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THIS IS THE STORY OF OUR RECENT . . .

Annual Bible Conference

The Ninth Annual Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church was indeed a spiritual and unforgettable experience on the part of the many who attended the Conference.

The Conference was held this year at Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky. Morehead is located 60 miles west of Ashland — about midway between Lexington, Kentucky, and Ashland. There were several reasons for making the change — particularly the housing problem. Each year we have depended to a great extent on the Ventura Hotel for a large number of rooms. In view of the fact that they are going out of business, they notified us about six weeks in advance of the Conference that they would not be able to take care of us this year. Considering the crowd that was in attendance last year, and the number of rooms that were used for the 1967 session, after securing rooms from the various motels round about, we were fifty rooms short of taking care of the same number that attended in 1967. Our church first felt that it would be impossible to have the Conference, and accordingly, by vote, the church cancelled it. Then three days later, we were able to make arrangements with Morehead State University to use their facilities, and thus we had air-conditioned bedrooms, cafeteria, and auditorium. The dormitory rooms were ultra-modern, and the auditorium in which we met, seating 1,500, was far beyond our needs. I don't think the cafeteria could have been cleaner nor the food better, and certainly the facilities offered us by the University were beyond our expectations in every respect.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance was not as great as previously — particularly as of last year. Doubtlessly, if we had made the change six months sooner, and had announced it in time, we would have had an even greater crowd than last year. Seemingly, the news that we were not to have the Conference scattered pretty widely and accordingly, many folk never knew that the cancelled Conference had

been re-scheduled and held. That is deeply regretted by Calvary Baptist Church, and yet believing in Romans 8:28, we take for granted that this is a part of the "all things" of God's plan in our behalf. In spite of the change and the smaller attendance, twenty states were represented, and we are sure that the blessings of God were carried home to these states by those who were present for our Conference.

BRO. DOTY'S MESSAGE TO OUR CONFERENCE

To The Visitors and Friends of The Bible Conference at Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky

Dear Brethren:

I am sure that you are all having a fine time with the gracious folk at Calvary Baptist Church. Obviously I would like to be fellowshiping there with you but of course that is impossible but in a sense I am with you there in spirit anyway. I envy you in that you will be exposed to so much fine spiritual food and also that you will get to sample the temporal food so bountifully provided every time that big bell sounds up at Brother Gilpin's house.

It was a distinct pleasure for me to be at the last conference and I considered it a high point in my ministry to be among so many of the best preachers in the world. I trust that the Lord will continue to pour out his blessings on His people who have assembled there and that all will be edified.

The Lord has been working things out in a marvelous way during the past few months and I know that each of the students as well as myself deeply appreciate the faithful prayer support of the many TBE readers over the country.

Your brother in Christ,
Ralph A. Doty

Editor's Note: This arrived too late to be read at our annual Bible Conference, but we are happy to thus share it with our readers.

ference.

Twenty-five of the scheduled speakers showed up and were present for the Conference, preaching on the following subjects:

W. W. Wilkerson, Tampa, Florida; "The Folly of Going Rome-ward."

Gordon Buchanan, Griffin, Georgia; "Preaching the Word of God."

Lee Henderson, Bristol, Virginia; "Why We Are to Stand in the Last Days for the Things of the Lord."

David O'Neal, Bristol, Virginia; "Objections to Election."

B. A. Langford, Pasadena, Texas; "God's Way of Salvation."

James Hobbs, McDermott, O.; "Earth's Supreme Enterprise."

Willard Pyle, South Point, O.; "The Kind of Revival we Need."

Raymond Willis, Garrison, Kentucky; "Christ Our Passover."

James Thorne, Richmond, Michigan; "What Happened When John the Baptist Came Into the World."

Gerald Price, Elizabethton, Tennessee; "Eternal Life."

Kenneth Crowl, Manatee, Florida; "The Cross of Christ."

Joe Wilson, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; "Strange Choices of a Sovereign God."

Milburn Cockrell, Carriere, Mississippi; "The Times of Gentiles Fast Running Out."

J. Frank McCrum, Orchard Lake, Michigan; "Unstable Baptists."

Oscar Mink, Crestline, Ohio; "God's Parade of Power."

Wayne Crow, Waldorf, Maryland; "The Lord's Supper."

E. G. Cook, Birmingham, Alabama; "Our Great Omnipotent God."

Elvis Gregory, Columbus, Mississippi; "Sanctification."

O. B. Baker, Verona, Ohio; "The Baptists, The Bible, and Security."

Jim Everman, South Shore, Kentucky; "Man's Lost Helpless Condition."

Dan Phillips, Bristol, Tennessee; "The Pearl of Great Price."

Donald Hackney, Huntsville, (Continued on page 2, column 2)

School Relations Representative Of MSU Welcomed Us

Mr. Chairman —
Brother Gilpin —

It is my privilege and indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to the Campus of Morehead State University. I bring you greetings from President Adron Doran who has been away from our campus during the past week.

I welcome you to our campus for many reasons: (1) We like people to visit us; (2) We like for groups to use our facilities;



MONROE WICKER

and (3) We like you and what you stand for. We believe that you stand for the highest and the best.

I have read a few years ago about riots, revolutions, etc. in other countries. I had the feeling — "I was glad to be an American." I felt with others, it can't happen here, but it is happening here.

Many writers, psychologists, psychiatrists, and others are writing about what is wrong with America, and outlining solutions for our ills. Fellow Baptist, these persons — the sociologists, the (Continued on page 2, column 3)

"MY IMPRESSION" AS TO CALVARY BIBLE CONFERENCE

This is for those who have wanted to, but who have never attended Calvary Baptist Church Bible Conference. There is no place you can go for a vacation and get so much for so little. The spiritual man and the man of flesh are both filled to the brim and running over. I'd walk a mile to attend. You steady attenders know what I mean; you other folks, start walking.

Raymond Tatum,
Rt. 4, Paducah, Ky.

My heart has been blessed, my soul fed and I hope, if the Lord tarries and spares me, I can come back next time.

Mrs. C. W. Sawyer,
Dallas, Texas

MY CUP RUNNETH OVER!
Mildred Everman,
Ashland, Ky.

Do these Bible Conferences really get better year by year, or does it just seem that they do? Maybe it doesn't matter too much which is the answer. For all practical purposes, they just get better with every passing year. The newest "set-up" on the University campus is almost perfect, but the wonderful fellowship in Bro. Gilpin's backyard is awfully hard to move. However, this loss is compensated by the lack of hard work and responsibility on the part of the dear women of the church, and I must include Bro. John Jr. (though ne (Continued on page 4, column 4)

Yes, We Salute MSU For The Use Of Their Facilities

After a most successful Conference, which seemingly was blessed of God, we offer a 21-gun salute to Morehead State University at Morehead, Kentucky, since they allowed us to use their facilities for our Conference.

