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JOHN R. RICE - A HERETIC

By JOSEPH WILSON
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I am writing a series of articles on the above subject. The articles will be partly a review in general of Rice's position on the doctrines

For quite sometime the editor of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has known John R. Rice, the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, quite intimately — for nearly forty years to be exact.

During this period of time he has never been sound on the church nor the doctrines of grace. He holds a universal, invisible position relative to the church, and he mutilates the doctrines of election and predestination. He denies entirely the limited atonement and irresistible grace.

We consider him one of the rankest heretics in America today.

Within the last several months we have had many letters from our readers asking that we challenge the heretical position which he has espoused, especially his position relative to the limited atonement, and due to limited time to prepare such articles, I have asked Brother Joe Wilson, who is far more capable than I in doing so, to prepare these articles.

Brother Rice has made it appear that a truce has been declared between THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and him, although he admits we have handled him pretty roughly in the past.

We want it definitely understood that there is no truce, and that we despise everything he stands for relative to the church and the doctrines of grace that is contrary to the Word of God.

He has made much of a letter which he says was sent him — a letter of apology for what we have said about him in the past. We want it to be distinctly known that THE BAPTIST EXAMINER has never apologized to him for anything, and that any letter that he possesses of like nature does not represent the position of Calvary Baptist Church, THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, nor the editor of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

While we respect Brother Rice personally, we want it to be definitely known that we are positively opposed to all of his heresies, which are most numerous, and because of this, we present this series of articles by way of an expose of one of the most dangerous heretics in America today.

of grace, and mainly, in particular a review of articles dealing with this subject in the June 13, and January 31, articles by Rice in his paper, The Sword of the Lord. This first article will deal mostly with the general position

of Rice on these doctrines.

It is to be clearly understood that this article is not an attack on the personal character of John R. Rice. I know very little about the man personally. I assume that he is a clean-living upright man in his personal life. This is not an attack upon a questioning of his personal salvation. I have read much in the writings of Rice. I believe that he is a saved man, although my belief in this does not settle the matter at all. I am glad to call him, Brother Rice, and expect to see him with the saved in glory. This is not an attack on the whole of Rice's doctrinal beliefs. Rice is very sound in much of his writings. I have read many of his sermons and articles with much delight and, I believe, spiritual profit. I admire and agree with his stand on many of the doctrines of the Bible and the issues of the day.

This series of articles is an examination of Rice's position on the doctrines of grace. On these doctrines, along with the doctrines of the church, Rice is a heretic. He is utterly and completely wrong on these truths. His position on the doctrines of grace is diametrically opposed to the Word of God and to the historic position of sound Baptist Churches. I desire to be clearly understood and accurately represented as to this article.

Now, John R. Rice is a man in a position of wide influence. Through his paper and his leading position among union evangelists, he exercises great power in a wide circle. With multiplied thousands of folk, John Rice represents the last word on any religious subject. With many of them, when Rice has spoken, none else will be listened to and (Continued on page 6, column 1)

A Few Of The Problems Of F.T.H. In Serving The Lord

By FRED T. HALLIMAN
New Guinea Missionary

Greetings to each of you in the name of the Lord.

There is an old proverb that goes something like this, "When it rains it pours," meaning that when one starts having troubles seemingly everything happens at once. This past week has been one of those weeks that it has really poured around here. First of all it has literally poured insofar as rain is concerned. This time of year is supposed to be our driest season, yet we have had over 14 inches of rain in the last month. The past two weeks has been about as heavy a rainfall as we have had for any two consecutive weeks since we have been in this area.

The heavy rainfall here of late has caused the roads to get soft and some places almost impassable. To mention only a few things, plane service has been

something to be desired here of late. About two weeks ago I noted that we were getting quite



FRED T. HALLIMAN

low on kerosene so I ordered some and with some other supplies I made up a charter load for a Cessna aircraft. It was (Continued on page 8, column 4)

THE FORGOTTEN FUNDAMENTALS OF PRESENT FUNDAMENTALISM

BOB NELSON
Ada, Michigan

Present day Christianity is usually divided into two groups, namely, liberalism and fundamentalism. The fundamentalist supposedly believes the whole Bible to be the inspired, authoritative Word of God, while the liberal makes man's opinion as the final authority. The fundamentalist may say he believes the whole Bible but he will reduce its whole teachings into a half-dozen doctrinal statements and then only preach this. He claims that this is the gospel of Jesus Christ when in reality he only has a modern day "mini-gospel." He defends his position by calling these six statements "essential" and the rest of the teachings in Scriptures as "non-essential." This explanation may sound very appealing to the average easy-going Christian but it has some serious implications. One would

surmise that God made a mistake in placing these "non-essential" truths in His written revelation when they have such little value. The Calvinistic-Baptist prefers to say that all of God's truth is of importance. Some truths are of a primary importance while others may be secondary but surely none of God's revelation can be classified as "non-essential."

The purpose of this brief article is not to haggle over what truths



BOB NELSON

are of primary or secondary importance but rather to expose the fundamentalists as not being fundamental. In other words, the fundamentalist has forgotten to preach the fundamentals. I am only going to deal with just one basic truth, or should I say one fundamental, which has to do with THE PERSON OF GOD. There can be no argument here. This is a foundational truth. If a man is in error as to whom God is, then he has made an irreparable error. A. W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." There- (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"EPITAPHS"

"Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale; for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance; and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place."—II Sam. 18:18.

Through the years, I have been interested in reading epitaphs on tombstones. I have visited some unusual cemeteries. I suppose the one that stands out most in my mind as the most unusual, is the one in Danville, Kentucky, where the early settlers of Kentucky are buried, and the one that stands out second highest in my

mind is the one in West Virginia where Devil Anse Hatfield was buried. I have been to both of these, and have spent considerable time observing the epitaphs that appear upon those tombstones.

My text is the only reference in the Bible that I know as to tombstones. Actually, Absalom had erected his own stone while he was yet living. He did it because as he said, "I don't have any son to keep my name alive after me, so I'll build a shaft here in the king's dale, and I'll name it after myself, in order to keep that my name alive in the land of Israel."

As I say, I have been interested through the years in regard to a number of tombstones I have seen, and I have picked up a number of epitaphs. Some of them are humorous and some of them are serious. Before I get into my message, I'll call attention to some of these epitaphs.

Here is a rather humorous one: "Here I lie and No wonder I'm dead I fell from a tree Down on my head."

Here is a second one, which comes from out in the territory that Marshall Dillon patrolled: (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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"Dead-Eye
Steve O'Hara
Killed 1875
Red-Eye ruined
His dead-eye
And he was killed
In a fair fight."

Here is a third one taken from
a tombstone in Enosberg, Ver-
mont:

"Here lies the body of our
Anna
Done to death by a banana
It wasn't the fruit that laid
her low
But the skin of the thing
that made her go."

Here is one taken from a tomb-
stone in Canaan, New Hampshire:

"Sarah Shute
1803-1840
Here lies, cut down like
unripe fruit
The wife of Deacon Amos
Shute.
She died of drinking too
much coffee
Anno Domini Eighteen
forty."

Here is one from Dodge City,
Kansas:

"Mule Skinner
Pete
He made the
mistake of not
keeping his eye
on the mule."

Here is one from Tombstone,
Arizona:

Here
lies
Lester Moore
Four slugs
from a .44
No Les
No Moore

Here is one that was found in
Boot Hill:

"Shoot-Em-Up Jake
Run for Sheriff 1872
Run from Sheriff 1876
Buried 1876"

Here is one that I picked up
about forty years ago from the
Triple A Magazine, and it is very
appropriate:

"Here lies the bones of
Edwin Grey
Who died defending his
right-o-way
He was right, dead right,
as he sped along
But he's just as dead as
though he had been
wrong."

