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## My Impressions...

AS TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 1969 BIBLE CONFERENCE

I can highly recommend the Bible Conference. I received so many blessings, and so many questions were answered. I was drawn closer to "Him."

Mrs. Jas. Buzzell  
Gladwin, Michigan

We have had a marvelous time at the Bible Conference. The food was very good, and our "Spiritual batteries" were charged by the preaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ralph Woolard  
Flint, Michigan

I have enjoyed this Conference very much. The preaching was all very good. It was much better than my previous visit in September, 1967. Everything was ex-

cellent, especially the food. I'm looking forward to next year.  
Elder William McCoy  
East St. Louis, Illinois

We came expecting to hear great messages that were sound of doctrine, and that would bless our lives, and enlighten our minds to God's wonderful sovereign grace. In none of the sessions were we disappointed. We plan to see you next year.

Richard and Marie Dillender  
Trenton, Illinois

The preaching and fellowship with everybody was even better than last year. God has given us all a great blessing in every way. We always have to give

thanks for Bro. Gilpin and the Calvary Baptist Church who were our hosts. I'll remember this Bible Conference until next year when I hope to see you all again.

James C. Walker  
Louisville, Ky.

The blessing of being at the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church can not be expressed in words. My prayer would be that God would grant every born-again child of God the blessing of attending at least one Conference of Calvary Baptist Church. I doubt if one could have found many noble, many rich, nor many wise after the (Continued on page 7, column 2)

## Why Each Christian Should Live A Consecrated Life

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
(New Guinea Missionary)

The following message was printed in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in 1959, before our Brother Halliman ever went to the mission field. It has been a blessing to us through the years and I have an idea that sharing it again with our readers will prove to be of spiritual help to each one that reads it. Brother Halliman is a great man of God and we of Calvary Baptist Church are happy for the privilege we have of supporting his ministry.

Text: I Chronicles 29:5—"And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

The word "consecrate" as used in the Bible has many meanings; we shall note a few of them.

In Micah 4:13, we find it used, and there it means to devote. The verse reads: "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth." Verse one of this same chapter tells when this "consecration" or "devotion" of their gain and substance of the whole earth shall be: "In the last days it shall come to pass..." Beloved in that day when the King of kings and the Lord of lords shall appear, all the riches of the antichrist and his cohorts whether they be Pagan, Papal, Mohammedan or whatever else they

may be, shall be "devoted" to the glory of Him who shall reign. "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour unto it" (Rev. 21:24). For in that day will be: "Given him dominion" (Continued on page 5, column 2)



FRED T. HALLIMAN

## An Appeal To Readers To Share Conference Expense

By JOSEPH WILSON  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

I would like to write a note to the friends of Calvary Baptist Church relative to their Annual Bible Conference, passing on a thought which is on my heart.

What a blessing we had this year at the Bible Conference! I think we will all agree that God blessed us at this time with that



ELD. JOSEPH WILSON

which money could not buy. Truly it was a time of wonderful preaching and great fellowship with the saints of God.

At the closing meal, a dear friend of mine from Michigan called me over to his table to talk with him a minute. This was the first time he and his wife had been to the Conference. He told me that next to being saved, this Conference had meant more to him than anything that had ever happened to him. Then he began to cry. His wife began to cry, and my wife and I began to cry with them. They were tears of joy for the wonderful blessings of God we had received at the conference. This man and his wife will be better servants of God because of the Conference. They will go back to their church revived, and be a blessing to the church. Surely the experience of this man has been the experience of many who attended the Conference. How many of us can truly say that the Conference is the highlight of our spiritual experiences for the year? I can, and say

it truthfully. I will never be able to describe the blessings that have been mine year after year in these Conferences. Already, I am looking forward to next year. I can never adequately express my thanks to Calvary Baptist Church for making this Conference possible.

But there is a little I can do and that is what I want to talk to you about. This Conference is a very heavy financial burden for one church to bear. Most of us have often wondered how a church the size of Calvary Baptist Church could possibly bear the expense of this Conference. Well, last Wednesday, our church voted to send \$50 to Calvary Baptist Church designated toward the Conference expense. I talked with Dan Phillips of the New Testament Baptist Church of Bristol, Tennessee, and they had voted to do the same thing. We both lamented the fact that we had done so little, yet we had done something. Now, beloved friends: \$25 to \$100 is not much for one church. But that amount multiplied by the many churches represented at the Conference would add up to a lifting of part of the burden from Calvary Baptist Church for the Conference expense. So, I make this appeal (Continued on page 6, column 5)

## Would You Really Fight In Defense Of Catholicism?

ELD. O. B. BAKER  
Verona, Ohio

These thoughts were written some 15 years ago, but are still just as true, or perhaps more so.—O. B. B.

We often hear Baptists (?) say,



O. B. BAKER

"We believe in the right of the individual; in freedom of speech; and in the right of each individual to worship God according to his conscience." (Continued on page 6, column 5)

## CONDESCENSION OF GOD

PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1969 BIBLE CONFERENCE

DONALD L. CHANCE  
Birmingham, Alabama

My subject this evening is the Condescension of God. Although it is a rather wide subject, I hope that we can all understand the depth contained therein. I felt reasonably sure that no one here would use the text which I have chosen, because it may seem a strange one. But the Lord willing, I am going to try to use John 13:3-5 to show the Condescension of God.

You may wonder at my choice of text, but it was after much prayer and thought that it was chosen. There are two reasons for using this particular passage of Scripture:

1. Verse 3 shows the Person in our subject.

2. Verse 5 paints a living picture that little ones might understand.

I don't like to leave the little ones out of our services. The preachers can understand, but boys and girls need to be taught of the magnitude of God.

Our text reads, "Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that was come from God, and went to God: He riseth from

supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."

Verse 3 we use—noting especially that He was come from God, and went to God"—with verse 5—as the picture I need to paint,



DONALD L. CHANCE

"began to wash the disciples' feet."

Our subject thought for tonight is under three headings:

1. The Person acting —
2. The act of the Person —
3. The persons acted upon.

We need to stop here and define a word — condescend. Webster states: "To stoop; or to come down voluntarily to the level of one's inferior."

To illustrate, Jesus said in John 15:14, "Ye are my friends." Not "I am your friend" but "Ye are my friends." Suppose a lowly street sweeper were to say of the President of the United States, "He is my friend." This would be quite natural. But if the President should say of the street sweeper, "He is my friend," this is something quite different. The impact is felt in him stooping or coming down to this lowly one's level.

Much more, Jesus being from God and going back to God (our text), stooped before the disciples, lowered Himself before them, to become a servant and (Continued on page 6, column 3)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "HOW GREAT THOU ART!"

(Part I)

"And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods." — II Chron. 2:5.

Solomon had a tremendous number of people working when he was getting ready to build God's house (the temple). There were 70,000 burden bearers, 80,000 men to hew in the mountains (that is, men with axes), and 3,600 bosses.

I have often wondered how the Pyramids were ever built, and I doubt seriously if we'll ever know in this life. I have often wondered how these stones were ever placed, one on top of

the other, in the building of the Pyramids. We don't even have machinery today by which it can be done. There is not a piece of machinery that has ever been built that can put those stones in the position whereby those Pyramids were built.

It is almost the same so far as Solomon's temple is concerned, although Solomon's temple could have been built, but nobody has ever yet figured out how the Pyramids were built. Nobody has ever yet figured out how those stones were placed in position for the building of the Pyramids, but I think you get a hint here about how they built Solomon's

temple. Look at the number of people they had. A tree didn't amount to much when they wanted to pick it up. If they wanted to move it, all they had to do was call in these 70,000 burden bearers. Get a few thousand of them around a tree and they could pick it up and walk away with it.

Solomon wanted to make a deal with Hiram. Listen:

"And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, even so deal with me." (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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## How Great Thou Art!

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—II Chron. 2:3.

We read:

"Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual shewbread, for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel. And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods. But who is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him?"—II Chron. 2:4-6.

If you will read the balance of this chapter, you will find that Solomon made a contract with Hiram. He said, "You send men that are able to do the work and I'll give food in exchange." In other words, he said, "You help me build this house. You send me men that are able to cut timber, and men that are able to work in gold and silver, and glass, and fine linen and curtains. You take care of that, and our country will feed you. We'll furnish you with wheat and barley and oil and wine. We'll make a trade for the building of this house."

