, John A. Goodwine, JCD censor librorum, Imprimatur Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

List of popes, pages 64-65. Total number of popes from Peter to Pius XII, 258!

A copy of the January 18, 1947, news article from Vatican City can be obtained from any public library. It was carried on the front page of the Philadelphia Inquirer, and in the New York Times. It was titled, "VATICAN DROPS 6 NAMES FROM LIST OF POPES."

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