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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

Again, my family and I have had a wonderful time. The blessings of the Lord were numerous. I have attended the service for nine years and they are better every year in most every way.

Eld. Keith R. Schuetz  
Indianapolis, Indiana

I think the Bible Conference is great. I think this is one of the best Conferences I have ever been in, and I know He is having His way in the messages, because they have been so inspiring.

Johnny Rogers  
Amarillo, Texas

This is my first year at the Bible Conference, and I have enjoyed worshipping with God's people very much. I am looking forward to attending the conference next year.

Buddy Owenby,  
Ashland, Ky.

We can never express in words the blessings we have had with you at the Conference. We have been provided with the best any-

one could have ever wished for. I shall never forget the good room and the delicious food we were served. And most of all, the spiritual food we can feast on for days to come. May God's richest blessings be with Bro. Gilpin, family and church, who have provided this, that we may enjoy this great fellowship. God bless you for such a warm welcome.

Mary McGough,  
Jasper, Alabama

It is wonderful that true Baptists can get together and fellowship here at this Conference. If the Lord wills, I hope that more people will attend next year. I think that we should invite more people.

Gale Wyckoff,  
Caldwell, Kansas

This has been the very best Bible Conference I have had the privilege to attend. The preaching has all been inspired and edifying; the singing wonderful, and the solos the very best — also the other special musical num-

bers. There has been a genuine spirit of Christian fellowship and love this year. I do like this arrangement for facilities, here at Morehead. Many thanks for it all. May this conference and TBE continue 'til Jesus returns to rapture the saints!

Eld. Wm. Pelphrey,  
Louisville, Kentucky

Read Acts 14:14 through 17. The Bible Conference is living proof of this Scripture reading.

G. I. Morgan  
Braden, Florida

It has been a joy for me to attend the Bible Conference. I sincerely hope that it will be possible for me to attend the Conference next year.

Mrs. Buddy Owenby,  
Ashland, Ky.

As always before, I've again received a spiritual uplift and appreciate the opportunity to hear all the fine preaching. I am especially thrilled to have some of (Continued on page 8, column 5)

## Why Dancing Is Contrary To All The Word Of God

CHARLES R. SALMON

This letter was written upon the request from a Christian girl in a public school. Her teacher had threatened to fail her if she continued to refuse to dance in her gym class. The teacher demanded three letters from preachers, showing why dancing was against her religion.

The letter was written by Pastor Charles R. Salmon, Faith Missionary Baptist Church, Jackson, Michigan.

Dear .....

We received your letter and were happy to hear from you again. I'm sorry to learn of your ill treatment at the hands of a public school teacher who certainly should know better than to encourage or approve, much less instruct anyone in the acts of unrighteousness and the art of Satan.

As your former pastor and a properly licensed, ordained, Baptist Minister of more than ten years actual experience in the pastorate, I gladly certify that dancing in any form is against religious practice and teaching and is proper grounds for exclusion of any member of the church caught doing such acts of un-GODliness.

May I remind you, though you already know this, that the BIBLE alone is to be our only rule of faith and practice. Although the literal word dance does not appear in them, I shall give you several scriptures that plainly teach you not to dance.

First in MATT. 5:27,28, as Jesus Christ said, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old

time, Thou shalt not commit adultery; But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." What is WRONG with the DANCE is this: **People dance because of the sex appeal in it, because of the sex inflammation, because of the excitement of sex passions.**

Someone will say, "But I dance because I like the music." But the plain truth of the matter is that is not why you dance. People dance because they like the inflammation of sex passions and sex desire. Someone else will say, "I just like the **rhythm** and it is such good **exercise**." Is that so? You say, "Would you stop our young people from getting exercise?" No. I think you girls can exercise with the **broom** and the **dish rag**. You boys can **mow** the lawn, **shovel snow** or a thousand other useful jobs around the house. There are a lot of **decent** ways to get **exercise**. You do not have to be **immoral** or **filthy** to get exercise. Of course, you could take off all your clothes and run up and down the street out there. You could get exercise that way, but you do not have to do anything that is **indecent** to get your exercise or to have fun.

I am sorry to have to show you up for what you are, but the plain simple **truth** is, that has nothing to do with it at all. That is **not** why people dance. You folk claim, "I just like the music, the rhythm, and the exercise." Why don't you men put your arm around another **man**? Why don't you put your hairy cheek against **his**? Why don't you (Continued on page 5, column 1)

## How Satan Counterfeits The Study Of The Word Of God

By ROY MASON  
Aripeka, Florida

The Devil can't prevent some things, so he injects a weakened down version of the things he can't prevent. He can't prevent preaching for instance, so he gets the preacher to do topical preaching rather than that which gives exposition of the Word of God. He can't prevent the Bible from being studied, so he manages to have it studied in such a way as to leave people with as little knowledge of it as possible. Satan



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always has a "second best" and if he can't prevent the study of the Bible, he will slip in a plan of study that is as ineffective as possible. Let us note how his fine hand appears in this.

1. The International Sunday School Lesson System. This system is in use among the large denominations today. Lessons are outlined by a central, interdenominational agency, and these are treated by lesson writers of the various denominations in their "quarterlies." This system results in **more than half of the Bible never being studied at all**. Some years ago a man made an elaborate study of this lesson system during a long period, and he

discovered that if a person had studied the International Lessons for a lifetime—every one of them—he would be in complete ignorance of more than 50 per cent of the Bible. Is not Satan back of a plan that cuts out more than half of the Scriptures?