My text says, "And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods." I like the old song, "How Great Thou Art." To me, it is a marvelous song, yet I am afraid that there is not one of us who is able to comprehend and truly understand how great God is. It is just beyond our comprehension to think about the greatness of God. In fact, if you and I could understand the greatness of God, we would be just as great as God Himself. As I say, I am sure there is not one of us that is able to comprehend how great God is today but I would like to show you a few things wherein God excels in greatness.

Every man has a better right to hear the gospel once than any man has to hear it twice.

## GOD IS GREAT IN HOLINESS.

You and I can't realize how great the holiness of God really is. We get a hint of it here and there in the Bible. For example, we read:

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings: with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke."—Isa. 6:1-4.

Of all the passages in the Word of God, I am sure there is no verse that gives to us a greater picture of the holiness of God than does this. This took place at the time following the death of king Uzziah. Uzziah had been king over Israel, and his kingship was an unusually brilliant one. It was so brilliant that nobody could see anything but Uzziah. In fact, everybody looked at Uzziah and forgot about the fact that God was above Uzziah. However, it is just like we walk out in the woods in the summertime and look up toward the sky, and we can't see the sky then, because of the leaves on the trees. But when the fall of the year comes, and the leaves fall off the trees, we can walk in those same woods and can see the sky, because the leaves have fallen and gotten out of the way.

It was thus with Uzziah. As long as Uzziah was living, nobody could see beyond Uzziah, but when Uzziah died, the people were able to look beyond the present throne and see the throne of God. They were able to look beyond the present king and see the King of kings, the Lord Himself.

So it was that Isaiah himself saw the Lord, high and lifted up, and when he saw that, his train filled the temple. Just what may be involved in that word, "train," I do not know, but it has to do with the idea of the greatness of Almighty God. At any rate, when Isaiah saw Him, he was dumbfounded at what He saw relative to God. But even before Isaiah came to the conclusion that he did not comprehend how great God was, he saw the seraphims standing roundabout the throne.

The word "seraphim" means "a burning one." The seraphim was one of the orders of the celestial beings. You understand there are angels, and the archangel, and the cherubims and seraphims. If I understand the Scriptures, then I think the seraphims are the highest in the order of the celestial beings. The word "seraphim," as I say, means literally, "a burning one." They were so holy that they burned in their own holiness, yet when these seraphims stood in the presence of Almighty God, they covered their faces because of the holiness of God, and they cried, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory."

Now, beloved, if the seraphims, who were so holy that they burn-

ed in their own holiness, covered their faces when they stood in the presence of God, it is no wonder that Isaiah likewise cried and said:

"Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts."—Isa. 6:5.

So you can see from this something as to the holiness of God. When the seraphims, who were so holy that they burned in their holiness, covered their faces when they stood in the presence of a thrice-Holy God, you can easily understand why it was that when Isaiah had a vision of God in all of His holiness — when He saw Him exalted upon His throne, Isaiah cried out, "Woe is me!"

I ask you, how great is your God? Do you see Him as a God who is great in holiness? Let's go back in the Old Testament and notice some of the incidents that we find that would indicate the holiness of God.

Let's go back to the Garden of Eden and see the time when sin became a reality. After God had held inquisition with the three who were the participants — Adam, Eve, and the serpent — He pronounced a curse upon each of the three, and we see Adam and Eve leaving the Garden of Eden. When you see those two expelled from the Garden of Eden, I ask you, what kind of a God is the God that we serve? Surely, He is a God of holiness — so holy that He will not tolerate sin in the Garden of Eden.

Look a little later when you see a flood of waters come upon the earth. I rather imagine that earth's population had reached into the millions by this time. I rather imagine that there was a tremendous number of people that were living on the earth at the time when the flood came. At any rate, when the flood came, it came because of sin.

If you will read the first five or six chapters of Genesis, you will see a great deal revealed to us so far as the sinful condition of the human race was at that time. You will see how much sin there was in the human family. The Word of God tells us how that God brought a flood of waters — with waters coming down out of the sky, and waters coming up from beneath to the extent that after a forty-day period of time, the whole world was covered with water. You can see the lion as the king of the beasts; you can see the eagle as the king of the birds; and you can see man as the king of creation, as all of them climbed to the top of the highest mountain and all are drowned, with all the majesty of each of them being completely obliterated there on the mountain tops when the waters overflowed all of the earth.

I ask you, does not this give to us a picture of the holiness of God? So holy is God that He will not, He cannot, He must not tolerate the existence of sin, and in order to get rid of the existence of sin, He'll obliterate and blot out even the creation which He has brought into existence, and will save only a nucleus with which to start a new civilization.

Come over to the day when Sodom was burned and when the other cities roundabout were likewise completely destroyed with fire from heaven. If you will read the story as we find it in Genesis 19, you will find that the city of Sodom and those other cities were given over to sin, the like of which is impossible for us to even describe. You will find God sending down fire to burn up the cities, and to burn up the individuals within those cities. You see Lot, and his two daughters, and his wife who was turned to a pillar of salt, as the only ones who got safely out of the city of Sodom, and when they looked back and saw the city as it was burned and completely destroyed, you can realize how great is the holiness of God. So holy is God that God will destroy the civili-

## Some Gracious Words From A Dear Brother In Louisiana

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

My cup has been running over since the Bible Conference in Morehead! The Conference gave me a great spiritual blessing and uplift. The preaching was wonderful, the people were wonderful, the fellowship was the best I've ever seen at a meeting of this nature and the food was fine and enjoyable. I certainly did enjoy the singing also. (Bro. Bobby Overton, the Littles and Bro. Hart).

Before attending the Conference, I would generally read a few articles of the Examiner and just sort of skim over the rest of it. But now, having met the brethren personally, I want to read it from cover to cover! I believe that it's the greatest and soundest Baptist paper I've ever read.

Every family in our church has been taking the paper for some time and they all enjoy it. You know, it's hard to get money out of Baptist folk sometimes, especially with a small group such as we have. Well, I got back from the Conference and I talked to the Lord about supporting the Examiner regularly as a mission work. I preached on "giving" Sunday morning and then asked the folk to give at least \$10.00 a month to TBE. I'm happy to say that God gave the victory! We just recently voted to start sending Bro. Burkett \$20.00 a month for Navajo missions, and now we will be sending at least \$10.00 a month to TBE. At one time this church supported NO MISSIONS! They were almost "Hard-shell" in practice! Praise God that they have seen the light. I'm praying that we can soon start a radio broadcast in Minden, La. Finances, of course, are a major problem. Please pray for me as I try to lead these folk into a great ministry for God in this part of his vineyard!

Enclosed is a list of 10 more of my friends that need the truths presented in the Examiner and a check for \$10.00. Brethren, some of these folk won't even talk to me about the Doctrines of Grace and refuse to read the Word of God with me about them. In fact, they won't even bother to read Scriptures that I ask them to read on their own! However, I have observed that they will often read the Baptist Examiner and that is almost as good as reading the Word! Amen!

In closing, let me say that I look forward to seeing you all next year at Morehead at the annual Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church. Our prayers are with you all!

In His service,

RONALD LUMPKIN (La.)

zation of Sodom and the other cities roundabout as a result of the sin that was found within those cities.

I tell you, beloved, when you see the ruin of Eden, and when you see the ruin that came on the world as a result of the flood, and when you see the ruin that came on those cities as a result of the fire of God, it should tell us how great is the holiness of God.

Let's look at it from another standpoint. See those sacrifices that began when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden. See Adam and Eve as they walked out from the Garden of Eden wearing clothes, only to realize that the clothes that they wore came as a result of the death of an animal. An animal died that they might be clothed. That was the beginning of the flow of blood. That was the beginning of a stream of blood that grows and increases. If you study the sacrificial system of the chil-

dren of Israel, you will see how those Israelites killed animal after animal — bullock after bullock, lamb after lamb, turtle dove after turtle dove, and pigeon after pigeon — all down through the years, until you come to the day of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You can see that stream of blood that began in Eden's Garden ever widening. I have been told by Bible students who had studied carefully the Old Testament, that when the children of Israel had come down to the days of the Lord Jesus Christ, they were sacrificing a quarter of a million lambs a year in order to carry on their sacrificial system. Even when Solomon dedicated the temple, there were hundreds and thousands of animals that he offered in sacrifice at the time that he dedicated the temple.

