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"Keeping Rank"

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a wolf anyway? If I understand, I think God wants a shepherd over His sheep, and not a lone wolf riding herd upon them. I have a feeling that you and I should be working together, and we ought to work in unity to the best of our ability. I don't see eye to eye with all the preachers that appear on this program. We don't agree on everything. However, I thank God for every one of you, and I pray that God will help us that in the great doctrines of His Word, we'll be able to "Keep rank."

I remember during World War I, when I was just a boy in my teens, that a mother from Boone County, Kentucky, where I then lived, went to Ft. Knox, Kentucky, for the purpose of seeing her son.

It so happened that she was the only mother that was there at that time, and in some way, the son was able to introduce her to the commanding officer in charge. The General decided that he would put on a little demonstration for her observation, so he got all the boys who were under him, including her son, ready for a march. As they came marching down in front of the reviewing stand where she and the General were seated, her son's left foot came up in the air as everybody else's right foot went down to the ground, and as everybody else's right foot came up in the air, her son's left foot went down to the ground. Presently, after she had watched them for some little time, she grabbed the General by the arm and said, "Oh, General, General, everybody is out of step but my Jim."

I am afraid that too many of us today are taking the position that everybody is out of step but us. Would to God that we were all believing the same thing. If I had my way, I'd put a hat on every one of you women who are

sitting out here in front of me. As I say, I'd put a hat on every one of you, but I don't have my way.

If I had my way, I'd see to it that a woman never spoke in church. If I had my way, I'd change lots of things that go on in Baptist Churches today. However, if I don't have my way, I am not going to fall out with you, and I am not going to break fellowship with you. If you ladies want to go on disobeying the Lord with an uncovered shorn head, that is your business. I am not going to fall out with you one particle, and I don't want you to fall out with me because I tell you from the Bible, I think you ought to wear a covering when you come into the house of God. I tell you this and I love you even though we may disagree; however, there are some things particularly wherein we ought to seek to keep rank.

I

A BAPTIST CHURCH IS A GOD-GIVEN INSTITUTION.

The only institution that deserves the name of a church is a Missionary Baptist Church.

I would believe that if I had never seen a Bible. When I was a boy in college, I read a lot of history. I often say that I am willing to match wits with any historian in the country. I think I have read a little more secular history than the majority of historians who are teaching in state universities today. I say, beloved, if I had never seen a Bible, I would be a Missionary Baptist because of the testimony in the pages of history itself.

Then when I come to the Word of God, and hear the Lord Jesus Christ say, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," I say to you, not only in the light of what I have read in history, but in the light of my study of the Word of God, a Baptist Church is a God-given institution.

I say then, though we may differ on lots of things, I think that you and I as independent Baptists ought to keep rank when it comes to this truth that a Baptist Church is the only God-given institution in the world.

II

A BAPTIST CHURCH WILL PERSEVERE IN SPITE OF UNIONISM AND ECUMENICALISM.

A Baptist Church will persevere until the end. Listen:

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell SHALL NOT PREVAIL against it." — Mt. 16:18.

Everything else is going down through those gates of Hell. I haven't time to give you a detailed exegesis nor an eisegesis as to the gates of Hell, but I say that everything else is going to pass through those gates of Hell. The Lord Jesus Christ said the only institution that would persevere, and wouldn't pass through the gates of Hell, would be the church that He had built.

Jesus, also, in giving the Great Commission, closed it by saying:

"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have com-

manded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world. Amen." — Mt. 28:20.

The Greek says, "all the days." This means the days of sunshine and the days of shadow — the days when you are happy and the days when you are melancholy — the days when everything is going your way and the days when everything is going contrary to you. He said, "Lo, I am with you always, or all the days — even unto the end of the age. Amen."

I say to you, we ought to believe that this church is going to persevere—that a Baptist Church is going to continue in spite of unionism and ecumenicalism down to the end of the age.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church of the Ephesians, he said:

"Unto him be glory IN THE CHURCH by Christ Jesus throughout ALL AGES, world without end. Amen." — Eph. 3:21.

I believe that the church that Jesus built will be here in spite of everything, when the Son of God comes back to this world again.

Some of our brethren have expressed a fear in this Conference that we are going to lose some of our freedoms. Maybe we shall, I do not know. However, I know one thing: we are not going to lose the church that Jesus built. All Hell couldn't close up Baptist Churches, for the Lord Jesus Christ said that His church was going to continue throughout all ages, world without end.

When I was a boy preacher I used to be pastor of a little Sunday School that met in a mountain school building near Williamsburg, Kentucky, in the little town called Bon Jellico. I can remember how I went to Bon Jellico Sunday after Sunday, and conducted Sunday School and

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preached for those folk. One Saturday afternoon, as I was walking the railroad track—there was no road out there—as I was walking the railroad track, going out to preach on Saturday night and Sunday morning, just as I rounded the curve near the commissary, I noticed a lot of excitement, and a lot of commotion taking place, and I wondered what was going on. I quickened my step, and when I got up close enough, I found that somebody had been out hunting the night before and had caught an opossum. It was about 36 inches long, one of the biggest I had ever seen. Someone had taken a tomcat that weighed about 20 pounds and had tied the tails of the tomcat and the opossum together and hung them over a clothesline. Now you can't say there wasn't lots of union there, but there surely wasn't any unity.

That is the trouble with union meetings. That is the trouble with the ecumenical movement. I know that all the Protestant churches are "high-tailing" it to Rome as fast as they can go, and it doesn't worry me one particle to see them go. I am just as happy as can be to see them all go safely back into the folds of "mamma's" arms. Whenever I read the 17th chapter of Revelation, the story of the old whore and her harlot daughters, I realize that I am reading the story of Roman Catholicism and the Protestant churches—the harlot daughters that have come out of Rome, and I am glad for all these harlot daughters to go back into the folds of Romanism. It doesn't bother me one particle. However, when the last one of

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Henderson, Tex. Baptists To Continue Support Of TBE



PASTOR JOHN W. REYNOLDS

Am very happy to say these words concerning The Baptist Examiner. Our church, the Providence Baptist Church, here at Henderson, Texas has been financially supporting The Baptist Examiner for several years. Each month our church treasurer sends the check designated to The Baptist Examiner just as regularly as he does for pastor support, Missions, and the bills here at home.