To President Adron Doran; Mr. Monroe Wicker, School Relations; Mr. Russell McClure, Director of Business Offices; Mrs. Jean Wells of the cafeteria; Mr. Quenton Hatfield, Director of Alumni Tower; Buford Crager, Dean of Students; Kay Stephenson, Alumni Tower Cafeteria Manager; and the custodian of Button Auditorium, Mr. Bob Nickell, we express our deep appreciation for their exceeding kindness and helpfulness.

We sincerely trust that their 7,000 students for the fall term of 1968, will be as happy as we have been in the use of the school facilities.

Our sincere thanks to God and our deepest appreciation to the school are both hereby rendered today.

"Our Great Omnipotent God"

By E. G. COOK
Birmingham, Alabama

SERMON PREACHED AT
1968 CONFERENCE

In Mt. 28:18 Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." In the light of that statement how can we have the right conception of God unless we think of Him as being all-powerful as well as all-wise? If He cannot do everything He wants to do, if He is unable to perform all His good pleasure,



E. G. COOK

how can He really and truly be God? The very term "God" implies that the one who wears that name can do anything and everything He wants to do. So then, if the one we call our God is unable to do just one little thing that He really wants to do, we do not really any truly have a God.

It has been said, just as holiness is the beauty of all His attributes, so power is the thing that gives life and action to all His Divine perfections. What would all the wonderful counsels of the eternity of the past have amounted to unless the wonderful counselor had the power to bring those counsels to pass?

Unless He has power to do what it pleases Him to do, His mercy would be no better than my feeble pity. I may see some drunk on his road to hell whom I have the ability to pity. But that's as far as I can go. (Continued on page 6, column 3)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"Five Golden Links Which Make Our Salvation Eternal"

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified." — Rom. 8:29, 30.

The whole Bible from Gen. 1:1 to Rev. 22:21 pulsates with the infinite greatness and majesty of God. In the Scriptures man is minified and God is magnified. This is much in contrast with modern theology, for much of our preaching today glorifies man and puts God in a very

insignificant place. Some time ago, a popular preacher announced for his subject one Sunday morning, "God's Duty To Man." Ah, dear me, as if God owed man anything!

And who is man? Who are you? Who am I? Just one of 2,000,000,000 like you that inhabit the globe today. Not very big are you? Just one out of 2,000,000,000. And what is this globe? Just a small part of the universe and so small at that, if the sun were hollowed out, you could pour 1,200,000 earths like ours into it and there would still be room to rattle around. And what is the sun? Just one of 350,000,000 known suns and stars. And God

made them all.

Do you wish your size stated with mathematical accuracy? Divide one by 2,000,000,000; and that by 1,200,000; and that by 350,000,000; and that by infinity; and that's you. And how great is God? Multiply one by 2,000,000,000; and that by 1,200,000; and that by 350,000,000; and that by infinity; and that's God.

Oh, how mighty is God and how puny is man. Perhaps no Scripture more clearly teaches this than does our text, for it breathes, and throbs, and swells with the majesty of God.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be con- (Continued on page 3, column 5)

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How About Many Following Example Of This Dear Man?

During our recent Bible Conference, in passing out the impression cards, I made mention of the fact that anyone who failed to sign an impression card could just write us a check for \$100.00. Of course, this was merely spoken jestingly, but one brother took me seriously.

It so happened that Brother William Cordle of Portsmouth, Ohio, forgot to turn in his impression Card. When he sent it a few days later, he added the following note:

I never left this card at the Conference, so I owe you \$100.00. Will start paying on it the 15th of the month as I will have to pay on installment plan. May the Lord bless you in the work you do and stand for the truth.

In Christ,
William Cordle

We would surely be glad if God might lay it upon the hearts of others to follow the example of our Brother Cordle.

APPRECIATED LETTER

If you continue sending TBE, I will send a further contribution early next year — God willing. I thoroughly enjoy the spiritual food provided by TBE and feel I am part with you and the dear saints in your local church. I am inspired by your "Plain Prophecies for Plain People" and delight to read the "Forum."

Bertrand L. Twinn
Kent, England

Bro. Cox To Assist Calvary Baptists In Revival Effort

Beginning October 7, Elder Wayne Cox will be preaching for Calvary Baptist Church of Ash-



ELD. WAYNE COX

land, Kentucky, in a revival effort and it is with great joy that

we tell our readers of this, both to invite you to worship with us and also to be a prayer-partner with us during this particular revival.

The editor of this paper and Brother Cox have been closely associated, and have been warm friends for many years. Especially in view of this, we are looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to our coming revival meeting.

Brother Cox is an exceedingly good preacher. He usually appears as one of our speakers for our Bible Conference and his messages are always deeply appreciated. It will be a joy indeed to have him break the bread of life to us each night for a week's time.

We want to invite our friends living near and far to pray for us, and we would certainly be happy to have in attendance those who live near by. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

Bible Conference

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Alabama; "Baptist Baptism, the Only True Baptism."

Jon Rule, Alderson, West Virginia; "The Sufferings at Calvary."

Austin Fields, Coal Grove, Ohio; "Predestination."

John R. Gilpin, Ashland, Kentucky; "Keeping Rank."

In addition to the scheduled speakers, we were blessed by messages from Brother Laverne Gaylord of Denver, Colorado; Jim Washer, Miami, Florida; and Tex Cobb of Stockdale, Texas.

By special request of our church, I spoke twice — the first time that I have ever done so in nine years. Seemingly several of the people had to leave on Sunday night, and could not be present on Monday for the services then. I have always closed the Conference on Monday. This year in response to the requests of several who stated their regrets that they could not be able to be present for my closing message, our church requested that I preach both Saturday evening and Monday morning. Therefore, I took the place of Brother Claude King on Saturday evening, who was providentially hindered from being present.

SERMONS

The sermons preached during this conference were all well-prepared, spiritually delivered, and were an unusual blessing to those who were present. All of these messages were recorded, and as soon as possible they will be transcribed and printed in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. We were unable to do this following the 1967 Conference since the

messages were not properly recorded, which in itself was a grief to us. We are looking forward now to having these messages made ready for printing just as fast as possible.

REGISTRATION

As usual, the registration was taken care of by two of the members of Calvary Baptist Church — Florence Hutchinson and Betty Everman. These two have taken care of the registration, the assigning of rooms, and dozens of other clerical duties for each of our Conferences, and no two finer helpers could have been had.

They show that folk were registered from the following twenty states:

Ohio, Georgia, Indiana, Florida, Michigan, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, West Virginia, South Carolina, Missouri, New York, Illinois, Alabama, and Kentucky.

MUSIC

The music this year, both vocal and instrumental, was much better than ever before. Brother James Hobbs (a member of the weekly Forum), of McDermott, Ohio, led the singing for most of the Conference, and was in charge of all music arrangements.

At the organ was Sandra Hamilton, who is the regular organist of our church, and at the piano was Mrs. David O'Neal of Bristol, Virginia. Mrs. Maynard Belt of Rogers City, Michigan, also assisted at the piano. Tommy Buford of Birmingham, Alabama, likewise, played the organ for one of the sessions. Bro. Maynard Belt also assisted in leading the congregational singing.

