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A New Church Organized By F.T.H.

By FRED T. HALLIMAN
(New Guinea Missionary)

Dear Pastor, Brothers & Sisters:
It gives me a great deal of joy to be able to write to you and tell you about the mission work of our church. And it seems to give me more joy than usual when a group of people have grown in grace enough to be organized into a Baptist Church. Please bear with me just once more when I say that I am almost overwhelmed with joy when I think of this particular group of people being organized into a Baptist Church.

Some of you may or may not remember an article that appeared in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER about 7½ years ago telling about a mission patrol in which I spent nearly a week with a group of people at a place called Yetiyama. I had visited

them only once or twice before and they invited me upon this occasion to come and spend sev-



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eral days with them and help them erect a building and they would start regular worship ser-

vices. I went and camped out with them for almost a week and preached to them every day while we were putting up the building. At that particular time there were about 200 people in the group and there seemed to be an unusually large number of elderly people. I made special mention of this in TBE at the time and requested that folk especially remember this group in prayer especially in view of the fact that so many old people were among them.

Since that first week I spent with them there have been many changes take place among this group of folk. I have visited them upon many occasions, spending from the length of one service to a few days with them. I have seen their group dwindle down from 200 to about 50 or 60 now. Some have died off over the (Continued on page 5, column 1)

God's Church Is God's Place For Our Tithes

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(Now In Glory)

Scripture reading: MALACHI 3:8-10 and 2 CORINTHIANS 9.

In a previous article we examined the question: "How much money shall I give to God?" We saw that the Word of God teaches that Christians are to pay or give tithes, or one-tenth of their income. Hence we expect every member of our church to practice tithing.

Now the question arises: "WHERE shall I give my money?" Shall we give all of our tithes to the church of which we are members, or just part of it? Shall we give our tithes to independent evangelists or radio broadcasts? Shall we give our tithes to interdenominational and independent mission boards?

As Christians I think that we will all agree that we should give **WHERE THE LORD LEADS. WE SHOULD GIVE ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD. AND THE LORD WILL LEAD US WHERE TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND SHOW US HIS HOLY WILL IN HIS WORD.** Are you willing to be bound by the Word of God?

THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES CHRISTIANS TO BRING THEIR TITHES AND OFFERINGS INTO THE CHURCH OF WHICH THEY ARE MEMBERS.

Christians have no right to send their money here, there and everywhere. Their tithes and offerings are to be brought into the church. That is the system laid down in God's Word.

There are some objections to



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Christians placing all of their tithes and offerings into the individual church.

Not too long ago there appeared a series of articles in an interdenominational paper in which the editor objected strenuously to what I am preaching. I think the (Continued on page 4, column 4)

God Seeks And Saves Only Helpless Undeserving Folk

By BRO. BOB NELSON
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"I can't believe that" said the arrogant college student as he left the Sunday morning church service. The minister answered,



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"You are quite right about that. The Bible makes it clear that no man can believe unless God gives

man the enablement." (John 6:44, 65).

Man has discovered and invented many marvellous things, but man is powerless to reconcile himself to God. In fact, man has never throughout history been able to attain world peace, but has continually had wars. Man is unable to devise a formula to give himself peace and tranquility within his soul or amongst men.

In spite of all the scientific gains of man, there looms on the horizon a dark cloud that includes nuclear wars, racial riots, overpopulation, biological warfare and increasing insurmountable social problems. This proves that man is unable to cope with his circumstances.

Until man admits his helplessness and confesses his sinful rebellion to God, the Sovereign Lord of this universe will not give man the desire or ability to believe Him. There are a host of confused preachers who are arming their hearers with the idea that Almighty God is nervously waiting on the sidelines for some depraved sinner to give Him a chance to save them.

This is not so! God saves by His electing grace (Rom. 11:5) and (Continued on page 8, column 5)

A REAL HINDRANCE

By C. H. SPURGEON

A sweet sin harboured in the heart, will prevent a soul from laying hold upon Christ by faith. The Lord Jesus has come to save us from sinning and if we are resolved to go on sinning, Christ and our souls will never agree.



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A drunkard will be saved by believing in Christ—that is to say, he will be saved from being a drunkard; but if he determines still to make himself intoxicated, he is not saved from it, and he has not truly believed in Jesus. (Continued on page 8, column 3)

Three Great And Sore Evils Confronting Baptists Today

By W. D. LONGAN
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Heaven bound.

We are living in an age of: (1) Modernism, (2) Legalism, (3) Believerism. In many Baptist churches today, you can find just about any kind of "ism" that

A man is not saved because he chooses to be saved, but because God has from before the foundation of the world chosen him in Christ.

The preacher does not work-up, or administer the grace of God! If he is true to the Lord, he does preach without the fear of man, but in the fear of God—the Sovereign grace of God.

God was under no obligation to save any from eternal torment, is evident. This is because God is all sovereign. God is self-sufficient—He does not depend on anyone or anything for His being.

God does not save all is also evident. We know from the testimony of His word, that many were already in torment when Christ first came into the world. Also we know from the testimony of many living today, that they too are Hell-bound.

God does save some, is also evident. Thank God He saved me. And I can truly say that I am saved because of His grace. I did not deserve to be saved. I was just another Hell deserving sinner, lost—lost, and on the broad road that leads to destruction, but by His grace I am now



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you may or may not be looking for.

MODERNISM: Modernism (Continued on page 5, column 3)

A Message From California

Dear Brother Gilpin:

I want to relate an incident which took place up in Washington a few years ago. I was in my study one Sunday morning before services when a man entered whom I had never seen. He stated that he was looking for a church that preached the "Sovereign Grace of God." I informed him that he had come to the right place. That morning our Sunday School lesson was in the tenth chapter of John v.27 "the effectual call" and at eleven o'clock I preached on the Sovereignty of God. I learned a few weeks later that this man had been saved and baptized in 1938 by the First Baptist Church of Wenatchee. Three months later he approached me about joining our church. I told him I wanted to talk to him about his baptism. He said you don't have to talk to me, I know what you are going to say. (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"GOD'S JEWELS"

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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels." — Mal. 3:15, 17.

There are reasons why that God refers to each of the saved as "jewels." First of all, jewels are of all colors and they are found everywhere. Truly God's "jewels" are of all colors of man-

kind and found everywhere. When the artist had painted "The Children of the World," all of them were shown with white faces. In a dream, he saw an angel working by his easel changing four of these white faces to represent the other colors of the world. Whereupon, he arose from his bed, changed the picture, showing the black, red, yellow, and brown child as being "The Children of the World" just the same as the white. In the days of His flesh, Jesus said:

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16:15.

Regardless of color, and irre-

spective of location, wherever you find one who has trusted the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and who has been washed from his sins in the blood of Jesus, that one is one of God's jewels."

Then, too, God refers to the saved as "jewels," since jewels are the most durable of mineral substances. Every watch-maker realizes that this is true, for the bearings, which are subject to the greatest strain, are always set in jewels. Regardless of how durable earthly jewels may be, they cannot begin to compare with the durability of God's "jewels." (Continued on page 2, column 1)

Appreciated Letter From Washington

I have been reading your paper second hand now for some time and it sure is packed with power, that old time wonder working power. Praise God for the truth that you are standing for. Please find enclosed a check for \$10.00 and a list of ten friends and relatives. I am praying that the Lord will be pleased to use this as a means of leading them to Bible truths that they individually need. Some of your articles serve as real appetizers for me. I just love to feast on the Word after reading the Examiner. Although I don't have a subscription to renew, I hope that instead, you will start one for me. I am a member of the South Park Missionary Baptist Church in Seattle, Washington, where the pastor, Brother Glen L. Tweet, has been supplying me with your wonderful paper. Please pray for these ones before sending them their (Continued on page 8, column 1)

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"God's Jewels"

(Continued from page one)
God's "jewels" endure forever.