I ask you what is the meaning of the flow of blood that began at Eden's Garden and continued and became wider and deeper? (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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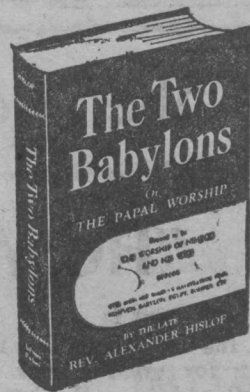
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## How Great Thou Art!

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What is the meaning of that blood that became a virtual river of blood, until the Lord Jesus came to Calvary? I tell you, there is just one answer: God is a God of holiness, and the only way that God can look upon sin is to look upon sin through blood — the blood which was typical and representative of the blood of His own Son.

Come along with me to the brink of Hell and look down into the chasm where there is darkness. You can't see anything. You can't see anybody. You can't see any relaxing that goes on in Hell. It is all dark; there is no light. You can't hear any sound of laughter, because there is no laughter there. You can't hear the cry of a baby, because there are no babes in Hell. You can't hear a song, because there are no songs in Hell. But you can hear weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. You can hear people as they cry out in agony, as they cry for water to cool their parched tongues. I ask you, what is the meaning of Hell? I'll tell you, its greatest meaning is that God is a holy God — so holy that He cannot look upon sin — so holy that God would make a place into which sinners shall go eternally rather than that they shall contaminate the saints of God. I tell you, beloved, Hell would tell us how holy God is.

But if you would see the holiness of God, I ask you to take a trip with me to Calvary and see the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son, as He went to the cross, bearing a spear in His side, nails in His hands, and nails in His feet, and a crown of thorns upon His head; with His brow plucked, and with the hair pulled from His face, and with His back made bloody as a result of the scourging that He received from Pilate's judgment hall. I ask you to look upon God's own Son. Beloved, you cannot look upon Him, for even God Himself refused to look upon Him, for God sent darkness over all the earth to blot out the horrible, gruesome picture of His Son dying for the sins of the world. As you stand there in darkness and wonder why that darkness has come upon the earth, you can say this, God is a holy God — so holy that He will not look upon sin, even when that sin is imputed sin, even when that sin is on the person of His

Son that was personally sinless. If I tell you, if you want to know how great our God is, just turn through the Word of God and every time you find a reference to sin and every time you find a reference to blood, you can say that this is an indication of the greatness and holiness of Almighty God.

So in answer to the question, how great is God, I would say our God is great in holiness — so holy that He cannot, and will not, and must not tolerate sin.

## II

### GOD IS GREAT IN HIS SOVEREIGNTY.

We read:

"Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"—Isa. 40:12.

Though we preach sovereignty a great deal, I am afraid that very few of us have ever realized how sovereign God is. As I have said, science has never been able to determine how those stones could ever have been laid relative to the Pyramids. I don't know how those stones that weigh tons upon top of tons, could ever have been put in position as they were in those Pyramids, but I know one thing: I know a God who is so great in sovereignty that He can measure the waters in the hollow of His hand, He can measure the heavens with a span of His hand, He can weigh the dust of the earth, He can weigh the mountains in scales. He can weigh the hills and the valleys. Don't tell me that God isn't a sovereign God.

Notice again:

"With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?"—Isa. 40:14.

I ask, who was it that ever taught God what God knows? The answer is simple. There is no one that was able to instruct God. God didn't need an instructor, for God knows all things.

Listen again:

"Behold, the nations are as a DROP OF A BUCKET, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing."—Isa. 40:15.

Notice, God says that the nations are just a drop in the bucket.

I wonder if we might think about how great our nation is. Certainly, as we think of the greatness of America (and it is a country from the material point of view), I am sure that other people in various sections of the world think of their country as a great country, and doubtless, materially speaking, that is true. But think of the greatness of this country, the greatness of India, the greatness of France, the greatness of Russia, the greatness of China, the greatness of Japan, the greatness of Germany, and all the nations of the world. Put all that greatness together, and God looks at it and says, "A drop in the bucket." God spurns it all, because the nations, He says, are even less than a drop in the bucket.

Notice another Scripture:

"All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him LESS THAN NOTHING, and vanity."—Isa. 40:17.

Whenever you find a zero, there is nothing that can be less. God says that all nations are as nothing, and that they are counted to Him as less than nothing. Compare the greatness of God in

whether toward me or from me, is only of God, because God is a sovereign God. He can turn an individual just as well toward me, as He turns them from me.

But to see the sovereignty of God, listen to this Scripture:

"The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him."—Nahum 1:3-6.

Talk about the sovereignty of God, God is so sovereign that He has His way in a whirlwind. When a storm comes and a whirlwind picks up your neighbor's house and treats it like you would treat a matchbox, while your house stands, and not a thing is moved out of your house, you can just say God has had His way in the whirlwind. Or if it were the other way around and your house were destroyed, and your neighbor's house remained, God has had His way in the whirlwind.

I have seen two different towns that were leveled by a cyclone. When I was a boy, I lived on a large stock farm at Sherman, Ky. After we moved away from that farm and I was no longer in school there, there came a cyclone one day and the schoolhouse where I had attended was completely destroyed. Miraculously, not a child was hurt, yet the school building itself was destroyed. The large stock barn where I had played as a small lad was leveled to the ground, and large timbers 30 feet long and 10 inches square were picked up and carried a half mile and driven in the ground. The straw that was in that barn was driven through those old timbers that had been seasoning for twenty-five years. You tell me that a thing like that could happen without God having His way? Doesn't this show to us the sovereignty of God, yet less than a hundred yards from that barn there was a very small building that was left standing and wasn't moved at all. I tell you, God has His way. He is a sovereign God.

Look how He is sovereign over the fish. When He would have Jonah go to Ninevah, He had a fish ready to give him transportation. When He would have him arrive at the right spot of Ninevah, He caused that fish to become nauseated, and Jonah was vomited out upon dry ground.

If you would see how God is sovereign over the fish, notice when Jesus and Simon Peter were to pay their income taxes. The Word of God says that Simon Peter was worried. Jesus knew what was on his mind, and He said, "Simon, go down to the brook, and the very first fish you catch, open its mouth and you will find there a piece of money." When Peter did so, he found enough money with which to pay the taxes for both Jesus and himself. Don't tell me that He isn't sovereign over the fish.

See those ravens bringing food to the prophet Elijah at a time when there was no food to be had. God even held back the natural disposition of those ravenous birds and didn't let them eat their own food, but rather caused them to bring that food and deposit it at the feet of Elijah, that he might be cared for. God is a sovereign God.

Look at Him when the children of Israel are needing food and become tired of the manna and God brings the quails in, just about waist high, so all they had to do was to perhaps take a stick and knock them down. God is sovereign over the birds.

See the waves of the sea rolling about that boat in which Jesus and the disciples are riding. When they awakened Him and said, "Master, we perish," Jesus arose and rebuked the sea and it became calm. How was it that when the waves were so boisterous it looked as though the disciples and Jesus were all going to be drowned, but when He spoke, they became calm? I'll tell you, great is our God. He is great in His sovereignty.

Look at His sovereignty from another standpoint. We can see how the matter of disease never baffled Him. I have seen doctors make examinations both in homes and in hospitals, and I have seen them shake their heads when they walked away baffled and completely dismayed at the disease of the individual. But never a disease baffled the Great Physician. Instead, the Lord Jesus Christ knew what to do with the withered hand. He knew what to do with a tongue that

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all of His sovereignty with the nations of the world and come to this conclusion — the nations compared to God are less than zero.

Notice again as to the sovereignty of God:

"It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as GRASSHOPPERS; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in."—Isa. 40:22.

This world is so great, and so vast, and so expansive, and its extent is so beyond our comprehension, yet the Bible says that God sits upon the circle of the earth and looks down upon us and sees us just as grasshoppers. I ask you, how great is your God? The answer is, He is great in His sovereignty.

Listen to another Scripture as to God's sovereignty:

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water HE TURNETH IT whithersoever he will."—Prov. 21:1.

Notice, God is so sovereign He can turn a man's heart any way that He wants to do so.

Through the years that have gone by, God has turned enemies to be my friends, and He has turned friends to become my enemies. I realize that every turning on the part of any individual,

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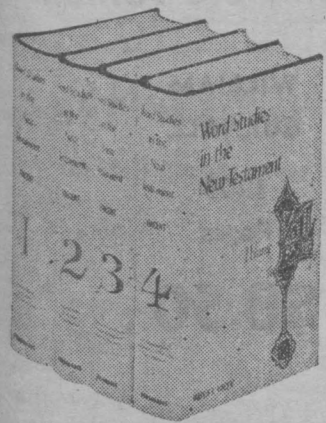
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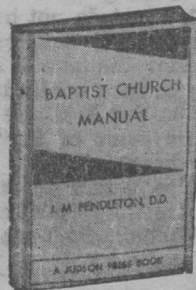
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"Do the 'all things' in Romans 8:28 include acts of sin we may commit as Christians, and will they also work for our good?"

