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"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."—Isaiah 8:20

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## My Impressions...

AS TO CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH'S 1969 BIBLE CONFERENCE

I would like to say the 1969 Bible Conference has been one of the best yet for me. The food was good and the fellowship was sweet. I hated to see it come to a close. If the Lord tarries, I pray I and my family can come again next year.

Claude Phillips,  
Bristol, Tennessee

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." How thankful we are again for another Bible Conference and for the privilege that has been ours to attend. The messages both in sermon and in song have blessed our hearts. This world has nothing to offer so dear as the fellowship with God's children. May God bless Calvary Baptist Church as He has blessed

us during these services. We are so thankful for both the spiritual and material blessings that have been so graciously bestowed upon us.

Mrs. Willard Pyle  
Chesapeake, Ohio

My heart rejoiced when I heard the many sermons at Morehead. My soul has been built up with the ministry of the Word. I can say I loved the messages that exalted my Lord and Saviour and was glad to hear the Lord's truth about His Church. Because I am a woman, I cannot say "Amen," but I thank you for my being able to express it in song. It was an honor to sing for the people for whom Christ died. The lodging and meals were very good. I

look forward to coming next year, if the Lord permits.

Mrs. Richard Little,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

In my judgment this Conference ranks as the best. The attendance was amazing, beginning with the first night. It is self-evident that interest in this Conference is rapidly picking up in momentum. The fellowship was of the highest order and all expressed themselves as making plans to return for the 1970 Conference, and to bring others with them to share the blessings of it. All Conferences have their high points, but this one had more than the usual. The air-conditioned dormitories, coupled with fine food pre-

## Jesus: A Wonderful Name, And What It Means To Us

By JOSEPH WILSON  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

"And thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

Names in the Bible are full of meaning. We often see that names express the joy and hope of parents in their children. Sometimes they express what God has revealed to them concerning the child. But here is the name that is above every other name — the wonderful name of Jesus. Let us look awhile at this name and what it means.

This wonderful name is a name that is hated by the world. It is a name they love to use in their blasphemous jokes, and to join to their awful oaths. But Scripture speaks of this name as a truly wonderful name. We are told that it is the only name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. We are told that the day will come when "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:10, 11.

This name is a name that is wonderful and precious in the experience of the child of God. How we thrill at that name! How the dark hours of the night are

turned into the radiance of the sunrise by that name! How the suffering and afflictions of life are made easy to bear by that name! How the ridicule and persecution of the world is made



ELD. JOSEPH WILSON

sweet to bear when they are for that name's sake! We love to sing of that name. "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in the believers ears." "Take the name of Jesus with you, it will joy (Continued on page 4, column 4).

## Mission Methods Of God In Contrast With Those Of Man

SERMON PREACHED AT CALVARY'S 1969 CONFERENCE

By E. G. COOK  
Birmingham, Alabama

Surely everyone knows that if a man is to do mission work he needs to have someone to tell him where to go in order to do the mission work. Then he needs someone to tell him what to do when he gets there. He needs some source of income as well as a source of information that he may need from time to time. So for a man to do mission work a mission board is necessary, in

therefore, doing mission work through the means of, and by the authority of a mission board is not God's way of doing it.

Then since doing mission work through a mission board is definitely not God's way of doing it, just what is His way? In Eph. 3: 9-10 we read:

"To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God."

Our translation says "by the church," but all others that I know of say "through the church." So it is through the church that God makes known His "manifold wisdom." This word manifold comes from the Greek word POLUPOIKILOS. POIKILOS means varied and POLUS means much. So when you put the two together POLUPOIKILOS means much varied. It means that God makes known His much varied wisdom through the church. The New English version says, "It was hidden for long ages in God the creator of the universe, in order that now, through the church, the wisdom (Continued on page 5, column 3)



### OUT OF BOX 910

Since I love the messages so much in TBE and the doctrine of election, I feel as if I owe you a little appreciation so will send you a small offering to help continue it in print. My, how people do resent it. I mean some people, but not all. I have convinced my own family and several other folk to the truth of it. I thank the Lord for revealing it to me and of course, it came through THE BAPTIST EXAMINER.

F. E. Moore  
(West Virginia)

Enclosed is a check for \$2.00 to renew my subscription to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I enjoy the paper very much. However, I must confess to you that I don't agree with you on every little point, but I am in agreement with you on the church, baptism, close communion, pre-millennial position, and I also enjoy the articles on the rich deep doctrine of salvation by grace and eternal security.

I also thank God for your po-

## Another Church Organized In New Guinea By Bro. Fred

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
(New Guinea Missionary)

Dear Pastor and Church;

I always find pleasure in writing to the church and reporting the work of the Lord as I have been enabled to do through His leadership and the strength and grace supplied by Him. It also makes me happy to write knowing that while it is my duty as a Baptist missionary to report directly to the church of which I am a member and serving, that you in turn will share this news, through the medium of THE BAPTIST EXAMINER, with folk all over America, and many other parts of the world.

I thank God daily for my church and pastor and for each and every one of the other churches, pastors, and individuals that the Lord has raised up to support this work. I praise the Lord for Jesus who came to this world and organized the first Baptist church, for saving my soul, and revealing the truth to me that I should become a member of a Baptist Church. I am thankful for Paul and others that the Lord called into His service to do mission work and start other Baptist Churches. Beloved, I am thankful for the privilege to be counted worthy

of the Lord to be a missionary and to carry on this work of preaching the gospel, baptizing believers, teaching them, and organizing them into Baptist Churches.

It is especially for this reason that I write unto you at this time to tell you of another Baptist Church that has been organized.

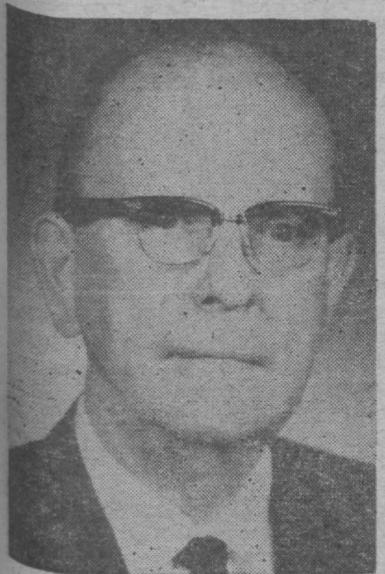
This group of believers now known as the Pedamu Baptist Church, which consists of 22 in number, have been a mission



FRED T. HALLIMAN

of the second church we organized here for about 4 years now. Our pastors and missionaries have labored faithfully with them and I have personally preached to them many many times. Several months ago they first asked me about organizing them into a church. I postponed this for the purpose of teaching them further what their responsibilities would be after becoming a church. I tried to teach them line upon line, and precept upon precept. On Sunday, July 27 this group was organized into a Baptist Church.

With each of our churches and mission groups I think I can point to one or more things that are outstanding to me. This new church is no exception. Among this group of folk there is a little old blind woman that has one of the sweetest dispositions that I have ever encountered anywhere. I seriously doubt if Fannie Crosby ever rejoiced more in serving her Lord than (Continued on page 8, column 5)



E. G. COOK

fact, we might say it is essential. That is the ideal way for man to do mission work. It solves the problem as to where he is to go and what he is to do when he gets there. And, furthermore, it provides a set salary for him just as if he were working in a steel plant. In fact, it is better than working in the steel industry due to the fact that in mission work there are no strikes or lay offs. Then there is another advantage to this kind of mission work. While other missionaries are on their knees talking to the Lord about their needs, this missionary can get in a little good fishing, or maybe a few holes of golf, because the mission board has already taken care of his needs.

Yes, this is the ideal way for man to do his mission work. But God says in Isa. 55:8: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Since it is man's ideal way to do mission work through a mission board, and since man's way is not God's way,

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "HOW GREAT THOU ART!"

(Part II)

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

This text grows out of the experience of Solomon preparing to build the temple of Jerusalem. He is making plans and trading with Hiram, the king of Tyre, whereby that Hiram is to furnish him men that will cut the trees out of the mountains, and burden bearers that will carry the materials unto the building site. In return, David and Israel are to furnish wheat and barley, and oil and wine unto the people of Tyre. In connection with their trading arrangement, Solomon says, "And the house

which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods."

I ask you, how great is your God? As I have said, God is great in holiness, God is great in His sovereignty over all of His creation, and God is great in His power so far as the commission that He gave to His church.

I  
GOD IS GREAT IN SALVATION.

We read:

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so GREAT SALVATION; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."—Heb. 2:3.