It was a large auditorium where we met, and it took a lot of volume to fill it up. I don't (Continued on page 3, column 1)

Greetings

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psychologists, etc. have tried, but they have failed. The answer, my friends, lies with you and what you are doing — preaching, listening, and following the Gospel. If you fail, we are lost!

What you are doing is in a measure what we at a University are doing. You are seeking, preaching, and listening to the truth. Perhaps the greatest purpose of this institution is to find the truth.

I want to tell you something

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Why East Side Baptists Of Benton, Ark. Support TBE



ELDER JOE SHEL NUTT

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I am indeed very happy to endorse the wonderful paper, The Baptist Examiner. I appreciate its message to God's people.

Our church was led to support TBE by its pastor because we believe that the truths about salvation and the Church are greatly needed today, just as they have been throughout all the past ages.

There is a consistency in the messages that one reads in TBE. This we appreciate more and more. There is no uncertain sound to the trumpet.

Because of the fact that most churches cannot, or do not, produce a paper that can reach so very many people, we believe that it behooves churches of like faith to help one that does.

While we have much praise for the paper, we must hasten to add that there are many of the minor points that are not harmonious with our own thinking. We hate "yes men!" There are many things that could be improved in all the endeavours of us all. Who is blameless?

We believe that if people believe something, that they will do something. If other churches believe the doctrinal truths that you publish, let them take their stand with us. Talk is cheap — it takes money to publish a paper.

I pray that God will give us an increase in our own giving.

Very sincerely yours,
JOE SHEL NUTT

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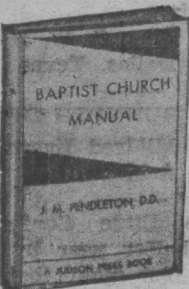
Again, may I say we are happy to have you on our campus. I trust that you have found satisfactory sleeping quarters, and that you have had enough to eat. We are pleased to share our facilities with you. May I take this

opportunity to invite you to hold your next conference on our campus during the summer of 1969.—Monroe Wicker

Michigan Church Looking For Pastor

Brother J. C. Settlemoir of 1713 Egleston Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001, has written us relative to securing a pastor for a church in Kalamazoo. If any of our brethren feel the leading of our Lord and are available, let me suggest that you contact Brother Settlemoir directly at his home.

Please do not write me as it will only delay the matter, but write Brother Settlemoir directly.



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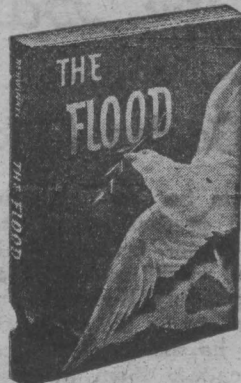
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say we had that much volume, but I do think the singing and the music was above par.

SPECIAL SINGERS

Brother Gary Stamper of Asheville, North Carolina, and Brother Bobby Overton, a member of Calvary Baptist Church, were greatly used of God by way of special songs rendered. We feel exceedingly grateful to both of these young brethren for their services, and particularly for their help this year as to the Conference. Surely they were a blessing indeed, and we are grateful for the way that God used them in being a blessing to the congregation.

Brother Gary Stamper has just made a record containing "How Great Thou Art," etc., which we are stocking now in our bookshop. The price is \$1.50 and it is 33 1/3 rpm. We would certainly urge our readers to order a copy of this record.

CALVARY MEMBERS COME HOME

This is the season of the year when we get to see some of our members that we don't get to see at any time of the year. Due to distances involved, some of our members do not get to attend any other time of the year. It is always a joy when Conference time comes, to see these folk "come home" for a visit.

Those members of Calvary Baptist Church living at a distance who were able to attend the Conference this year were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bonin, Lancaster, Tennessee; Mr. James Thorne, Detroit, Michigan; Mr. J. C. Woolard, Flint, Michigan; Lee and Guy Williams, Charleston, South Carolina; Lawrence Clere, James Walker, James Brashear, James Brashear, Jr., and Marvin Long, Louisville, Ky., and Solomon Heller, New York City.

If the Conference accomplished no more, it's been a blessing to have these folk of our membership visit with us at least once a year, even though they come

many miles to do so.

PRAYER

I think there was more prayer offered during the Conference than at any other preceding Conference. I am not positive as to the exact number, but I know that there were over fifty audible prayers offered during the sessions, which in itself was a blessing.

PROVIDENCE

Brother Austin Fields, on Monday morning, preached on the subject "Predestination," declaring that he believed in absolute predestination of all events. Of course, that has always been the position of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

There is one event which we think is evidence of God's providence. Brother Don Jernigan of Cleveland, Ohio, had a wreck on the way to the Conference, and his car was completely destroyed—a total loss—yet he escaped without serious injury. Believing that it was God's will to attend the Conference, he got a bus and came on to Morehead to be blest, and be a blessing to the Conference. Most folk would doubtlessly have gone back home, but Brother Jernigan said he had a feeling that by coming to the Conference, he was where God wanted him to be.

The second incident of God's providence was in the securing of the facilities of Morehead State University. I had a feeling that we might be able to secure such, and I placed a call on Wednesday afternoon, August 14 (three days after we had cancelled the Conference) to Mr. Doran, President of the University, to ascertain the possibilities of securing their auditorium, dormitory, and cafeteria. In the providence of God, he was on another long-distance call, and I had to wait. I got to thinking that in all probability I was wasting my time, as well as his—that the University would not be in the least agreeable to allow us to use their facilities. Thinking that I was wasting time, I hung up even before he got on the phone. Presently, the telephone operator from the University

called saying that Mr. Doran was on the line. I told her that I had hung up because I felt like I was wasting his time. She insisted that I go ahead and talk, and let him decide. In less than 30 seconds from the time he came on the phone, I was assured that he and the University would be only too happy to co-operate with us relative to the matter. Had it not been providentially this telephone operator returned the call thinking that I had been cut off, the Conference would not have been a reality. Truly God works mysteriously to carry out His plans.

FELLOWSHIP

There was lots of good fellowship, clean humor, and a good time was had by all within the Conference.

Brother Joe Wilson of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, tried to persuade the lady who has charge of the mailing of TBE to move to Winston-Salem and be-

BULL DOG REMOVER TAKES OFF "MOST EVERYTHING"

come his secretary; he tried to get Bobby Overton to move there and become his song leader; and he tried to persuade Brother Don Pennington to leave us and move to Winston-Salem to be assistant pastor. Of course, I accused him of attempted sheep stealing. Then when he faced this accusation, knowing that I would not agree to giving up either one of the three, he said, "Well, don't you have an old goat that you could let us have?" As I say, there was good fellowship throughout the Conference for which we were most grateful.