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Yes, all things work together for good, even the sins of the believer. The spirit is speaking of "all things" indefinitely. I cannot read of any limitations or restrictions within this verse. He does not say all things which we consider righteous, work together for good, rather He declares all things, which would include even the sins of the believer.

I believe most firmly that the entrance of sin, the redemption of man from that sin, and all the events of man's life are a part of God's program, which works for God's honor and glory, and for the good of those who are called to his purpose.

"Giving thanks always for ALL THINGS unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."—Eph. 5:20.

The sin of Adam was for our good. That good was to lift us from an unconditional footing. I would much rather be what I am now, saved and kept by God's grace, than to be standing like Adam before sin entered and in danger of falling.

Let us take up the life of Joseph, the son of Jacob, to show you by Biblical example that sin in the lives of believers, works together for good. His brothers committed many sins against him, and many were the trials and temptations endured by this man. The hatred of his brothers, his being sold into slavery, the lust of Potiphar's wife, and his being placed in the dungeon, were sins that worked together for good, and Joseph very definitely tells his brethren that their evil was for his good and God's glory.

"And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; BUT GOD meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."—Gen. 50:19-20.

Spurgeon, in commenting on the events in Joseph's life said, "Take away any of those simple circumstances, break anyone of the links of the chain, and the whole of the design is scattered to the winds. You cannot get the machine to work. If any of the minute cogs of the wheel are taken away, everything is disarranged."—Sermons on Sovereignty.

Let us turn our attention to the life and crucifixion of Christ so that I may show forth the answer to this question when Jesus came to His own, and His own received Him not. God wasn't surprised or alarmed because it was a part of all the things that work for our good. It was through Israel's turning away that God turned to the Gentiles.

"I say then, Have they stum-

bled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy."—Rom. 11:11.

Peter's denial was foretold by the Lord, and as it was foretold, so it came to pass. He was a very poor witness at the trial and crucifixion, but listen to him as he speaks on Pentecost (Acts 2). It is my belief that God used Peter's denial to make of him a greater soldier of the cross. Thus, his denial worked for his own good.

The crucifixion which was the most hideous crime ever committed, was according to the counsel of God. Many believe that God simply withdrew His hand, and the Jews, Gentiles, Herod and Pilate followed natural inclinations. If this were true, it would have been without any divine influences. The Lord reveals the fallacy of such a theory when He, through Peter, says "Him being delivered by the DETERMINATE COUNSEL and FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD, Ye have by wicked hands crucified and slain." Acts 2:23.

Paul in preaching on Mars Hill said, "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." If God were to lift His hand from any man they would not be capable of movement.

The power to issue the command to crucify Christ was given to Pilate by God.

Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above; therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. Jn. 19:11.

Therefore, I most firmly believe that all things (including sin in lives of believers) work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. As we look at our lives, our paths seem to be very crooked. We are on a mountain top, and then the wheel of providence rolls us into the valley of despair, but to Him who is Lord of all circumstances, our paths are straight.

"The steps of a good man are ORDERED BY THE LORD: and He delighteth in his way."—Ps. 37:23.

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I am unable to see how getting drunk, lying, stealing, committing adultery or murder could ever work for the good of a Christian. In fact, I just do not believe sin ever works for our good. I am aware that the above statement seems to be a contradiction of Rom. 8:28. But I assure you, I believe this verse of Scripture with all my heart.

If we notice verses 26 and 27 we will see the Holy Spirit operating in our behalf. So I am per-

suaded that it is still the Holy Spirit that works for our good in verse 28. The New English version says, "In the same way the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness . . . and God who searches our inmost being knows what the Spirit means, because He pleads for God's own people in God's own way; and in everything, as we know, He cooperates for good with those who love God and are called according to His purpose."

The Berkley Bible says, "But we know that for those who love God, for those called in agreement with His purpose, He cooperates in all things for what is good."

So, as I see it, it is the Holy Spirit that works for our good rather than the sins we commit.

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I cannot limit this wonderful verse of Scripture. When it says all things, I take it to actually mean ALL THINGS. That is bound to include everything that transpires in our lives whether good or bad.

But notice! It says that all things "work together" for good. Do you remember those picture puzzles that were all the rage a few years ago? There was a conglomeration of cardboard chips that didn't make sense if taken one by one. There were some very ugly little pieces, but when every piece was fitted in its place there was a beautiful picture all complete.

Some of the things of life that come to us don't make sense, and we can't see how they can ever be made to minister to our good. We may have fallen into temptation and sin. We repent and ask God's forgiveness. It was Satan who tempted us and led us into evil. God will one day show Satan that even that wrong thing he led us to do, is made to fit into the pattern that produces the beautiful picture, (to use the illustration of the puzzle).

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When we study the Bible, we must be sure to study the context. A word that can possibly have several meanings must be interpreted by the way it is used. The word "all" sometimes means everything or every body in general or sometimes means everything or everybody of a certain group. The word "all" in this passage must mean everything in general. Let us examine this and see what it means in relation to sin.

We must be certain that we do not give the impression that we try to sin because of this. Nor should we make people think we sin because we know we can never be lost. We are told not to sin. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not . . ." (I John 2:1). "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." (Eph. 5:1). These and other passages show us that we are admonished not to sin, yet the Bible teaches us that we will sin. I John 2:1 goes on to say, ". . . and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Now, the Bible teaches us that when we sin we will be chastened

of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world." (I Cor. 11:32). "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." (Heb. 12:5,6). "Now no chastening for the present, seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." (Heb. 12:11). "Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the almighty." (Job 5:17).

We should go further and say that tribulations work in the same way. Paul told the saints to be strong and warned them that they must pass through much tribulation (see Acts 14:22). He later tells them that tribulation worketh patience in Rom. 5:3 and that they would be comforted in tribulation in II Cor. 1:4.

We cannot say that God tells us that it is good for us to sin, but the end result is good for us. The result of the chastening is good for us just as the result of tribulation is good for us.

Yes, "all things" work together for the good of God's people. Let us not let it become an advocacy to sin but rather a comfort when we do sin.

### How Great Thou Art!

(Continued from page three) couldn't speak. He knew what to do with an ear that couldn't hear. He knew what to do with a woman whose back was bent double until the position in which she walked was similar to a hair pin. I tell you, the Lord Jesus Christ is sovereign over disease.

Look at His sovereignty over enemies. Joseph's brothers resented him. Ultimately, God worked it out so that they saw that they were wrong. In the meantime, can you imagine his own brothers selling him into slavery? Can you imagine those brothers going home with a lie on their lips, to tell their father that Joseph had without doubt been killed by a wild beast, and they lived the lie for years and years and years, until it finally came home to them. You see them when they go down into Egypt to buy food from the very boy that they sold to Egypt as a slave. Read the story of Joseph and you can see that God is sovereign, for I can see Joseph's enemies, his brothers, bow before him.

God is sovereign even over sleep. The richest monarch in his day couldn't buy a night's rest. Why? Because God wouldn't allow him to sleep. When God wouldn't allow him to sleep, he sent into the library and brought out a book, the book of the Chronicles of his kingdom. There was enough war, bloodshed and crime within those Chronicles to

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have driven sleep forever from his eyes, but he sent for that book, and when the man opened it, he opened it to the very page which told the story as to how Mordecai had saved the king's life. Then the king didn't want to sleep. He wanted to get Mordecai out of bed. He wanted to see Mordecai as early as he could in the morning, that he might reward him for what he had done. I tell you, God is a sovereign God. He is great in His sovereignty.

III

### GOD IS GREAT IN HIS COMMISSION.

We read:  
"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."—Mt. 28:19,20.

To whom was Jesus speaking? He had to be talking to the disciples as a church. If he were talking to them as individuals, then the commission died when they died. If He talked to them as just ordinary persons and gave the commission to them, then when they died, the commission would have died too. But this commission was given to some organization that was going to last to the end of the earth. Naturally, He gave the commission to His church. What did He tell that church? He said, "You go, make disciples, baptize disciples, teach the disciples, and I'll be with you to the end of the age. Amen."