"His seed will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail."—Psa. 89:29-33.

I.

HOW JEWELS ARE FOUND

If it is interesting to note why God calls the redeemed "jewels," it is even more interesting to notice how the "jewels" are found. Jewels are often hidden away in rocks and mud. It is much trouble to find them, and requires much difficulty to uncover them. God's "jewels" are lost and hidden away in vile sins and earthly habits.

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these things come from within and defile the man."—Mark 7:21-23.

They are shut up in hard stony hearts. The Old Testament prophet, speaking for God says: "And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."—Ezek. 36:26.

No jewel was ever hidden away in more filth and muck than are God's "jewels."

"Yea also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil."—Eccl. 9:3.

When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he referred to their former condition before they were saved, declaring that they whom God had quickened once "were dead in trespasses and sins."—Eph. 2:1.

Just as it is often necessary to dynamite in order to find earthly jewels, so God's "jewels" likewise must be dynamited to be found. The Gospel is God's dynamite.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."—Rom. 1:16.

Note the expression the "power of God." The Greek word which is translated "power" is literally "dynamite." And isn't it true that the Gospel has the same effect upon one's soul as dynamite has upon stone? Many evangelists and preachers resort to all kinds of clap-trap methods to get converts. They ask the inquiring sinner to come to the front, and shake hands with the preacher, to pray at an altar of prayer, to reform, to turn over a new leaf, to join the church, to be baptized, or to sign a decision card. All of which are human attempts to change the soul. I heard one of these religious racketeers some time ago pause in the middle of his sermon and say, "What you ought to do is join the church; join the church even if you haven't got any more religion than a horse; join the church and get religion afterwards."

What a difference between such an hireling and the preacher who is content to use God's dynamite—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—thus leaving the results in God's hands. For years I have been able to say with Paul:

"For I am determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."—I Cor. 2:2.

I remember many years ago a middle-aged man came to services which I was conducting one Sunday evening, with the avowed purpose of giving me a thrashing. He did not even intend to come inside the building. One of the brethren of our church insisted that he wait until after the service was over, and urged him to come inside the building. That night I preached on the following text:

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."—I Cor. 1:18.

I knew nothing at all about this man's intention, or the reason why he was in our services. When the services were over he and his family quietly slipped out. The next Sunday night his boy was saved. The following Sunday night his daughter was saved, and the third Sunday evening he, himself was saved. Truly, the Gospel is the dynamite of God.

A sinner may go to church feeling happy and perfectly satisfied with himself. He may have come only out of curiosity or to please some friend who has invited him. It may be a simple message that is preached, but it takes a firm grip on his soul. He is not half as pleased with himself when he leaves the service as on his entrance. His good deeds don't seem nearly so good, and his righteousness even looks to him as though it might be somewhat unrighteousness. He comes back a second time, and goes away feeling even more miserable than before. His pride

has given way to humility, and his self-trust to self-abasement, and self-abandonment. This experience is repeated again and again until he yields himself to the Lord, and is saved by grace and washed by blood. O what dynamite is the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

During these years of Christian experience I have seen harlots, infidels, drunkards, thieves, and the vilest of mankind and woman-kind turn from their sins to the Saviour for salvation. What is it that has caused them to cease in their rebellion, and has led them to renounce their sins and confess Jesus Christ publicly? It is God's dynamite—the Gospel—the fact that Christ died for our sins.

II.

THE FASHIONING OF THE JEWEL.

Are the reasons that we have given why God calls the saved "jewels" interesting to you? Does the finding of the "jewel" by God's dynamite—the Gospel—interest you? Then surely you will be interested in the fashioning of the "jewel." Even though the "jewel" has been found, it is not yet ready to be worn. It is placed in the hands of the great Artificer, the Holy Spirit, who cleanses and polishes it for God.

Just as a jeweler uses water and fire for the polishing of a jewel, so the Holy Spirit uses the same methods. What water does he use? In the Bible, the Word of God itself is referred to as water.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word."—Eph. 5:25, 26.

Just as each one takes a bath and washes away the filth of the body, so each of the redeemed needs to wash in the Word of God after he has been saved, and thus cleanse away the defilement of the world.

"Wherewith all shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."—Psa. 119:9.

"Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."—John 15:3.

A young woman comes into our church building for the services today. Most immodest is her dress; high cut at the bottom and low cut at the top. Her hands are weighted down with rings. Her hair is not only bobbed, but windblown, frizzled, and marcelled. She enjoys the things of the world; dances, cards, and movies are a part of her nature. In short she is just a modern girl. She has come to the service only because she has been invited; and to show her appreciation for the invitation, she decided she will attempt to endure it once. In the course of the sermon, the Word of God is carried on the wings of the Holy Spirit to her heart. The Gospel is to her, truly God's dynamite. She is convicted, and in due course of time is saved. I tell her to make the Bible her standard of life, and request of her that she follow its teachings implicitly.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

Next Sunday she comes forward and asks for believer's baptism. I ask her why that she desires to be immersed. Like a flash, she turns to the Bible that I have given her, which I requested of her to make her standard for life, and reads:

"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death."—Rom. 6:4.

Then she reads the Scripture wherein Jesus set the example of baptism.

"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now; for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and

Why I Want To Attend The 1969 Bible Conference



ELDER CLAUDE KING

I looked through several back issues of "THE BAPTIST EXAMINER" to see if I could find some guide lines for the above title. However, I failed to find a desire expressed that seemed to fit the statement; but I did find that many had expressed their joy for the blessings that they had received from attending past Bible Conferences. It seemed that every one had the same experience in receiving great spiritual blessings by being present. It was news of this nature that caused the Queen of Sheba to visit Jerusalem and King Solomon. After her personal interview with Solomon, in expressing her amazement at the marvelous blessings that God had bestowed upon the King, she declared that the whole story had never been revealed to her!

Many times when we hear of great spiritual blessings we have an urgent desire to personally "hear the whole story, witness the event." It has always been a spiritual blessing to me to have the privilege of attending Bible Conferences. Just to hear God's Word read is a blessing within itself. It is definitely stated that those who hear the reading of the Book of Revelation are blessed (Rev. 1:3), and I personally believe that this principle holds true in the hearing of any portion of God's Word. I accept 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 3:16 to literally mean all of the Bible, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21. I do not believe the Modern theory: "The Bible contains the Word of God."

I believe that all of the Bible is "God breathed" and that it is His revelation to man, that it was originally given without any mixture of error by the eternal, infallible, unchangeable, all-wise God of creation. Therefore its message does not change with the capriciousness of mankind and his societies. There is an intensified effort presently being exerted by Modernists to alter God's inerrant, eternal Word and make it coincide with the modern trends and corrupt practices of the low moral standards of this present age, and with the evolution and atheistic theories of Scientists, so called. Not only are immoral, ungodly and atheistic practices being taught and advocated in secular schools of higher learning; it is a well known fact that they are being taught and practiced in schools of higher learning that wear the religious emblem. Some of these ungodly institutions of higher learning are being supported by those who claim to believe in salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour!

It is good to know that there are those scattered around over America who still "earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints." It is encouraging to fellowship with those who believe and contend for the Truth, and I am sure that I will profit spiritually from the experience.