Back during World War II I
read this one:

"Here lies Maud, an Army
mule,
Who in her lifetime kicked
511 privates, 210 sergeants,
73 lieutenants, 10 captains,
3 generals, and 1 bomb."

I think the one that has been
the most impressive to me is one
that I picked up in Virginia a
number of years ago. When the
hundred maidens came from Eng-
land to marry the lonely settlers
that had settled the colony of
Virginia, one of them evidently
became a wonderful wife, for
when she died, her husband
erected this stone in her memory:

"She touched the soil of Vir-
ginia with her little foot and
the wilderness became a
home."

As I say, I have been interested
through the years in the inscrip-
tions on these tombstones, and I
have found in the Word of God
some passages of Scripture that
I think would be most suitable
epitaphs to go on tombstones. I
would like to call attention to ten
that I think would make good
epitaphs for tombstones.

I

"Thirty and two years old was
he when he began to reign, and he
reigned in Jerusalem eight years,
and departed without being de-
sired."—II Chron. 21:20.

This is a reference to Jehoram
who became king of Jerusalem
and reigned there for eight years.
Then it says he departed without
being desired. Literally, the
Scripture says that he died and
nobody cared anything about him.

Years ago, I preached a sermon
from this text of Scripture, and
I entitled it: "The Man Nobody
Missed." This man Jehoram was
just such an individual—nobody
missed him.

This reminds me of the two old
timers who met, who hadn't seen
each other for a number of years,
and they began reminiscing. They
talked about various old friends.
One of them made mention of
one fellow that had died, and
the other said, "What was the
complaint?" By that he meant,
"What was wrong with him?" The
answer was, "There weren't no
complaints—everybody was com-
pletely satisfied."

I think that is the story as far
as Jehoram was concerned. He
died without being desired —

without any complaints — every-
body was satisfied.

I say to you, that passage of
Scripture is one that should be
put on the tombstone of many
a Baptist: "He died and nobody
missed him." I know of Baptists
by the hundreds that never go
to church, or rarely ever go. At
best, they are two or three tim-
ers; they go Christmas, Easter,
and to funerals, but other than
that, they rarely ever go to church.

I ask you, if you were to die
today, would it be appropriate
to put on your tombstone: "This
is the man nobody missed?" When
you and I are gone, it doesn't
matter what people do, or what
they say, or what they think
about us, but I would hate to
think that when I have lived my
life, that I could die and that
I wouldn't be missed by any-
body.

I think of the member of a
Baptist Church who doesn't at-
tend church regularly. I think of
the individual that does not tithe.
I think of that individual who
does not come to prayer service,
and mingle his voice in prayer
before God. I think of those who
are concerned about the things
of the world, and all kinds of
worldly activities, who never
show any concern relative to
spiritual things. I say to you,
that person can die, and never
be missed by the members of
the church of which he is a
member.

II

"Lay not up for yourselves
treasures upon earth, where moth

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For the Undertaker

and rust doth corrupt, and where
thieves break through and steal;
But lay up for yourselves treas-
ures in heaven, where neither
moth nor rust doth corrupt, and
where thieves do not break
through nor steal. For where your
treasure is, there will your heart
be also."—Mt. 6:19-21.

This text says that where your
treasure is, there your heart will
be also. Do you have your heart
centered on the kingdom of God,
or is your heart centered on the
things of this world?

This is a marvelous text. Let's
get the background of it. Wealth
in the days of Jesus was not
measured like it is today. It was
measured in terms of three
things: gold, silver, and clothing.
Man was judged by the amount
of gold, or silver, or number of
changes of clothes that he had.
Therefore this text says: "Lay not
up for yourselves treasures upon
earth, where moth and rust doth
corrupt, and where thieves break
through and steal." Moths get
into the clothing, and rust gets
onto the metal of money. The
Lord Jesus Christ said, "Don't
lay up treasures here in this
world, but let your treasures be
laid up yonder where neither
moth, nor rust, nor thieves break
through."

I have felt within the past
year's time particularly about
how we are all concerned about
what we have by way of clothes,
or bank accounts, or automobiles,
or property. I think the saddest
thing that comes to my mind to-
day is the fact that every member
of Calvary Baptist Church is a
home-owner. Now it is good for
a person to own his own home.
In fact, a person ought to have
three homes. He ought to have
an earthly home, he ought to have

Why I Want To Attend The 1969 Bible Conference



ELDER MILBURN COCKRELL

Each year I always look forward to the annual Bible Con-
ference sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church and pastor
John R. Gilpin on Labor Day weekend. Last year was my first
time to attend, but it will not be my last. The topics are al-
ways timely, inspiring and informative. The conference is
also a source of encouragement for there you see and meet
many from all over who are of like precious faith. The seeing
of old friends is a foretaste of Heaven. Then there is the heart-
warming songs sung in the spirit. The meeting is truly a re-
freshing from the presence of the Lord.

There is no place I had rather be on Labor Day weekend
than at the Calvary Bible Conference. God willing, I will be
there again this year.

Milburn Cockrell
Dorsey, Mississippi

a church home, and he ought to
have a Heavenly home. One of
the saddest things I know is that
the majority of the members of
our church have an earthly home,
and they spend a lot of time and
effort and money on that earthly
home, rather than having their
minds centered on their Heav-
enly home.

Are you concerned about ma-
terial things? Or are you con-
cerned about spiritual things? I
know lots of people, although
they are Baptists, it would be
well to say on their tombstone
that they had their minds on
material things; they had laid up
their wealth on this earth, where
moth and rust corrupts, and
thieves break through and steal.
I am not saying it doesn't take
money to live. I am not saying
it doesn't take money to buy
electric washing machines and
appliances, such as all of us have.
I am not saying it is wrong to
have all these things, but I am
saying it is wrong to have these
things, if we don't put the king-
dom of God first in our lives.

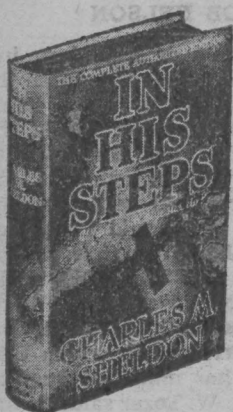
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"The law of truth was in his
mouth, and iniquity was not
found in his lips; he walked with
me in peace and equity, and did
turn many away from iniquity."
—Mal. 2:6.

I consider this as one of the
greatest of verses to describe the
life of the man whose life has
been lived for the glory of God.

I had a great friend several
years ago — one of the best
friends THE BAPTIST EXAM-
INER has ever had. I considered
him the closest friend that I ever
had in my life. I think I could
say concerning him that the law
of truth was in his mouth. I
believe that he loved the Word
of God more than any layman
I have ever known. Iniquity was
not found in his lips. He was as
honest as the day is long. He
walked with the Lord in peace
and equity. Nobody ever looked
upon T. B. Grissom without real-
izing that he was a man who
was walking with the Lord, in
peace with Him. As this text
says, he likewise did turn many
away from iniquity.

After Brother Grissom died, I
put a picture in THE BAPTIST
EXAMINER of him and me. The
picture was made at his home
the last time I saw him alive.
When I put that picture in the
paper, I quoted this passage of
Scripture in connection with it.
Three people wrote me the week
following the going out of that
paper, saying, "Brother Gilpin,
that passage of Scripture was
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"Epitaphs"

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true in my experience, for he was the man who turned me to God, and away from iniquity."