Can you imagine the presumptiveness of the Lord Jesus Christ making a statement like that? No, beloved, it is not presumptive. It is not presumption on the part of Jesus Christ. Rather, it is the greatness of our God. He only had a handful — 120 in all, and He said to this 120, "Conquer the world."

There are five powers that govern society — eloquence, learning, wealth, rank and the Army. The church had none of these. In fact, all of these powers were against the early church, yet Jesus said to that church with all the powers of society against them, "You conquer the world for me. Make disciples, baptize them, and teach them, and I'll be with you." Beloved, tell me that He is not great in the commission!

Listen again:  
"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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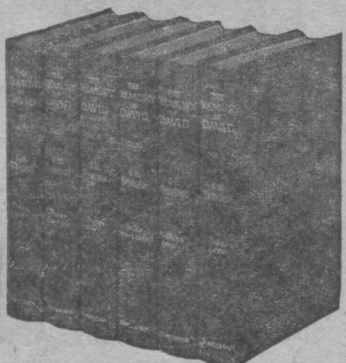
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## How Great Thou Art!

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ever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."—Mt. 16:18,19.

Notice, our Lord said to His church, "You go out and serve me, and whatever you do on earth, I'll ratify in Heaven. If you preach the Word of God and somebody is saved — somebody is loosed from his sins, he'll be loosed in Heaven. If you preach the Word of God, and as you preach it, he rebels against the Word of God and is bound tightly in his sins, he'll be bound in Heaven. Heaven will ratify the work of the church on earth." You tell me that the Lord Jesus Christ isn't great in His commission!

Notice again: "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, **WORLD WITHOUT END. Amen.**"—Eph. 3:21.

Can you imagine a little crowd of 120 that Jesus left here in this world and Jesus said that that church was going to last? How long? World without end.

How about the kings? Have they lasted? No. Even Solomon's kingdom came to an end. How about the kingdom of Alexander the Great? How about the kingdom of the Medes and the Persians? They all came to an end. But a little group of 120 that constituted the church that Jesus established when He was here in the days of His flesh, He said to that church, "You go and carry out my commission, and there will be glory manifested in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end." The only thing that is going to last is His church.

Talk about a commission. Talk about the sovereignty of His commission. Here you have it. His church is going to last. His church, which was a Missionary Baptist Church, is going to endure forever because of the sovereignty of God in His commission.

Notice another Scripture relative to the commission:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts 1:8.

The world would say that the Son of God was presumptuous. The world would say that the Son of God was mad. The world would say that the Son of God was beside Himself to give 120 individuals a commission to capture the world, yet Jesus said to them, "You go. You be witnesses. You tell what you know in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." If you want to know how great God is, I say that He is great in the commission that He gave to His church.

It helps me when I realize I have a part in that commission, just to know that I am falling back upon the God who gave that commission. Every once in a while I have a tendency to be discouraged. Every once in a while I think, well, what is the use? Why keep on fighting? Why keep on contending? Why not just go along with the world?

Why not just take the easiest route? Beloved, the reason I don't, is because I realize that we have a God of sovereignty who gave us this commission, and I fall back on Him, and I realize that He has manifested His greatness in the commission that He gave.

Oh, how marvelously great is our God! Solomon said, "And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods." I would to God that you might realize how great is our God.

May God bless you!  
[Part II — a second sermon from this text will appear next week (D.V.).]

## Fred T. Halliman

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ion and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him" (Dan. 7:14).

In Numbers 6:2, the word "consecrate" has to do with and means, to separate. The context of verse 12 shows that this had to do with "the law of the Naz- arite."

Again we find the word "consecrate" used, and this time in Exodus 28:3 and 30:30, but here it is used to mean, to set apart. In Exodus 28:3 Moses was instructed to "speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate (set apart) him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office." In Exodus 30:30, they were to "anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them (set them apart)," for the same purpose.

In our text the word means, to fill the hand, David was making preparations to build the temple, and had led his people in a liberal offering, then he said: "Who then is willing to consecrate, (fill his hands, give liberally and abundantly, of his money, time, and talents) his service this day unto the Lord." Beloved, if we would serve the Lord we have our "hands full." Very often you hear of someone who has "dedicated his life to full-time Christian service." That is just one more of Satan's counterfeits. I didn't know there was any such thing in the Bible that advocated half-time, quarter-time, part-time or anything except FULL-TIME Christian service.

Therefore, let us note some reasons why we should consecrate ourselves to the service of the Lord. Because of:

### I. THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CHRIST CAME

1. There were some things that Christ did not come to do.

(a) He did not come to be ministered unto to but to minister (Matt. 20:28).

(b) He did not come to give His life a ransom for every individual, but for many (Matt. 20:29). If God the Father purposed to save everyone, then He is a failure for all are not saved. If God the Son died with a purpose to save everyone, He has been defeated for many were in tor-

ment when He died and multitudes since have died lost. If God the Holy Spirit is "trying" to save everyone, He is utterly disappointed for not many are being saved.

But God the Father is no failure for "He doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" (Dan. 4:35). God the Son is not defeated for "ALL that the Father giveth me shall come to me" (John 6:37). God the Holy Spirit is not being disappointed for He is the Administrator of the Word, and He says about the word: "It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

(c) He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance (Matt. 9:13).

2. There are some things Christ did come to do.

(a) He came to do the Father's will (John 6:38; Heb. 10:7). "And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day, and this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:39-40).

(b) He came to save that which was lost (Matt. 18:11).

(c) He came to be made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21).

(d) He came to heal the broken hearted (Luke 4:18).

(e) He came to give rest to all that are "labouring and heavy laden" (Matt. 11:28).

(f) He came to give us peace (John 14:27). "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

(g) He has come that "they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

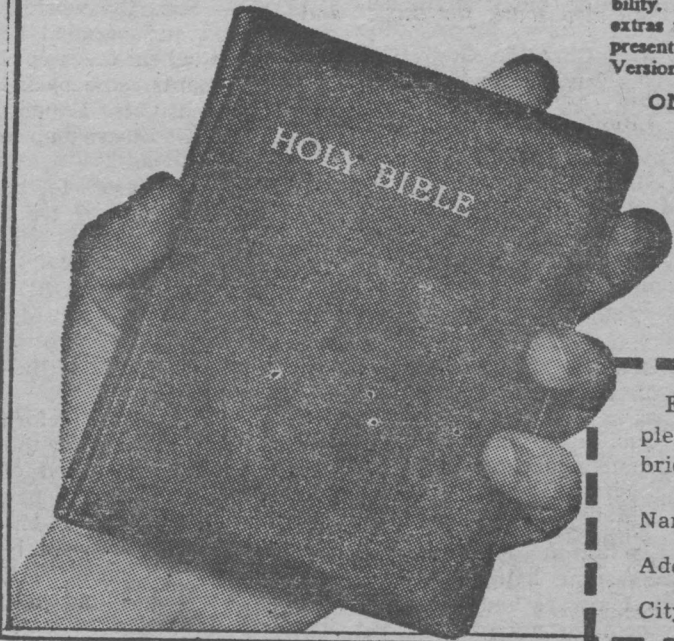
(h) He came that we might have "eternal" life (John 17:2).

### II. THE PENALTY THAT HE SUFFERED

Never before did man suffer as our Saviour suffered while He was here on earth. He was rejected by His family, His friends, and His foes. He was falsely accused yet He was silent before His accusers. He was smitten, spit upon, mocked, and scourged, and finally unjustly condemned.

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He was numbered with the transgressors, had His hands and feet pierced, and was given gall to drink. He was scorned and derided; they gambled for His garments, and finally, as our Sin-bearer, He was forsaken of God. Our Lord suffered persecution, temptation, hunger, thirst, weariness, and He suffered having no home. "The birds of the air have nests and the foxes have holes, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Beloved, your home may be poor, it may be humble, it may be the worst rundown shack on your street or road, but it's home. It is a place where you can lay your tired and weary body at night. Our Saviour knew not the comforts of home, but He suffered knowing not (humanly speaking) where He was going to spend the night. All this is beyond our comprehension, yet, it was by "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" that He suffered for us (Acts 2:23).