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JOHN W. REYNOLDS
Henderson, Texas

them has gone, and when the last of the Northern Baptists, and the last of the Southern Baptists have gone into the same apostate movement, I'll thank God for true Baptist Churches that will still persevere, and will still be in existence, in spite of unionism—in spite of ecumenicalism—and in spite of apostasy.

This is one thing that I call on you to keep rank with me until Jesus comes, namely, that Baptist Churches will always persevere.

III

THE COMMISSION WAS GIVEN TO BAPTIST CHURCHES.

We 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; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." — Mt. 28:19, 20.

This was spoken to Jesus' Church. It wasn't spoken to the disciples as such, for they were to die. It was spoken to that which was to exist through all ages—namely, to His church, for He promised to be with them to the end of the age.

Thus He gave His commission unto His church, and He gave it to none other.

When the Lord Jesus was ready to send out His first missionaries

under the authority of a church. He said to that church:

"Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." — Acts 13:2.

Since He had given His commission unto His church, He logically directed that church in its missionary endeavors.

I say to you, that commission to preach, to baptize, to make disciples, to instruct and to observe the Lord's Supper — that commission was given to Baptists, and to Baptists only.

There isn't a Methodist, or a Campbellite, or a Catholic, or an Episcopalian, nor any of the rest of that crowd that has any authority today to preach the Word of God. There is not one of them that has authority to baptize, nor to set the Lord's table. They have no authority to do anything in the service of the Lord. They are running without being sent; they are going without a commission; they are marching without any orders.

I tell you, I am praying today that God will take this group of independent Baptists, and will cause us to keep rank on the basis that the commission itself was given to Baptist Churches. When I say it was given to Baptist Churches, I don't mean that it was given to mission boards. I don't mean that our Lord ever gave a commission to a mission board. You will read this Bible in vain to find a mission board (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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within the Word of God. You can read from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 in vain to find that there is one hint that the Lord's work was ever given to any, except a Missionary Baptist Church. I would to God that you and I might keep rank on the basis that the commission was given to Baptist Churches, to carry out until He comes back again.

IV

WE OUGHT TO KEEP RANK CONCERNING THE DOCTRINES OF GRACE.

As I have said, I am willing to make allowance in some things wherein you and I differ. I am willing to make allowance on the basis of some things that you might believe that I do not, and vice versa. But there is one thing wherein we should be mighty certain that we keep rank, and that is relative to the doctrines of grace.

Whether you call them the "five points of Calvinism," or call them the doctrines of grace, makes no difference whatsoever to me. I believe in total depravity. I believe in unconditional election. I believe in a limited atonement. I believe in irresistible grace. I believe in a perseverance on the part of all the saints of God. I like to refer to them as the doctrines of grace. We need to keep rank. We need to keep in step. We need to march side by side on these great doctrines.

Total depravity.
Unconditional election.
Limited atonement.
Irresistible grace.
Perseverance.

Thus I am a TULIP Baptist.

Look in the mirror if you don't believe in total depravity. Where did that squint look in your eye come from? It wasn't in Adam's eye. Where did all those imperfections in your body come from—your bursitis, your rheumatism, your aches and your pains? They didn't exist in the day of Adam. I tell you, a man who doesn't believe in total depravity needs more than a heart cure—he even needs a head cure. I turn to God's Word and I find that it says:

"Lo, this only have I found,

that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."—Ecc. 7:29.

Truly, it is so that man has sought out many ways of sin today.

Listen again:

"For ALL HAVE SINNED, and come short of the glory of God."—Rom. 3:23.

I tell you, you are a poor depraved sinner in the sight of God.

You talk of a man that is unsaved, and you may say he is a good man—"if he were just a member of our church, what a blessing he could be." Beloved, that man is totally dead. There is no life in him.

One man said, "I believe a man is dead, but not as dead as a doornail." I don't know how dead a doornail is, but I'll say every unsaved man outside of Jesus Christ is so dead that he has no spiritual life whatsoever. If you push a casket down this aisle with a corpse inside that casket, that corpse could get out of that casket, lay aside its shroud, close the casket lid, and walk down the aisle, unaided and unassisted, just as easily as an unsaved man could turn to Jesus Christ and be saved apart from the Holy Spirit of God within his life. We need to keep rank on these doctrines of grace.

I think about the doctrine of unconditional election. Beloved I believe it. I am satisfied that if He hadn't chosen me, I never would have chosen Him. Listen:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."—John 15:16.

You say, "Brother Gilpin, doesn't the Bible say something about whosoever will?" I haven't time to discuss it fully this morning, but I will say this: I stand outside a door and I look up, and there over that door in blazing letters, I read, "Whosoever will may enter." I walk in. "Whosoever" includes me. When I get on the inside, I turn around and look over the door on the inside, and I find blazoned in big letters again, "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father." I realize the truth then, that the only reason that I walked in, was that the Lord made me. He gave me repentance. He gave me faith, and when I got inside, I realize that I was "elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father."

I say then, we need to keep

rank on the basis of unconditional election.

I'll say further that we need to keep rank on the basis of a limited atonement. When our Lord Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He said:

"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for MANY for the remission of sins."

—Mt. 26:28.

He didn't say that it was shed for all. He didn't say He was dying for everybody. Rather, He said, "Which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

We find the Prophet Isaiah saying concerning the Lord Jesus Christ:

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and SHALL BE SATISFIED."—Isa. 53:11.

Some of these days the Lord Jesus Christ is going to look out over the host of the redeemed, and when He does, "He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied." I ask, how could our Lord Jesus Christ be satisfied if everyone for whom He died wasn't in that crowd? How can a man believe anything but a limited atonement?