Though sometimes we don't like what we might hear, especially if what we hear are things that might admonish our practices, it is a blessing to hear good, sound, doctrinal messages, and generally speaking this is the type of message we hear at Bible Conferences. The Word is the spiritual food that God uses to grow and develop His children, and I like to be fed with food which is convenient for my growth and development.

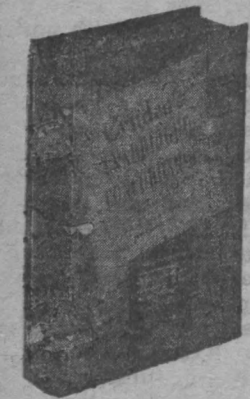
In conclusion let us quote the Psalmist: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133:1). We would like to change the expression a bit and say: "We believe that it is profitable for brethren to assemble for the purpose of exhorting and encouraging one another in the ministry, the work into which God called them!"

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She says, "Pastor, I want to be buried in baptism just like my Saviour was." What's happened during this first week of her conversion? Simply this, she had been taking a bath in the Word of God.

I notice as she makes her offering to the Lord Sunday after (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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Sunday, and she cites as her reason for doing so:

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:8-10.

Oh, how badly do the anti-missionary crowd and the penny-givers need a bath just here! A few weeks later I notice that her bobbed hair disappears, and her dress becomes much more modest. I say to her, "You look old-timey any more; you look like you were born 30 years too soon. What's become of that pretty hair and those fancy dresses?" She replies, "Pastor, didn't you tell me the Bible was to be my standard for life? Well, I could not follow it and dress as I have been."

Then she reads: "Doth not nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given for her a covering."—I Cor. 11:14, 15.

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."—I Tim. 2:9, 10.

I notice that her diamond ring, the sign of her engagement, is soon removed, and I ask her the reason when I see her coming to church alone. She explains that her betrothed was a man of the world, unsaved, unredeemed, and unregenerated. And since the Scripture said:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."—II Cor. 6:14.

She had to follow what the Book said, for it was her adopted standard for life. I notice that her name no longer appears in the society stew as a partaker of all kinds of worldiness. The

cards, dances, and movies which used to intrigue her have now lost their charm. She has a new affection. Her heart is set on the Lord Jesus Christ. I notice that she never misses the services of the church. I ask her why it is that she has given up the world, and why that she never misses any services in God's house. To all this she replies, "Pastor, you gave me a Bible, and told me to make it the standard of my life; it tells me how I ought to live before the world."

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."—I Thess. 5:22.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."—I Cor. 10:31.

"It tells me that I ought to go to church."

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is."—Heb. 10:25.

"Therefore I cannot do otherwise as long as I follow the Bible as my standard." Everybody asks, "What's the matter with her, what has caused the change?" The answer is simply this, she has just been taking a bath in God Almighty's bathtub, the Word of God. The Holy Spirit has thus been fashioning a "jewel" through the water of the Word.

The Holy Spirit though, has another method which He uses, namely fire—the fire of affliction. In South America there is a flower which is only visible when the wind blows. It is of the cactus specie. Beautiful flowers protrude from lumps on the stalk when the wind blows against it. Sometimes it takes the fire of affliction to cause the flowers of grace to protrude from our otherwise barren lives.

"Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes."—Psa. 119:67, 71.

In the Salem Pioneer Register I read a poem presumably written by parents who had lost an only child—a babe.

"Only a baby's grave,
A foot or two at most of tear-dewed sod,
But a living God knows what this little grave cost.

"Only a baby's life,
Sweet as a perfumed kiss so fleet it goes,

But our Father knows we are nearer to Him for this."

III.

JEWELS ARE REALLY VALUABLE.

Not many of my audience possibly possess much wealth in earthly jewels, but there are multiplied millions of dollars wrapped up in value in the jewels of this earth. The value of a jewel, first of all, depends upon its scarceness or rarity. If diamonds were as plentiful as dust, then they would be no more valuable than dust. It's their scarceness which makes them valuable. God's "jewels" are exceedingly scarce too. The majority of

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churches do not have to build annexes in order to take care of their jewels. We have plenty of church members. In many instances large numbers of these church members are so many unsaved hellions. True jewels—God's jewels—are exceedingly scarce and hard to find.

Again jewels are valuable because of their lustre or their brilliance in shining. God's "jewels" ought to be shining for the Lord. This was the experience of the early apostles.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."—Acts 4:13.

Are you shining in such a way that the world is taking knowledge of you that you have been with Jesus, or is your life so clouded by the things of this world that the luster of your life is lost behind a multitude of sins?

Don't forget: The value of the jewel does not depend upon the mounting. A diamond itself has just as much value mounted on a piece of lead as on platinum. God's "jewels" shine just as brightly clothed in calico as in silks. In fact some of the greatest Christians and noblest souls that I have ever known, have been those whose outward dress was very poor, but whose souls really shone for God.

IV.

JEWELS MUST BE GUARDED.

Those who are fortunate to possess jewels of great value keep them under lock and key. How marvelous it is to know that God is thus protecting His own.

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."—Jude 24.

"Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Peter 1:5.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12.

Twenty centuries ago Paul asked:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"—Rom. 8:35. Shall Satan?

"But he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."—I John 5:18.

Shall temptation?

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."—I Cor. 10:13.

Shall sin?

"For sin shall not have dominion over you."—Rom. 6:14.

Shall the law?

"For ye are not under the law, but under grace."—Rom. 6:14.

Shall the world?

"For whatsoever is born of God

overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."—I John 5:4.

Shall the believer?

"They shall not depart from me."—Jer. 32:40.

As it was impossible for Noah to leave the ark after God had shut him in, so it is impossible for the believer to leave Christ. Someone asks, "Cannot a believer crawl off the Rock of Ages?" Beloved, where is the child of God who wants to crawl off the Rock of Ages? But listen! Paul mentions ten agencies and agents, including the powers of Heaven, earth and Hell, which he declares are unable to separate the believer from God.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 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. 8:35-39.

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The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Please explain Matt. 7:21. In the light of this verse, what is the will of God? When we believe in God do we do His will thereby?"

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bad." "I am just as good as most people." "I pay my honest debts and do the best I know how." "I am better than a lot of the hypocrites in the church." You can find people who say such things in any block in any city in America. Jesus makes plain that the sort of profession that amounts to anything is the kind that grows out of a saving faith in God.

Do you recall the instance in which men came to Jesus and said, "Lord what must WE DO that we might WORK THE WORKS OF GOD?" What did Jesus reply? He said, "THIS IS THE WORK OF GOD THAT YE BELIEVE ON HIM WHOM HE HATH SENT." In other words the supreme work of God is not really work at all — but saving BELIEF in the Savior provided.

Yes, when we believe on God's Son, we do the will of God in the most important sense. Failure to so believe is such a ruinous thing that no amount of work, toil or labor along any line is worth anything.

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Yes, it is most definitely God's eternal will that we (elect) believe on the Son. Coming to Christ is not a mere change of the natural man as it is sometimes defined; rather it is the communication of the divine nature implanted within us by the will of God through the work of the Holy Spirit.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12-13.

From these two verses, it becomes crystal clear that belief (receiving Christ) is the will of God, and it is not the will of man's parents (not of blood), not the will of himself (nor will of the flesh), not the will of a preacher or some well-meaning friend (nor will of man). Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Read Romans 8:8. Salvation is not the result of free will or the free moral agency of the sinner. To believe on Christ is the will of God worked in a new heart and a new spirit.