### III. THE PRICE THAT HE PAID

We see the prices of products rise and fall; wages are up and down, but God's prices never change. "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Never before or since has such a price been demanded, and never has there been so many people owing the same debt to the same person for, "ALL have sinned" (Rom. 3:23). Neither was there ever a time when we were so helpless as we were when we were trying to settle this debt ourselves. The payment must be met; justice must be satisfied. Without a wedding garment we cannot get in; all we have is filthy rags. There

is only one door and only one key. We have not the key and neither can we come to the door in our own power. Jesus said: "I am the door, BY ME if any man shall enter in, he shall be saved" (John 10:9); but "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

Then is there no hope? Not unless someone else is willing to pay my debt. The price is stupendous and I am unable to pay. Dear reader, the sweetest words that I have ever heard were these: "For ye know the GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). Amazing grace.

### IV. THE POWER OF DELIVERANCE FROM SIN

Paul found himself to be the battlefield of a terrible warfare and in Romans 7 said: "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me, for I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

Brother, you and I are in that same predicament. We often find it to be a law of our being that when we want to do what is right and good, evil is present with us, and we are subject to its insistent demands. Then we are found saying with Paul: "O wretched man" (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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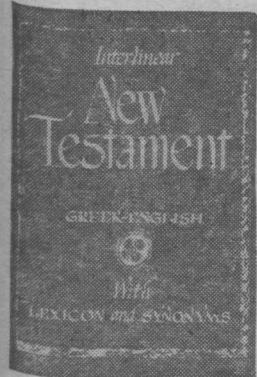
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## Fred T. Halliman

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that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:21-25.) "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." (Rom. 8:2).

Elder Frank Carlton, who has recently been with me in a meeting, said: "When I was a boy, people used to tell me there was gold at the foot of the rainbow: I don't know for I have never been there, but one thing I know, there is grace at the foot of the Cross; I know, for I have been there."

Beloved, at the Cross we died in Him and were delivered from the sin that marred and ruined our souls, that has been forever settled. We are being delivered from present sin and the love of it (Rom. 8:2; II Cor. 1:10). One day we shall be completely delivered from the presence and power of all sin. "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen" (Jude 24:25).

### V. THE PROTECTION HE GIVES US

Weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annually, and annually people spend millions of hard earned dollars on insurance policies for protection. Sometimes they collect on the policies, and sometimes the policies collect from the individuals; but I have in Him, protection that cannot be bought.

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

"And ye are complete in him" (Col. 2:10).

"There is therefore NOW no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

Beloved, I don't have to wait until my property is destroyed, or I have been killed in an accident to collect on the protection that I have in Him. I can enjoy the benefits of it now. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, (present tense) and shall not (future tense, shall not at any time in the future) come into condemnation (judgment) but is (has already) passed from death unto life" (John 5:24).

The emphasis here and in Romans 8:1 is upon the NOW.

Secondly, we are protected from ever being lost. Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them

out of my hand" (John 10:28). Beloved, I am thankful that my salvation doesn't depend upon myself, but that it is "kept (guarded or garrisoned) by God's power" (I Pet. 1:5).

I enjoy this protection and I shall always enjoy it, for I am under the blood, and there is power in the blood. I cannot lose my own salvation (which in reality is not mine, but it is His salvation that I have) for my "life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). The Devil cannot get my soul for that is under the blood. The only way Satan could ever get my soul would be when he would come under the blood after it, and if he ever comes under the blood he would be saved; but he shall never do that for there is no provision made for fallen angels. Praise God for His protection.

### VI. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN PREDESTINATED

What a hated and despised doctrine, but it is one in which all who know and love the truth can rejoice. People that knew my father tell me that I am very much like him in appearance, and that makes me happy to know that, for I always had great love and respect for my parents; but beloved, the first time he ever looked upon my face and saw his red-faced offspring he never knew that some day I would look like him. Before the stars or moon or the sun ever began to shine, before the earth was formed or the foundations laid, God knew me, and "Whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son (molded into the image of and share inwardly His likeness); moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified" (Rom. 8:29-30).

### VII. THE PREPARATION HE IS MAKING FOR US

I have never known what it feels like to own my own home, but I am glad when I see other people who are more fortunate than I have been. Even if it always falls my lot to "dwell in tabernacles" I shall be content for I am looking "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). "In my Father's house are many mansions (dwelling places, homes); if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

Dear reader, if you are not saved and are in search of the answer to the question of all time, "What must I do to be saved?" the answer is "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

If you are saved, the love of Christ should constrain you to live a consecrated life in His service, in view of what He has done.

## Donald L. Chance

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wash their feet.

### I. The Person Acting.

The question is often asked, "Who is God?" And the cry goes forth, "God is an Epitaph." I am sure you all know what an epitaph is. It is an inscription or writing on a tomb. "GOD IS DEAD" — cries the world. This was pushed and paraded before the people when the two Russian cosmonauts came back from their space flights. Laughingly, they cried, "God wasn't up there; He must be dead!"

As this cry goes forth, we need not be surprised for Jeremiah said of Israel in chapter 16:14, "Therefore, behold, the days come saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt."

When Russia cried before the world it was but an after thought of what was prophesied of Israel, "It shall NO more be said, The LORD liveth." But oh how Jeremiah cried and wept before the people in Chapter 4:1, "If thou wilt return," and in verse 2, "And thou shalt swear. The LORD liveth, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; — in him shall they glory."

The Person acting is Christ as God for we read in Philippians 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

He lives in,

1. Truth — Jesus said in John 14:6, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." As truth it stands that 2 plus 2 equals 4 from the beginning of time even until the end of the ages. When Jesus said, "I am" He stated another truth, "without shedding of blood is no remission." This was the truth set by God's own Hand and even though Israel cried for another, "the law was given by Moses, but Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ," John 1:17.

2. In Judgment he shall come. Listen — "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom." II Timothy 4:1. The Lord Jesus shall judge the quick and the dead — yes, and another promise God has made is "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow."

3. Righteousness — "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." I Corinthians 1:30-31. Wherein is our righteousness? "In my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling."

Yes, Beloved, Jesus the Son of God did the acting in this place and lowered Himself to the position of His inferior. Well it is to note as Webster said, "voluntarily."

### II. The Act of the Person.

In II Corinthians 8:9, Paul gives us a good picture of the act of the Person of Whom we speak. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich." My—what profound words — rich, yet became poor! To see the act of the Person, one would have to use the yardstick of the

mind and measure the riches which He gave up. In Psalm 50:10-12, David gives us His credit status. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof." Does not the Scripture tell us that "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made?"

1. He gave to us the riches of mercy. "For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him." Psalm 103:11. Mercy from the hands of a Merciful God!

2. He gave to us the riches of grace. "Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly." Proverbs 3:34. When mercy was shown, it was to God's elect through His grace, a free gift. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is a gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.

3. He promises to us His fellowship by His coming down to us. "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." I Corinthians 1:9.

4. With His fellowship we have comfort in His Spirit, for Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth . . ." John 14:15-17. Again, in verse 18, "I will not leave you comfortless." This is followed by Paul with words to enrich the soul. "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort." II Corinthians 1:3. Rich He became poor that "WHO" might be made rich?

### III. The Persons acted upon.

I believe the most quoted and best known verse of Scripture to give us the answer is John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have life eternal." The persons acted upon are the lowest grade of persons, yet "He loved them and gave himself for them." Who are these people? Might I quote this verse again to disclose one name. "For God so loved Don Chance, that He gave or stooped to his level, that he might come to eternal life in Christ Jesus." My Lord was right when He said "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." You see, I didn't love Him — I was at enmity with Him and it took the act of condescension on His part to bring me into fellowship.

But I say in closing, if there be no other verse, then I must use this one, when Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them

out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. John 10:27-30.

Yes, Jesus came down to the level of His inferiors, to a lower estate, took upon Himself the robe of flesh that He might bring many sons to repentance and glory, that they might be made rich in Him. Paul said, in effect, "I am what I am by the grace of God," but only through the condescension of God.

Thank you and God bless everyone here.

## Joseph Wilson

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to the many friends that I met, and learned to love, and look forward to seeing next year at the Conference — to endeavor to get the church of which you are a member to send \$25 or more to Calvary Baptist Church to help on the expenses for the recent Bible Conference.

I write this because it is on my heart. I was not asked to write it by anyone and do not know if it will be printed or not. I am going to send it to Brother Gilpin and ask that it be printed in TBE. I hope he will print it. Calvary Baptist Church has never asked for our help in this Conference. We have been blessed beyond measure at the expense of a dear sister church.

Now let some of us voluntarily and out of great love, seek to assist this great church in this matter. May God bless you all. May God give many churches around the country the desire and willingness to assist Calvary Baptist Church in her great ministry for the Lord.