When I think of the souls that have been saved as the result of our Conference; the souls that have been saved as a result of revival meetings that have been held; the souls that have been

This was Bro. Gilpin's message at the close of our recent Conference. We trust many readers at a distance will be blest by it.

saved as a result of all the preaching throughout all the ages; when I think about all the mortals that have lived, and been saved, then I look forward to that day when the United States will say "one Lord," and Europe and Asia and Africa will say "one faith," and the isles of the sea shall say "one baptism," and all together shall shout "One Lord, one faith and one baptism." All this will be on the basis that Jesus Christ has saved everyone that He died for on Calvary's Cross. I think we ought to keep rank on limited atonement.

I think we ought to keep rank on irresistible grace. I don't think a man can resist the grace of God. When God sends His Holy Spirit out to save a man, He saves him. I don't believe God is trying to do anything today; He is just doing whatever He wills. We read:

"Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name."—Acts 15:14.

"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. 8:30.

"But unto them which are CALLED, both Jews and Greeks, Christ THE POWER of God, and the wisdom of God."—I Cor. 1:24.

Notice, whom God has chosen unto Himself, He takes out, both Jews and Greeks. They don't come out themselves.

I like to read the story in the book of Luke of the woman who had lost the coin. That coin rolled, and it lay right where it stopped. That coin didn't say to the woman, "Here I am; come find me, and pick me up." That coin didn't say, "If you will come over here, I'll get up and get around your neck as a part of your necklace again." Rather, it fell, and rolled, and lay there. The woman had to sweep the house, and light a light, and when she did so, she found the coin. She didn't stop until she did.

A woman's work is a work that is inside. To be sure, we are living in a day when women work at public works, but let's go back to the time when Abraham was asked as to Sarah, his wife, and he said, "She is in the tent," as if to say that was her place, and that was where she ought to be, and that is where she is.

The Holy Spirit's work is on the inside. This woman working on the inside of the house, sweeping it, lighting a light, searching until she found that coin, illustrates the irresistible grace of God, I tell you, God never gives up on one single sinner that He elects to Himself.

Also, be sure you keep rank on perseverance. Most Baptists will say, "I believe in perseverance." I have seen very, very few who didn't believe in perseverance. But do you know what they are? You go down to one of these ABC stores, and there on the shelf are some bottles listed as Fiftths. I know a lot of Baptists who ought to be in one of those bottles as "Fiftths," because they believe in just one point of the five great doctrines of grace. They believe in perseverance.

Every Baptist ought to believe in perseverance. I thank my God that those whom He predestinated, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and those whom He justified, He is going to preserve unto the end. It is God that makes us persevere.

There was an old Baptist preacher by the name of Mullens, who was a close friend of mine. He lived in Ashland for years before he died. One day he was

talking to me about how the Lord keeps us when He saves us—how the Lord preserves us. He said, "I went down to Kinnickinnick, in Lewis County, to preach last Sunday. I announced to the people in the course of my message that I was 73 years old that day, and that I was celebrating my 73rd birthday by preaching to them." He said after the service was over that a woman came around and very cordially invited him to go to her home for dinner. He said that when they got to the table, this woman said, "Brother Mullens, I had a reason for asking you to come home to dinner with me today. My grandmother made some peach preserves 73 years ago this summer, and handed down a can of those preserves to my mother, and my mother handed that can of preserves to me, and I know of no better time to use those preserves than today, for they are 73 years old and we will celebrate your 73rd birthday by eating them." Bro. Mullens said that those 73-year-old preserves

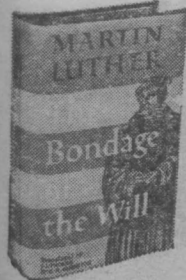
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were just as fresh as though they had been put in a can that summer.

Beloved, the Bible says that God preserves His saints. Do you mean to tell me that a woman can take the fruit of the vine, or the fruit of the tree, and preserve it, and make it keep for 73 years, and that the great omnipotent, sovereign God of the universe can't take a Hell-deserving sinner, and save him, and preserve him for all eternity?

How I love the doctrine of perseverance—that God preserves His people! I think we ought to keep rank on it.

If I would break rank with any of you—if I would break fellowship with any of you, it would be because you don't believe in the security of the saved. (Continued on page 5, column 1)



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Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Jobe of Maysville, Arkansas, who have been present for the last two conferences, are always an inspiration to have about. We are most happy over the fellowship of this recent meeting.

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I want this group of people to be a group of people that keep rank, that walk side by side, and believe something, and when we differ, to differ in love on perhaps the things that we will never know the full meaning of until we get to Glory. But on these great truths of God's grace, I want us to keep rank.

THE BIBLE IS THE FINAL AND LAST WORD OF AUTHORITY.

We read:

"What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt NOT ADD thereto, NOR DIMINISH from it."—Deut. 12:32.

"Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. ADD THOU NOT unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."—Prov. 30:5, 6.

"To the law and to the testimony: if they SPEAK NOT ACCORDING TO THIS WORD, it is because there is no light in them."—Isa. 8:20.

"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man SHALL ADD unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall TAKE AWAY from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of

the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."—Rev. 22:18, 19.

Beloved, I believe this Bible is the last word of authority.

The Pope seems to be having quite a little problem finding out whether or not the size of families is to be limited. I do not see why it would affect him so much. They tell me that a few years ago when the last Pope died, he was a man of unusual piety. I do not doubt it. He was nearly 90 years old—how could he be anything else? As I say, the Pope seems to be having quite a little difficulty as to whether or not the size of one's family is to be limited.

He has trouble finding out other things. I can remember several years ago when they had to have three conclaves of the bishops of the church of Rome before the Pope dared to put on his coat and walk out and announce a dogma to the world—the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope. Three times he tried to do it. Three times he stepped out onto the podium to make an announcement. Each time something held him back, until finally on the third time, with all the colors of Rome flying, he put on his coat, and announced that he was infallible.

When you put your coat on in Rome, you cannot make a mistake. When the Pope put his coat on and marched to the balcony, he announced to the world, the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope.