I tell you, beloved, a man has to be a mighty good Christian, a mighty devout saint, and an exceedingly good man to deserve this text of Scripture on his tombstone. I think with the majority of us, that that would be a mockery. I think with the majority of us, it would be completely irrelevant. Mighty few individuals would live a life that it could be said that the law of truth was in his mouth, iniquity was not found in his lips, he walked with God in peace and equity, and as a result, his life turned men away from iniquity.

Would to God that when you leave here, you will go out to live in such a way that when you die, your pastor can use this text when he preaches your funeral. Would to God that you might go away from here this morning, saying, "Lord, give me grace to live so that when I die, Brother Gilpin can read this text at my funeral, and that it could be a true statement so far as my life is concerned. Would to God that I could live my life in such a way to merit this as an inscription upon my tombstone.

IV

"The Son of man goeth as it is written of him; but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It had been good for that man if he had not been born."—Mt. 26:24.

I don't know where the body of Judas Iscariot is resting. However, I know one thing: his soul is not at rest. But wherever the body of Judas is, there ought to be a tombstone erected, and it ought to be said on that tombstone: "It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

Every man who dies without Jesus Christ ought to have this on his tombstone. If you are unsaved and die without Jesus Christ, it ought to be erected on your tombstone that it would have been good if you had never been born. The fact of the matter is, it would be better not to be born at all, than not to be born twice.

I think of some of you that come here to church Sunday after Sunday. Some of you have been attending church year after year, and you are still in your sins.

If you died this morning, I would have to stand beside your casket to say, "It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

I say to you, it would have been better to have never been born unless you are born again and thus become a child of God.

V

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."—Dan. 12:3.

In the church where I grew up as a boy, there were a number of memorial windows that had been purchased by the families of various individuals that had died. Those memorial windows carried a brief message about each individual. I remember there was one window that was dedicated to the memory of an old Baptist preacher who had lived the generation just before me. After his death, his family purchased this window, and inscribed were these words: "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever."

I ask you, have you ever turned a man to righteousness? Have you ever been used by God to lead one soul to Jesus Christ? The majority of professing Christians wouldn't be able to say that they had ever led a single one to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was making a call in a home several years ago, and a woman whom I thought was one of the best women I've ever known, said, "Brother Gilpin, the grief of my life is, I couldn't put my finger on one person that I have ever led to Jesus Christ within my life."

Of course she didn't know all she had done. She may have been an influence that she didn't realize, but so far as she was concerned, she didn't know one individual that she had been the means of bringing to Jesus Christ.

I am satisfied that what was true of that dear soul is true of many a child of God. This text says that they that turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

One night, several years ago, I preached at a church not too far from Fort Gay, W. Va. I was by myself and as I came home that night, it was one of the

most beautiful moonlight, starry nights that I can remember. I remember driving back with the moon shining down so placidly above, and with the stars, as they took their place as the golden sentinels of the night, looking down upon me. I remember how this passage of Scripture came to my mind, and I said, "What an honor it would be for a person to be able to turn men to righteousness, that the Word of God could say concerning him, that such a man would shine as the brightness of the firmament."

Beloved, it ought to be the desire of every one of us, but the

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majority of us have never had that experience of seeing a soul saved. As the song says:

"Must I go, and emptyhanded,
Thus my dear Redeemer meet?
Not one day of service give
Him,

Lay no trophy at His feet?

"Must I go, and emptyhanded?
Must I meet my Saviour so?
Not one soul with which to
greet Him:
Must I empty-handed go?"

Would to God that when the time comes for you to go from this world that you won't go empty-handed, but you'll have some trophy to lay at the feet of the Lord. I can't think of any Scripture in the Bible that should be more challenging, or more encouraging, or more inspiring to make a man or a woman who is a Christian, want to live for the Lord than this one, due to the fact of what might be said concerning your life when you die.

VI

"She hath done what she could."
—Mark 14:8.

This is the story of Mary of Bethany. She had anointed the feet of Jesus Christ. Judas Iscariot, along with the balance of the disciples, thinking materially from the standpoint of money, said, "Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?" Three hundred pence was about the amount of money a man made in a year's time. Actually, it was about \$51.00. You say that Mary of Bethany had been extravagant, in that she had spent a man's wages for a year, to buy ointment that she might crush that alabaster box, and anoint the feet of Jesus for His burial? Jesus did not consider it a waste, as

He said, "She hath done what she could."

I think of many a woman today, who because of her marriage, maybe out of the will of the Lord, when she marries, may be handicapped and hindered in her service for the Lord. Maybe she hasn't been able to do much. Maybe, because of her marriage, she has been terribly handicapped and exceedingly hindered in her service to the Lord. Maybe she hasn't even been able to attend services because of the influence of her husband. Maybe she hasn't been able to tithe. Maybe she hasn't been able to serve the Lord as she should. Oh, how marvelous it would be to write on the tombstone of that woman who has been faithful to the best of her ability: "She hath done what she could."

Many years ago I preached a funeral for a woman that certainly hadn't been able to live as she wanted to live, as a result of her husband. The fact is, he wasn't concerned about spiritual things — he forbade her to go to church, or to give any money to the church, or to serve the Lord. When I came to preach the funeral, he was sitting right in front of me. I told how she had been restricted in life, and how she had been hindered in her service for the Lord. I said, "The greatest thing that could be said of her was, 'She hath done what she could.'"

You say that is pretty rough,

a man grieving over his wife, to make a statement like that. That is just my disposition, beloved. I felt that if a man ever deserved a rebuke, it was he. The only time I would ever have a chance to give it to him was then. I knew he would never be back to services again, and I figured the time to say this was then. I said, "She hath done what she could."

Maybe you are handicapped, maybe you are restricted, because of something that I know nothing about, or others know nothing about. Maybe you are restricted in your service to the Lord. Just do the best you can, and let your life count for God to the best of your ability, so that when you come to die, it would be appropriate to put on your tombstone: "She hath done what she could."

VII

"And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus."—John 1:37.

Here were men who followed Jesus because they heard John speak. Lots of people speak, but never cause people to follow Jesus. There are people who talk a lot, but they never cause people to follow Jesus. There are lots of people day by day that use language that doesn't cause people to follow Jesus. But it is said of these two disciples that they heard him speak and they followed Him.

I tell you, beloved, you and I (Continued on page 5, column 4)

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"Please explain I Tim. 3:2 and 12. Do these Scriptures say or mean the bishop or deacon must have only one wife at a time, or one wife since the man was saved? Does the fact that all the past sins of the saved are forgiven alter the case here? Were not all future sins blotted out as well?"

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Whenever we study the Scripture we must interpret it as it is. I am sure that there will be questions that can be found that might seem to be problems. We cannot let the "if" questions that might come up bother us.

I repeat, and I will continue to stand by this, the passage here referred to does NOT say that a man who has been divorced cannot be a preacher.

"... The husband of one wife..." (vs 2) simply means one wife at a time. He cannot be a bigamist. He cannot have two or more wives at a time. We have pointed out before that those who "fuss" about their idea of this verse are not consistent. These same people do not insist that the preacher be BLAMELESS or of good behavior. They do not object to ordaining a man who is not married at all, yet it says he must be the husband of one wife. They do not insist that the preacher be the father of children, yet it says, "One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)" (I Tim. 3:4, 5). It seems to me that this verse should be worthy of more fret and concern even than the five words of verse 2 (the husband of one wife). How can an unmarried man, or a man without children, or a man with just one baby who isn't old enough to be in subjection, be able to pastor a church?