Notice, in the asking of a question, the Apostle Paul refers to salvation as "so great salvation." The question is, how can we escape if we neglect so great salvation? I am not interested in the question, but I want you to notice those three words that he uses, "so great salvation." That was the way he described salvation, and I say to you, God is great in salvation.

There are so many things about salvation that makes the greatness of God stand out. When I think that it was God who planned our salvation, then I realize that truly God is great in salvation. (Continued on page 2, column 2)



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tion. You didn't plan it. I didn't plan it. We didn't have a thing to do with the planning of our salvation. The fact of the matter is, the angels and archangel, the cherubims, and the seraphims didn't plan our salvation. Rather, our salvation was planned of God. Listen:

"The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition; and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."—Rev. 17:8.

Notice, our salvation was planned from the foundation of the world. You weren't there, and I wasn't there. Not a human being was there the day that salvation was planned in our behalf. But from the foundation of the world, God planned our salvation.

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

Beloved, God planned our salvation from the beginning. But when was the beginning? I could not tell you. I am satisfied that He is not talking about the beginning of creation. I am satisfied that this passage of Scripture goes back beyond anything and everything — beyond every individual that was ever thought of — back into the eons of eternity long gone by. It was then, that in the beginning, God planned our salvation.

So when I think about how great God is, I say that God is great in salvation, in that He was the one who planned for our salvation. There were angels, and the archangel. There were cherubims and seraphims long before man existed. But these had nothing to do with the planning of our salvation. Even before the song of a seraphim ever dispelled the solemnity of silence, God had already planned our salvation. Before the wing of an angel ever fanned the ethereal spaces, God had already planned for our salvation. How great our God is! He is great, I say, relative to salvation, in that He was the one that planned it.

God is great so far as our salvation is concerned in that the salvation that He planned was sufficient that He could save the worst sinner. Paul said:

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; OF WHOM I AM CHIEF."—I Tim. 1:15.

Beloved, if the gospel is great enough to save the chief of sinners, then it is great enough to save all sinners the world around.

When the Lord Jesus Christ entered and passed through Jericho, nobody was saved within the city, but there was a little man by the name of Zacchaeus within the city, who climbed up into a sycamore tree and was

saved just outside the city. The Word of God tells us in the conclusion of the accounting of that incident:

"For the Son of man is come to SEEK AND TO SAVE that which was lost."—Luke 19:10.

I say to you, God is able to save the worst individual in all the world. If I could find a man who would put a placard upon his back saying, "I am the worst man in this town," I would still point him to Calvary and say, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." If I could find a woman who would wear a placard upon her back saying, "I am the vilest woman that walks the streets of this city," I would still point her to the Lord Jesus Christ and I would say that there is salvation by trusting the Son of God as your Saviour. Beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ can save the very worst of us.

I never go to the city of Chicago but that I make it a special point to take a trip down into what is called Skid Row. If you want to see depravity in all of its vilest forms — if you want to see what depravity has done to the human family, then if you are ever in Chicago, go to Skid Row. You will see men and women of all ages, from the youngest to the oldest, that are derelicts so far as sin is concerned. You will see the vilest men and the vilest women that were put together. You will see the Devil's failures.

When I speak of the Devil's failures, I think that the Devil makes people too bad. I think he is well pleased with a religious person. I think he is well pleased to have an unsaved preacher in the pulpit. I think he is well pleased with unsaved religious people, but the Devil's work does not get a good advertisement from those whom I refer to as the Devil's failures. He can make some too bad, and that is what you will see on Skid Row. You will see the Devil's failures — the worst there is of humanity.

I remember that off of Skid Row, have come some individuals, who by the grace of God have been saved, and have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, and have given a stirring testimony for the Son of God. I say to you, great is our God in salvation, in that He can save the very worst so far as humanity is concerned.

I would remind you also that God is great in salvation even in the choosing of the subjects for salvation, for it was He who chose each one who is to be a subject of salvation. Listen:

"According as HE HATH CHOSEN US in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."—Eph. 1:4.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I HAVE CHOSEN YOU, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John 15:16.

May I remind you that you and I are the recipients of His salvation. We didn't originate it. We didn't plan it. We didn't choose Him, but He chose us, and we are saved primarily because of the choice that God made in our behalf before the foundation of the world.

Doesn't that help you to realize how great God is? He is great

enough that He chose the recipients of salvation before the world began. Before God ever laid down one single rock upon another — before God ever sprinkled the earth with dirt — before God ever caused one little blade of grass to peep from beneath the soil in the early spring time — before there had ever been any life germinated from that soil, God had already chosen us unto salvation in Christ Jesus. How great is your God? He is great in salvation.

I would remind you that He is great in salvation when I say that He can save to the very uttermost. There is no one that can come to Him that is too bad to be saved. We read:

"Wherefore he is able also to SAVE THEM TO THE UTMOST MOST that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. 7:25.

I often think of the English preacher, Philip Doddridge, and I am reminded of one experience in his life, whenever I think of my Lord Jesus Christ. There was a man in England who was convicted for the stealing of a sheep. I presume that once upon a time the English laws were quite severe in the exacting of the death penalty. In fact, English laws have always been much more severe in their penalty than the laws of any other country, and it was the death penalty for a man to be convicted of stealing. This man was convicted for the stealing of a sheep. Philip Doddridge became acquainted with him in prison, and he tried to save the man's life. He tried to get the court to grant to the man a pardon from the death penalty. On the day that this man was to die on the gallows, he asked that he may be taken by the residence of Philip Doddridge. When he came to the home of Mr. Doddridge, and he came out to see him, he thanked him again and again because of the efforts that he put forth in his behalf. He said, "I thank you for what you have done. I appreciate most deeply all that you have done, and I am just sorry you couldn't save me."

Beloved, there will never be a man that will be able to look into the face of Jesus Christ and say, "I thank you for what you have done, but you couldn't save me." There will never be an individual that will look into the eyes of my Saviour and say, "I am glad that you did your best for me, but you couldn't save me." He can save to the uttermost.

God is also great in salvation because the Word of God tells us that when He saves, He not only saves us, but He forgets about the sins that we have committed. Listen:

"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE."—Heb. 8:12.

We are assured elsewhere in the Word of God that God never forgets our work, which He calls our labor of love. You never do anything in His service by way of a labor of love that God ever forgets. But the God who does not

forget what a Christian does, forgets everything that that Christian did by way of sin before he was saved, for He says, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

Isn't it wonderful to know that though you may have a nagging conscience, and though you may have, continuously, a reminder of the sins of your life — though that may be true of you, isn't it wonderful to know that God said, "I won't remember the sins and the iniquities of your life?"

How great is our God? Great enough to save us, and great enough to forget about what He saved us from.

I would remind you that His greatness in salvation certainly becomes apparent when we say that He is the one who applies salvation to us. You didn't choose Him. You didn't apply the salvation. It was God who made you willing to be saved. It was God who gave you repentance. It was God who gave you faith. It was God who primarily regenerated you first of all so that you would repent and exercise faith in Him. Listen:

"No man can come to me, except the Father WHICH HATH SENT ME DRAW HIM; and I will raise him up at the last day."—John 6:44.

How great is our God? He is so great in the realm of salvation, and His greatness surely stands out when we remember that it is God who continues our salvation. After you are saved, what would happen, if it were left up to you? After you were saved, how long would you have remained saved if it had remained in your power? You know as well as I, that you would never have been saved for any length of time. But He is the one who continues our salvation. Listen again:

"His seed also will I MAKE TO ENDURE FOR EVER, and his throne as the days of heaven."—Psa. 89:29.

Beloved, I have no doubt about how long my salvation is going to last. I know it is going to last. It is going to endure forever, but it is not going to endure because of anything that I do. I am going to endure because it is God who makes me to endure.

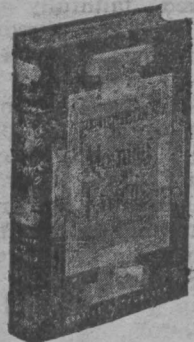
When I come to the New Testament, I find the same blessed truth, for it says:

"Who shall also CONFIRM YOU UNTO THE END, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."—I Cor. 1:8.

Notice, it is the Lord Jesus Christ that is going to confirm you, or make you to endure unto the end. After you are saved, you still have a fleshly nature. Even after you are saved, you still have a carnal nature that is certainly given over to sin, and if it were left up to you, that carnal nature would cause you to fall repeatedly to lose your salvation, but it is Christ Jesus who confirms you unto the end.

Notice another Scripture in this respect:

"Who are KEPT BY THE POWER OF GOD through faith (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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## How Great Thou Art

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unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."—I Pet. 1:5.