"So then it is not of him that

willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." John 9:16.

This verse reveals that God is a sovereign even in the matter of man's external destiny. Those who come to Jesus Christ do not come because they will, or they run; rather they come because God wills and God runs. In fact, it is not within the natural man to do God's will for he is opposed to God, and his will is ever against God. He will never come to Christ in the Adamic nature; therefore, if he is ever saved, God must will and work within him a nature like unto God.

"Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:28-29.

Not only is it God's will for us to believe, but it is also His work. Those who believe, do so because God worked belief in their hearts. Of those who do not believe, they do not believe because God has not worked it in their hearts.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning; thou hast the dew of thy youth." Psalm 110:3.

None can be willing without this power. The Spirit, through Jeremiah, tells us the same truth:

"And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them." Jeremiah 32:39.

"Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Philippians 2:12-13.

To believe in Christ is a spiritual act, and since it is a spiritual act, it does not condition grace. The fruit of grace and the Holy Spirit, and the gifts of repentance and faith manifest belief, and they are the products of the spirit worked in a new heart, or in a new creature. Therefore, a new heart and a new spirit, or divine nature, must and does precede the will to come to Christ.

May I also emphasize that it is God's will for us to believe in the Jesus whom He sent, and not the many Jesuses invented by men. They teach that it is God's will for one to give to Him his heart and life and follow the examples laid down by Jesus' life. Because of their much doing, it is then God's will to save them. No man can follow the example of Christ, for He was sinless. Men are saved because God has willed that they should be saved, and He alone has provided the things necessary for the salvation of those whom he has willed to believe in Christ. Read James 1:18.

"God's Jewels"

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THINK ABOUT THE WEARING OF THE JEWEL.

Kings and queens only wear their jewels on special occasions. All the jewels of the British Empire were worn at the last coronation of the queen of England. Some day the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. Isn't it wonderful to consider our prospect? In that day those of us who are His "jewels" shall share in the honor of His coronation.

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him."—II Tim. 2:12.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."—Rev. 5:10.

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and

they shall reign for ever and ever."—Rev. 22:5

I imagine that someone in our audience may say: "This message is not for me, I am not a 'jewel.' I am just a common stone — an unregenerate man." Despair not, dear one.

"For I say unto you that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." — Matt. 3:9.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."—Ezek. 36:26.

May God grant to you the gifts of repentance and faith that you might become one of His "jewels."

Tithing

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most of us receive pleas in the mail to help this work or that work with our tithes, and we are urged to do so in many of the radio broadcasts. It would seem that these men do not believe in Christians giving all of their tithes into the church, but want some sent to them, or even all of it.

What are the arguments against storehouse tithing or against Christians bringing all of their tithes and offerings into their own church?

1. "People should give where the Lord leads them." We answer that the Lord leads us through or in accord with His Word. The Scriptures point us to the church in our giving. This we shall prove later.

2. It is argued that Christ ignored the local Jewish storehouse when He was upon earth and accepted support for Himself and His "evangelistic party" — as one "evangelist" recently put it. They quote Matt. 27:55 and Luke 8:3 of the women who ministered unto the Lord out of their substances. We answer that the Lord did NOT ignore the Jewish storehouse in its tithes and offerings given by the Jews. One needs no more than to read Matt. 23:23 and Mark 12:41-44 to see how He urged the Jews who tithed into the temple storehouse to continue tithing and watched with interest the tithing into the same. But His followers gave their substance to Him because they no longer belonged to the "Jew's religion," and in giving to Christ they were tithing into the church for Christ is the "Head of the church" (Col. 1:18). When we today bring our tithes to the church, we are bringing them to the Great Head of the church, who by His Spirit leads us to do so.

3. The early believers, it is objected, did not bring their tithes into the church but brought them to the apostles and laid them down at their feet (Acts 4:34-35). But we answer that the apostles were IN THE CHURCH (I Cor. 12:28) and were the TREAS-

URERS of the first church at that time (Acts 6:1-4). So they were really tithing into the church.

4. It is objected that the great evangelistic campaigns and radio broadcasts and independent missions are reaching so many souls for Christ and doing such marvels. Why should we not give our money to them? We answer for the following reasons:

1. Because the Word of God bids us give our money through the church, as we shall prove.

2. Because many of these reports, I am sorry to say, are greatly exaggerated.

3. Many, if not most, of these independent agencies compromise or completely ignore our stand of separation from modernism in the apostate World Council and National Council of Churches. They do the same to the doctrine of baptism. They are not Calvinistic nor Baptist. Naturally they do not honor the church as we do. Some of them are very loose on giving financial reports.

4. Their work is not authorized by and controlled by a New Testament church and is therefore not true New Testament evangelism.

Here is Scriptural evidence why we should give our tithes and offerings into the church to which we belong.

God's house in the Old Testament was, first of all, wherever His people met. Usually there was a stone (Gen. 28:22) or an altar there. (Gen. 4:3-4 and 8:20) or a Priest (Gen. 14:17-20).

Later the tabernacle was erected (Ex. 25-40). To it all the tithes and offerings were brought (Deut. 12:5-7).

When the temple was built in its place the tithes were brought into the temple (Neh. 13:1-14 and Mal. 3:8-10).

TODAY, IN THIS AGE, GOD'S HOUSE IS HIS CHURCH. In I Tim. 3:15 the church is called the "house of God." And they who preach the gospel are to be supported in the same manner as the Levites and priests were in the Old Testament (I Cor. 9:13-14). "BRING YE ALL THE TITHES INTO THE STOREHOUSE THAT THERE MAY BE MEAT IN MINE HOUSE" (Mal. 3:10). Where are we to bring our tithes? Into the storehouse. What is that? It is GOD'S HOUSE, which is today the church. (I Tim. 3:15).

What about these independent radio broadcasts and orphanages and revival and evangelistic campaigns and mission boards and these other movements and the evangelists? Let them be authorized and controlled by the church and receive their wages or offerings from the churches, as do pastors. Paul and Barnabas were sent forth by the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-3). After their missionary and evangelistic endeavours to that same church they returned and gave report (Acts 14:26-27). By the authority of the same church they went up to Jerusalem to the first great fellowship convention (Acts 15:1-4), and by

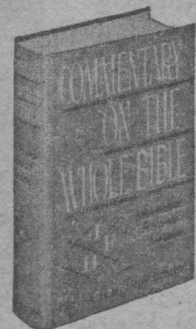
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When you are supporting Brother Fred Halliman and the mission work of New Guinea, you are supporting a man who is dealing daily with people like this and how thankful we should be for his faithfulness in preaching the gospel to them.

It has not been our custom to print the pictures of the New Guinea women due to their lack of attire. We of Calvary Baptist Church have been afraid that such pictures might be misinterpreted. However, we have had many requests and much advice given us by preachers and those who are supporters of Brother Halliman, who live at a distance, who favor the printing of these pictures (at least occasionally) so that the folk at large will know something of the social conditions of the country. It is thus that we print the pictures above, which will show you something as to how the women look, which Brother Halliman saw on his last patrol, the story of which appeared in TBE. This is the last place where Brother Halliman held services before he came home.

Fred T. Halliman

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years and many of them have moved to other areas while several have been forced by their tribal leaders to attend another mission, but be as it may we feel that there has been a weeding out process for a special purpose. This group of people has sort of been the apple of our eye. They live in a rather out of the way isolated place and always seem to appreciate the fact that we would come and spend a few days with them. Two or three years

ago quite a severe storm came through their area and blew their building down where services were held. They soon had another erected. About 4 years ago I baptized a few of them and one of our established churches sponsored them as a mission, the church sending her pastor there each week to conduct services. As time went on a few others were baptized and their number of baptized believers had grown to 25. They have also grown in grace and have a good grasp of the Word of God.