Beloved, I beat him 1900 years ago with infallibility. I have something that was infallible

1900 years before he ever got here. It is the Word of God.

I asked a Catholic sometime ago if he believed in the Bible, and he said, "Yes sir, I believe in the Bible." I said, "If you believe in the Bible, let's just sit down and talk about a few things." He said, "Now I believe in the Bible conditionally."

When you find someone that wants to put a condition on the Bible, mark him down as not believing the Bible at all. When you find someone who is not willing to stand up for what he believes, you just pass him by. If a man says, "I am a Baptist, but I do not believe in telling everybody," just let him alone; you do not need to hear anything else he has to say. When a fellow says, "I am a Baptist but I do not believe in preaching the doctrines of grace; I try to speak them quietly and silently around

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Daniel and Deron Smith were enjoying themselves in the cafeteria when this picture was taken.

the fireside, but I don't believe in preaching them publicly," mark it down, I would not believe a word he had to say, publicly or privately. A man who believes anything is proud to stand up and tell you.

I am proud this morning to tell you that I am a Baptist. I am proud this morning to tell you what I believe. I am not hesitating one particle to tell you the things that I have talked to you about this morning.

This Catholic said he put some conditions around the Word of God as to how much of it he believed. I said, "What do you believe?" He said, "I believe, first of all, in the Bible. Then I believe the Councils that our church has held down through the years is worth just as much as the Bible. I believe in the traditions that have been handed down by our church outside the Councils. The final thing that I believe is the infallibility of our great spiritual leader, the Pope."

What did this Catholic believe about the Bible? The only thing he believed about the Bible was that there was a cover on the outside, with words printed on it, "Holy Bible." When you accept traditions, and the findings of the councils, and what the reverend doctors of the past have had to say—when you take those things into consideration, you might as well throw your Bible aside and say, "All I believe about it is the cover on the outside that says 'Holy Bible.'" I say that we ought to keep rank today with this thought in mind that the Bible is the last word of authority.

CONCLUSION

I would to God that independent Baptists—this group of Baptists—the Baptists that I love more than any other group in all the world—I would to God that we might keep rank today. If somebody wants to differ with you on some small matter, accept his difference of opinion or interpretation, and love him just the same.

COMING AND GOING AT BUTTON AUDITORIUM



Might it please God though, for us to believe that a Baptist Church is a God-given institution, that a Baptist Church will persevere in spite of unionism and ecumenicalism, and that the commission was given to Baptist Churches. May we always believe and agree on the great doctrines of grace, including total depravity, unconditional election, a limited atonement, irresistible grace, and perseverance. Above all else, all the way until we get to Glory, may we all believe that the Bible is the final word of authority.

When I come to the close of an annual Bible Conference, I say, "Lord, I do not know what the future holds for us." I do not know whether we will have another annual Bible Conference or not. The Lord might come; we may meet in the air before we meet for another Conference. Would not that be glorious if we did? I do not know what the future holds for us, but I am praying this morning that God will help us as Baptists to keep rank—work together—stand together—and contend together for the great truths of the Word of God, until He comes.

May God bless you!

My Impression

(Continued from page one) with this conference every year until He comes and that if it is His will that He will provide a way for my family to be here.

Pat Bridgeman,
Fayetteville, Ark.

I don't have the words to express the happiness and joy in my heart concerning this Bible Conference. The fellowship has been wonderful. God has surely used Calvary Baptist Church and Bro. Gilpin to bless the hearts of so many of His elect. This Bible Conference is a place to come to get a feast from God's (Continued on page 7, column 1)

TWO GREAT PREACHERS



Elder Jon Rule of Alderson, West Virginia, and Brother Gerald Price of Elizabethton, Tennessee, were two of our scheduled speakers, and each of them brought a message that was a blessing to the conference.

Brother Rule spoke on the "Sufferings of Jesus" and Brother Price preached on "Eternal Life." Both of these messages will appear at a later date in TBE (d.v.).

How good it was to have had these dear brethren with us for our Conference.

The only difference between a buzzard and a gossip is that the buzzard waits till the person is dead before it tears him apart.

A COUPLE OF TARHEELS



Brother Gary Stamper (left), who thrilled our Conference with his deep baritone voice on several occasions and Brother Jerry King, (right) made their first visit to our Bible Conference this year. How good it was to have them.

While this was their first year to be in attendance, we had others who had attended each of the nine conferences which have been held by Calvary Baptist Church.

Next year, we plan to celebrate our 10th Anniversary and all those who have attended during these ten years will take part in a special service — just a little extra honor in their behalf in view of their continued attendance.

MEMBER AND FORMER MEMBERS OF CALVARY



Brother Henry Schmidt, standing on the left is Sunday School Superintendent of Calvary Baptist Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Creech of Middletown, Ohio, have been members of our church until recent date, when they were received by the Verona Baptist Church of Verona, Ohio.

They are all three real Baptists, and three of our dearest friends for whom we thank God and take courage.

Enemies . . . Grace" THE ADVERSARIES OF GOD'S GRACE ARE ON A RAMPAGE TODAY

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no less than the Devil's children. "Ye are of your father the devil." — John 8:44.

Grace was God's to give, and He gives it to whom He will. He gives grace to are men like Peter — a cursing fisherman, like mad Saul of Tarsus, who murder in his heart to kill and destroy God's heritage. Enemies of His grace were these Hell-serving men.