How are we kept? I don't keep myself, and neither do you keep yourself. You are not kept because you are a church member, and you are not kept because your pastor prays for you. You are not kept because of any good on your part, but you are kept saved by the power of God. I thank and praise Him for this truth, that when I ask the question, how great is your God, and I say that He is great in salvation, I can say that His greatness stands out to be most apparent when I remember that He is the one who continues our salvation.

God is also great in the realm of salvation in that He has provided a salvation that truly costs. You and I know what we mean when we talk about the Freeway, about those limited access highways and refer to them as the Freeway. Did you ever stop to think how much the Freeway costs? They tell me that in the rural areas where they don't have to spend so much money by way of building elevated roads, that those rural Freeways cost approximately \$200,000 a mile, but in the city, where they have to build elevated roads, I have been told that those Freeways cost as much as ten to twelve million dollars a mile. That which we refer to as a clover leaf that perhaps covers 25 acres of ground — that clover leaf cannot be built apart from a cost of about \$3,500,000. So, beloved, while it is called a Freeway, it is an expensive Freeway. It is a costly Freeway.

Whenever I think of the Freeway, I think of the Lord Jesus Christ, because He is our Freeway. Did He not say:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."—John 14:6.

Yes, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ is our way. He is our road of rest. He is our road of deliverance. He is our road of everlasting life. He is our road to joy unspeakable. He is our road to glory divine. Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ is our Freeway, but it cost the Son of God the glories of Heaven.

When we think what it cost Jesus, we think about the excruciating agonies through which He passed at Calvary. We think about the blood that poured from His body. We think about the suffering that He endured when the

beard was plucked from His face. We think about the pain that He felt when He was whipped. We think about all the agony endured when He was crucified and the nails pierced His hands and His feet. But to me there is something that is even greater than the excruciating physical agonies through which the Son of God passed, and that is the fact that Jesus Christ became a servant and left behind Him the glories of Heaven, and lived as a servant for 33 years' time before Calvary became a reality. I say to you, the Lord Jesus Christ opened up a Freeway from earth to Glory, but at a tremendous cost that Freeway became our way to everlasting life. How great is your God? He is great in salvation to the extent that He opened up a way to Heaven free to you, but at a tremendous cost to Himself so far as our salvation is concerned.

### II GOD IS GREAT IN HIS PROVISION FOR US.

God gives wonderful, marvelous, ample provision in our behalf. Listen:

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."—Phil. 4:13.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"—Phil. 4:19.

Yes, beloved, He has made wondrous provision for us.

You remember the old song which says:

"All the way from earth to Heaven,  
I will guide thee with mine eye."

Beloved, all the way from earth to Heaven — from the time you are saved till the time you get to Glory — He has promised to guide us with His eye. How great is your God? He is great in His provision for us.

Look at the Apostle Paul who had that experience that he refers to as a "thorn in the flesh," for which he asked God three times to take it away, and finally he got to the place that he didn't want it taken away, but he wanted it sanctified, to become a part of him, and God gave him an answer saying:

"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT for thee."—II Cor. 12:9.

How great is our God? He is great in the way in which He makes provision for us.

Look at Moses, how that God said to Moses:

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and UNDERNEATH ARE THE EVERLASTING ARMS: and he

shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."—Deut. 33:27.

Talk about provision, we have the everlasting arms. Suppose you fall. Where are you going to fall? Into the everlasting arms of God?

Does He make provision for us? Look at Israel when they came to the Red Sea, with a wall of water on either side of them, and with a cloud over the top of them, shut in as they crossed over that Red Sea. With the ground having become solid in their behalf, they are led safely through. It looked like there wasn't any hope for them, but God provided for them. At that Red Sea experience in the life of Israel, His grace was sufficient

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for them. The same is true of us, when we come to any "Red Sea" experience in life.

I would have you to look at those Jews when they were cast into the fiery furnace. If you want to see what our God can provide for His children, look at those Jews walking along in the fiery furnace, and as the old king looks in, he said, "I told you to cast in three, but I see four, and the fourth is like the Son of God." Beloved, those Jews had been faithful to God to the extent that when they were cast into the fiery furnace, the Lord Jesus Christ came down and walked with them.

As I often say, I would rather walk in a fiery furnace with Jesus, than to walk on the outside without Him. God provided for those Jews, and just as He provided for them, God provides grace for us now, and then He provides Heaven for us after a while. How great is your God? He is great in His provision for us.

### CONCLUSION

I bring this message to a close by making it personal. I want to tell you how great my God is. I have been asking you how great is your God, and I have tried to show you that God is great in holiness, He is great in His sovereignty, He is great in His commission to us as a church, He is great in salvation, and He is great in His provision of grace for us. I have tried to show you this, but now I want to tell you personally how great my God is.

Beloved, God not only saved me, but He has kept me. He not only saved me, but He called me into His ministry. I am satisfied that if you had been sent to Boone County, Kentucky, when I was a boy and had been told to pick

out the most likely boy in Boone County that would be a preacher of the gospel of God's grace, that you would have chosen every other boy in Boone County before you chose me. But God saved me, God has kept me, God has called me to preach, and God has taken care of me. He has watched over me, He has protected me, and He has given me physical health. He has provided for me, and He has given grace to me for all my trials. I ask you, how great is your God, and I tell you how great is my God.

Oh, may God vouchsafe His grace unto someone that is unsaved, and may you receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and may you come out on God's side and publicly declare your faith in Jesus as your Saviour, and may you walk with Him whose greatness is beyond our comprehension.

May God bless you!

### Impressions

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pared by professionals of Morehead University and a great host as Calvary Baptist Church urging all to eat is a rare blessing indeed. To show my appreciation for their effort and labor of love for the cause of our Saviour, I'm sending a check to help bear expenses — the least I can do for so much. See you all at the Conference, the Lord willing in 1970.

Eld. J. Frank McCrum  
Detroit, Michigan

I liked it very much. I have really enjoyed myself. I have been able to hear many different preachers from many different places. I will be glad when next year comes for the Bible Conference.

Rebecca Meadows,  
South Shore, Ky.

The fellowship of fellow-servants and fellow-saints, as we sat at the feet of our faithful Saviour, and as we joined in prayer and praise was one step this side of Heaven. Thanks be to our Sovereign God for His providence in using Calvary Baptist Church to sponsor this Conference.

Eld. Willard Pyle,  
Chesapeake, Ohio

This is my first year at the Conference. I just cannot express myself enough for such a great

time as I have had. I have been to several other conferences of other churches, but this tops them all! The Lord willing, we hope to return again next year. God bless you!

Mrs. Roger Jones,  
Clark Lake, Michigan

I can never express in words how many wonderful and manifold blessings I have received from hearing the messages of God's preachers and listening to the singers using their voices to proclaim the truth of God's Word in song. What a privilege to attend the Bible Conference!

Karen E. Pyle,  
Chesapeake, Ohio

This has been one of the best weekends I have ever spent. Everything was wonderful. The Lord willing, we will be back next year. Thanks be unto God and His marvelous grace for these things we have heard.

Mrs. Marvin Fulton,  
Chesapeake, Ohio

I'm afraid we will underestimate our impressions, by trying to explain just what the Bible Conference has meant to us. Everyone was so friendly and made us feel we were one big family. If it's good food you're looking for, go no further than the Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist. You'll find both kinds, physical and spiritual. This was our first Conference to attend, but God willing it won't be our last, for we are already making plans for next year. May God richly bless all who had a part in making this the most glorious weekend we ever spent.

Lucy and George Rowland  
Marion, Kentucky

A wonderful time in Word and Doctrine. Many thanks to Calvary Baptist Church for this time in the Word of God.

Eld. Richard E. Farnham  
Noblesville, Indiana

Thanks for a great Bible Conference. May God bless Calvary Baptist Church and its pastor for this great effort. This is our eighth year and there is improvement each year.

Mrs. W. V. Murray  
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We have truly enjoyed attending the Bible Conference again this year. Once again we were caused to rejoice in the doctrines (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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"Southern Baptists are putting so much emphasis on rededications as to whether people are obedient to the Lord or not. Is this Scriptural?"

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I do not see any objection to people being urged to cease their backsliding and to return to the Lord for a more devoted life and walk. Said the prophet Isaiah, "Let the wicked forsake his way . . . and let him return unto the Lord . . . for he will abundantly pardon." (Isa. 55:7).

Several things may be said however in connection with the emphasis on rededications.