A few weeks ago they said they

felt they were ready and desired to become a church so on April 23 I met with them on that Sunday morning and organized the group into a Baptist Church and they are now known as the Yetiyama Baptist Church. They seem to be an extremely happy group of people and I was happy for them. As I was preaching to them the morning of the organization I thought several times of the first time I saw this group of folk, just a little over 7½ years ago. At that time they were about the most primitive people that I had seen and now God had saved several of them, caused them to follow our Lord in baptism and were being organized into a Baptist Church.

Beloved, as you can see we do not try to rush into things here in New Guinea. We have been preaching to and teaching this group of folk for nigh on to 8 years before we organized some of them into a church. This brings our number of Baptist Churches here on the island of New Guinea to 15. We could have had many more but with each group we try to follow the leadership of the Lord in bringing the people to the proper knowledge of a church and her functions before organizing them. Even so these folk still need our guidance and we feel that they will for a long time to come.

Until we came to this particular area of New Guinea over 8 years ago this place had been the uncontested domain of Satan and his forces for untold ages. Many people have been saved though during this time and several churches organized. The Satanic forces are not giving up easy and quite often we have a new seige of attacks but, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . Nay in all these things we are MORE than conquerors through Him that loved us." Rom. 8:35a-37a.



Three . . . Evils

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worries me because of the way it has spread into the Lord's churches. The average Baptist Church today is more interested in numbers in Sunday School, than in the preaching of the gospel. More interested in new faces in the congregation, than in preaching the old truths which will build up spiritually those they already have in their number. More interested in a fine looking building (in order to keep up with the world) than in doing mission work. More interested in a "good" testimonial meeting (in which the women who are to keep silent talk louder and longer than any man) than in the preaching of a message on the Sovereignty of God,

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and His elective grace. I might say just here, in most places the people will rise up in protest when the minister does preach on these great and wonderful truths. Yes, the most of the Baptist churches today would rather have a fellowship meeting, than to have a good, old-fashioned prayer meeting. Baptists are fast becoming numbered among the modernists.

LEGALISM: This too is a devilish thing being practiced among Baptists today. I wonder just how many congregations were told last Sunday in their preaching service, by their pastor, these very words: "Now God has done His part, so it is now time for you to do your part." Brethren, I tell you this is legalism!

GRACE is "done," law is "do." Also, I have heard words like this used in the invitation, (which some times last much longer than the sermonette) "God has done all He can to keep you out of hell. Now it is time for you to do your part, walk down this aisle, kneel here at this altar, give your heart to God, and He will save you." I say again this is legalism. This is placing the will of the sinner above the grace of God. Mister, I know that if my eternal destiny depended on anything that I could have done, or could even now do, I would still be in my sins—awaiting the judgment of Almighty God. I know that by the grace of God, Jesus Christ bore my sin on the cross, and since He paid my sin debt, I will never have to make payment myself. God will not demand payment twice, first from the Lord Jesus Christ, then from one for whom He died.

Another popular appeal used by preachers, is: "God has cast His vote for you, the Devil has cast his vote against you, and the deciding vote is yours." This reminds me of a game we played

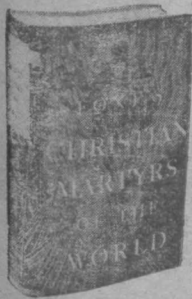
when I was a child, called "Odd-man out." Brethren, God does not do things this way. Salvation is a gift, and it is a gift given only to those whom He calls. "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Rom. 11:29.

Please do not misunderstand me. I know "Except ye repent ye shall likewise perish." I know, "Whosoever believeth on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved." This is the evidence, or fruit of the new birth, and not the cause.

BELIEVEISM: This doctrine is spreading like wild fire. Little children are urged to make a profession of faith, when they know not what they are doing. It is true that little children should be taught the Scriptures, and brought up in the fear of the Lord. Yet, if they are ever saved, God will have to save them—not the Sunday School teacher, nor the preacher. A few years ago I was called upon by my pastor at that time, to go see a man who wanted to be saved. This man had called my pastor from a cheap hotel in the red-light section of our city. And my pastor did not want to go into that part of town by himself at such a late hour (about 11:00 p. m.). I went along on what I then thought to be soul-winning. When we arrived at this man's room, we found him to be intoxicated—just plain drunk. My pastor talked with the man, asked him to pray, then told him he was already saved—all he needed to do was come to church Sunday morning, make a profession of faith and be baptized and go to work for the Lord. We never heard from the man after that.

Brethren, can't you see the evil in this kind of soul-winning? Doesn't this remind you of the words spoken by our Lord in Matt. 23:15?

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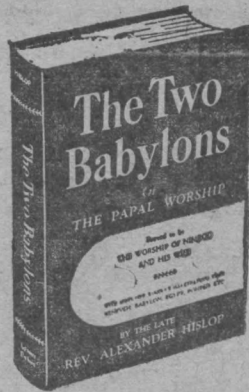
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On Friday, May 16 Bro. Bobby Overton and I left Ashland, Ky. at approximately 10:00 p.m. — destination Richmond, Va.

We drove all night and truly had a glorious season of fellowship with one another along the way. It is always a joy to me to be with Bro. Bobby and fellowship with him around God's Word.

We arrived at Richmond, Va. about 7:00 a.m. Sat., May 17. We drove to a service station, got gassed up, and used the rest room to shave, clean up, and change clothes. We then drove around the city of Richmond admiring some of the scenery for

Wilson then baptized Bro. Aaron Cox into the fellowship of Grace Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N. C. We fellowshiped for a few more short moments before saying good bye to these six beloved brethren. I believe tears were in all eyes as we said good-bye. Bro. Joe and the members of his church, Bro. Bobby, and I ate dinner together before we said our farewells to each other and parted.

Bro. Bobby and I then drove to Accokeek, Md. and spent the rest of the day and all night with Bro. Wayne Crow and his family which was once again a season of glorious fellowship. We left Bro. Crow's home Sunday morning at approximately 8:15 a. m. for our return trip home. We arrived in Ashland in time for services at Calvary Baptist Church Sunday evening. Thank God for the fellowship he gave us during the whole weekend. It is the best we will ever have this side of Heaven. I am thankful to God for his watchcare over us. We didn't even as much as have a flat tire. We are truly thankful to a sovereign God for including this trip in His plan for our lives. May God bless you.

the whole heart. Our Lord blessed us mentally, physically, materially and spiritually on our missionary endeavor. Yes, how we should praise Him for all of these blessings and for the traveling mercies He extended to us.

It was indeed a heartfelt joy to see the brethren that were in

tural Baptism." Upon completion of his message, baptism was administered to the brethren. Brother Gerald Bishop was baptized into the fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church by Bro. Pennington. Bro. Aaron Cox was baptized into the fellowship of Grace Baptist Church by Brother Joe Wilson. The administrators and the ones to whom baptism was administered showed forth the marvellous works of God, not only figuratively in baptism but also in authoritative power of baptism through the Lord's churches.

Brother Gerald Bishop said that he had been immersed by an unscriptural church. What a joy it was to see Brother Bishop and Brother Cox immersed in Scriptural baptism by the authority of (Continued on page 8, column 2)

Bro. Joe Wilson Tells Of Glorious Service In Prison

"I was in prison, and ye came unto me."—Matt. 25:36.