Now, don't misunderstand me, I am not advocating this. I am merely pointing out that a consistent person will not take one part and dwell on it without being just as insistent of the rest of the passage.

Let us remember, when we read these qualifications we must not say that this is a criteria that MUST be met before we can accept a man as a bishop. These verses in I Timothy 3 are simply showing us the high calling of the bishop and that he has certain things that cannot be broken. In other words, if a servant of God is married he must have only one wife. If your pastor has children he should not let them get out of hand. In other words, a bishop, like any other husband, must be the head of his house. "For the husband is the head of the wife..." (Eph. 5:23). These passages in I Timothy 3 are only passages that show what must be considered wherever it applies. (The preacher with children should keep them under subjection.)

Yes, all of our sins, past, present, and future, are forgiven. If God forgives a person, we ought not to hold his sins against him.

As for the question relative to the house it is unfortunate any time that there is a broken home. One of the things that is bad is the fact that any children in a divorce case are hurt.

When I talk about Scriptural grounds for divorce, I am not advocating it. I do not think that we should try to get a divorce just because there are Scriptural grounds given. We should try to do everything we can to keep from having a broken home. "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, let not the wife depart from her husband... But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace." (I Cor. 7:10-15)

As to the problem when it does exist, what are we to do? If there should happen to be a preacher who has two families, the product of Scriptural divorce, then we must say that the "house" referred to would be the one which he now has. This is not saying that he is not responsible to support the children of his former home, but the criteria of verse 4 would have to mean his present home.

I hope that this will help settle these questions that are arising concerning the qualifications of a preacher. Remember the main qualification is that he be a saved man, called of God, separated by the Holy Ghost, and set apart by the church.

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The scriptures very clearly and definitely declare that a bishop or deacon must be the husband of one wife. I have failed to read where the Bible says he must have only one wife since he was saved. Since I cannot find Scriptural evidence that he must have only one wife since he was saved, it is my belief that these verses are teaching that a bishop or deacon must have one wife at a time. The qualifications of these two offices in the church do not take into consideration one's past deeds; that is, what each was before he was saved, or what he once was after he was saved. They are dealing with the present condition and standing as members of the body of Christ (Baptist).

Brethren, we must be very careful and fair to all men. The only way by which we can judge

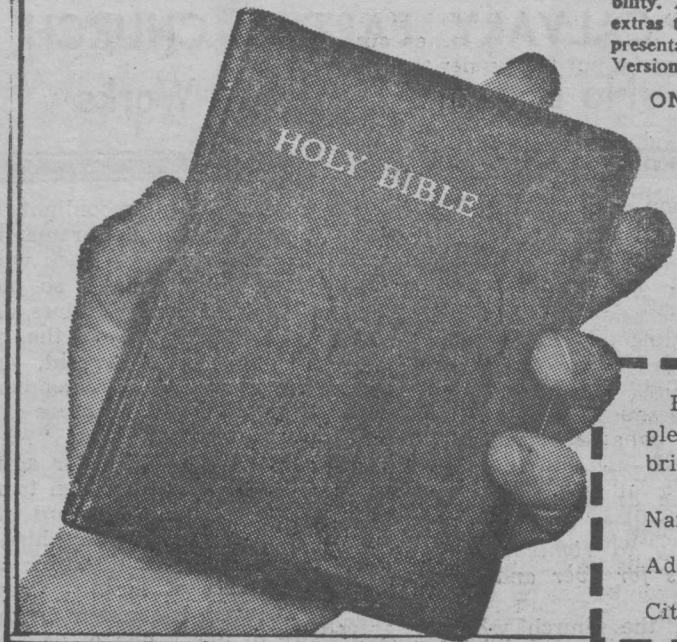
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among the brethren regarding these two offices is to apply as much emphasis, to one qualification, as another. We should not place more emphasis on the husband of one wife, than on not given to too much wine, or not a novice. We do not go into a man's past life and question him as to his meeting all the qualifications of I Tim. 3. If we did, there is not one preacher that could pass the examination. Recently the Arabia Baptist Church ordained a man as a bishop who at one time was given to much wine. When the church was considering calling him, she didn't delve into his past life to judge him on his past deeds. In questioning him, we did not ask him how many times he had been drunk. We were not interested in what he once was; rather what he was at the time the church called him. The same is true of the qualification "husband of one wife." I do not believe we have anymore right to ask him how many times he has been married than we do to ask him how many times he has been drunk. Had this one whom the Arabia church ordained been a drunkard at the time the church considered his desire to be a bishop she would not have ordained him. This is also true of those with more than one wife. If they have more than one wife at the time they are considered, then their desires should be turned down.

The fact that all of our past sins are forgiven does not alter this case. It is a fact that all of our future sins were blotted out when Jesus paid in full the demands of the court in Heaven. In fact, all of the sins of God's elect were in the future when Jesus Christ made the covenant with the Father to die for them. The time of this covenant was drawn up before Satan had ever entered the Garden of Eden. This blood covenant was so sure that God considered it as already fulfilled.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you." I Pet. 1:18-20.

Thus, in the mind of God, Adam's sin was paid for before he became a sinner. This is true of us all. Therefore, it would be improper to base the calling of a bishop or deacon on the fact that Jesus Christ forgave him of all past sins, for his sins were fu-

ture when the ransom was paid. From these remarks, may I re-iterate that for the qualifications of bishops and deacons, we are to judge him on what he is at the present—not his past deeds.

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My understanding of this passage is that a bishop or deacon must not be a polygamist. In many mission fields the natives practice having a number of wives. Polygamy is the accepted custom. The missionary is up against the necessity of eliminating this among Christians, and certainly a native pastor or deacon must not have a string of wives.

But what about a pastor or deacon in our own country? Does divorce and remarriage utterly disqualify him? I should think that what Jesus taught about divorce would apply to him as well as others. And what did Jesus say? He says, (Matt. 19:9) "Whosoever shall put away his wife EXCEPT IT BE FOR FORNICATION, and shall marry another committeth adultery."

Opinions may differ, but I do not believe that a person's mixed-up and wicked life before conversion should be counted against him. If God has cleansed such and removed his sins, who are we to seek to call up the past against him?

True, Christ has become the bearer of our sins of the future, and that is the primary reason as to why Christians do not "fall from grace" and lose their salvation, but that does not give us the right to presume on God's grace such that we sin presumptuously.

As to which "house" is meant in I Tim. 3:4, it seems to me that the questioner just about answered his own question when he said, "How can the children of a bishop or deacon be in subjection

to the same living in different households?"

It just doesn't seem reasonable or right that the Scripture here given relates to persons who have been identified with a number of broken homes. If a man does not know how to run his own house successfully such that it holds together, "how shall he take care of the church of God?" (I Tim. 3:5). It is one thing to be a saved person—it is another to be placed in responsible leadership.

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In the several years the Forum has been a part of The Baptist Examiner we have been called upon to deal with this particular qualification of a preacher a number of times, but I do not recall our having ever been given a question concerning any of the many other qualifications. I have known Baptist preachers who, it seemed to me, put too much value on money and other things of the world. I have known others who were careless about paying their debts. Forty years ago I was a bookkeeper in the office of the largest music house in Birmingham, and I would feel like hanging my head in shame when the credit manager would say to me that preachers were the company's poorest risks. I have known other Baptist preachers whose word I would not believe even under oath. But if they have never said "I do" but one time, they still rate pretty high among the brethren.