1—Often when people continually rededicate themselves, the thing that is wrong is the lack of genuine conversion. They find themselves constantly backsliding because there is no new nature that strives against the craving of the old carnal nature.

2—Sometimes people are worked on by evangelists and others, in an effort to get a bunch of people to come forward for rededication, so as to make it look as if the meeting is a big success. Perhaps there are practically none to profess saving faith in Christ, but the report goes out at the close of the meeting that a large number of decisions were registered. People suppose that means that a large number of conversions took place, whereas most of the "decisions" were mere rededications.

3—Sometimes there is no vigorous preaching against sin and worldliness in a church. The preacher lacks the moral courage to warn against the worldly practices that are so rife today, and people lapse into worldly, unspiritual lives. No wonder then that during a revival there comes to be a feeling of guilt and sinfulness on the part of some of the members such that they are led to rededicate themselves to the Lord.

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In my boyhood days there was a Methodist Church near our home, and every summer during their revival(?) there was one man in the community who would invariably go up to rededicate his life to God as the preacher called it. Others would usually go up for the same purpose. But the next week you could tell no difference in their lives.

In those days the Methodists put great stress upon rededication. But when the Baptist

preacher had finished his message he would say, The door of this church is now open to receive anyone who may desire to join this church in any way she receives members. I never heard tell of rededications in a Baptist Church until much later. They knew there was no Scripture for such a thing. But now many Baptist Churches seem to be vying with the Methodists and others in this matter of rededications which they have borrowed from protestantism.

If there is a Scripture that would justify this practice, I do not know where to find it. These rededications, however, are good for the preachers ego that he had no business with in the first place. They enhance his reputation, and thereby, his salary. So we can expect them to become more and more widespread as the days go by. If there is anything that a lot of our Baptists like to do better than counting heads, its counting money.

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I spent some time in religious denominations that practiced the rededication invitation. This, of course, gives an evangelist another opportunity to announce "decisions" or a larger number on his records.

Many people will say that this is a very impressive service and they think it is nice. People that come forward during such an invitation are usually very emotional and heart broken. (This is usually due to the ability of the evangelist, but not always).

We must try to see if this is Scriptural and not just a nice way to gain numbers. What do we mean by "rededication"? The prefix "re" has many meanings. The first is back to an original or former state or position, or backwards. The second meaning is again. The word dedicate means, (1) to devote to the service or worship of a divine being, or to sacred uses. (2) To set a part to a definite use or service.

Do we "dedicate" ourselves to the service of the Lord? This is the question. When Paul and Silas were sent to preach I do not find where they "dedicated" their lives to Christ. The Bible tells us they were called of the Holy Spirit. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." (Acts 13:2) Romans 8:30 tells us that the same God that predestinated us also called us. Romans 2:10 tells us, "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

No, my friends, I do not see where we dedicate or rededicate ourselves. We are told to confess our sins. We are also told that if we do not, our Lord will chastise us, but we are not taught to rededicate. Let us not try to do anything that would say that God needs us and cannot do anything without us. Let us instead recognize that He is sovereign and we do according to His will.

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No, it is not Scriptural.

I know of no verse of Scripture that would justify one going before a church and dedicating himself unto the Lord. To me it is another invention of men, whereby the emotions of the flesh are appeased, making one feel better in the flesh. Such practices lift up the fleshly man, and displays his power, and it reminds me very much of the emotional feelings that are so evident around a mourners bench or confessional.

It seems to me that the dedication service as practiced by southern Baptist Churches, and many others, is of a Pharisaical nature — their promises are only lip service. Thus it becomes only a formality. Their hearts are not cut by the Word of God, thus fleshly sentiments are aroused, making their dedication a farce, and from the lips only.

Let us take up a Biblical example of one who dedicated his life to the Lord and then listen as the Lord rebukes him and reveals his denial of Him ere the cock crows.

"Peter said unto Him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, the cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice." Jn. 13:37-38.

The Apostle Peter was very sincere when he said, "I will lay down my life for thy sake," but what Peter did not understand was the weakness of the flesh. Oh, that God's people would learn to rejoice in Jesus Christ, and have no confidence in the flesh. Read Phil. 3:3. Peter though he confessed to laying down his life for Christ's sake, proved a poor witness at the arrest and trial of Jesus. He, who had dedicated his life to the Lord, had become a backslider, and was in need of restoration to fellowship. The method of restoration was not as some practice today; rather it was the Word of Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, who restored him to fellowship. This was true of Peter, and not only Peter but all of God's saints who are in need of restoration.

"He restoreth my soul." Ps. 23:3.

The Comforter through James declares to us in no uncertain terms, that which reveals our dedication to the Lord, and it is not in a testimony meeting.

"Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works and I will show thee my faith by my works." Ja. 2:18.

We can discern a dedicated person by his works, not by what he says and promises. There is an old saying, which says, "Your action speaks so loud that I can't hear what you are saying." This saying surely applies to dedicat-

ing services of Southern Baptists. They sing "Amazing Grace," then invite a dead sinner to make a decision for Christ. They sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus;" then deny the very thing for which the name Jesus means. The name Jesus means, "He shall save His people from their sins." This is the doctrine of unconditional election — they deny this doctrine declaring that it is not true.

Brethren, that is not dedication to the Lord. That is the same kind of dedication that Peter professed which the Lord rebuked. What they (Southern Baptists) do, speaks so loud I can't hear what they are saying.

Therefore I am opposed to the doctrine and practices of Southern Baptists in their dedication services.



## The Wonderful Name

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and comfort give you." "Sweetest note in seraph song, sweetest name on mortal tongue, sweetest carol ever sung." Oh, how many of our best loved songs are those which exalt the name of Jesus. That name is a balm to our wounds, the sun to our darkness, health to our sickness, joy to our sadness, water to our thirst, bread to our hunger; it means more to us than all the world besides. Truly, no matter what others may think of Jesus, unto you that believe, He is precious. True there was a time when we hated that name and when there was no beauty that we should desire Him; but ever since the blessed Spirit opened our eyes to behold His beauty, we have loved Him with an ever growing love that exceeds all other loves.

What does this name mean? When the Holy Spirit gave this name, He gave a clear and definite meaning to the name. Please get this following statement if you get nothing else from this article. Those who deny the meaning of the name, deny the name and preach another Jesus than the Jesus of the Bible. That would bear repeating a million times. It would bear writing in letters of fire across the sky. The meaning of the name is: "He shall save His people from their sins." Every word of this inspired meaning of this wonderful name will bear careful study. Those who do not believe — and their number is legion — that He shall save His people from their sins — do not preach the Jesus of the Bible.

In expounding the meaning of this name, let us first note that it relates to salvation. What a wide and wonderful word is that of salvation. A word that reaches from eternity past to eternity future; that reaches from Heaven to Hell and back to Heaven again. The whole Biblical doctrine of salvation is wrapped up in the meaning of the wonderful name of Jesus.

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Look at the word "HE." Salvation is not in a plan or program. It is not in a set of beliefs or a set of rules. It is not in the decisions or activities of man. Salvation is not in the individual doing for himself, and it is not in what others can do for him. Salvation: oh, hear this well, salvation — from start to finish — in all its parts — is in a person and that person is Jesus Christ. HE shall save. Do you know Him? Not, do you know beliefs and rules and plans and programs but do you know Him? "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John 17:3. I am thankful for every doctrine He has taught me and for every rule He has given me; but above and beyond all I am thankful that I know Him as my Lord and Saviour. Salvation begins with knowing Christ. It proceeds with knowing him better; and it ends with knowing Him as perfectly as a creature can know Him.

II

Next look at the words: "SHALL SAVE." Here we have the certainty of Him doing the work that He came to do. It is not just that He wants to save them. He could desire their salvation and they could all perish. It is not just that He tries to save them. Oh, the weakness and blasphemy of the arminian salvation(?). The Arminian god tries to save, but is utterly helpless before the mighty free will of man. Beloved, is the man who is preaching a "Jesus who tries to save," but can't unless man lets Him, preaching the Jesus of the Bible? Does such a preacher know the meaning of this wonderful name? I tell you the word "try" and the name "Jesus" do not go together. Men may try. To try infers the possibility of failure. But our text, in its meaning of the name of Jesus, does not admit of failure. He does not try to save, but He shall save. Oh, the glory of sovereign grace. The security it gives. Sovereign grace leaves all the saving up to God and gives all the glory to God. I am persuaded that this is the only scheme that will result in the salvation of any man.