On Saturday, May 17th, it was my glorious privilege to visit my glorious privilege to visit fellowship, and minister once again behind prison walls in Richmond, Virginia. Words cannot express the blessings that have been

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Calvary Baptist Church:

I am thankful to my Lord for revealing the truth of His Church to me, and counting me worthy, through Christ Death, to be a member of His Body. I also thank Him for showing me I needed Scriptural baptism by a true minister of God's Word, doing what Jesus commanded in Matt. 28:19, 20. I'm convinced that true Missionary Baptist Churches are the same that He set up in His personal ministry; that the gates of Hell will not prevail against such. Amen!

After prayer, I was led to seek fellowship into the Calvary Baptist Church. I was thankful to hear, after the church voted—that I was accepted and would be baptized into this body on May 17th. Many wonderful blessings have been mine since I began to see the doctrine of grace through the teaching in our Bible class, and to see what the church was. I'm thankful for our class here; God has blessed it.

It is hard to describe the feeling I had when Bro. Don Pennington administered baptism to me in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I felt the Lord Jesus Christ's presence as never before. There was great rejoicing among us for the hour we were in service. I've never met a more wonderful people. They were lovely to me, the way they all rejoiced together, shaking hands and crying. I believe it was a sample of Heaven itself; when we all shall meet and rejoice forever in the presence of Jesus, our Saviour, who made all things to His glory. He is worthy to receive honor, glory and praise. He laid down His life that He might take it up again, and that all who trust in Him should also rise again to everlasting life.

Bro. Bobby Overton was a real blessing to me. God gave him a lovely voice to sing praises to His name. Bro. Don is a good preacher. He gave Christ all the glory and showed it was Jesus who did it all and to Him we owe our all. I want to thank you for the life-time "sub." It has been of great help to us all. Bro. Gilpin, I'm thankful for your stand in God's Holy Word. I hope to meet you and all of our church someday soon. I love your sermons in T.B.E. God bless your work. Bless you all.

Your Bro. in Christ,
Gerald Bishop

bonds behind the prison walls, rejoicing in the Lord. We all wished that our fellowship could have lasted for a few hours. Our time was limited; therefore, we had short fellowship and a short worship service. We commenced our service by singing, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." After prayer Brother Don Pennington preached a short message on "Grace." Following Brother Pennington's message, I sang, "His Eye is on the Sparrow." After I sang, Brother Joe Wilson delivered a short message on "Scrip-

N. C. Layman Praises God For Prison Ministry

Six members of the Grace Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N. C. were granted the wonderful privilege of visiting some beloved saints in the Richmond, Virginia prison, Saturday, May 17th.

We were not fully out of the



ELD. JOSEPH WILSON

mine in these three trips to the prison.

On our last previous visit, we baptized two men into our church and met a brother Gerald Bishop who was meeting in the class conducted there by Jimmy Page and Carl Harris. Brother Bishop, upon learning church truth, and checking into his previous baptism came to see that he did not have Scriptural baptism because it had not been administered by the authority of one of the Lord's true Missionary Baptist Churches. After some thought and prayer, this dear brother felt led to request baptism into Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky. When I learned of this, I desired to visit our members there and to fellowship with our dear sister (Calvary Baptist Church) and Mother Church in this service. I wrote the Chaplain requesting that some of my members and myself might be permitted to join in this service. The chaplain kindly arranged this matter for us, and which we are most grateful, and we made our plans for this trip.

During this time, we learned that another prisoner had begun to meet with the class. He did not profess to be saved, and we were requested to pray for him which we did. Then word came that God had saved this man and he was wanting to be baptized, and was praying about church membership. Then, on the day before the trip, we received word that brother Aaron Cox desired to be received into our church by baptism. So what was originally planned to be a fellowship with a sister church turned out to be more than that. Truly (Continued on page 7, column 3)



CLETUS SNYDER

car when Bro. Don Pennington and Bro. Bobby Overton drove up in front of the prison. They were coming to baptize Bro. Gerald Bishop under the authority of Calvary Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky.

We were soon met after entering the main gate of the prison by Chaplain Walter Thomas. Words cannot express our thanks for all his cooperation and courtesy. After a short time in the waiting room, the guard took us up to the chapel. What a reunion there with those that are free in Christ, yet in bonds because of sin. To fully appreciate this reunion, one must understand that in a maximum security prison, when even a member of an inmates' family comes to visit, he can only see the inmate thru bars (Continued on page 7, column 1)



ELD. DON PENNINGTON

Richmond is truly a beautiful city.

We arrived at the penitentiary at nine o'clock. As we drove up Bro. Joe Wilson and five of the members of Grace Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, N. C. were just getting out of Joe's bus. We all fellowshiped for a while there in the street, and entered the penitentiary at nine-thirty.

There we met Chaplain Walter Thomas, who was exceptionally kind to us. We were taken by Chaplain Thomas and one of the guards, who was also exceptionally nice to us, to the Chapel. As we entered the Chapel there waiting on our arrival were the following brethren. Jim Page, Carl Harris, Fred Ogle, Luther Hilton, Gerald Bishop, and Aaron Cox. After a brief season of rich fellowship we called the services to order.

I spoke briefly on "Salvation by Grace Alone" and Bro. Joe Wilson spoke on "Baptism." Bro. Bobby Overton led the singing for us and sang a solo "His Eye is on the Sparrow" which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Then I, by the authority of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky., baptized Bro. Gerald Bishop into our church. Bro. Joe

Calvary's Soloist Rejoices Over His Trip To Prison

The Scripture says, "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart. I will shew forth all thy marvellous works." (Psa. 9:1).

On May the 17th two of us



BOBBY OVERTON

brethren of Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky and five members with the pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, made a special trip to baptize two saved brethren in the state prison in Richmond, Virginia.

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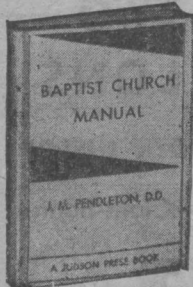
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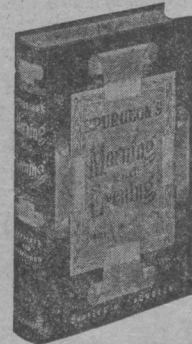
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N. C. Layman

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and can never touch him. Carl Harris, Jimmy Page, Fred Ogle, Luther Hilton and Gerald Bishop have become very dear to our church. What a joy it was to grab their hands and also to embrace them.

The prisoner can receive many letters, but can write only one letter a week and that must be written on prison stationery and only on one side. The prisoner can receive special permission to write his legal adviser and pastor. Our church has a very lively correspondence with these brethren. How thrilling it is to arrive at church early and read a letter that Bro. Joe has received. Their letters show that they are eating the meat of the word. You can see that we have grown to love these men.

We received a letter from Bro. Luther Hilton the day before going to the prison that the sixth man studying with the brethren had been saved. Also that he was praying over the matter of baptism and church membership. There just inside the chapel we saw the new babe, Bro. Aaron

Cox, for the first time — a young man who could not be much over thirty years of age, yet with a fifty year sentence over his head. No parole in sight before 1976. Sin never pays. Praise God! Now all his sins are under the blood of the Lamb! No prison can ever compare with the eternal prison, the lake of fire, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. These boys may not get out of this prison until death or the rapture; yet through the precious blood of Christ they have escaped the eternal prison forever.