There are Scriptures that deal with divorce and remarriage, but in my way of seeing it, this is certainly not one of them. And those Scriptures play no favorites. They apply to one of our Lord's saints just as much as they do to another. After a careful study of this Scripture for

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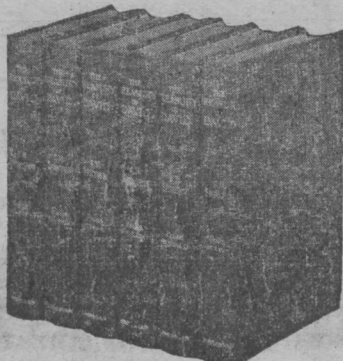
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many years it is my firm conviction that it means a preacher is not to have a plurality of wives, and nothing more.

The second part of this question has me confused. Maybe I stay that way. I see no house that he left. The house in verse 4 is household in most translations. It simply means his family and nothing more. The question is, how can he be expected to do a good job of presiding over the church if he is unable to do a good job of presiding over his own family?

Yes, the preacher, or the deacon in a Scriptural church must have only one wife. Even the law of the land won't permit him to have more than one. Just remember, a woman who has been Scripturally divorced is no longer a wife.

Fundamentalism

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fore, it is important what we think about God. It is a life or death issue.

If you have any doubt about this then I beg of you to listen to some of the songs that are pawned off as gospel songs. I am not referring to the musical meter that might be rock-or-roll or a hill-billy beat but rather notice the words. These songs are filled with man's feelings and wants. God is depicted as a frustrated Santa Claus or as a big psychiatrist who is waiting for you to come to Him to cure your emotional problems. These songs have not been written by some dedicated man of God but rather by some half-converted, former beatnik who used to play in some musical group. This song writer doesn't know his Bible and has never looked at a theology book in his life.

If you have any doubt as to what many fundamentalists believe, then go to the average un-denominational city-wide youth rally. The whole program is geared and directed to gain man's approval and to exalt him. Most of the program will be centered around some gifted ventriloquist, magician, chalk-talk artist, plus some good fun-time of jokes and pranks. This is bad enough but then listen to the ten minute sermonette. It does not declare anything about a sovereign, holy, just, omnipotent God in Heaven, rather the sermon will exalt man. The message is centered

upon man and his troubles. God is depicted as a nervous One who would do anything to win the favor of man. God can't do a thing unless pip-squeek man will let Him. It is easy for the average person to leave the meeting feeling sorry for God because man treats Him so miserably.

Let me share with you the truth that God is INSCRUTABLE. This means that God is incomprehensible. He cannot be searched out. We cannot put God under the microscope or place Him in a maze to see how He reacts. The Psalmist said, "His greatness is unsearchable" (145:3). Job declared, "we cannot find Him out; He is excellent" (37:23). The Apostle Paul stated, "how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" (Romans 11:33). Someone will say, "Well, the Bible tells us all about God." This is not true! We are poor creatures of the dust. We are finite and limited. We can only know what God desires to disclose to us. The Bible does not have a full revelation because we could not comprehend Him and the written revelation itself has limitations. We only know what God wants us to know about Himself.

If someone asks, "What is God like?" the answer cannot be given. But, if that question is changed to "What has God revealed or disclosed about Himself?" then we refer such to the Bible and tell them seek understanding by the Holy Spirit to perceive what has been written.

There seems to be a tendency to make a human being out of God instead of making God to be God. We should not think that it is the agnostic or the atheistic that brings God down. We read in Psalm of some "wicked" people who professed God's "covenant" in their mouths, made God to be a man in their hearts. The Psalmist records God's rebukes on this matter by saying, "thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself." (50:21) The Apostle Paul traces mankind's apostasy and departure from God by saying, "Because that when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things." (Romans 1:21-23) When you look about society and

see the sexual perversion, murders, riots, and every sort of sin, just remember it is a testimony of God's wrath upon mankind because man has failed to acknowledge God to be what He has declared Himself to be.

Another description of God that is never truly acknowledged and is a forgotten fundamental of fundamentalism is that God is SELF - SUFFICIENT and SOVEREIGN. To say that God is self-sufficient is to say that God does not need us! The word "need" can only refer to man and never to God. If God needs us then He is not God. Let me test you to see if you really believe this. Can you approve of this statement: "If God deemed to cast all mankind into hell it would not take away one bit from His mercy, grace, or love. Or, if God deemed to save every person or angel, it would not add one thing to His moral character. God is absolutely self-sufficient." In this twentieth - century Christianity most evangelists picture God standing by the invitation altar wrenching His hands, heavy-hearted, weeping, and heart-broken that some person will not come forward and make a decision. Some missionaries and evangelists seem to indicate that God is so feeble and that they are in the ministry to give Him a hand. They frantically hurry about trying to keep God from getting emotionally upset through their soul-winning tactics of getting decisions. This is ridiculous to think that God is dependent upon some helpers and defenders. God's cause will not fail. Jesus' church will withstand the gates of hell. If you serve Jesus Christ you must do it because it is a privilege to serve the great, majestic, Almighty God and not because God needs you. The Arminian preacher that is motivated with the idea of helping God to get Himself out of an embarrassing situation that His universal atonement got Him into, must be pitied.

Did you ever hear a fundamentalist preacher preach on the doctrines of election, predestination, or distinguishing grace? Hardly! He avoids such subjects like a plague. You would think that these subjects and words were deleted in his Bible, or that God made a horrible mistake in putting them in His revelation. The moment that you mention these matters he will jump up and say, "That makes God responsible!" But we ask, "Who is God responsible to?" Here lies the grandeur of His being the Almighty God of Heaven and of earth. God gives an account to no one, especially not to sinful, finite, p-nut brained man who came from the dust of the earth.

The next time you hear some fundamental preacher make a statement like this, "God cannot save you unless you let Him do so," you know that this is a man who has forgotten a basic fundamentalism. Likewise, if he never mentions the decrees of God (election, predestination, etc.) then he misrepresents God by his silence.

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ought to live every day, and speak every day in such a way, that we would cause men to follow Jesus. Do you think that this would be an appropriate epitaph to go on your tombstone? Do you think that you have spoken in such a way that you have caused men to follow Jesus Christ. It was thus said of John the Baptist. Would to God that it could be said of all modern Baptists, that we might be true to our Lord, and speak like John the Baptist, to the extent that it might cause men to follow Jesus.

VIII

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."—Gal. 6:14.

I suppose Paul had lots of things that he might have gloried in. He was the most educated of all the early apostles by far. He had been brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, which meant that he had a thorough schooling in the law of the Old Testament. I suppose the Apostle Paul, in view of the fact that he had undoubtedly been a member of the Sanhedrin in his early life, had much to glory in. In fact, he tells of a number of things that he might have gloried in. When he wrote to the church in Philippi, he said that he had lots of things that he might have gloried in. Listen:

"Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless."—Phil. 3:5, 6.

Yes, Paul had lots of things that he might have gloried in, but when Paul faced the end of the way, after having been thrown into the lion's den — after having been beaten five times — after having been stoned and left for dead — after having suffered much for the cause of Christ, both on land and in the water, Paul said, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I don't know who would ever deserve such an epitaph. I don't know who would ever live such a life sacrificially, self-effacingly, uncenteredly — I don't know who would ever live such a life to deserve such an epitaph as that. What a marvelous inspiration it should be to us to strive to live in such a way that it could be said that we were glorying only in the cross of Calvary.

IX

"For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."—I Cor. 6:20.

Are you bought with a price? What was the price? The blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore you are to glorify God in your body. If you have been bought with a price, then let your body be the means of glorifying Christ. That doesn't always mean being in church, although I think you should always be here. That just means, beloved, that day by day, you should let your body be used to glorify Christ.