III

Now note the words: "HIS PEOPLE." Here we learn the objects of His salvation. Now if Jesus came to try to save all mankind, He has been a miserable failure. But He did not so come; He came for the purpose of saving a particular people referred (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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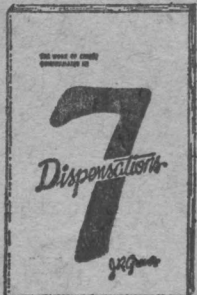
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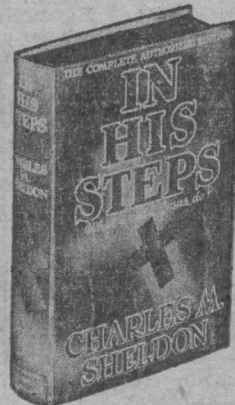
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## The Wonderful Name

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to here as His people. Who are His people? It certainly is not the Jewish nation that is referred to here, for some of them are not His people whom he shall save, and many of His people whom He does save are from every kindred, tongue, and people. These particular people are referred to often in the precious Word of God. They are the whole elect family of God. Jesus refers to them often in the gospel of John as those given to Him by His Father. These are the people of the covenant. Before God ever made the world, when there was only the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, God covenanted the eternal salvation of His people. God the Father picked of His own sovereign will and without regard to any supposed condition in fallen mankind from among mankind a great number and predestinated them to be the objects of His saving grace. These chosen ones, the Father gave to The Son. The Son gladly received them and undertook to work out for them an everlasting salvation. These are the people called His people, and it was in the pursuance of this everlasting covenant that the Son came, and it was to do the work assigned Him in this covenant that He came. It was in the assurance that He would successfully accomplish that task that He was given the name Jesus. Jesus did not come to work out a possible salvation that would be offered to all man, and be left up to man to accept or reject. He came to certainly save a particular people, and He shall not fail. He was the Shepherd seeking and finding His sheep and He was not looking for goats.

### IV

Now look at the words: "FROM THEIR SINS." Now these words describe the wonderful salvation with which He saves His people. They are all by nature the fallen children of wrath even as others. By nature they are vile, filthy, unworthy, totally depraved sinners. They would go to Hell, even as others apart from salvation. Now note that He does not save them in, but He saves them from their sins. What kind of salvation would salvation in sin be when it is sin that we need saving from!

He saves them from the penalty of their sin in forgiveness and justification. Because of their sins they are guilty before God. The penalty of their sins must be met. God will not forfeit the claims of His holiness. If these people are to be saved, their claims of God's holy law must be fully satisfied. So the dear Saviour, in the performing of His task, and out of His great and eternal love for them wrought out, in the days of his earthly ministry a perfect right-

eousness, and then climbed the hill of Golgotha and laid down His life on an old rugged cross to pay and pay completely their sin debt. God laid the sins of the whole elect family, known as His people, in our text, upon Christ, and then poured out His holy wrath upon His own Son until He was completely and eternally satisfied as to the sins of the elect. It is not with corruptible things as silver and gold that we are redeemed, but with the precious blood of Christ. It is thus and only thus that His people are saved from the guilt and penalty of their sins and receive forgiveness and justification.

He saves them from the love of their sins in regeneration. In answer to, and because of the Son's death on Calvary, the Holy Spirit at the appointed time regenerates each one of the elect of God. This regeneration of the Spirit gives them a new nature that loves God and righteousness, and hates sin. It is even a divine nature because it has a Divine author. For the time being the regenerated one still has the old nature that loves sin, but the new nature does not sin, and cannot sin, because it is born of God. So it is true of every one of the elect that from the time of their regeneration, though there is much wrong coming from the old nature, yet they do love God, and they do hate sin.

He saves them from the dominion and practice of sin in sanctification. They are made to grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord, and they are changed from glory to glory, until one day they will be as He is. This salvation from the practice of sin is never perfect and complete in this life. But it is a very real and precious thing that we are made to grow more like the Lord and to learn more and more of His precious Word, and know more and more of His power in our daily lives.

He saves them from the very presence of sin in glorification. His work is not yet complete, but it will be. And when it is complete it will be said that He has saved everyone of His people completely and perfectly from their sins. You see, I believe in sinless perfection; but not here and now. Praise God, the day is coming when every one of the "his people" will be sinlessly perfect and will be that way forever. Before the world began God elected a people and predestinated them to be conformed to the image of His son. In eternity future, every one of those predestinated ones will be like him for they shall see Him as He is and they will be perfectly saved and completely satisfied when they awake in His likeness.

He shall change our vile bodies that they shall be like unto His own glorious body. Oh, what a blessed hope is this. What a glorious day, when the old

nature is eradicated and when we are completely and perfectly saved forever. Remember that no part of this salvation is of our own doing, but is a work committed to the Son and completely performed by Him. Surely we can see what a glorious thing it is to be saved from our sins, and this is the glorious salvation wherewith He shall certainly save His people.

Now since the salvation that He accomplishes is a salvation from their sins, I can find here an evidence as to whether or not I am one of His people. Has something taken place in me? Have I been caused by the Holy Spirit to trust completely in the work that He did for me on the cross? Then I know that I am one of the favored ones, for they are the only ones who will ever look away from their own works and trust completely in Him. Do I hate the things I use to love, and love the things I used to hate? Even though I do that which I hate, and do not that which I love? Is it true of me that I have been given a nature that hates sin and loves righteousness? Is it the grief of my soul that I do not perfectly live up to the desires of that new nature? These things are marks that the Holy Spirit works in the lives of the elect, whereby we can know that we are one of His people.

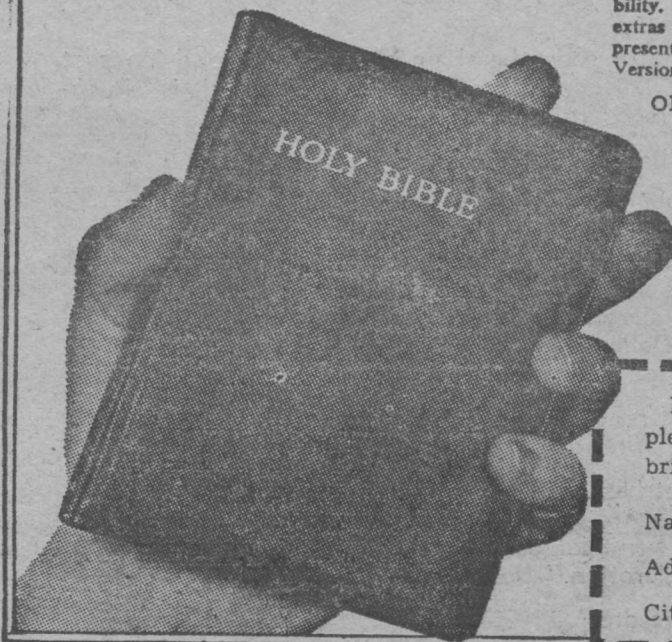
Beloved, since He is the one who saves — who does all the saving — then surely, He is the one who is to get all the glory. This salvation by sovereign grace is a salvation that puts the crown where it belongs. "Upon the crystal pavement, down at Jesus blessed feet, there I'll cast my golden crown, and His dear name repeat."

Surely his name is wonderful. But we can see clearly now that it is only as we see the true meaning of that name, and believe the truths that are wrapped up in that name, and its meaning, that we properly honor the name that is above every name; even the name of Jesus. God bless you all.

### Mission Methods

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of God in all its varied forms might be made known to the rulers and authorities in the realms of heaven." If this means anything at all to me it means that all of God's wisdom to usward is made known through the church. That leaves absolutely none of His wisdom to be made known

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The gospel is the missionary's message. So now it behooves us to ascertain whether or not the gospel is a part of the manifold wisdom of God that is made known through the church, and through no other means. In I Cor. 2:2 Paul says, "I am determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." That was Paul's gospel, Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And down in verse 7 of this same chapter he says, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory." Paul was determined to know nothing among the Corinthians except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. That was the gospel that he preached to them, and he says that what he spoke was the wisdom of God. Certainly the gospel is the wisdom of God. Man's wisdom could never attain unto it. To man the gospel is foolishness, not wisdom. So, since God makes known His wisdom only through the church, and in no other way, and since the preaching of the gospel is the hidden wisdom of God, therefore, God has no other way of preaching His gospel except through the church.

That being true, those who call themselves preaching the gospel without any semblance of church authority for what they are doing, like Billy Graham and others, and like missionaries who are sent out by a mission board without any church authority, are running without their having been sent. In other words, on the basis of the Scriptures we have been discussing, I say, the Lord is just been visiting him for sometime not in it. They may, and, no

doubt, do sow a lot of tares in the field and thereby fool a lot of well-meaning Baptists, but they do not fool the Lord of glory. Billy Graham has built up a huge denomination within a denomination. His budget for last year (1968) was \$15,782,174 which is not exactly chicken feed. But I am persuaded that in the coming day he will wish he had done his work the Scriptural way.