Someone (and I am not certain who it was) handed me the following notice of protest:

"Mr. Chairman:

"The women delegates want to protest the Gestapo-like tactics of the fast-closing elevator doors, and the extreme brutality on children and responsible adults of the air-conditioning system. Also, we don't think it is fair to be silenced the way we have been. We'd like a roll call, or we'll walk out and demonstrate. A march is planned tonight from Button Auditorium to Alumni Tower after the last sermon."

It is true that this planned march was held for the entire crowd marched from Button Auditorium to Alumni Tower after the last sermon—you understand we were having the meeting in Button and everybody slept and ate in Alumni Tower.

As most of our readers know, I wear Western boots. It has become a part of our good-natured fellowship to threaten to use these boots on any fellow who doesn't stop preaching when

his time is up. In our first Conference, one fellow preached for an hour and thirty-five minutes, not only wearing out himself, but the audience as well, and I said then that if it ever happened again, I would introduce my shoemaker to his tailor. I still say the same thing, and folk seemingly enjoy this little bit of humor.

On the way to the Conference this year, Lee Williams stopped at a highway souvenir stand and purchased a braided whip and brought it to me to help me keep everything moving in good shape. Between my sharp-toed boots and the whip everybody was kept in line to enjoy the Conference.

FUTURE

It is too early to make any prediction as to the future, or to say what our plans will be for the next year (D.V.). However, speaking as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, I rather imagine that our Conference will be held in Morehead again in 1969. The facilities of the University were out of this world—having surpassed everything that we might have secured elsewhere. Of course, there was always good fellowship to be had in my home at mealtime, and seemingly a lot of people missed this fellowship this year. However, the Conference had far outgrown our own facilities, and if I were venturing a guess as to the Conference in 1969, I would say without ever having discussed it with the church, that our next annual Conference will be held in Morehead.

Of one thing, I am certain: Calvary Baptist Church is looking forward right now to our tenth annual Conference in 1969, and we are urging you to begin making your plans now to be with us, and to enjoy the fellowship of one the greatest groups of Baptists to be found in all America.

Remember this isn't a convention, nor a meeting of mission board Baptists; it's just a meeting of a group of independent Baptists, who come as the guests of Calvary Baptist Church, and who seemingly enjoy our fellowship. Today we would say

to you as we anticipate the future: "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good."



"Golden Links"

(Continued from page one) formed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Rom. 8:29, 30).

I like to think of our text as a great chain of five golden links, fastened in eternity past, stretched through time, and anchored in eternity to come, each link magnifying God.

Out there in eternity past, beloved, God foreknew us and God elected us, and likewise, in time, God called us and God justified us, and out in eternity yet to come, someday God is going to glorify the last one of the crowd that He foreknew and predestinated unto salvation in eternity past.

The first link is God's Foreknowledge.

"For whom he did foreknow." (Rom. 8:29).

I am glad tonight for a God like that—a God that I can present to you. I am so happy that I can say that my God, before the foundation of the world, foreknew you and me.

You say, "What's the meaning of the word 'foreknow'?" Ordinarily, the Arminians say that God looked down the avenues of time and saw who was going to believe, and therefore God elected them unto salvation. Since He knew who was going to believe, He just might as well accommodate Himself, and He therefore elected them unto salvation. This is what all Arminians teach.

What a sorry election that would be! This is undoubtedly the biggest farce of religion I know of—to talk about God foreseeing who was going to believe, and therefore, deciding it would be a good idea to elect (Continued on page 5, column 1)



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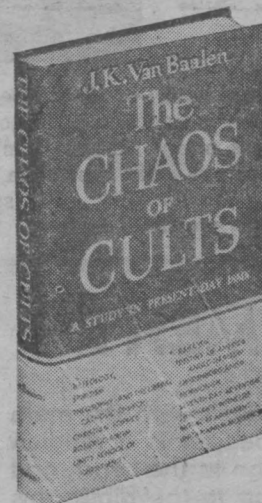
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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Does the book of Job teach only patience in afflictions, or is there any teaching concerning chastisement to be found in this book?"

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The book of Job is not expressly for the purpose of teaching any one thing. It does teach patience in afflictions but it also teaches chastisement. Job answers the Lord by finally saying "Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."—Job 42:6.

Let us not confine any book of the Bible to any one teaching. There are many lessons in all books. Job teaches us, for instance, that we must rely on the Lord and we cannot depend on our fair-weather friends.

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The book of Job teaches many things beside patience in affliction. It is my belief that the basic doctrine of this book is the sovereignty of God. Job's friends argue that God would be unjust to afflict a righteous person, therefore God would not have afflicted Job unless he was a great sinner and a hypocrite. After a careful study of Job's life we are made to know that God can and does what He pleases with His own, even to afflicting a righteous person such as Job.

"Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own." Matt. 20:15.

God would have us learn that affliction cometh not by chance, but by His providence. This would include the intensity, and the length of it. Though we do not fully understand our affliction, He is still just in bringing it upon us. I know that God is as much a sovereign in affliction, as He is in salvation.

Another clear teaching of this book is, that Satan is not a sovereign but is only a tool in the hand of our sovereign God to do with, as He pleases. I realize that Satan is a bitter enemy of the child of God, but thanks be unto our Shepherd, he cannot lay one finger upon us unless God gives to him authority to do so. After reading the first two chapters it becomes clear that God is God, and beside Him there

is none other.

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else: I am God, and there is none like me." (Isa. 46:9).

I do not believe that Job's affliction was a chastening of the Lord because of sin in his life. When God pointed Job out to Satan He pictured him as upright, and that there were none like him in the earth. Read Job 1:7-8. Because of this commendation Satan took offense and charged Job with serving God from a heart motivated by greed rather than love. In answer to this charge God turned Job's wealth over into Satan's hand, to test him, to see if his motives were right. When the first trial was over, we hear God say, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man." Job 2:3. I would have you notice that he was still upright and still perfect, therefore his first trial resulted in acquittal of the charge laid against him by Satan. Further proof of this is found in the latter portion of another verse, when God says, "And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest me against him, to destroy him without cause." Job 2:3.

Thus Job was completely vindicated, and it was proven that he was not what Satan said he was. After studying the second charge by Satan we find that the basis of his second trial was the same as the first one. He was once more turned over into the hands of Satan to prove to Satan that God's judgment of Job was a correct one. Though Job's affliction was a severe one, yet he proved that God's people serve God from a heart motivated by love, and not by greed. When the second trial was over, we find Satan proven wrong, also his friends, for he was not a hypocrite, but one of God's elect being used of God to answer a challenge by Satan, that the elect are not what they say they are.

Therefore I do not believe that the Lord was chastening His servant for sins, for He declared him to be upright and perfect.

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No, the book of Job doesn't only teach patience in affliction—it teaches many things. Among other things, for instance, it teaches immortality. It says, "Though worms destroy this

body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Certainly the teaching concerning patience under affliction is one of the greatest teachings. The afflictions which God allowed the devil to visit on Job, were not in the nature of chastisements. They were allowed to prove that the devil couldn't make Job fall from grace. And let me remind you just here that sickness and trouble and disease and death is of the devil. God allows such often as chastisement, but Satan is the real cause. Remember what Jesus said? He said, "Lo, Satan hath bound this woman these many years."