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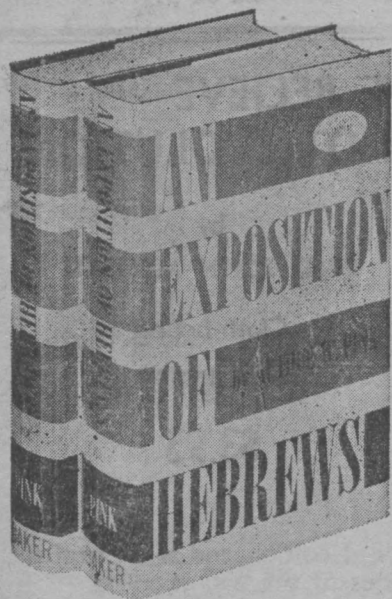
to the dictates of his own conscience. We would, therefore, rise to take up arms to defend that right, even for the Catholic faith." They further say, "We do not preach toleration, but liberty."

This is the essence of what is being said in Baptist (?) pulpits — of what appears in their writings and from their general conversation.

Do they really understand what they are saying? Or perhaps it might not be so much the part of ignorance as it is a way of avoiding being unpopular with the general trend in Christendom. But, assuming it to be ignorance on their part, we give the following statements of fact, hoping that they might study for themselves and thereby avoid the same mistake.

The Catholic in high places will readily let it be known that he deems all religions, outside his own, as heretical. And he has forever proven that when he is in position of power he will tolerate no "heresy" to be propagated. Wherever this abominable creature

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## O. B. Baker

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has the driver's seat, it persecutes BAPTISTS even to the death chambers. History is replete with the record of the multitudes of simple Bible-believing folk who have gone to their death at the hand of this monster called "The Roman Catholic Church." It is therefore our firm conviction that if Rome were in power here in our beloved country, she would hunt down and persecute to the death every BAPTIST who would refuse her sacramental, godless heresy. We feel that we speak the heart-mind of every enlightened BAPTIST on this planet when we say, "I would not gladly, or otherwise, take up arms in defense of the Catholic faith." Their faith and mine are as far apart as the North is from the South. And their system is as dangerous to our way of life as is Communism.

With all the BAPTIST blood she has shed throughout the centuries staring us in the face, how could we possibly say, "I would gladly take up arms in her defense?" We would be justified in saying, "I had just as soon take up arms for the Communists and his

faith," or "the Devil and his system."

If BAPTISTS would preach the TRUTH, and then, stand for that TRUTH, there would be less Catholicism to deal with. If BAPTISTS would refuse to recognize any thing that smells of her den, perhaps more of God's elect would be spared from falling in her traps. The aspiration of the Roman system is to dominate, not only the religious world, but the political as well. And the only hope for both is the message of Almighty God, as held forth by BAPTISTS. Of course, we know that before our Lord returns, Rome will have polluted all systems except BAPTISTS.

Oh! BAPTISTS, let's quit kidding ourselves; Rome has not changed her ways. She's the same old PROSTITUTE, with the same beguiling techniques. Her bed is the bed of worldly pleasure, ending in everlasting shame. He that is pure will not be defiled thereby. Let those who would be true to our Lord, denounce her illicit love, and be diligently warning God's ELECT children that they may be spared her fiery end.

Rome's daughters are to be shunned as well. Perhaps they are more dangerous, in that they were conceived in BAPTIST hating, and brought forth in BAPTIST killing. Rome and her daughters have always hated BAPTISTS, and we can be certain they will not change in the future. They only await the time of power.

Hear the words of our Lord, as He spoke to the First Baptist Assembly (church): "If the world (which surely means Catholics today) hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you."—John 15:18.

In the interest of Faithful BAPTIST Churches,

## Impressions

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flesh, at the Conference. I believe the majority present were the elect of God — those that believe the whole counsel of God, and His word. May God bless all those that took part, and the churches of the true and living God of Glory.

William I. Shetterly,  
Toledo, Ohio

I have enjoyed the Conference this year as always and thank God that He has made it possible for His people to have something like this to enjoy. I especially enjoyed Bro. Shellnut's message, as well as the good fellowship and song services.

Mrs. James Hobbs  
McDermott, Ohio

This has been my first Calvary Baptist Conference. I find it difficult to describe what it has meant to me. I would have to sum it up like this: If it is possible to be over-blessed by God, it would happen at a Calvary Baptist Bible Conference.

Nick Wools  
Indianapolis, Indiana

The 1969 Bible Conference has been a time of great rejoicing. We have heard the Word of God.

expounded. We have thrilled at the songs of praise coming from the "specials," as well as the congregational singing. Calvary Baptist Church has been a most gracious host in going out of the way to extend to us every comfort and consideration.

James E. Hobbs  
McDermott, Ohio

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

Don Pennington  
Covington, Ky.

Each Conference is a blessing to me. Thank God for bringing me here to hear great messages from His precious word.

Nina Hackney  
Huntsville, Alabama

I am chiefly impressed with the fine fellowship that prevailed throughout the Conference. How different from that which I experienced at associations and conventions in past years. Here our fellowship was in the Word of God — not in programs and denominational schemes.

Roy Mason  
Aripeka, Florida

It was a really enjoyable conference. The rooms and meals were deluxe. The "specials" were a real blessing.

Bill Crow  
Perth, Kansas

This is the second year I have attended the Conference. I have enjoyed both very much. I hope to return next year.

Sue Hackney  
Huntsville, Alabama

The 1969 Bible Conference has made a great impression on me as a newcomer. If the Lord has predestined it, I will be back next year, and I'll bring someone with me.

Sandra Hackney  
Huntsville, Alabama

This has been the most wonderful Bible Conference I have ever attended. The preachers and singers have exalted our Wonderful Lord. The fellowship has been most gracious. The food was good. We thank God for directing and leading us to this place. We pray that God will permit us to meet here next year.

Carl and Maxine Massie  
Huntington, W. Va.

I just thank the Lord that I was able to be here at the Conference this year. The preaching was truly a blessing to my soul. The hospitality was very good. The Lord willing I'll be here next year.

Reba Varble  
Indianapolis, Indiana

This being my first time to the Conference, I can say that I have enjoyed every minute of it. The preaching and singing have been wonderful and so true to God's Word, that I will be looking forward to next year's meeting. I also thank God for the good food and for the hospitality of you all.

Gilbert Legg  
Indore, W. Va.

It has been a great privilege and a wonderful experience for me to have been able to be at this Baptist Conference. God has so richly blessed me through His wonderful gospel messages and the songs that have been sung. I thank God for this great experience. I know I shall go home with a stronger faith and a greater love for my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thanks for all your kindness and love you have shown toward me and my husband. Thanks for everything.

Mrs. Reba Legg  
Indore, West Virginia

This was another wonderful Bible Conference. I am praising the Lord that He has permitted

us to meet together for this Bible Conference. This is where we can feast on His word and sing praises to the "King of all Kings." The hospitality was lovable and the time of fellowship beyond expression. The Lord willing I would like to be back next year.

Hugh D. Jobe  
Gravette, Arkansas

The 1969 Bible Conference was the greatest ever. Good preaching, good food and the fellowship dearer than ever before.

Eld. Raymond Willis  
Garrison, Ky.

We have enjoyed another meeting of good fellowship with Calvary Baptist Church and feasting on the Word of God. The Truth found in God's Word has really been unfolded to us. We appreciate Calvary Baptist Church and what she stands for. Also The Baptist Examiner, and all the people that make them possible. The accommodations were wonderful. Thank you for everything. May the Lord bless you all.

Lela K. Jobe  
Gravette, Arkansas

This our third trip to the Bible Conference from Louisville, Ky. was well worth our time in getting here. We intend, if it's the Lord's will, to be here next year. We were blessed by the messages of the speakers and also the good fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Toll  
Louisville, Ky.

It is hard to find the right words to express the joy of the Bible Conference, just as it is hard to tell someone the joy of salvation. Words cannot express the fine fellowship, preaching and song service of the Bible Conference. I'm looking forward to next year, the Lord willing.

William H. Reed  
Loveland, Ohio

I have enjoyed attending the Conference this year and hearing the Word of God. I hope it is my privilege to come next year.

Tony White  
Ashland, Ky.

My heart was blessed with the spiritual feast from God's word. My life was enriched with the fellowship with God's dearest saints and greatest preachers on earth today. My body was refreshed with good food and a good place to lay my head at night. I thank God for Calvary Baptist Church, The Baptist Examiner and for Brother John R. Gilpin. Once again this has been a blessed event in my life. If our Blessed Lord tarries, and is pleased to let me live, in His providence I hope to be here next year.