Several years ago I was asked to serve as a counselor for a Billy Graham type campaign. I went to the first service on a Sunday afternoon thinking I might serve as a counselor. But when I had heard the message, when I had seen the Methodist governor of Tennessee on the stage with the two evangelists(?) taking part and enjoying everything that was said and done, and when I had seen the tactics that were employed in an effort to get people to come down on the ball diamond and be counted, my heart failed me. I had minored in psychology in college and here at Rickwood Field I was seeing modern day psychology in operation in all its pomp, power and glory. There was no evidence here of our Lord's picking out one here and one there for His name's sake, but rather it appeared that somebody was picking out a great segment of that huge congregation for something. Later I took it upon myself to make a survey of the Baptist churches in the Birmingham area to see how many of all the hundreds of people who swarmed down upon that ball field ever joined a Baptist Church. One church told me that they got one member from all that display, but that they had been visiting him for sometime (Continued on page 7, column 3)



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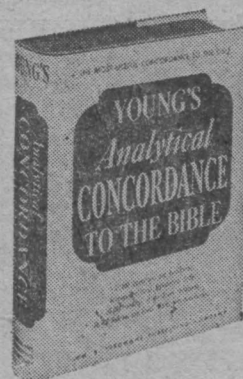
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### Impressions

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of grace and local church truth. Our hearts were thrilled by the many special songs and the wonderful fellowship enjoyed. It was also a privilege to attend the mid-night discussion groups. We are looking forward to once again being the guest of Calvary Baptist Church next year.

Eld. and Mrs. Milburn Cockrell  
Dorsey, Mississippi

It was wonderful! The physical food was delicious and the spiritual food was even better. It was wonderful how the brethren had fellowship together. I really enjoyed this year's Conference and I am looking forward to next year.

Russell Schmidt,  
Wurtland, Ky.

I cannot find words to express the spiritual atmosphere and the fellowship among God's people who love the truth. God certainly gives us showers of blessings at the Conference.

Henry B. Schmidt  
Wurtland, Kentucky

The annual Conference is a wonderful gathering of devoted men stressing the sovereignty of Lord for this Bible Conference

God. This is "A" time of year. Everyone who believes the sovereign doctrines of grace should plan to evaluate their time eleven months ahead to attend. This is the method used by our master of ceremonies, Brother John R. Gilpin. May all of us be more conscious in the interest of lost souls.

Eld. Harold Freese  
Nixon, Texas

I thank God for the privilege of being at the Conference and for all of the Bible truth of God's Word. I have never been to anything like it before. May God bless all those present.

James A. Buzzell,  
Gladwin, Michigan.

There is no way of counting the blessings I have received by God allowing me to be at this Bible Conference. As this was my first time, I would especially like to thank Bro. Gilpin and all the other brothers and sisters for their warmth and fellowship.

Sonny J. Rogers  
Amarillo, Texas

We want to thank you so much for everything you have done for us. We do thank and praise the Lord for this Bible Conference

to come to that we might hear the truths from God's word. We have also enjoyed the Baptist Examiner very much for the past few years.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kern  
Gladwin, Michigan

This conference has meant so much to me. I have enjoyed the preaching of God's word, the songs of Zion and the fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Mrs. Mary Pyle,  
Portsmouth, Ohio

God, being sovereign and Almighty, has willed and been pleased to gather together a portion of his elect that they might be edified in His Word to the honor and glory of his Son, and grow in faith to become better soldiers in order to fulfill John 15:16. May God continue to bless and keep us in a separated position that the apostate world may know we are true Baptists and that Eph. 4:5 is a reality even in this present time.

Roy Adams.  
Arabia, Ohio

This is a high point in my life. This is the greatest Conference yet. How can one say this message was the best, when all were God's Word. God has been glorified. The saints have been edified. The doctrines of grace and of the church have been expounded to the satisfaction of the soul. God bless you my brethren and keep on keeping-on for our blessed Lord and Saviour.

Dewey Hart, Jr.  
Akron, Ohio

This time is the most longed for time of the year. We come expecting great things and when we find ourselves surrounded with those of similar convictions and love for the doctrines, we leave at the close having been filled to overflowing. There were many blessings too numerous to count for those in attendance.

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Our hearts are grateful to Calvary Baptist Church for hosting such a tremendous group of fellow Baptists, and for their shouldering such a load of responsibility. By the grace of God we intend to return next year, and all those following. Everyone has a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and renew them each year. Again, thank you for such rich blessings afforded to us from the Lord through Calvary Baptist Church.

Warren E. Hartman,  
Verona, Ohio

This is my first Bible Conference, and it is very hard to describe. I've gotten such a blessing from these preachers from 27 states. May the glory of God guide them always. The whole world should be able to enjoy this kind of fellowship. A special thanks to Bro. Gilpin for making me so welcome to this Conference. May our heavenly Father be with him and his Bible Conference always.

D. S. Hart, Sr.  
Barberton, Ohio

Our hearts have been made to rejoice in the messages that we have heard and the wonderful fellowship. Just a little bit of the wonderful things our Lord has in store for us. "Consider how great things He hath done for you." I Sam. 12:24.

Eloise Howard,  
Cleveland, Ohio

I have enjoyed this Conference to the fullest. The messages have truly been spiritually refreshing. The accommodations have been wonderful, and the people the friendliest in the world. I'm looking forward to next year.

Gilbert Howard,  
Strongsville, Ohio

I love the Conference very much. I believe it was better than last year. It is so good to hear the true Word of God preached. The meals and rooms were very good. I thank God for permitting me to attend. God willing I'll be back next year.

Eld. Marvin Long,  
Louisville, Ky

The rooms were nice, the food was very good, and the preaching was excellent. If it is the Lord's will, we will come again next year.

Mrs. Vincent A. Healy  
Indianapolis, Ind.

We're thankful for the privilege for another session of fellowship with the Lord's people. It is a good place to receive spiritual food for the building up of our spiritual man.

Leaman and Ruth Hedges  
Parma, Michigan

I do not have the words to express the many blessings I have received at the 1969 Bible Conference. There were so many different kinds of sermons, but every one a spiritual up-lifting of the soul, as well as the fellowship with the kind and wonderful people of Calvary Baptist Church. Surely it must be the next best thing to Heaven. May God bless

in the taking care of the Conference. I am looking forward to next year, if it be His will.

Mrs. Herbert Cole,  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

I thank God for Calvary Baptist Church who have fed us with the meat of the Word for the last four wonderful days. They have been so gracious a host. To God be praise and glory to the end of the ages.

Herbert H. Cole,  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

It has been my greatest pleasure to attend this Conference for the first time, and to hear the great truths concerning God's wonderful grace, and great church truths. I am already looking forward to Labor Day, 1970. I want to thank Calvary Baptist Church and the many brethren who had a part in the great messages preached during this Conference. May the Lord bless in a way that only He can do.

A. C. Thompson,  
Starkville, Miss.

This being my first year at the Calvary Baptist Church Conference, I feel well fed, both physically and spiritually. May the Lord bless this church and thank you until next year.

Eld. D. L. Chance,  
Birmingham, Ala

We would like to tell you just how much we enjoyed the Bible Conference. It was really a blessing to hear other Baptist preachers tell of church truth and God's grace, because you surely do not hear too much on those subjects where we're from. It was especially encouraging to meet other young people our age that believe and love the truth. May God bless you and your work with TBE. Lord willing, we'll see you next year.

Laurie, Cindy and Karen Tiber  
Burton, Ohio

Words can't express what my heart has felt in this year's Bible Conference. Each year is always better than the last. I enjoyed the sermons, the fellowship and just everything. Thanks to everyone.

Mrs. Dan Phillips,  
Bristol, Tenn.

Wonderful time of fellowship with God's children. Preaching of the Gospel was wonderful. I certainly do appreciate all who had a part.

Richard W. Chadwick  
Wayne, W. Va.

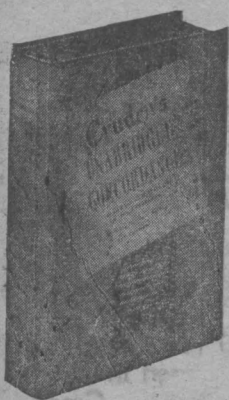
I enjoyed the Conference very much. There was great preaching and wonderful fellowship.