I know a man, second generation removed from me. I knew him when I was only a boy. On his tombstone is his name and a simple statement: "A bond-servant of Jesus Christ," and this reference (not the Scripture), I Corinthians 6:20. I often stood and looked at the tombstone of this man which says he was a bond-servant of Jesus Christ, and I have often quoted to myself the reference of I Corinthians 6:20. As I have done so, I have said, "Lord, grant that I may live in such a way that in my body I may glorify God to such an extent that I would deserve to have this put on my tombstone."

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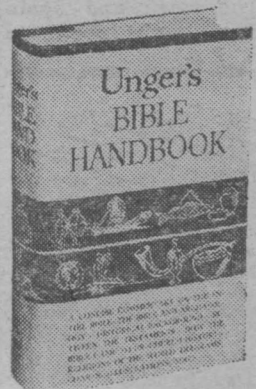
"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."—II Tim. 4:7.

Of course you recognize these are the words of the Apostle Paul. Paul had done what he said. He said, "I have fought a good fight. Ever since the Lord saved me on the road to Damascus, my life has been a fight." I can see Paul there in the city of Damascus. They had to let him over the wall in a basket in order to save his life. All of his life had

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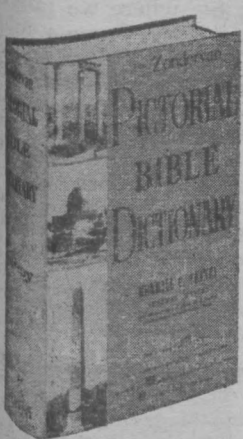
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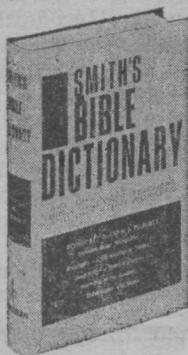
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at the back of the house at almost roof level, one of which is visible in this picture. The thing you see sitting on top of the house is a booster tank. When Brother Halliman put the shower in, there was not enough pressure for it, so he had to put a small booster tank on top of the house. The hot water storage tank is between the kitchen window and the bathroom window. The road is quite plain in this picture.

John R. Rice

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no other opinion will be heard. It is because of this, that Rice's heresies need exposing. His false and unbaptistic position on the doctrines of grace has infected many others, and love for the truth demands that he be exposed and his false doctrines be fully dealt with.

Mr. Rice makes much use of the word "honest" in his writings on this subject. His implications are that folk who differ with him are not honest in their interpretation of Scripture. He says in the Jan. 31 issue: another plain doctrine of the Bible which honest people ought to take without any quibble is that . . . He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. In the same issue he says: and again an honest man ought never to

quibble about a plain statement of the Scripture nor try to make some other Scripture contradict it. In the June 13 issue, He says This is an invitation that no honest interpretation can make less than "all." Now, I wish to use this word of Rice "honest" in this first article. Rice makes much of it, and seemingly would make dishonest men out of all believers in Sovereign Grace.

Now, let me say that I love this word. It is a word that ought to characterize all dealing with God's Word. We ought to never handle The Word of God deceitfully, but to openly and honestly deal with its teachings. We ought to be honest in our dealing with doctrines. When we deal with the teachings of those who oppose us and teach what we believe to be heresy, we ought to be fair and honest with them and never deliberately misrepresent them. So let us seize upon this

word, and let us love it, and let all our dealings in these matters be honest.

However, it is my contention that the world has yet to see an honest representation of Calvinism from the hands of an Arminian. Read that statement again and again. I have studied much in this field and I have never seen a fair and honest representation of Calvinism from an Arminian. The success of the Arminian is dependent upon his misrepresentation and dishonest dealing with Calvinism. The doctrines labeled Calvinism are true doctrines. If the Arminian deals truthfully with the subject, he is beaten before he starts. Therefore, he misrepresents the doctrine; and then destroys his dishonest misrepresentation, and beats upon his chest as if he had destroyed Calvinism. Really, he has not touched Calvinism. He has deceived the people. They crown him for victory in a battle in which he has not even fought.

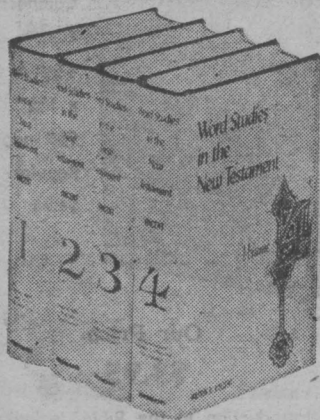
Now this is certainly true of John R. Rice. He has been anything and everything but honest in dealing with the doctrines of Grace. In his Jan. 31st issue, he encourages the inquirer to order his book: "Predestinated For Hell? No." This book represents one of the most dishonest dealings with the doctrines of grace ever published. Rice there represents the Calvinist as teaching that a man who wants to be saved can't be saved because he is non-elect. This is an example of the wilful misrepresentations of that book and of Rice. Calvinists teach without exception, that the sinner does not want to be saved by nature; that God gives to the elect the desire to be saved and they certainly can and will be saved. Now, let us for a little

while examine John R. Rice with respect to the word "honest" which he uses so freely.

Will Rice be honest about the word "Calvinism" and what it stands for? Now it is a historic fact that there is a system of doctrines relative to how God saves sinners, and this set of doctrines have borne the nickname of Calvinism. Calvinism does not mean that the doctrines originated with Calvin. Calvinism does not mean that one holds all that John Calvin taught. To state these things is to deliberately misrepresent Calvinism and is a dishonest use of language. Calvinism is a short way of referring to the doctrines of Total Depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace and Perseverance of Saints. This is definitely the historical usage of the term. No man can be called a Calvinist who does not hold to the above doctrines with the possible exception of the Limited Atonement. I am sure that historically one must hold to Unconditional Election to be recognized as a Calvinist. I would

personally recognize a man as a Calvinist who held four of the above points and denied Limited Atonement, although I would consider him a foolish and inconsistent Calvinist.

Now, Mr. Rice deliberately misrepresents the usage of this word "Calvinism." He knows, or should know the historical usage of the term. Here let me pause to say that some folk might be excused for making some of the statements Mr. Rice makes. But Mr. Rice is a scholar and occupies a position of wide influence. He insists on what he calls honest dealing with subjects under discussion. So, where we might errate in patience some statements by some of Rice's ignorant and deceived followers, we must treat Rice, himself in a different way. He does or should know what he is talking about. He professes to be speaking with authority on the subject. He knows that thousands will be greatly influenced by what he says. The information is available. So I insist that Rice is far more guilty in his dishonesty than I am. (Continued on page 7, column 2)



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"Epitaphs"

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been a fight. He had been fighting for Jesus Christ.

People say it is wrong for a preacher to stand up and argue and contend, but that we should be sweet, and amiable, and gentle, and get along with people every day to the best of our ability. Not Paul! He said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course (he is thinking of a race track all the way around), I have kept the faith (not his faith in God, but the faith, the body of truth, the revealed Word of God)."

Would to God that when you come to the end of your way, it could be said of you, that you have fought a good fight, you have finished your course, you have kept the faith.

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CONCLUSION

Here are a number of epitaphs that I would suggest. Some of them, I am sure, you would like to have on your tombstone. Some of them you would like to have said concerning your life when you die. Might they this morning become a goal, or an inspiration, or an incentive to you as a Christian.