Job had some "comforters" who sought to make him believe that he had done something awfully wicked for which God was whipping him. For instance in Job 22:5 Eliphaz says to Job, "Is not thy wickedness great, and thine iniquities infinite?" Many were the charges of wrong doing that the friends of Job made but read Job 42 and you will find that the Lord rebuked the men who had spoken so harshly and told them what to do in order to keep his wrath from falling upon them. They were to apologize to Job with whom the Lord was pleased and eulogized.

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I have just finished rereading the wonderful book of Job and while it could very easily be due to my lack of ability to observe closely enough, I must admit that I am unable to see anything that even smacks of chastening. And while the book is generally thought of as setting forth the patience of Job I am persuaded that we can go overboard on that teaching. If we are not very careful we will put too much "man" into this teaching. The expression "The patience of Job" has come to be a by-word. We hear people saying that such and such a person has the patience of Job. I do not believe that any man has ever lived (apart from the man Christ Jesus) who had the patience of Job, not even Job himself, apart from the enabling power of a mighty and sovereign God. I know I do not have the innate ability to undergo the things with patience that Job underwent. I do not believe that you, dear reader, if you properly evaluate your capabilities, can say you could, of yourself stand up with patience under the things that came to pass in Job's life. "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

In II Tim. 3:16 we learn that the inspired Scriptures are given "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness." If you notice, nothing is said about these Scriptures being given to exalt man, or his patience. What, then, is the purpose of the book of Job? In the first place, we get some good teaching (doctrine) concerning the workings, the power, and especially the limitations of the power of our prosecuting attorney the old devil himself. Then we get some good teaching concerning God's love for, and His patience with His Saints. We must remember that Job did not have the Bible in his day. The book of Job is probably the first of the books of the Bible to be written. But what wonderful teaching Job got directly from God in the whirlwind in chapters 38-41. This teaching put Job in the dust and ashes before his

God. So there was no occasion for chastening. If you and I want to avoid the chastening rod of God, then let us be taught by Him through His Word, and let us be sure that this teaching puts us in the dust and ashes, so to speak, at His precious feet.

My Impression

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is awfully hard to beat when it comes to frying eggs, bacon and sausage) still it was good that he could enjoy freedom and fellowship with the rest of us. The absence of some of those who are so precious to us is somewhat compensated by the coming of some wonderful new ones among us. These new ones have their own individual compartments in our hearts and they can never take the place of the old ones. But, all in all, thanks to a great God, a great church and a great pastor for a great Conference.

E. G. Cook,
Birmingham, Ala.

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalms 34:1) for allowing me to attend the Conference again. We love the fellowship around God's Word with His people. Even if Calvary Baptist Church had to host the Conference away from home, their sweet hospitality was not left behind.

Ruth Hedges,
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It has been wonderful, just one of the best. May our Lord bless Calvary Baptist Church, her great pastor, and all the churches represented.

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I always receive a great blessing from attending the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church. I attend the conference for many reasons. These reasons are always fulfilled.

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This conference has been a rich blessing to me. In trying to find words to describe it—there are none, except, "Thank God." I commend Calvary Baptist Church for their action in having Bro. Gilpin preach early in the conference for the blessing of those who must leave early.

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The Conference was the best yet! Good preaching, fellowship and food. If the Lord wills, I hope to be here next year.

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It has been a great conference, thanks to Calvary Baptist Church.

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We thank you so much for the invitation to attend the Bible Conference. We thank you for taking care of our room and meals as we would have been unable to attend otherwise. We have found the fellowship so sweet and each person so friendly from the first day to the last. We have found friends that I hope will be friends the rest of our lives.

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Never have we enjoyed a Bible Conference as much as this one. It has certainly been a time of information and inspiration. The

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Christian fellowship was ideal and the food and lodging were excellent. It was a thrilling experience to meet face to face those whose articles we have often read in The Baptist Examiner. We are looking forward to being back next year.

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Words can't express the feeling I've had while at this Conference. I can hear more Bible doctrine preached at this one conference in one weekend than in any church at home for a lifetime. It's been a real blessing and, God willing, I hope we can be permitted to come again next year. TBE is the best paper of any kind printed anywhere in the world. It's a real blessing to us. We'll support it all we can.

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them to salvation. I will tell you what the word 'foreknow' means: If you will go back to the book of Genesis, it says that Adam "knew his wife," Eve, and she conceived. The word 'foreknow' has in it the same meaning as Adam knowing his wife. In other words, before the foundation of the world, you and I were begotten in the mind of Almighty God to the extent that God foreknew us. This was before the foundation of the world.

Is there any room for boasting in any man, who is saved? Is there any room for an individual, tonight, to take credit for his salvation, in view of the fact that God looked down and saw you and me as worms in the dust before the foundation of the world, and God foreknew us. Thus, He begat us unto salvation before the foundation of the world.

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is Predestination.

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate" (Rom. 8:29).

Predestination and election! What words are these! So seldom are they heard today in the average church that they sound as though we had borrowed a phrase from some dead language of the past.

Predestination! What a marvelous doctrine, though little taught today! Why, before the foundation of the world, God chose some to salvation.

"I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me unto a nation that was not called by my name" (Isa. 65:1).

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain" (John 15:16).

"... and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48).

"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world" (Eph. 1:4).

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (II Thess. 2:13).

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit." (I Pet. 1:2).

God has, through the ages worked on the basis of election. God chose Abel, and rejected Cain. God chose Shem as the line through which the Messiah must come; at the same time He rejected Ham and Japheth. God chose Isaac and rejected Ishmael. God chose Jacob and rejected Esau.

"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: and that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory" (Rom. 9:13-20-23).

God chose Abraham alone and rejected all his idolatrous relations.

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him" (Isa. 51:1, 2).

God chose the Jews for his people as a nation. Read Gen. 12:1-3. The Egyptians were far wiser. The Chaldeans were more ancient. Yet God chose Israel. Why?

"For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name; I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me" (Isa. 45:4).

God has gathered out in the past 1000 years, practically all His own from the Anglo-Saxon race. The Chinese practice a nobler system of morality. India has thrice America's population. Why has He chosen thus?

"Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight" (Matt. 11:26).

There are many objections offered by the carnal man to the doctrine of predestination. Often do we hear it said that it is so mysterious. I am ready to grant that it is beyond the power of man to understand it. However, there are many things which we can never grasp. I cannot understand why God permitted sin. I cannot

understand the many inequalities of the human race. I cannot understand the procreation of life. I cannot understand how God saves. I cannot understand why that hogs, cows, geese and sheep eat grass and yet it produces bristles, hair, feathers and wool on the back of each respectively. I can only bow before God to hear Him say,

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:8, 9).