Wayne Cox,  
Selmer, Tennessee

It is a grand and glorious blessing to be able to attend the Bible Conference. Each one gets better. Already, I am looking forward to the next one.

Barbara Pennington  
Covington, Ky.

My heart was thrilled beyond expression at the sweet fellowship we enjoyed with the saints. (Continued on page 7, column 1)



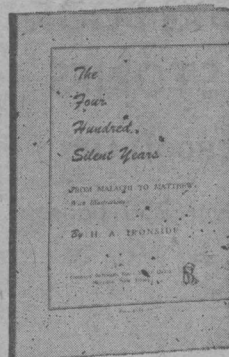
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(Continued from page six) — Around the Word. Thanks to Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor for making it possible for Independent Baptists to get together for this rich spiritual experience.

Eld. Elvis Gregory  
Columbus, Miss.

This having been my third conference, I had an idea of what to expect. But, my expectations were more than surpassed. Thank you for a wonderful time of spiritual refreshments and blessing.

Sandy Howard,  
Cleveland, Ohio

It has been one year since my wife and I were here. We have traveled even as far as Europe this year, but no where have we been so blessed or have we seen the Grace of God so demonstrated. So, from my heart, I say "Thank you" to Calvary Baptist Church. In His service,

Jim Washer,  
Hollywood, Florida

The 10th Annual Bible Conference of Calvary Baptist Church, I think, was the greatest yet. The sermons were well studied, and

were well brought. May God richly bless Calvary Baptist Church for her hospitality in making us comfortable. May God bless Bro. Gilpin, and any help he had, in planning this Conference. May all preachers that shared this blessing ask their church to help bear the expense.

Eld. Dan Phillips,  
Bristol, Tennessee

This has been an excellent Conference. The facilities provided are the very best. The food and rooms furnished are superb. It is refreshing to my soul to hear the messages preached. I appreciate hearing the lovely songs by those who sang for the Conference.

Eld. Joe Shelnutt,  
Benton, Arkansas

Praise the Lord for another wonderful Bible Conference! Truly it has blessed my heart more than words can say. I was impressed this year with the many times the Lord's return was spoken of and anticipated. The faithfulness of the preachers to the truth of the word and exaltation of Jesus Christ was appreciated. I also appreciate the number of times we paused for prayer. May the Lord to continue to bless Calvary Baptist Church as they serve Him.

Mrs. Richard Farnham  
Noblesville, Indiana

It seems like the Conference is better each year. The one this year gave me a big blessing. I enjoyed the preaching and fellowship very much. I am looking forward to next year. I hope I will be able to attend many more conferences in the future.

Connie Hobbs,  
McDermott, Ohio

The fellowship was sweet, the sermons Scriptural, the songs spiritual, the music marvelous, the food delicious, and the rooms comfortable

Eld. Jack Brashear  
Viper, Kentucky.

I think this has been a wonderful Conference. It was a blessing to hear so many good sermons and the Christian fellowship after services, and at meals, was very enjoyable. The special songs were good and each seemed to bring its own message. Though I have enjoyed every conference, it seems to me I enjoy them more each year. I thank the Lord that He makes it possible for us to have such a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.

Sue Connelly,  
South Shore, Ky.

I have pleasant memories as one of the visitors to the recent Bible Conference in Morehead. Calvary Baptist Church as an agency is performing a great mission in providing a base of supplies for increasing Bible knowledge and for disseminating gospel truth. I desire to express a sense of deep appreciation to the church and pastor for this opportunity of sharing in the fellowship of so great a Bible Conference. The first Bible Conference I ever attended was at the First Baptist Church in Murray, Kentucky with H. Boyce Taylor as pastor. This was always a delightful experience to me. This recent experience in the fellowship with good Baptist friends in Morehead is to be compared to those days.

So many basic Bible principles were set forth in Morehead that I heard in the Murray Conference from 30 to 40 years ago. To you, the pastor and to Calvary Baptist Church of Ashland, I would say a hearty — "thank you." We pray the Lord's blessings on you, your home, the church, and The Baptist Examiner.

Eld. Roy Tatum,  
Detroit, Michigan

Bro. Gilpin, Calvary Baptist Church and readers of The Baptist Examiner:

I almost always wait until I get home and settled to evaluate what the Conference means to me. I am most happy on this night to realize that God willing in 50 more weeks I will at this very moment be enjoying another great conference. I do not know that this was our best conference, yet it was another great one. There were several tremendous messages delivered at this conference and really never a bad one. As our church thinks toward special meetings, consideration must be given to the men who preached at this Conference. It is always so great to see so many friends again. Some of the most beloved saints attend this Conference. "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren!" It is blessed to be in the presence of God's people. May God bless Calvary Baptists for all they did in hospitality during the blessed Labor Day weekend.

Cletus Snyder,  
Winston-Salem, N.C.

I enjoyed the Conference very much the two days I was in attendance. I can truthfully say I feel my prayers were answered relative to it being an evangelistic conference, as most of the sermons I heard magnified Christ Jesus as the Saviour of the lost. This, of course, is as it should be. I'm sorry I was unable to be there for all of the services. I feel this Conference will go down in history as one of the greatest yet. May God be praised. May I add also the food was very, very fine.

Eld. Lewis C. Hall,  
Grayson, Kentucky

## Mission Methods

(Continued from page five) and witnessing for him. If it does not have church authority, the Lord is just not in it.

We have found that the Scriptures teach that God makes His wisdom known through the church. Furthermore, we have found that the preaching of the gospel is a part of the wisdom of God. Surely this should prove to any thinking person that God

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directed mission work can only be done through the church. Remember, God makes His wisdom known through the church. But Solomon tells us in Prov. 1:7 that "Fools despise wisdom." Now I do not mean to say that every person who advocates mission work through a mission board is a fool. Many a well-meaning Baptist has been sold on the idea that a missionary cannot even get into a foreign country unless he is under a mission board. So I do not say these well-meaning Baptists are fools. They are just foolish not to believe what the Bible teaches on the subject.

In Acts 13:1-3 we are given an example of how Holy Spirit directed mission work is done. There we read, "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon

that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." Our Lord could have sent out these two missionaries in any way He chose to do it, and that's exactly what He did. He had chosen to make His wisdom in all its varied forms known through the church.

In Acts 1:4 our Lord commanded His disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father. Then in verse 5 we learn that the promise of the Father was the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Then in verse 8 we read, "But ye shall receive power after that (when) 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." This word "power" is from EXOUSIA which also means authority, it means the right to act. In Lk. 24:49 the New English version says, "I am sending upon you my Father's promised gift: so stay here in this city until you are armed with the power (or authority) from above."

Now, in Acts 13 the time had come for the gospel message to start to the uttermost part of the earth. And our Lord wanted us to know just how He wanted it done. The missionary was to be called by the Holy Spirit. Then he was to be set apart and sent out by one of our Lord's churches. And along with this authority there was automatically the responsibility of making a report of the work to the church that had authorized the work. So in Acts 14:26-27 we see Paul and Barnabas giving a report to the church at Antioch. That was God's ordained way of doing mission work in the beginning of the missionary endeavor, and that way has never been repealed. Mission board missions, like sprinkling for baptism, is more convenient, and more suited to the western taste, but it is not God's ordained way of doing it.

Now, in concluding my unworthy efforts at discussing this great and all important subject, I would like to compare the results of New Testament Church authorized missions with that of mission board missions. Maybe I should say contrast rather than compare. There must be similarities between two different things before they can be compared.

If we trace Paul's missionary journeys we will find a multitude of churches which he organized. In Acts 14:23 we see that Paul and Barnabas had ordained elders in every church. And in Titus 1:5 we see that Paul left Titus in Crete with instructions to ordain elders in every city. It is interesting to note that there were no "reverends" ordained in those days. Reverends, like mission board missions, are of very recent origin. But elders were to be ordained in every city. This certainly would indicate that

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many, many churches were organized by Paul and his co-workers.

Then consider one of our present day missionaries, Brother Fred Halliman in far away New Guinea. He has been on the field hardly ten years and to date he has organized 18 churches with an aggregate membership of some 1500 members. I realize that all God called, church sent missionaries do not have the same results.

But in a way of contrast, I would like to discuss for a moment the work of Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina. I feel that after having been a Southern Baptist myself for a third of a century, and after having had first hand information concerning the missionaries in Argentina I should be able to give a fairly accurate report on their work.

First may I say that Baptists were well established in Argentina before these missionaries went down there. They had their own convention and their own seminary. One of the native Baptist preachers and I have been very close friends for some fifteen years or more. Not only have we been corresponding friends, he has visited in my home on several occasions. He and I have discussed Southern Baptist mission work in Argentina.