Might it please God to help that man who is unsaved, to say, "I don't ever want it to be said of me that it would have been good if I had never been born." Might it please God that that unsaved person who is here, might say, "I don't want it to be said of me that I am the man that nobody missed."

Oh, may God reach down this morning and touch your heart and bless the soul of you who are saved, and save the souls of you who are lost.

May God bless you!



John R. Rice

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usage of language than some others would be. Now Mr. Rice deliberately takes the position that has historically been termed Calvinism and labels it hyper-calvinism. Mr. Rice takes men who hold to the historic Calvinist position and labels them hyper-calvinists. Rice does this in all his writings that I have read or practically all of them. Now where is the honesty in this? Why won't Rice give an honest representation of Calvinism. In the Jan. 31st issue, he says: **that gives me the impression that you are not really a hyper-calvinist.** Then the whole article would imply that one differing with Rice on the subject is a hyper-calvinist. But, read the article and you will see that Rice is opposing the historic position called "Calvinism." Now, Mr. Rice, Why won't you be honest and use the terms "Calvinism" and "Hyper-calvinism" in their proper and historic meaning and usage?

Will Rice be honest about Charles H. Spurgeon? Rice makes much of Spurgeon. He prints some of Spurgeon's sermons and praises him highly. In doing this, Rice is like those who build the tombs of the prophets and kill their children. If Spurgeon were alive today and preaching what he preached, Rice would not use his sermons, or recommend him for revivals. I doubt that in all literature, there is a more dishonest representation than that which Rice gives of Spurgeon in "Predestined For Hell? No." Spurgeon was a Calvinist without reserve or apology. He preached the doctrines which Rice hates and continually opposes in his paper. Spurgeon preached Election, Predestination, Limited Atonement, Total Depravity, Perseverance. He preached these doctrines continually. Spurgeon stated that he doubted that a man could preach the gospel without preaching what was commonly called Calvinism. Why won't Rice be honest about Spurgeon? Why does Rice endeavor to leave the impression that he and Spurgeon are in doctrinal agreement? The doctrines of Spurgeon and those of Rice are poles apart. Was Rice honest in printing one of Spurgeon's sermons, and changing the wording so as to change the teaching from Limited Atonement to Eternal Security? Rice did this without adding an ex-

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CHRISTIAN, BE HONEST . . .

SO YOU WANT A TV SET?

By FERRELL KENNEDY
Grafton, Ohio

This is written to all Christians in general, and more particularly to dedicated Christians, those who have a strong desire to walk in daily communion with God. It is intended, not to be sarcastic, or to ridicule anyone, but to point out some known facts that should be the concern of every Christian. First, the TV set has become the most popular of all forms of entertainment. Statistics recently quoted by a TV manufacturer reveal that 94 per cent of all American homes have one or more TV sets in use. These are watched an average of six hours out of every twenty-four. This shows that television is highly esteemed among Americans. Yet our Lord said "For that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15) This fact alone should dampen the ardor of TV-watching Christians. However, judging from statistics, it has not done so.

As Christians, we would shrink from being seen in a movie house or a vaudeville theater. But we have no compunction about having the same filthy trash piped into the sanctity of our homes, where profanity, vulgarity, sex, violence, drunkenness, and bloodshed is introduced to our families by the simple turn of a knob. Granting that there is an occasional program not offensive to Christians, how many times are these "good" programs interrupted by commercials depicting near-nude women, drinking scenes, and the ungodly screech of hippy music? How much that is really good do we see on television? How much have we seen that did not appeal to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, or the pride of life? Let every Christian consider this matter, and give an honest answer.

I know the usual excuses. We say that we will watch only that which is educational, and wholesome. But home censorship has a way of relaxing after a time, and soon we are watching anything and everything. We say that our reason for watching is merely "to pass the time away." And while we are passing the time away, we fail to "pray without ceasing," we are not worshipping God "in spirit and in truth," and we are disobeying the commandment, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." (I John 2:15) Then we say that the TV is just for the children. That is like saying that we don't like garbage, that we are willing for our children to eat it. Garbage from a garbage pail can not damage our children's bodies as greatly as the filth from our TV sets can damage their minds and characters. I wonder if our excuses will sound as valid at the judgment seat of Christ as they do now. It would be well to think of these things.

On TV we can see vulgar bath-

room and bedroom scenes. We can listen to TV comedians as they make offensive jokes about drunkenness, sex, and politics. We can see near-nude women flaunting their shame and discussing their sex-life. We hear alcoholic and much-married-and-divorced movie personalities praised to high heaven. Our children hear that the best people drink certain brands of beer, wine, and ale. They are taught that the best people smoke certain brands of cigarettes. Stardom in the entertainment world is hailed as man's greatest achievement. And all the while, sly jokes are made concerning the things of God. One TV personality with the puffy eyes of a habitual drinker frequently refers to a bottle opener as a "church key." All of this is continually pouring into Christian homes, many of which have hanging on their walls a plaque bearing these words: "Christ is the Head of this House." Shame on us.

Let us look at some undeniable facts. On TV we are NOT taught that God created the earth. We are taught that the earth came into existence by its own evolutionary process. We are NOT taught that God created man in His own image. We are taught that in the muck of a prehistoric age a living cell appeared, evolving up through the various forms of animal life, until it reached the stature of a man.

We are NOT taught the sovereignty of God. We are taught the sovereignty of man. We are NOT taught that "There is none good," We are taught that there is good in the worst of us. We are NOT taught that "the poor ye have with you always." We are taught that poverty will be abolished by governmental agencies. We are NOT taught that only Christ can bring world peace. We are taught that peace will come through education, culture, and social justice. We are NOT taught that "rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft." But we are taught that it is proper for ministers and other religious leaders to join hands with rioters, drunks, drug addicts, hippies, Communists, and Catholics in rebellion against recognized authority. We are NOT taught how we ought to behave ourselves in the house of God. But we are taught how to play. The Dating Game. We are NOT taught to "live soberly, righteously in this present world." But we are taught to have fun. We are NOT taught to "bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We are taught to hire a baby-sitter, and go out for a drink, a dance, and a night on the town. We are NOT taught that the blood of Christ cleanses us from sin. But we are taught that Ultra-brite gives our mouths sex appeal. Women are NOT taught to "be clothed in modest apparel." But they are taught the latest styles in bikinis and mini-skirts. They are NOT taught to be in subjection to their husbands. But they are taught that "You've come a long way, Baby, to get where you are today." We will NOT be taught to attend the Church of the Living God. But we are taught to attend the church of OUR choice on Sunday, then hurry on out to the ball park for an enjoyable afternoon. We are NOT taught that "wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging." But we are taught to drop in at the friendly neighborhood bar, and say, "Make mine Schlitz." We are NOT taught that God hates putting away. But we are taught by the Divorce Court that divorce, in most cases, is imperative.

Then there are the religious programs. We see "gospel" singers, smiling, grinning, screeching

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ing, and cavorting around the stage in the most approved Hollywood fashion. We hear the preachers, Arminians all, murmuring inoffensive, and usually meaningless, platitudes. They seldom touch on the doctrines of grace. And if they do, it is with a simpering, apologetic air, as if they were ashamed of them. They cannot afford to take a definite stand. They might offend somebody, and lose their jobs. Then we see the pagan rites of Roman Catholicism exalted above all other religions. We see the papacy and priesthood deified. On non-religious programs we hear the band playing, "When the saints go marching in," and see the crowd dancing to the music. When we turn our TV sets on, we see all this, and ten thousand other things especially designed to "allure through much wanton-

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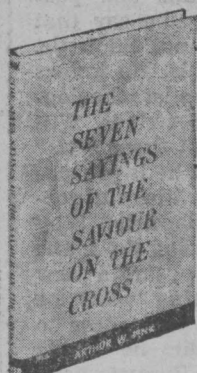
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The Legend Concerning St. Christopher

Of the fifty-two names dropped from the Catholic roll of saints, a number of them are well known. Among them are Saint Nicholas, the prototype of Santa Claus. Another dropped is Saint George, the knight who supposedly killed the dragon.