THE ENEMIES OF GRACE ARE MANIFEST TODAY IN THEIR HATRED OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

He built His church. Read Matthew 16:18. He declared the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it. He has extended to church much grace, even through the gates of Hell are made for her, and have become enemies to her. The great enemies of Christ's great church in that He Himself for it. Read Eph.

the church is Christ's to bless; He to add to; and it is His to illuminate so we might be able to withstand our enemies. Paul wrote:

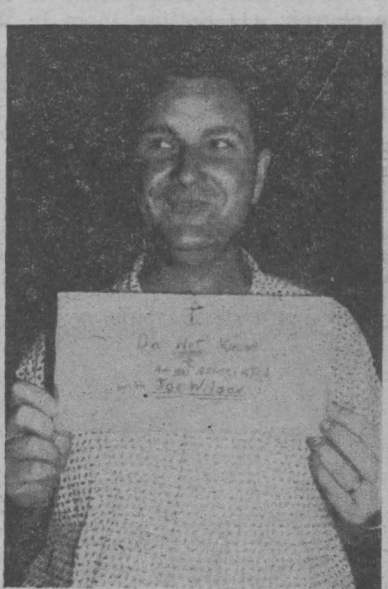
for a great door and effectual witness unto me, and there are adversaries." — I Cor. 16:9.

knowledge of grace which appears to be taught in his writings.

There are the so-called churches called Freewill Baptists and Arminian, who seem to lay hold on Christ, and often are found preaching a weak gospel of grace. But being ignorant of the grace of God, it is impossible for them to preach the whole counsel, and in doing so, they have become the greatest of enemies of grace, and are great adversaries to the church. These take the name of God's church, THE BAPTIST, which Jesus Christ named with His own mouth. They take the name of His church, but only for one reason, that is to take away their reproach.

"In that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be

A LITTLE HORSE PLAY



Of course, boys will play. Sometimes even big boys play, too. Brother Joe Wilson and Brother Cletus Snyder, who are the closest of personal friends and members of the same church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, always look after our book counter at the Bible Conference.

Brother Cletus, in this picture, has a sign on his chest saying: "I do not know and am not associated with Joe Wilson." This is but a sample of the high type Christian fellowship that was enjoyed by the brethren in between sessions at the Conference.

called by thy name, to take away our reproach." — Isaiah 4:1.

Many so-called evangelists are enemies of God's grace. They cry out that they have no church to support them in such a great work, which is a work of the Devil from the beginning. They boast of no church authority for their ministry, although Christ did vest all authority in His church. They are enemies of the grace of God, because they are enemies of Christ's church.

Now, beloved, it doesn't matter if these teachers and preachers have received their higher education in great schools of learning such as Ft. Worth, Texas, or Little Rock, Arkansas, or even out of that great school for big preachers at Louisville, Kentucky. If they are enemies of church truth, they are great enemies of God's grace.

WHY ARE SO MANY ENEMIES OF GOD'S GRACE?

Because of SALVATION — Eph. 2:8-9 declares that salvation is by the grace of God, and not by the works of men — and it is the natural thing for a natural man to hate anyone, or any teaching, even though it comes from the Word of God, which declares that his works are no good. Many seem to show a desire to be saved, but declare it must be done by their own merits. Surely there must need be some help on the part of the sinner, they think, or else he cannot be saved. However, God declares judgment on these who teach, or receive any other truth for salvation other than salvation by grace. This raises up many enemies of grace.

Because of the GREATNESS

WHERE WE SLEPT AND ATE



This is the picture of Alumni Tower and in the almost 200 rooms of it, we were domiciled during our Conference. There was a fine cafeteria and excellent room facilities and we are most deeply grateful that God, in His providence, made this possible for us. Truly, we are glad for His amazing goodness to us.

OUR TWO FAITHFUL REGISTRARS



BETTY EVERMAN AND FLORENCE HUTCHINSON

For the past nine years, these two most faithful and most wonderful members of Calvary Baptist Church have looked after the registration of all of our guests. It is impossible to estimate the value of their work, and it certainly is a joy to know that their labors were much easier this year than ever before, since they did not have the problem of finding rooms at the last minute for those who came late. These two have done an unusual job of taking care of our Conference through the years in this respect.

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OF GOD'S GRACE, there are many enemies to it. "Great grace and power was given to them. When it is given to a dead sinner, then surely this is sovereign grace."

God's grace is EXCEEDING GRACE, causing many to be enemies to it. II Corinthians 9:14 declares the grace of God is exceeding. Exceeding grace is a grace that God (Continued on page 6, column 1)

Because of God's grace being A SOVEREIGN GRACE, there are many enemies to it. This grace comes from one who is sovereign and who possesses supreme power and authority. Beloved, only a great sovereign God can dis-

WHEN GOOD FELLOWS GET TOGETHER



Here are four of God's great noblemen. From left to right, Elder Jim Everman, South Shore, Kentucky; Brother James R. McGhee, Baltimore, Maryland; Elder Wayne Crow, Waldorf, Maryland; and Brother Carl Connelly, South Shore, Kentucky. These have been our friends for many years and we thank God for each of them.

"Enemies . . . Grace"

(Continued from page five) gives to His dear people and churches who have been taught to give liberally out of what God has blessed them with. Many dear saints of God give their tithes and offerings in such a manner that it causes many enemies to this grace. They cannot understand why a poor man would give so much of his meager earnings to support the ministry of the gospel. If God has taught you to tithe, and to give liberally, then you are partakers of an exceeding grace.

God's grace is a SUFFICIENT GRACE, and this causes many enemies. We find Paul's thorn was not removed, but God spoke some mighty sweet words to Paul, when He said:

"My grace is sufficient." — II Cor. 12:9.

The enemies of grace are many against such teachings. When God's grace is stamped into a

GRACE and there are enemies to this grace. The apostle declares in Romans 5:15-17, that God's grace abounded to many. Though it abounded to many, and not to all men, it was grace in abundance. Verse 15 says, "Grace abounded to many." Verse 17 called it "Abundance of grace." Verse 20 says, "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Here the devil is defeated again.

God's grace is the RICHES OF GOD, and the natural man hates it.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." — Eph. 1:7.

These riches are manifest in Verse 7, where sinners are raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. When one is taught what the sinner is by nature, and where he has been raised up from, and raised up to, it is no wonder there are enemies, when it is not for them to have this grace. It has become a hated doctrine to them, and they continue to snarl with their teeth, and hate with continued hatred, replying against the truth of grace. God's grace is that which CALLS MEN INTO HIS SERVICE. Peter declares in II Peter 1:3:

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

God calls men to serve Him as the apostle Paul told Timothy.