The last time we were there Bro. Gerald Bishop seemed to be a bit outside the group there. But Bro. Gerald began studying the Scriptures and decided his old Campbellite baptism had not cleansed one sin, but that it was all through the blood of Christ. Bro. Bishop, who is a very close friend of Bro. Jimmy Page, felt led to join Bro. Page's church, Calvary Baptist of Ashland, Kentucky. Bro. Cox felt led to Grace Baptist.

Bro. Cox and Bro. Bishop were Scriptural candidates for baptism and church membership. Pastor Joe Wilson baptized Bro. Cox for Grace Baptist and Bro. Don Pennington baptized Bro. Bishop for Calvary Baptist. Bro. Joe kidded Bro. Don afterward that he got the best end of the deal. Bro. Bishop is a large strong man and was all Bro. Don could handle.

Brother Bishop was about as happy as you will ever see after being baptized. God bless him. He is in for a long term. He gives all appearance of being a real soldier of the cross.

Bobby Overton gave us a real treat in singing "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." Bro. Bobby has a beautiful tenor voice and from knowing him, I appreciated the song even more.

Two of the men could get out before too long. Fred Ogle and Luther Hilton. Bro. Fred is a quiet little fellow, whom to love is about the easiest thing in the world. His statement before we left was "Bro. Cletus, I hope to be with you and the church in Winston - Salem before long." Amen!

Brother Hilton lives not too many miles from Winston-Salem over in Virginia. My heart was touched as he showed me the picture of a dear wife and two children. Brother Hilton told us that the night before he was praying and some fellow nearby shouted to him that he was coming to the Bible Class Sunday morning.

The first man that we had contact with there was Brother Carl Harris. Several years ago Carl used to cut my hair. Who dreamed our paths would cross in such a manner later in life. Jimmy Page still rejoices that he was placed in the cell with Carl Harris. He did not rejoice at first but wondered why he deserved such a fanatic as a cell mate, at least until the Lord saved him. Jimmy, a young fellow is a real young Timothy. He teaches the Berean Bible Class and is assisted by Brother Carl. All under church authority.

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Some of the funnies of the trip include: Brother Joe Wilson in his barefeet before the baptism telling how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel. Carl Harris almost rolled on the floor laughing.

Our time was up and we had to leave. The prisoner brethren were supposed to gather and remain in the front of the chapel as we left. Brother Page, just kept edging on to the back with us talking. Finally, Carl called to him. Jimmy was going home with us. The thought came to me, Jimmy had no one to get him through the gates. We did. More important, Christ shall get us through the Heavenly gates.

Every man of this group was clean cut. More so than the average man on the street. They are serving prison terms for things you and I have been tempted, and mad enough to do. Paul says, "But by the grace of God I am what I am." Oh, but for the restraining grace of God I could be right there. Thanks be unto God, these men are free in Christ. Are you free or are you still in the bonds of your sins?



Joe Wilson

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God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Our church had already granted me authority to baptize any there, who might desire it, and be recommended by our members already there.

Five members of our church besides myself, Mrs. Harris (Carl's Mother) and our son, Jeff left at 5:00 a.m. Saturday on what was to be a wonderful day in the lives of all concerned — a day we will remember through time and eternity. We had blessed fellowship on the trip there. Oh! how fellowship with God's dear saints lighten the burdens of life and bless the long miles of travel. We arrived in Richmond and parked in front of the prison about 9:00. As we were unloading from the Wilson bus, The Calvary express pulled in around the corner with two precious brethren in the Lord aboard — Don Pennington and Bobby Overton. What a joy to meet these two precious brethren and have fellowship with them.

We entered through those iron bars once more, and went into the waiting room to await the Chaplain, and a guard, to escort us through two more sets of iron bars and to the prison chapel. It was not long until we were on our way, and as I promised before, our women all had very neat purses this time to show to the guards. As I walked beside the Chaplain, my heart swelled within me and I wanted to run the rest of the way. I could hardly wait to see our dear brethren who waited for us at the chapel.

Then we entered the chapel, and there they were — six men, in prison garb, waiting for us. Oh, how their faces lit up when they saw us with a "light never seen on land or sea" — a light beaming forth from the inner radiance of a Saviour's love. What a time we had! Who can describe it? We shook hands and greeted one another. Ah, now the tears come to my eyes as I remember it. I am sure that the angels looked on in wonder at the scene. Only those who were there can know fully the great blessing of that time.

Brothers and sisters: I tell you that these men in prison have a depth and a reality to their Christian experience that is mighty hard to find on the outside. These

men have been a tremendous and untold blessing to our church. Their letters to the church are devotional and doctrinal masterpieces. We can hardly read them with dry eyes. I plead with the readers of TBE to pray for these men in prison. Let me give you their addresses in case some of you care to write them, and at least pray for them. Each one would be addressed as follows:

500 S. Spring St.
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You would put their name first and in the lower left hand corner of the envelope put their number. The names and numbers are: Carl Harris — 86251; Fred Ogle — 88953; Luther Hilton — 87409; Hansel Aaron Cox — 87598. Members of Calvary Baptist Church: Jimmy Page — 87913; Gerald Bishop — 89844. These men cannot write but one letter a week, and could not answer many letters, but they would appreciate any mail they could get from you far greater than the time and expense it would take.

We soon got dressed and settled for this service. We sang a song, Brother Snyder led in prayer, and Brother Pennington spoke briefly of the "Grace of God." Then Bobby Overton sang "His Eye Is On The Sparrow." Bobby never sang better nor to a more appreciative audience.

How those prisoners did thrill to the words of that great song, as they told of a happiness and freedom that God's children have no matter what circumstances might be. God bless you, Bobby. I am sure that you will be rewarded in glory for the blessings your song brought that day.

I then spoke briefly on "Baptism," which was followed by the baptisms. Brother Don baptized Gerald Bishop first. Gerald is a big one. I thought to myself that since we were baptizing one each, I was glad Don got that giant, and I got the little one. Oh, how blessed it was as that big man came out of the water, stood there on the steps coming out of the pool and wept out of joy of his soul. Oh, if you could have been there. It was blessed beyond the power of human language to describe. Then I was privileged to baptize brother Aaron Cox into the membership of Grace Baptist Church. Surely one of the chief joys of the ministry is under the authority of one of the Lord's true churches, to administer baptism to a brother or sister in the Lord. I have never gotten over being exceedingly thrilled and blessed each time I have this privilege. How happy Brother Cox was as he came from the water which speaks pictorially of the glorious gospel of the death, burial, and resurrection of our blessed Lord.

Those of us who had participated in the baptisms changed clothes, and we came back out to greet in love the newly baptized members of two of the Lord's greatest churches. We tried to sing as we shook hands, but gave it up after one verse. We just laughed, and cried, and praised myself about the work Jimmy and I fellowshiped for the short

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time left to us.

Then it was time to separate. Sad, yet so filled with blessing that the sadness was somewhat lost in blessing. The men stood at the front of the chapel as we walked out. We would take a few steps and turn and wave and they would wave. A few more steps and turn and wave and they would wave—again and again—we waved and called out to one another. "God bless you." Then we were gone — gone through those three sets of bars into the outside freedom, which God in His sovereignty had given us. Six men were left behind — to wait for parole, or a finished sentence, or the Rapture whichever comes first. But they were six men who had a freedom — a joy — a blessedness that few outside those walls know anything about.

After leaving the prison, all of us lunched together and then separated. Don and Bobby heading north to visit with Brother Wayne Crow, and we headed for home. We had great fellowship on the way home, as we talked over the wondrous events of the day, and the blessings of our sovereign God.