Again there is the objection concerning the doctrine of election that God is unjust. May I remind you that salvation isn't a matter of justice but of grace:

"For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8).

If we received justice we would all spend eternity in Hell.

It is also objected, why preach because God has elected some to be saved. We are to preach because God commanded us to do so.

"And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Preaching is the means God uses for the saving of His elect.

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21).

Since I do not know who the elect are, it is my duty to preach the gospel to all as though each

man were one of God's elect and then wait on God to do the saving.

Another objection to the doctrine of election is based upon the verse, "whosoever will." I think I can best explain this with a simple illustration.

As I stand outside a door, I see inscribed over it the words, "Whosoever will may enter." This could mean me. That is, if I have the desire to enter. We will assume that I do, and upon walking through the door, I turn around and read the inscription above the door on the inside, as follows:

"Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father." (I Pet. 1:2).

Thus, I see the truth. The message to me as a sinner is the message of whosoever will, and the message to me now that I am saved, is that my experience is because I was one of the elect of God. In other words, the only reason why I entered, was because God made me willing, God called me. God gave me repentance, God gave me faith, and thus I became a child of God. No man would ever be one of the "whosoever wills" unless he had been elected unto salvation by God.

III

The third link in this chain is that of God's calling.

"Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called" (Rom. 8:30).

In a general sense God calls every one. "That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." (John 1:9). However, there is an effectual call which only the elect hear.

Through His goodness God calls sinners to Him.

"Or despiseth thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Rom. 2:4).

Likewise He uses the Bible.

"Say unto them, as I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure

in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. 33:11).

Sometimes He uses our troubles to call us. I once conducted a funeral of a little babe that had left its baby clothes to live with God. After we had heaped up the little mound, the grief-stricken father of the little babe said, "Tell me pastor will I ever see my darling baby again?" God had thus given that little grave a voice and it was calling that hardened man to repentance.

There are some scriptures that I wish to cite relative to the fact that God calls us. This is one of the most abundantly taught truths in all of God's book. Notice with me these references:

"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our GOD SHALL CALL." (Acts 2:39).

"Among whom are ye also THE CALLED of Jesus Christ:

To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, CALLED TO BE SAINTS," (Rom. 1:6, 7).

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, CALLED TO BE SAINTS, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and ours." (I Cor. 1:2).

"But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and CALLED ME by His grace." (Gal. 1:15).

"That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath CALLED YOU unto His kingdom and glory." (I Thes. 2:12).

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto THOU ART ALSO CALLED, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." (I Tim. 6:12).

A few years ago in listening to the radio, a news-commentator told of a vessel which overturned, throwing the only occupant of the small boat into the water when he was returning home at the close of his day's fishing. It was very dark and in the water he became confused and began swimming in the wrong direction. Just then his daughter came out of the door of his home and called to her father, not knowing of his plight in the water. When the light shined out through the open door and he heard the voice of his daughter he turned and swam to shore. If she had not called, he would have died. So it is with us. If God had not called us, each of us would perish in Hell.

IV.

The fourth link of this chain is Justification.

"Whom he called them he also justified." (Rom. 8:30).

Long years ago we find Job saying, "I know it is so of a truth: but how should man be just with God." (Job 9:2).

What Job was grasping at and desirous to know, we learn

through the New Testament Scriptures.

"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13:9).

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law." (Rom. 3:28).

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified." (Gal. 2:16).

"Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth." (Rom. 8:33).

You have noticed that my text says, "And whom He called, them He also justified." Do you know what I am tonight? I'm not a sinner on parole. I am a sinner, justified by the grace of God. Do you know what it means to be justified by the grace of God?

Let me tell you a little story: A friend of mine a few years ago, who was a pastor of a convention church, had an old father who was living in Florida. He was living with his daughter. The daughter called her brother in Ashland one day, and said their father was quite sick, and quite low, and if he wanted to see him, he had better come to see him at once, and when this son—this Baptist preacher—got to Florida, to visit his father, his father said, "Son, I am so glad you came. I am glad you came while I had an opportunity to talk to you. You know I had a great experience yesterday. Right here in this room, the Lord Jesus Christ came and stood, and He said, 'It's time for you to go now. I have come to get you,' and I shrank back, and said, 'Oh, no, Lord, I am too bad. I have lived too bad a life. I'm not ready to go,' and He said, 'You've never committed one single sin in all your life,' and 'I shrank back more than ever when I heard Him say that. It scared me when the Lord Jesus told me I had never committed one single sin.' And he said, 'You know, Son, I argued with Him, but I could not convince Him that I was a sinner. I could never convince Jesus that I'd never sinned one time.'"

Divide the word, justified, into syllables, and add two words to get its full meaning. It is thus: "just-as-if-I'd never sinned."

Now, that's exactly what justification is. The man who has been saved by grace is just as if he'd never sinned. He's come to the place that when God sees him, God doesn't see him a dirty, filthy, depraved sinner that he is. God sees him as a man who is justified—just as if he had never sinned one single time in his whole life.

Isn't it wonderful tonight to know that it was God who foreknew you; it was God who predestinated you; it was God who

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called you; and it was God who justified you? As such, you are marked up in His sight as though you had never sinned one single time in all your life. Why did He do it? Because He took your sins and put them all on the Lord Jesus Christ, and then He took the righteousness of Jesus Christ and put it on you so that when God sees Jesus, He sees Him clothed in your sins, and when He sees you, He sees you clothed in the righteousness of the son of God.

You talk about a happy man, when I talk about justification, I am more than thrilled. I've done a lot of trading in my life. I am a natural born trader. I've had 1,000 pocket knives, more or less. I've traded horses, hound dogs—anything and everything. I love to trade. But do you know the best trade I ever made? I'll tell you what it was, and I didn't propose it. I didn't have a thing to do with it. The best trade I ever made was the day I traded my sins to Jesus Christ, and God's righteousness was put over on me. In other words, God treated Jesus Christ at Calvary just exactly like Gilpin ought to have been treated, and now God treats Gilpin just like Jesus should have been treated. I am a sinner justified. I am not on parole. I am not on probation. I am justified in the sight of God.

Several years ago in my town, there were three boys who got into trouble. They were not to be sent to the penitentiary as they were not quite 16. They would have gone to reform school for a month or so and then to the "pen" for four or five years. I was interested in those boys, and I went to the judge, and asked that he probate those boys into my custody, that I would look after them, and try to help them for the next few years. When the case came up for trial, the judge instructed the jury to find those three boys guilty of stealing and instructed them to sentence those boys to two years in the penitentiary. Then he called me up, and I stood beside those three boys, and he told them he was going to suspend the sentence that he had passed upon them, and that he would put them into my custody. You know, he even went so far as to tell those boys if they ever came back in that court before him again, before they could begin to serve out a new sentence, they would have to serve out their old sentence. He was holding their old sentence in abeyance, and if they came back within the next five years, they would have to serve out this sentence before they could begin their new one.