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." — I Tim. 1:12.

Today there are too many daddies calling the son into the ministry. The enemies of God's grace declare it to be so — that a son

can choose the ministry as a profession; they also say that a good school is the first thing a man is to find upon choosing the ministry as a profession. Beloved, I must agree that a school is where that lad ought to go, since daddy hath chosen his profession—since Grandma is going to foot the bill — since it would make a good name for the family for sonny to be in the ministry. I'm sure such a one needs to find a school some place, since he has not been called by God, and God has not sanctified this effort. Then he will surely not be blessed by Him, so his need is to lean mightily heavily on the poor beggarly elements of the world to prop him up.

God's grace TO HIS CHURCH is such that it would cause many enemies.

"Unto him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end." — Eph. 3:21.

God's grace is manifested to the church: (1) Setting them in — the church; (2) Making them His bride members; (3) Giving unto His church the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper thus displaying His sufferings for them on the cross; (4) Through privileges of prayer, and

A GEORGIA CRACKER



ELD. GORDON BUCHANAN

(5) Continued mercy promised to the faithful.

Hebrews 4:16 tells us:

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

It is no wonder then that the enemies of the grace of God scream their heads off at the steadfastness and determination of a few faithful Baptists who love the doctrines of God's grace and continue to stand for church truth, and are jealous of Jesus' church with a Godly jealousy, and seek to hold up her pillars of truth, and then give praise to the God of all grace.

The grace of God is A PARTICULAR GRACE and the recipients of it are called peculiar people.

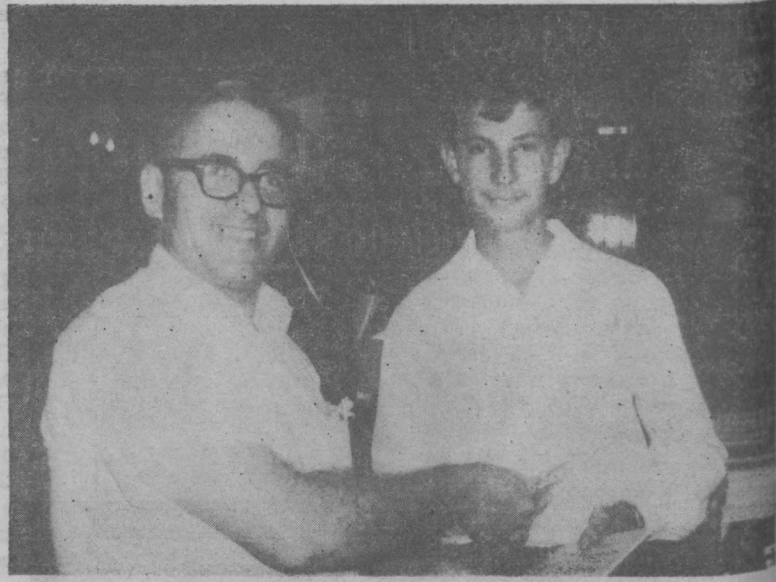
"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light." — I Peter 2:9.

Abounding grace, riches of His grace, predestinating grace, calling grace, grace unto eternal life, yes, and persevering grace along with limited and particular grace — when these truths are taught from the pulpit, and from house to house, the enemies are ever on the increase.

Thank God, only will the particular and those to whom it is limited, ever be partakers of it.

The grace of God is limited; that is, to the "poor in spirit," to the "needy sinner," to the "sick-in-soul sinner," to the hungry

A TRANSACTION IN THE BOOK SHOP



Brother Gerald Bryant of Chrisney, Indiana, has just made a purchase from Brother Joe Wilson, who always handles our book shop at our Bible Conference.

and thirsty sinner. Yea, to the sinner who has been brought to believe in Jesus Christ, as Saviour.

WHO ARE THESE ENEMIES

Let us not forget who they are. They are all around us, ready to devour us, and ready to dethrone our God, and exalt dirty sinful men to a power within themselves to save their souls. Who are they: From the fall of man in beautiful Eden, every "goat" and every "tare" whom the Devil himself has planted—along with all the chaff, which someday shall be swept into unquenchable fire — every vessel of wrath fitted for destruction, these along with the old Catholic whore, with her cup of her abominations and filthiness of her fornications — these, and all her harlot daughters which in these last days are bowing at Rome's door step, and crying for entrance back into her — these are the enemies of God's grace.

Every evangelist and freewill preacher who is going out to labor in vineyards where they have not been called — these with their ungodly speeches, they have ungodly spoken against the great God of all grace, deceived and being deceived, go out to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ without a calling or without being sent by the church. Every freewill Baptist and all Arminians who still declare they shall eat their own man-made bread and wear their own freewill apparel, but do desire to be called by the name "Baptist," — these are enemies of God's grace.

My dear beloved saints of God, ye that have stood, and continue to stand, you know already that your enemies are many. Some young preachers may be here today, who may not as yet have come to see how numerous your enemies are, yet they are all around you. They are often of your own household. Your mother, who brought you into the world, and cuddled you close to

her breast, and declared her love for you, may be an enemy to God's grace. It might be your old dad who worked and slaved at hard labor to clothe you, and see that you had something to eat. It might just be the person sitting on the same pew with you each Sunday. Often when a man is called to preach the glorious gospel of grace, even his own wife, who sleeps in the same bed, becomes one of his greatest

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enemies, and shall become a hindrance to you, and the calling wherein you have been called.

WHAT IS THE SAINT'S POSITION TOWARD THE ENEMIES OF GRACE?