Tex Cobb  
Stockdale, Texas

This is my first time to attend a Conference of this kind. I have really been lifted up. I have enjoyed these sermons tremendously. I feel like the Holy Spirit has been here, and all the people have been so nice and kind. It is a pleasure to be among Christian people and fellowship

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with God's chosen few. Thanks, Bro. Gilpin for your wonderful hospitality, and may God bless you and yours. I'm hoping to be here again next year, if the Lord tarries. His will be done.

Lois Goodman  
Bristol, Virginia

The conference was such a blessing to me that words cannot describe it. The meals were delicious, and I enjoyed the preaching and singing very much. The Lord willing, I hope to be back again next year.

Inez Suit  
Seabrook, Maryland

There is nothing more enjoyable to me than to hear God's word preached and to fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I know of no other place where one can hear the Word expounded more. The fellowship at the Conference with those I have not seen for sometime is more wonderful than can be expressed. It is my prayer that God will bless Calvary Baptist Church and her beloved pastor. I pray that this time next year, if our Lord tarries, we will be able to gather once again and enjoy such a wonderful Bible Conference.

David O'Neal  
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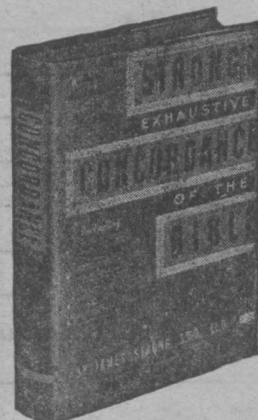
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By C. H. Spurgeon

The salvation, and the faith, and the whole gracious work together, are not of ourselves.

First, they are not of our former deservings; they are not the reward of former good endeavours. No unregenerate person has lived so well that God is bound to give him further grace, and to bestow on him eternal life; else it were no longer of grace, but of debt. Salvation is given to us, not earned by us. Our first life is always a wandering away from God, and our new life of return to God is always a work of undeserved mercy, wrought upon those who greatly need, but never deserve it.

It is not of ourselves, in the further sense, that it is not out of our original excellence. Salvation comes from above; it is never evolved from within. Can eternal life be evolved from the bare ribs of death? Some dare to tell us that faith in Christ, and the new birth, are only the development of good things that lay hidden in us by nature; but in this, like their father, they speak of their own. Sirs, if an heir of wrath is left to be developed, he will become more and

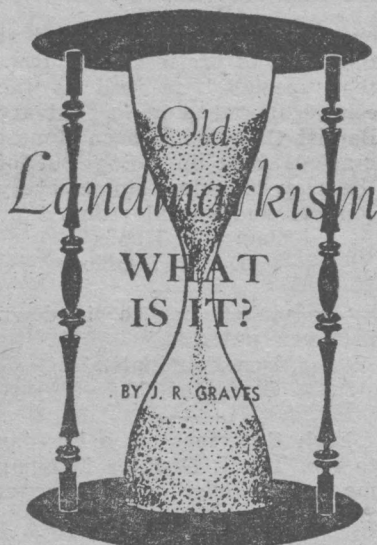
more fit for the place prepared for the Devil and his angels! You may take the unregenerate man, and educate him to the highest; but he remains, and must



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forever remain, dead in sin, unless a higher power shall come in to save him from himself.

Grace brings into the heart an entirely foreign element. It does not improve and perpetuate; it kills and makes alive. There is



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no continuity between the state of nature and the state of grace; the one is darkness, and the other is light; the one is death, and the other is life. Grace, when it comes unto us, is like a firebrand dropped into the sea, where it would certainly be quenched were it not of such a miraculous quality that it baffles the water-floods, and sets up its reign of fire and light even in the depths.

Salvation by grace, through faith, is not of ourselves in the sense of being the result of our own power. We are bound to view salvation as being as surely a divine act as creation, or providence, or resurrection. At every point of the process of salvation, this word is appropriate -- "not of yourselves." From the first desire after it to the full reception of it by faith, it is evermore of the Lord alone, and not of ourselves. The man believes, but that belief is only one result among many of the implantation of divine life within the man's soul by God Himself.

Even the very will thus to be saved by grace is not of ourselves, but is the gift of God. There lies the stress of the question. A man ought to believe in Jesus: it is his duty to receive him whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation for sins. But man will not believe in Jesus, he prefers anything to faith in his Redeemer. Unless the Spirit of God convinces the judgment, and constrains the will, man has no heart to believe in Jesus unto eternal life.

I ask any saved man to look back upon his own conversion, and explain how it came about. You turned to Christ, and believed on His name: these were your own acts and deeds. But what caused you thus to turn? What sacred force was that which turned you from sin to righteousness? Do you attribute this singular renewal to the existence of a something better in you than has been yet discovered in your unconverted neighbour? No, you confess that you might have been what he now is, if it had not been that there was a potent something which touched the spring of your will, enlightened your understanding, and guided you to the foot of the cross. Gratefully we confess the fact; it must be so. Salvation by grace, through faith, is not of ourselves; and none of us will dream of taking any honour to ourselves for our conversion, or from any gracious effect which has flowed from the first divine cause.



## Impressions

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ing you how we felt about it. There certainly is a difference in the preaching from men called by God, and men called by themselves. I was also glad to see that there are some other women who put God before themselves

# False Notions About What Work The Church Is To Do

By ROY MASON  
Tampa, Florida

Many people look upon a church as just another welfare agency. A man who didn't attend church, and has paid no attention to churches through the years, stopped by the home of the caretaker of our church. He was looking for financial aid, and in course of conversation he said to the caretaker, "You know it's the business of a church to look out for people in my shape." He was a child of the Devil, and it was his opinion that the children of God was obligated to take care of the needs of the children of the Devil. The truth is, it is not the obligation of a church to help the children of the Devil. Speaking to Christians, Paul says (Gal. 6:10): "As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." He means that as opportunity presents itself, do good to all we come in contact with, but he says that we have a special duty toward Christians--"the household of faith." Our church has many times helped unsaved people, but that is not our particular duty. That duty is to render aid to those who are God's people.

## Is It Our Duty To Clean Up The World?

We recall one preacher who waged war on vice conditions in his town. The evil element burned his church. He was made chief of police, but he didn't know what to do with the job. He found himself poorly adapted to politics and he did not succeed in cleaning up the town. After a short period he resigned. Certainly the

and obey "Him" in wearing long hair and head-coverings.

Sharon and Dick Haynes  
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We have surely enjoyed being able to attend the Bible Conference "1969." We are looking forward to coming next year, if it be the will of the Lord.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Cordle  
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minister ought to be outspoken against sin and evil, and he ought to encourage his people to vote against and stand against evil conditions, but it is not his business or that of his church to spend her time trying to clean up communities from the outside. The truth is such is an impossible task. John (I John 5:19) says, "The whole world lieth in the evil one." The world is like a sinking ship, and for a church to spend its time in reform and clean-up movements is like men painting the sinking ship, when they ought to be engaged in rescue work trying to save the passengers. Incidentally, any community will become better the more completely it is evangelized.

## Is It The Church's Duty To Prevent War?

During the First World War there was raised the cry, "The Church has failed!" Thus it was charged that such a war could not have broken out had not "the church" failed in its duty. Churches can do all they please, and they cannot eliminate war from the earth. Jesus predicted wars and rumors of wars as a part of the course of this age (Matt. 24:6-8). The commission given by Jesus to His church is not one to put a stop to war or poverty or any such thing. "Social gospellers" are devoted to such tasks and they are wasting their time. The biggest social experiment ever undertaken is the one being carried on by Russia. Communism purports to be out to put a stop to all the evils that society had known in the past, but practically, what has it done? It engulfed much of the world in the most brutal slavery ever known, and it is keeping the world an armed camp today.

## Is It A Duty To Furnish Civic Leadership?

Many a minister becomes involved in all sort of civic enterprises. He belongs to various organizations, and he is on this and that committee. A large portion of his time is taken up dealing with civic matters. He has no orders from God to do any of these things. Many such ministers have churches so worldly they stink. While he tries to curb the glaring evils, his own people go uninstructed and are a reproach to the cause of Christ.

## What Does The Church Owe The World?

It owes it THE GOSPEL (see Rom. 1:14). Each church owes it to the world to give it the gospel--which is the good news of salvation and eternal life. Other things that a church can engage in are trivial in comparison with the giving of the gospel.

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