I wish you could have been there. I wish you could have heard the Chaplain tell Don and I myself about the work Jimmy and I fellowshiped for the short

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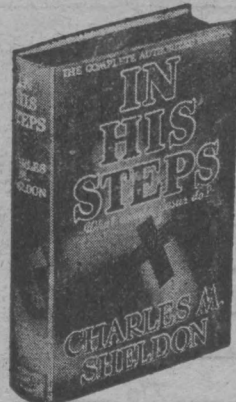
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Yours in Christ,
Larry J. Killion
(Washington)

Joe Wilson

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Page was doing in the class there, and how some young men in the prison followed Jimmy around asking him questions—how these men met to study—how these men had such a wonderful and powerful testimony in the prison. The chaplain said he expected to see us back again soon because of the testimony of these men to the unsaved around them. I wish you could have heard Luther tell how on Friday night, he was praying about the service on Saturday, and one of the prisoners heard him, and told him that he would be at the class next Sunday.

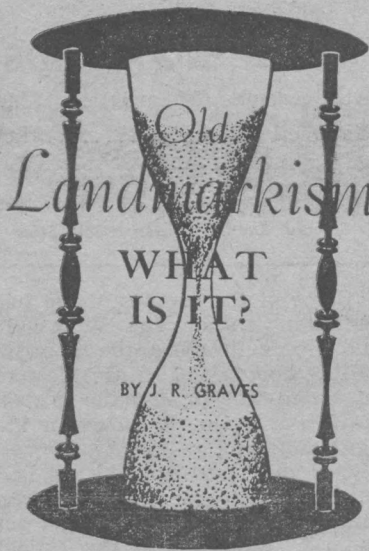
God bless the six men — God bless you: Carl, Luther, Fred, Aaron, Jimmy, and Gerald. God keep you close to Him. God bless you and use you there to His glory, and to the salvation of lost

men, and the instruction of saved men. You men are missionaries on a needy mission field. May God use you there as He sees fit, and in His own time release you and send you home. And men, while you are there, and while you study and pray — seemingly more than most out here do — pray for your churches, and their pastors, and for the readers of TBE (the greatest paper in print). I am praying for you. Grace Baptist Church never has a service when we do not pray for you. God bless you men. God bless us all.

Calvary's Soloist

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the Lord's true churches. I can not find any place in the Word of God where a saved person can be called a Christian in a Christ like manner in his practical walk of life until first he has been Scripturally baptized. In order to be Christ like, or follow the example of Christ, one must first be baptized by authoritative power from on high. Christ received Scriptural baptism at the hand of John the Baptist. When Christ left this earth to go on high, He sent His authoritative power into His organized church that He left in the world. We read:

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unto THEM, saying, all power is given unto me in heaven, and in earth. 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." (Matt 28: 18-20).

Yes, the brothers that administered baptism, and the brethren to whom baptism was administered were showing forth the marvellous works of God because they were doing His will through the church, and the Bible says, "Unto him be glory IN the CHURCH by Christ Jesus throughout all ages world without end." (Eph. 3:21).

Tithing

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the authority of the church at Corinth they were to handle the money for the poor saints in famine-stricken Jerusalem. (I Cor. 16:1-4).

BRETHREN, THE CLOSER WE GET TO CHRIST AND HIS DOCTRINES THE CLOSER WE WILL GET TO THE CHURCH! I plead with every one of you to follow the pattern of the holy Word of God in both Old and New Testament — BRING YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD, THE CHURCH.

Hindrance

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A liar can by faith be saved from falsehood, but then he leaves off lying and is careful to speak the truth. Anyone can see that he cannot be saved from being a liar, and yet go on in his old style of deceit and untruthfulness. A person who is at enmity with another will be saved from that feeling of enmity by believing in the Lord Jesus; but if he vows that he will still cherish the feeling of hate, it is clear that he is not saved from it, and equally clear that he has not believed in the Lord Jesus unto salvation. The great matter is to be delivered from the love of sin, this is the sure effect of trust in the Saviour; but if this effect is so far from being desired that it is refused, all talk of trusting in the Saviour for salvation is an idle tale. To pretend to trust Christ to save you from sin while you are still determined to continue in it, is making a mock of Christ. I pray my reader not to be guilty of such profanity. Let him not dream that the Holy Jesus will be the patron of iniquity. If the sinner will keep his sin, he must die in it; if he is willing to be rescued from his sin, the Lord Jesus is able to do it if he commits his case to his care.

What then is your darling sin?

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Is it any gross wrong doing? Then very shame should make you cease from it. Is it love of the world, or fear of men, or longing for evil gains? Surely, none of these things should reconcile you to living in enmity with God, and beneath his frown. Is it a human love, which is eating like a canker into the heart? Can any creature rival the Lord Jesus? Is it not idolatry to allow any earthly thing to compare for one instant with the Lord God? "Well," said one, "for me to give up the particular sin by which I am held captive, would be to my serious injury in business, would ruin my prospects, and lessen my influence in many ways." If it be so, you have your case met by the words of the Lord Jesus, who bids you to pluck out your eyes, and cut off your hand or foot, and cast it from you, rather than be cast into hell. It is better to enter life with one eye, with the poorest prospects, than to keep all your hopes, and be out of Christ. Better be a lame believer than a leaping sinner. Better be in the rear rank for life in the army of Christ than lead the van and be a chief officer under the command of Satan. If you will win Christ, it will little matter what you lose. No doubt many have had to suffer that which has maimed and lamed them for this life; but if they have thereby entered into eternal life, they have been great gainers. It comes to this, my friend, as it did with John Bunyan; a voice now speaks to you and says — WILT THOU KEEP THY SIN AND GO TO HELL? or LEAVE THY SIN AND GO TO HEAVEN?

The point should be decided before you leave the spot. In the name of God, I ask you, which will it be — Christ and salvation, or the favorite sin and damnation? There is no middle course. Waiting or refusing to decide will practically be a sure decision for the evil one. He that stands questioning whether he will be honest or not, is already out of the straight line; he that does not know whether he wishes to be cleansed from sin gives evidence of a foul heart. If you are anxious to give up every evil way, our Lord Jesus will enable you to do so at once. His grace has already changed the direction of your desires. Therefore, rest on him to strengthen you to battle with temptations as they arise, and to fulfill the Lord's commands from day to day. The Lord Jesus is great at making the lame man leap as an hart, and in enabling those who are sick of the palsy to take up their bed and walk. He will make you able to conquer the evil habit. He will even cast the devil out of you. Yes, if you had seven devils, He could drive them out at once; there is no limit to His power to cleanse and sanctify. Now that you are willing to be made whole, the great difficulty is removed. He that has set the will right can arrange all your other powers,

and make them over to His praise. You would not have earnestly desired to quit all sin if He had not secretly inclined you in that direction. If you now trust Him, it will be clear that He has begun a good work in you, and we feel assured that He will carry it on.

Three . . . Evils

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"Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves." Yes, there are many "isms" but none of these can satisfy the need of poor lost sinners. Only the grace of God, which is God having favor toward those who merit His dis-favor, can enable men to stand before Him on that great day of the Lord.

California Message

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I said, "what?" He said, "you are going to tell me my baptism is no good." I said, "how did you know?" He said, "by what you have been preaching, and besides, I have been reading the Baptist Examiner. This man was brother Fred Connery of Wenatchee, Wash. Just another example of the ministry of the Examiner which I thought would bless your heart."

Blessings on you,
A. A. Harris
(California)

God Seeks . . . Saves

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