Because great grace has been shown to us, we ought to be careful about our actions toward the enemies of grace. Shall we take up a sword against our enemies like Luther? No, Jesus has said for us to "put up the sword." Shall we kill and destroy, as the Catholics? No, we must always keep in mind the teachings of the apostle:

"For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why

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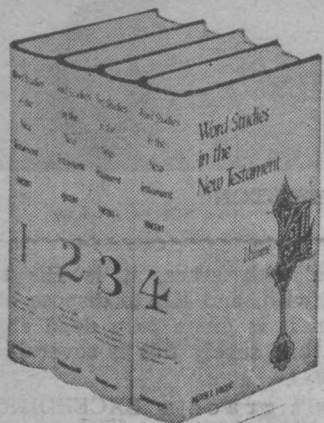
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dear brother's heart, he can look in the coffin of a dear loved one and remember the words of the Master, "My grace is sufficient."

I have seen at different times, those dear loved ones, who are grace believers — having grace stamped in their hearts — I have seen them turn away from a casket without tears. One dear girl I know so well spoke over the body of her dear mother, "I can find no tears." Beloved, this is sufficient grace. The enemies of grace cannot understand; they can only continue to be enemies to it.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Cook of Birmingham, Alabama, who are always present for our Conference were blessed by this recent fellowship.

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dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?"—I Cor. 4:7.

May we not be puffed up, and exalted, but be found at the feet of the Master crying out, "Thank you dear Lord for extending your grace to me."

Proverbs 24:17 tells us:
"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth."

Why? Lest the Lord see it, and it displeases Him.
Jesus said in Matthew 5:44,45:
"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you: that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

We need to remember that God's judgment is on His enemies. It is the business of the Lord to bring them to judgment. In Galatians 1:1-9, the apostle Paul teaches us concerning such judgment. In his salutation to the churches of Galatia, we read:

"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."—Gal. 1:8.

Let God do the judging and cursing. May we be faithful to His grace!

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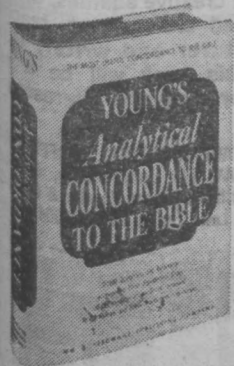
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and what a spiritual uplifting we received. Praise God for faithful servants. You can count on us being here next year. Also the food was delicious and the room very comfortable.

Michael King & family
Columbus, Ohio

This conference has been among the best. I believe, like everyone else, that the greatest preachers in the world gather here. I consider it a great privilege to attend each year, but I have also enjoyed the discussions afterwards this year that I've never had opportunity for before. Thank you Calvary Baptist Church.

Laura F. Rice
South Shore, Ky.

This was our second visit to the conference. It was a blessing to hear the messages on the Sovereignty of God and all the other truths of what the Bible really teaches. Needless to say we thought every thing went along very good. May God bless you.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Foor
Gladwin, Michigan

I enjoyed the conference; the wonderful fellowship, the food and wonderful accommodations. Saturday evenings climax was a high hour, with Brother Gilpin's great message.

Lawrence Baker
Union, Ohio

Psalm 43. I thank and praise the Lord for an exceedingly joyful time at the Bible Conference, for the light and truth that was preached and for the wonderful fellowship with God's people and for the fine food.

Don W. Jernigan
Mentor, Ohio

We thank the Lord for the Bible Conference each year. It has been a real blessing to our

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hearts. Thank God for making it possible for so many people to attend. May God always bless this church.

Mr. & Mrs. A. J. McNeal
Huntsville, Alabama

I thank God that He has allowed me to once again come to this conference to feast upon the Word of God and fellowship with His people. May God continue this conference till He comes.

Elder Donald Hackney
Huntsville, Alabama

Wonderful preaching, wonderful singing, wonderful rooms, wonderful food and you have been wonderful! God bless you all.

Mr. and Mrs. Mc. H. Bonney
Gladwin, Michigan

This has been a fine time of service and fellowship. Most of the preaching has been extra good. Hope there will be much more to come.

M. V. Hall
Bristol, Tenn.

I have enjoyed the conference. The fellowship, food and accommodations were superb. Am looking forward to next year.

George Scott
Dayton, Ohio

This has been a very good conference in spite of the late notice. It has been my pleasure to enjoy the hospitality of this great church and the preaching of the great doctrines of God's Word proclaimed. The fellowship was great; it was good to meet the members of Calvary Baptist

FLORIDA LAYMAN AND WIFE



Brother Jim Washer and wife from Miami, Florida, who have attended the last two conferences, not only got a blessing from being present with us for our recent conference, but were a blessing themselves to it. We thank God for them and particularly for the message Brother Washer brought on Monday morning.

Church and the preachers from where we can again fellowship over the country. This has been just like a homecoming. May God continue to bless this great church.

Dan Phillips
Bluff City, Tenn.

I would like to express my appreciation for the opportunity of attending this wonderful conference sponsored by Calvary Baptist Church. Thanks to all of those who had a part in making this possible. It has been a real blessing to have been here. I have only one complaint and that is that the conference has to end so soon.

Betty Washer
Hollywood, Florida

This has been one of the great blessings of the Lord.

Francis M. Whetworth
Tell City, Indiana

My vocabulary is not adequate to express the joy and blessings of the 1968 Conference.

Charles W. Bryant
Chrisney, Indiana

I love this conference because I needed the fellowship. I love the preached Word of God and the fine food. I know that, surely there are no finer people on earth than those in Calvary Baptist Church. I pray God would bless them in the great work they are doing. I am already looking to the next conference

I enjoyed all the services I was able to attend and am looking forward to next year.

Leatha Langford
Pasadena, Texas

It is wonderful to spend a vacation with those who thirst after the Truth. May the Lord grant us more each year till He returns to take us into His Eternal Rest. God bless Calvary Baptist Church.

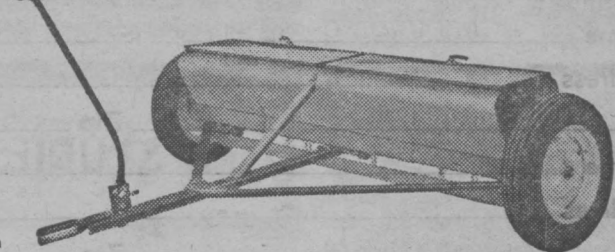
Lee Williams
Charleston, S. C.