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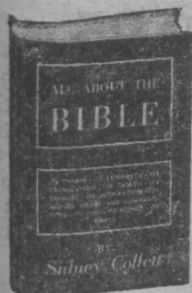
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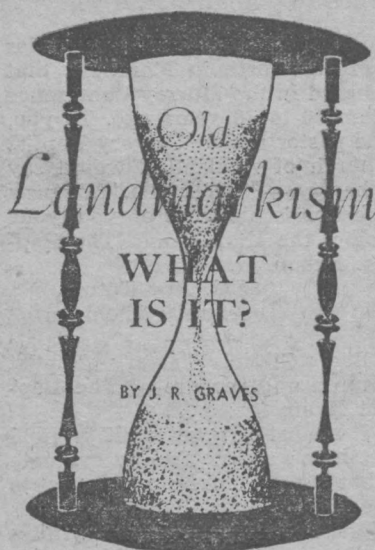
## Mission Methods

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ina at length. This dear friend of mine is a graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires and has pastored different Baptist Churches in his native land, so he is well qualified to report on the work Southern Baptists are doing there.

When he came to Birmingham the second time some five or six years ago he told me while sitting in my home that he asked the president of the Baptist seminary in Buenos Aires if he knew of a single Baptist Church in all of Argentina that had been started by a Southern Baptist missionary. After thinking for a moment this Baptist leader said he did not know of one single Baptist Church in the country that had been started by one of these missionaries. Quite a record for them, I should say.

Before coming to the states the last time this Brother was pastor of the only Baptist Church in La Plata, a coastal town of some 250,000 population. A great learned Southern Baptist missionary by the name of Dr. Hollingsworth from Texas lived just eleven blocks from this Baptist Church. Remember, there was no other Baptist church in La Plata for Dr. Hollingsworth to attend. But the pastor of this one Baptist church in all the city had to give Dr. Hollingsworth a special invitation to come and speak to his church in order to get him to the church. He came and the pastor introduced him to the audience and turned the pulpit over to him. He lasted eight minutes by the pastor's watch, ran out of anything to say and had to sit down. This dear Brother said that out of some twenty or twenty-one Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina only two could preach well enough to be used in a revival. When these missionaries come back to the states and go on their slide machine operating tour if some church were to tell them they wanted to hear them bring a gospel message, the poor missionary would develop a severe case of Sabaticus Morbus in a hurry. This is a sickness that is very common among Baptists. It always strikes about nine o'clock on Sunday morning. It gives way about twelve and the infected person is able to eat a hearty lunch and go for a ride in the country. But about five in the afternoon they have a relapse, but Monday morning they are as good as new.

At the last meeting of the Argentina Baptist Convention before this friend of mine left for the States the convention brought several serious charges against the Southern Baptist missionaries, one of which was that they attended the movies during church service time. They did not deny the charges. They just got up and left the floor.



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Another friend of mine who served as an independent Baptist missionary in Peru showed me a picture of one of the Southern Baptist missionary's home there in Peru. The whole layout was befitting the president of U. S. Steel or Standard Oil. The huge grounds covered with all kinds of flowers resembled a botanical garden. And over at the right side of the picture could be seen the servants' quarters. This poor, persecuted(?) missionary only had four servants. There were two women who helped the wife to keep the house presentable. And then there were two men who spent their whole time keeping the grounds presentable. Neither Paul nor Brother Halliman ever had it so easy.

If some of you young people would like to retire before you start work, just attend a Baptist seminary and get the mission board to send you out as a missionary. Thousands and thousands of well-meaning Baptists will see to it that you live sumptuously ever after. But please remember, if it is not done with church authority, the Lord is just not in it.

## Appreciated Letters

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sition on the sovereignty of God. As I said, Brother Gilpin, I have points of disagreement with you which, of course, are on the finer points, but I admire your boldness. I believe Baptist preachers today need to open their mouths and preach the precious truths with great courage and boldness, but the average young preacher today is put in a cradle so to speak and given an Arminian bottle and is never taught rich doctrine. All they know is how great the program is and are depending on the flesh.

May God bless you.

Elder Wayne Simmons  
(Missouri)

## Fred T. Halliman

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this dear old lady does, other than Sister Crosby had more talent and opportunity to serve the Lord than this native woman has.

I don't know how long this woman has been blind but she has been that way ever since I have known her. One day when I was preaching, the Lord opened her spiritual eyes and she saw how that she was a depraved lost sinner and while she still gropes about in physical darkness, she saw Christ her Saviour that day. In due time she followed her Lord in baptism and is now a member of the Lord's church. I am not only expecting to see her in Heaven but I feel most certain that this

# How Satan Deceives The World Concerning Hell

By ROY MASON  
Aripeka, Florida

No one knows better than the Devil that Hell has been prepared for him (see Matt. 25:41). Nevertheless he seeks to deceive people concerning Hell, with a view to taking away people's fear of Hell. This is with a view to causing people to go to Hell. Let us take note of some of the false notions that Satan has put into people's minds concerning Hell.

1. There is the notion that Hell is but a part of the heathen superstition of past ignorant ages. This is the attitude of modernism. Modernists don't believe in the supernatural. They reject the idea of a personal Devil, demons, angels, and all such. These are all remnants of the superstition of the past, to their way of thinking, and inconsistent with the "scientific" present. Of course, in assuming this attitude, they must needs cast aside the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, for beyond question the Bible teaches the existence of a Devil, demon spirits, angels, and a place of eternal torment called Hell. "Hell, prepared for the devil and his angels" said Jesus.

2. There is the teaching that Hell is nothing more than the grave. This is the contention of the "Jehovah's Witnesses." It is based on faulty scholarship. The grave cannot be identified with the place of final punishment. The Bible calls it the "Lake of Fire" (Rev. 20:13-15). Here in this passage we have the dead brought out of their graves, judged and assigned to the Lake of Fire.

Adventists for instance, teach the final annihilation of the wicked — and that must include Satan. They take such passages as "The wicked shall be ashes" and apply that to the spiritual part of man, when the application is only to the body. Rev. 20:10 is a sufficient refutation of the doctrine of annihilation. There we read that "the devil that deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the Beast and False Prophet ARE, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." Two things in this passage refute annihilationism:

(1) Satan is cast into a place where the "Beast and False Prophet" have already been for a thousand years. If they have been there for that length of time — then that proves that they have not been annihilated.

(2) They are to be "tormented day and night forever." That could not be, if they are annihilated.

3. There is the idea promoted by Satan that Hell is not literal — that it is some kind of spiritual discomfort. This is purely imaginary. The Bible teaches that Hell is to be a place of punishment in fire. If God didn't mean fire, why did He say fire?

"But," some argue, "why would not fire burn up the wicked?"

We answer, "Why doesn't fire burn up asbestos?" We know it doesn't. Likewise the wicked shall be indestructible in their

dear soul will be among those Baptists that make up the bride of Christ.

Beloved, if all my efforts, nearly ten years of my time, and all the money that has been spent on this mission work had produced nothing but this blind native woman being saved it would have been worth it all.

I have recently returned from a three week patrol, part of which was spent among a cannibal tribe in the jungles of the Strickland River. I made over a hundred pictures while on this trip, some of the select ones I will share with you. The Lord willing, I will start a series of articles on this patrol with the next issue of TBE.

May he Lord bless each of you.

—Fred T. Halliman

final state.  
4. There is the further teaching that "God is too good" to let people go to Hell. This objection is raised by people who have created a god, out of their own imagination, who is "gooder" than the God revealed in the Bible. God says that there is a Hell. (Read Matt. 5:29; Luke 12:5; Matt. 18:9).

No one will ever go to Hell who does not deserve to go. In this land people by the tens of thousands wilfully reject Christ, and reject every appeal of the Gospel. If people live for the



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Devil — serve the Devil — and refuse to break with the Devil, why should they complain if they are given the privilege of being with the Devil throughout the eternal future?

Not only does the Bible teach the existence of Hell — not only did Jesus teach it, but human reason demands the existence of such a place. It is not reasonable to believe that God will turn the wicked into Heaven with His people. They would turn Heaven into Hell, if they could get there. Besides, if there is any such thing as justice, sin and sinners must be punished. When the wicked go to Hell, they will continue to sin there, and when they sin in eternity, they will receive eternal punishment.

The death of Christ argues for the existence of Hell. Had the human race not been in a desperate plight — in danger of eternal Hell, the Son of God would not have come to this world to be betrayed and crucified.

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