You know, two of those boys turned out to be two of the finest, most upstanding citizens that I know, and the other one in less

than 60 days was back in court again, and when that boy went to the penitentiary, he had to serve out the old sentence before he could begin the new one.

Do you see the difference between a sinner that is justified and one that is on parole? Tonight the Methodists, the Campbellites, the Arminians, the Holy Rollers, and the falling-from-grace crowd—they preach that sinners are on parole and probation. Thank God for a God that has sinners that are justified, and you and I are justified sinners in the sight of God tonight.

Justification is just the opposite of condemnation. Each of us who are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ are justified sinners. We are not sinners paroled but we are sinners justified. The fact and fear of condemnation is gone.

How we do rejoice when we learn that that which has been justified by God can never be condemned by man or the Devil.

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:38, 39).

V.

The fifth link of this glorious chain is **Glorification**.

"And whom he justified, them he also glorified." (Rom. 8:30)

In eternity past God foreknew us and elected us unto salvation. In time God calls and justifies those whom He has foreknew and elected. But in eternity to come He will glorify all those whom he foreknew and elected in eternity past and called and justified in time.

Glorification! What a wonderful doctrine! All fleshly nature and habits will be gone from the body of each of the redeemed. There will be nothing to tempt nor clog.

"And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (I Cor. 15:49).

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." (Phil. 3:21).

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." (I John 3:2)

One of these days, I am really going to be glorified. That is, all the physical and spiritual "warts" and blemishes will be removed, and I will be made to be like the Lord Jesus Christ.

All my life, I have had a habit of a slight frown — especially when I preach. I can't help it. It is just a part of me. In addition, I would never win any

contest as the most handsome man. My wife has always said even before we were married, that I was the ugliest man she ever saw. A few times, I have seen somebody that I thought was more ugly and I called him to her attention, but she has always insisted that I am the ugliest person she has ever seen. She isn't joking either. She'd argue with you about the matter, and through the years she has gotten me to believe the same thing.

Several years ago a wealthy friend of mine called attention to this frown and some more of the physical imperfections of my face and volunteered to take care of all the expense if I would just go to a face surgeon and have my "face lifted." Well, that would be wonderful to go into the hospital as I ordinarily look, and came out with a brand new face. The only objection is: My friends wouldn't know me. Then again I have heard it said that sometimes even having one's face lifted doesn't always prove a success, and one could look worse than he did before. In my case, that would be tragic, so I just thanked my friend for his kindness and declined the proposal of being beautified by a face surgeon.

You know, some of these days I am going to be much different to what I am now. I am going to look far better than I do today for then I am going to be glorified.

This message was preached by Bro. Gilpin on Saturday evening during the recent Bible Conference.

fied. God is going to make me to look exactly like the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am looking forward with joy to that day.

What a marvelous text is this which we have been considering — foreknowledge, election, calling, justification, and glorification. How can all this come to pass and who is it that brings it to pass? It is none other than the LORD GOD. Thus we are compelled to say that salvation in every respect is an act of God. There is no room for human effort, no place for priestly meditation, no room for good works on the part of man, nor is there any place for religious ordinances and services.

Long years ago a disobedient prophet named Jonah went to school in the belly of a whale where he learned what we choose to call, "whale belly theology." When he had graduated and hung up his sheepskin, he just knew one text, "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9). May God grant that you too might learn that salvation is all of God, and may you trust His son now as your Saviour for time and eternity.

"The stars shall shine for a thousand years

A thousand years and a day;
But God and I shall live and love,
When the stars have passed away."

Our Great God

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But God, if He so desires, can lift this old drunk out of the gutter and place his feet upon a rock. He can put a new song in his mouth to take the place of the accursed bottle. And He can do all that simply because He is God. And furthermore, He does not have to stammer and stutter around like a timid boy asking for his first date in order to get that old drunk to let Him save him. "He quickeneth whom He will." Jno. 5:21.

Unless He has power to do

whatsoever He will, His precious promises would be but sounding brass or a tinkling symbol. He has said, "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish." He has said "I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." Are you not glad that He has the power to make those precious promises good?

He has power over the elements. "For He saith to the snow, Be thou upon the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of His strength." Job 37:6. "He giveth snow like wool; He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes. He casteth forth His ice like morsels; who can stand before His cold?" Psa. 147:16-17. He said "Peace, be still" to the stormy, wind-tossed sea. The wind ceased, and the boisterous sea became as calm as a kitten. Job tells us in 9:8 that God "walketh upon the waves of the sea." In Mt. 14:25 His disciples saw Him doing just that. Again Job tells us in 22:14 that "He walketh in the circuit of heaven." And the Psalmist tells us in Psa. 104:3 that "He walketh upon the wings of the wind." Please note, the Psalmist does not say that God flies upon the wings of the wind. Neither does he say that God runs upon the wings of the wind. But rather that He walks upon the wings of the wind. Though the winds are the most impetuous of all the elements, though they change their speed and their direction without a moment's notice, still God has the power to just leisurely walk upon the wings of the wind.

We are told that water covers three-fourths of the earth's surface. But, if the water was permitted to do so it would cover the whole earth. There must be some restraining power that keeps the oceans within their bounds. And in Job 38:8-11 we learn what that power is. There we read "Who shut up the sea with doors when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it, and said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and here shall thy waves be stayed." Have you ever stood upon the seashore and watched the mighty waves as they rushed toward you as if they would cover the whole earth, but when they reached God's appointed place they brake up and the water began to creep back as it were ashamed of something?

Then our great God has power over disease. He said to the leper "I will, be thou clean, and immediately his leprosy was cleansed." He touched the hand of Peter's mother-in-law, and she was healed immediately. He made the blind to see, the lame to walk and the deaf to hear. He said to the widow's son "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise" and he that was dead sat up in his

coffin. He said "Come forth" to one who had been dead for four days, and Lazarus came forth from his tomb without a moment's hesitation.

O, how little we really know about the power of our Almighty God. Though we may have known Him as our personal Saviour for half a century, still we have never been able to scratch the surface when it comes to understanding His marvelous power. Man must have tools and materials in order to make a simple chicken coop. But our all-powerful God took nothing and made the universe. "He spake, and it was done, He commanded and it stood fast." — Psa. 33:9.

Who can look up into the sky on a beautiful summer night and really and truly believe that what he sees up there just happened to be? O, the power that had to be exerted in order to bring to fruition the beautiful canopy above us. But still God just spoke the word, and there it was.

"By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." — Psa. 33:6. Not only did He speak the heavens into existence, He upheld

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them, or keeps them by the word of His power. Read Heb. 1:3.