Maybe one shouldn't complain about eating in air-conditioned splendor but I missed the fellowship in Bro. Gilpin's backyard at meal time. Despite this there were many spiritual blessings. I thank our God that He provided a place for us to have the conference this year.

Guy T. Williams
Hanahan, S. C.

It was another wonderful time in the Lord with brothers and sisters in Christ. The fellowship was great and the hospitality of Calvary Baptist Church was certainly something. If it is the Lord's permissive will, I hope to be back next year, for there is no other place I go, nor do I hear the Bible truths that are believed by (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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My Impression

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Baptists here. May God bless The Baptist Examiner as the messages go out each week.

Hugh D. Jobe,
Maysville, Arkansas.

How my heart rejoices when I think of the many blessings of God to usward because of the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church. My impression of the conference is to the extent that my wife and I shall be back next year if the Lord is willing. May God bless Bro. Gilpin and Calvary Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson
Bristol, Virginia.

It was a wonderful time of fellowship. I thank God for Calvary Baptist Church and their God-sent pastor for using them to pull His people together to worship Him. If the Lord tarries His coming, may there be many

more conferences. May God's blessings continue to be upon Calvary Baptist Church and Bro. Gilpin.

J. T. Willis,
Portsmouth, Ohio.

The Conference hit a highlight on Saturday evening (the last speaker). We enjoyed our visit—wonderful fellowship—inspiring sermons. May God bless in the future.

O. B. Baker,
Verona, Ohio.

As the 1968 Conference is in our memory as in the past, I remember it as the best in every respect that I have ever attended. Calvary Baptist has been wonderful as our sponsor, the facilities here at Morehead have been the best, good food and sleeping quarters, good fellowship, wonderful singing and the very best preaching, doctrinally, sound and inspiring. It has been an uplift to me and I recommend to those

who have never attended to be here in 1969, and the Lord willing, I will see you then.

Claude H. Creech,
Middletown, Ohio.

The sermons were some of the best I've ever heard and I really learned a lot from them. The only thing I can think of that could stand a little improvement is that the hymns were sometimes a little too fast. But it may be I just can't sing.

Cpl. W. A. Williams, USMC
Quantico Marine Sta., Va.

Congratulations on a fine Bible Conference. The accommodations were excellent and I felt that you had an unusually well chosen diversification of topics. The speakers were great and the special music was inspiring. I trust that God will guide in this ministry in the future.

H. Dwight Graham,
Shelby, Ohio.

As another Conference closes, our hearts rejoice in the many blessings of spiritual food and material blessings of the Bible

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Conference of Calvary Baptist Church. Now we begin to look forward next year for more of the same.

R. C. Varble,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

I enjoyed the Conference very much this year. We have made many new Christian friends this weekend, and enjoyed very much the fellowship with them. The facilities here at Morehead State University were wonderful. As a whole we had a very nice time this weekend and we trust we may be able to come again.

Ann Belt,
Rogers City, Michigan.

I thought that the new meeting place at Morehead, Kentucky, was one of the most beautiful sights I had ever seen for a conference. The speakers were all wonderful and the fellowship was so sweet, I just wish it could last forever or at least another week.

Claude Phillips,
Bluff City, Tennessee.

Everything was wonderful—the preaching, food and lodging. This year there was more time for fellowship. The singing was a great blessing.

Germaine Catron,
Seabrook, Maryland.

As this 1968 Conference comes to a close the Lord has been good to us for He has brought us one Conference closer to His soon return. I trust the Lord will impress upon each of us to go home with a greater zeal to tell the wonderful story of Jesus to those round about us. I see the need of Home Missions more than ever before. If our home

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missions are stronger, then we won't have to worry about our missions afar. May the Lord bless Calvary Baptist Church and each one that made this time of sweet fellowship possible. Proverbs 3: 5-6.

Mrs. James A. Frederick,
Texarkana, Texas.

Great preaching, singing and fellowship; a great and wonderful host church; near perfect facilities to stay in, plus excellent meals. I am almost ready to agree with Peter, "Let's build three tabernacles." If the Lord is willing I hope, in His wonderful mercy and grace, to come again next time. It was so sweet to meet Bro. Gilpin, whom the Lord has used to teach me the many wonderful truths of God's Word.

Tex Cobb,
Stockdale, Texas.

It was the most wonderful weekend of the year for which we have looked forward to all year, because of the good preaching, singing, fellowship and food. It was so good to see the people of Calvary Baptist Church again and to know that they could enjoy the Conference also. We are truly grateful to God in His sovereignty that we could be a part of such a wonderful work. We pray God's very best on Bro. Gilpin and TBE and Calvary Baptist Church.

Mrs. H. H. Cole,
Lewisville, N.C.

This Conference has truly been a great blessing to me. The fellowship has just been wonderful. The wagonmaster (Bro. Gilpin) with his whip has done a wonderful job keeping order and the toe of his boot has kept all the speakers on time. I want to thank the good folk of Calvary Church and their wonderful pastor for inviting me to the Conference this year as one of the speakers. May God bless you.

B. A. Langford,
Pasadena, Texas.

There are hardly enough words to express the thanks that we have in our hearts for the hospitality of Calvary Baptist Church. This Conference has been a great help to the church at Indianapolis that I pastor. The fellowship was great and the provisions for the guests were tops. I would like to say TBE has helped me many times. It backs up my ministry and has time and again helped me to establish a doctrine to my church.

Bro. Keith Schultz and family,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

I enjoyed the Conference very much. This was my first and I regret I have not attended all nine years. The messages, although not all things said did I agree with, were stimulating and food for growth. The fellowship between the meetings was very precious. The food and accommodations were excellent. Thank you for such a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Richard Little,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." Psalm 126:3.

Don Pennington,
Ironton, Ohio.

SOME ROMANIST IMPOSSIBILITIES

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4. To find one verse in the Bible which recommends or commands the use of the rosary.
5. To find in the Bible a commandment which prohibits the pastors or ministers of God from marriage.
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