But Saint Christopher is probably the best known of the mythological saints. Americans alone pay more than one million dollars a year for small statues and medallions bearing his image.

According to Catholic legend, Christopher was a giant of a man. He admired physical strength and courage so much that he wanted to serve someone mightier than himself. For awhile he served the king of Canaan. Ultimately, he learned that the king of Canaan was afraid of the Devil so Christopher left the service of the king to serve Satan. Then he learned that Satan feared the Cross and he left the Devil to serve Christ after he was converted by a hermit.

Contemplating how he might best serve God with his great strength he decided to carry people across a river that had no bridge. Accordingly he would take travelers on his back and carry them from one side of the

river to the other. One day a small child asked to be carried across and the Christopher took the child on his shoulder and started into the water. About half way across the stream, however, the weight on his back became a crushing burden so that it took every bit of his great strength to reach the other shore. He scolded the child for endangering his life. "Had I borne the whole world on my back," he said to the little boy, "it could not have weighed heavier than thou."

But the child was Jesus who replied, "Marvel not for thou has borne upon thy back the world and Him who created it!"

It is hard to realize how in the world intelligent people could have been duped by this kind of foolishness for hundreds of years. The fact remains, however, that Catholic popes and cardinals declared Christopher to be the patron saint of travelers and millions of earnest people have prayed to Saint Christopher, made gifts to the Catholic Church in his honor and have erected church buildings in his name.

And now the Vatican admits there is no real evidence that Saint Christopher ever existed!

Other Saints As Useless

For years, then, Catholics have prayed to a saint in Heaven who cannot be there if he never was here. We wonder if the pope is also going to authorize the Catholic Church to refund the multiplied millions of dollars that have been given to enlist the aid of Saint Christopher!

But the fact that Saint Christopher probably never even lived is not nearly as tragic as the fact that even if he had lived, prayers to him would still be just as useless.

For example, the Virgin Mary really did live and yet prayers to her are as useless as prayers to the non-existent Saint Christopher. Teaching about Mary's immaculate conception is just as phoney as the legend of Saint Christopher and far more wicked. Actually, Mary, although a wonderful woman, was a sinner just like every other person who has been born with the exception of Jesus Christ. And Mary, if we could talk with her today, would be the very first to confirm this fact. Like any other sinner she needed to be saved. She said "... my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour." Thus Mary testified that she was a sinner who had trusted in the Saviour.

But this entire idea is built upon a false premise. Mary is not and never was the wife of God. She is not a part of the Godhead. She does not and never did have any special influence with God. She was a sinner saved by grace and God used her as an instrument to bring Jesus Christ into the world.

I urge you that you not only forget about Saint Christopher but ever other so-called saint of the Catholic Church and put your entire faith in Jesus Christ.

—Grace and Truth

John R. Rice

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planatory note. So far as I know, he has never publicly explained this. Is this honest dealing? Then why does Rice make so much of the word "honest."

Will Rice be honest in dealing with other great men of Baptist history? Will Rice tell us that Gill, Graves, B. H. Carroll, Boyce, Broadus, Bunyan, Booth, Pendleton and a whole host of Baptist preachers believed the doctrines that Rice opposes so vehemently? These doctrines of sovereign grace have been held by a host of Baptist giants. Will Rice be honest and admit that what he is preaching is contrary to the doctrines these men preached? I doubt that he will.

Will Rice be honest about the historic position of Baptists on these doctrines of Grace? Will Rice tell his readers that the historic Baptist confessions of faith teach the doctrines that he fights? It is a simple fact easily verified, that Baptists have historically stood for the doctrines of grace including predestination, unconditional election and the like. The Baptist Examiner has published a booklet: "The Historical Faith Of Baptists On Sovereignty." This booklet gives quotes from great Baptist preachers of the past, showing, beyond honest dispute, that they believed these doctrines that Rice opposes. I would urge my readers to order several copies of this and pass them out to those who say that these doctrines are not Baptist. Now Rice knows this. He knows that the great Baptist theologians taught these doctrines. Will Rice be honest about these facts? Will Rice admit that he is preaching contrary to the historic doctrinal position of Baptists? Why doesn't he quit wearing the name "Baptist"? Why not start a new denomination teaching what he believes, instead of pretending to be a Baptist while he fights truths which sound Baptists have always taught?

Will Rice be honest in his treatment of the Word of God on the subjects? We will see in the next two articles that he will not. He speaks against setting one verse of Scripture against another, yet he continually sets his interpretation of one verse against other verses. He will not take a concordance and check the Biblical usage of the words "world" and "all," but gives his own meaning to those words and calls those who disagree with that meaning dishonest. He will quote parts of verses and ignore the other parts of the same verse. He will refuse to let a verse say what it does say, but gives his perverted interpretation, and insists that all men agree with that, or they are wicked and dishonest. We will see many examples of this in the next two articles, God willing.

Well, enough has been said about this. It is my opinion that Rice ought to quit using the term "honest" about the discussion of these subjects, or start practicing what he preaches. Let him come out openly and admit that Spurgeon was a five point Calvinist; that a host of great Baptist preachers were Calvinists; that Calvinism is the historic position of Baptists on this subject. Let him be honest and fair in the use of the term "Calvinism." Let him admit that he is in opposition to the historic position of Baptists on these doctrines. It is his privilege to believe what he wants to about these truths, but he should be open and honest about these things. Let Rice do these things, and we will believe he is sincere in using the word "honest" so frequently. May God bless you all.

Fred T. Halliman

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promised to be out on a Friday so I thought it would be good to wait until Monday to just make sure that the plane had arrived. A trip to the airstrip on Monday proved fruitless. On my way back home I stopped at the office at Koroba and sent a telegram telling the airlines that it was urgent that I get my kerosene delivered and since Wednesday would be the day for the mail plane to come, I set Wednesday as a deadline for them to bring it out as by then I would be practically out of kerosene and I could go in for the mail and collect the kerosene, and other supplies.

By Wednesday the roads had really begun to get bad so I was the more anxious to have the plane come in. I waited most of the day at the airstrip Wednesday but no plane came. A radio conversation with the airlines assured us that the first thing on Thursday morning the charter would be out. By 10 A.M. on Thursday morning the plane had

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At this writing it is a little uncertain but our family, as a unit, is making some plans towards a week's patrol together beginning next Monday. In the event that we do decide to go we expect to go to the far end of the Duna tribe to a place called Haiuwi. Since we have a cow that is giving milk now it is a little difficult for all of us to leave at the same time. I am going to try to train one of the natives to milk the cow this week and our going to Haiuwi as a family will depend on the outcome of whether or not the native can learn to milk.

Mrs. Halliman had never milked a cow in her life until the three boys and myself went out to Hagen for a couple of days; however she and the two girls did a marvelous job in taking care of the livestock while we were gone and she has insisted on doing half of the milking ever since. All of our children will soon know how to milk.

There is not much to write about this week. In the event that we go on the patrol next week as soon as we return I will give you a report of the trip.

May the Lord bless each of you.

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ness, through the lusts of the flesh, these who were clean escaped from them who live in error."

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