When we stop to think of the immensity of the universe; when we stop to think of the intricate movements of the earth and of the heavenly bodies; and when we stop to think of the enormous speed at which all these bodies travel through space, we can only stand in awe and in amazement. The sun, which is some 333,000 times the size of the earth, rotates once in about 27 1-2 days. While the sun is rotating at this enormous rate of speed, the earth revolves around the sun once a year at the rate of some 68,000 miles per hour. While the earth is revolving around the sun at this awful rate of speed, it is also rotating upon its axis once every 24 hours. Then while all this is going on, the moon is revolving around the earth every 28 days, 7 hours, 43 minutes and 10 seconds. (Continued on page 7, column 1)



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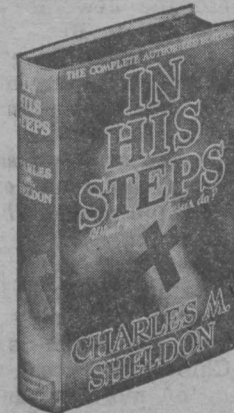
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My Impression

(Continued from page seven) preaching was exceptionally good. The facilities of Morehead University made the meeting of preachers to discuss theological issues very convenient. I've become a better pastor because of it. The Lord willing, I plan to return for the 1969 conference. My advice to others is to come to Calvary Baptist Church Conference of '69 to be a servant of Christ "approved unto God."

J. Frank McCrum,
Orchard Lake, Mich.

I enjoyed the 1968 Bible Conference very much. The preaching was very good as well as the food and lodging.

James C. Walker,
Louisville, Ky.

I enjoyed the messages more this year than last. This location is better equipped for the conference. It is cooler and has a bet-

ter sound system. The rooms were very nice. One complaint, not enough time between speakers to stand and stretch.

Bruce Baker,
Massillon, Ohio

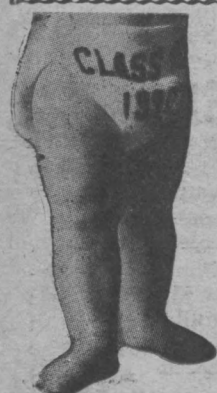
A well balanced conference. The spiritual food was very soul strengthening. In physical things Calvary Baptist Church has outdone themselves, excelling in every way, past conferences, which were exceptionally good.

Oscar B. Mink,
Crestline, Ohio

Calvary Baptist Church Bible Conference was joy unspeakable to this child of God.

Nina Hackney,
Huntsville, Ala.

Even though the conference was held at Morehead it was still the wonderful conference of Calvary Baptist Church. The preaching and Christian fellowship were wonderful and everyone seemed to enjoy himself. The



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thing I missed more than anything was Bro. Cox's presence, but the other preachers did a wonderful job. I especially liked Bro. Gilpin's TWO messages. The special singing was also a blessing.

Carlene Connelly,
South Shore, Ky.

I enjoyed the Bible Conference very much this year. The preaching was very good and the fellowship was wonderful. I thought the food was very good. The only thing wrong with it this year was that Bro. Cox wasn't able to come. I hope I will be able to attend many more conferences like this one.

Connie Hobbs,
McDermott, Ohio

God's blessings are new every morning, especially can we say this in connection with this conference.

Willard Pyle and Family,
South Point, Ohio

My impressions of the conference:

1. I was impressed by the friendly hospitality of Calvary Baptist Church;

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2. I was impressed with the comfortable accommodations and good food;

3. I was impressed with the sweet fellowship and the best preaching this side of Heaven.

Mrs. R. E. Farnham,
Noblesville, Ind.

It was nice, but I wish Bro. Cox could have come. I also liked the place where you had it. (Morehead State University)

Vickie Connelly,
South Shore, Ky.

I enjoyed the Bible Conference very much.

Sue Hackney,
Huntsville, Ala.

It's wonderful! The rooms were nice and the food was good. The rooms were clean and bath rooms, too. But there is one complaint, the ELEVATORS! and the kids that played on them. I vote we have it again.

Jere Gilpin,
Ashland, Ky.

The 1968 Conference has really been great. The preaching has been good. It is fun staying in the dormitories, although the air conditioning was a little cool.

Elizabeth Everman,
South Shore, Ky.

This has been a very wonderful Baptist Bible Conference. I have enjoyed it more this year than ever before in the fellowship with God's people. The preaching and special singing have been truly a very wonderful blessing and help to me. I am also thankful for the accommodations and

wonderful kindness of Morehead State University and the part of the burden they removed so that everyone could enjoy the conference. But most of all I am thankful for Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor for being such wonderful hosts.

Karen E. Pyle,
South Point, Ohio

I enjoyed the Bible Conference very much this year. The fellowship and singing were very good. I enjoyed meeting people I had heard about for many years. I am looking forward to next year's conference.

Marilyn Pike,
Birmingham, Ala.

I like Kentucky, it is very nice, I like the preaching. I like the singing.

Sharon Catron (8 years old)
Seabrooke, Maryland

I liked the conference very much! There was a lot of work saved and I think the visitors enjoyed themselves much more than they would at Ashland. I think we should have it here next year also, if circumstances are the same next year as this year.

Joel Gilpin,
Ashland, Ky.

I think that this conference has been the very best one yet. I've enjoyed it very much and I hope that I can come back next year. I really enjoyed it, but there should be more singing. May the Lord bless and keep you all.

Cathy Crow,
Waldorf, Maryland

I can honestly say this year's Labor Day weekend Bible Conference was the best of the three I've attended. God's grace and mercy made this one the best ever. I'm praying that next year it might be here, as this one was. Sometimes God's grace is shown in great ways and I believe this was one of them.

Wayne Crow, Jr.,
Waldorf, Maryland

This was my first time to attend and I can truthfully say I enjoyed every minute of it. The feeling you have about you here is indescribably wonderful and you become filled with the Lord's Word which is wonderful in itself. I hope God continues to

bless many more people through these Bible conferences.

Margie Reid,
Birmingham, Ala.

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J. P. Barnes,
Morehead, Ky.

They say you always appreciate something much more when you have almost lost it and I think that is the way we all feel about the Conference this year. What an awful feeling it was when we thought we weren't going to have it—the one thing we look forward to more than anything else from one year to another. Our whole family enjoyed it so much. Every part of it was wonderful—the preaching, singing, eating and fellowship with our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ. What would Labor Day weekend be like without the Bible Conference?

Mrs. James Hobbs,
McDermott, Ohio

The Bible Conference is one of the most enjoyable times of the year. It is a great privilege for me to attend the conference and to meet and fellowship with so many of my brothers and sisters in Christ. I count it a great honor to speak on the program with some of the greatest men of God in the world. It is my prayer that God will bless Calvary Baptist Church and its work.

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derful pastor, and that the conference will continue until the Lord comes. May God continue to use this church and its pastor in one of the greatest mission works in the world today "The Baptist Examiner."

David O'Neal
Bristol, Va.

It was a joy to be gathered together with such a crowd of people that are of like precious faith.

James Brashear
Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky.

This being my first time to attend the conference, I found it to be very helpful and instructive. It indeed has been inspiring and can be recommended to anyone who is scripturally minded. My soul has been blessed and my faith has been edified.

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