2. The Hop, Skip, and Jump System. Not only does the International System leave out much of the Bible, it involves a plan of teaching that is non-sensical—a plan that would not be used in the teaching of anything but the Bible. The Sunday School student is led to jump around all over the Bible, without regard to chronology, continuity or connection. One Sunday a lesson may be in Genesis, and the next Sunday it may be in the heart of the New Testament. What teacher of mathematics would assign a lesson one day in the opening portion of the text book; the next day in the last chapter; the next day about the middle of the book? The student would never (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## Attention!!! Gladwin, Mich., Readers Notice

The weekend of November 14, 15 and 16, I plan to be with Pastor Henry Hall and the Gladwin Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan, and I am looking forward with a great deal of anticipation to being with this great pastor and church.

Both pastor and church have meant much to this editor personally and to TBE through the years, and accordingly, we are looking forward with a great deal of expectation to being with them on this date.

We would certainly urge our friends who live in this area to visit with us on this occasion. Truly, it would be a joy to have fellowship with the readers of our paper, living in that area.

## A Report On Mission Patrol To The Papua-Poguaia Area

FRED T. HALLIMAN  
(New Guinea Missionary)

I finished the last letter of the report resting at our camp site sleeping on a narrow keel at the edge of the Strickland River gorge. We were now in the Poguaia area and had begun to make contact with a few people. The ninth day of the patrol had been completed so we begin this report at the beginning of the tenth day.

AUGUST 19. "D.Q. Today has been a rewarding day. Found two groups of people with 10 in the first group and 12 in the second one. Two services were held. The first service was held about an hour after we started out and the second one at our camp site later in the afternoon. Not so bad walking today as yesterday. Bought plenty of food today, enough for two days. Saw the rotting remains of a woman today only a few yards from where her family still lived—hor-

rifying sight. Most of these folk today heard the gospel for the first time. Just after 8 p. m. going to bed. end D.Q."

I made several trys that morning before I could get going due to my feet being so sore, but like the horse with the sore shoulders as mentioned in the last letter, eventually I got under way and after I did it was not long before the most of the soreness had worked out. About an hour after we had started that morning we came to a small hamlet with two



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houses and 10 people there. There were two or three of these that I had seen before but the rest were new to me. The house where the women and pigs slept was low and built right on the ground while the other one was about five feet off the ground. The entire surroundings was a quagmire of a mixture of blue mud and urine and excreta from the several pigs that shared the residence. The stench was terrible.

I asked the folk if we could hold a preaching service and with their permission I assembled them and preached to them. Two of the men, one elderly man and the other a young man, wore no clothes at all, not even the proverbial leaves. After the service (Continued on page 6, column 2)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "WHEN YOU MEET YOUR KING"

(Read II Samuel 19:9-40).

This is the old, old familiar story of bringing back the king. David had been king, reigning from Jerusalem. His son Absalom had risen in rebellion against him and had driven him from the throne. He crossed over the Jordan River east of Palestine and fled into the hills of that country. I don't know how long David was in exile away from the throne, but after the battle of Mount Gilboa when his son Absalom was killed, the people started talking among themselves, saying, "Now we ought to bring back the king. It is true that Absalom made us promises and we thought

we were doing right when we rose in rebellion with Absalom against his father David. We thought that we were in the right but now it has come to nought. Now we ought to all get together and bring back the king." The word passed from mouth to mouth and from ear to ear. After a while there was enough momentum generated as a result of the conversations that they set a day in which they determined to bring back David across the Jordan River into Palestine proper, and to set him on his throne again as king over Jerusalem.

The Word of God tells us as

King David was returning that the folk came out to meet him, and the very first person that fell down before King David was Shimei. When David was fleeing from Jerusalem to save his life a short time before, it was Shimei, a descendant of King Saul, who ran along on the top of the hill and threw stones and dust on David as he fled for his life before Absalom and his army. When one of David's men wanted to call a halt and to take his sword and cut off Shimei's head, David said, "No, no, don't do it. It could be that the Lord has told him to curse me. It could be (Continued on page 2, column 1)

"The only way to keep Christianity out of our school system is to keep Christians out."

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## "Meet Your King"

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that God has told him to do this, and if He has, He has some purpose for it. Therefore, we'll leave it in God's hands." David walked on and his men followed him, and the last we saw of Shimei before David crossed over the Jordan River, he was standing on the hilltop, throwing stones and handfuls of dust, and cursing David, and calling him a bloody man. Now the first person that comes out to meet David as he comes back to be king in Jerusalem is Shimei as he falls down and begs for his worthless life.

Then as soon as Shimei fell before David, another man came into David's presence. His name is Mephibosheth. He, too, is a descendant of Saul — a grandson of Saul. His father's name was Jonathan. When Mephibosheth came into the presence of David, he immediately started making excuses as to why he didn't go with David when he fled from the city. You'll remember when Absalom rose up against David that all of David's faithful friends and followers went along with him. Mephibosheth didn't. It is true that Mephibosheth attempted to do so, but he was a lame man in both feet having been lame since he was a child. Mephibosheth wasn't able to go forth with David when David left Jerusalem. Now when David comes back, here comes Mephibosheth offering excuses, wanting to make right the apparent wrong of his failure to go along with David.

A third man came up. His name is Barzillai. He is eighty years old. He can't enjoy his food. He is past the years of enjoying his

meals. He can't enjoy the voice of singing women. His hearing is poor. So far as Barzillai is concerned, his physical life is practically ended. While David was over on the eastern side of the Jordan River, it was Barzillai who likewise lived on the eastern side of the Jordan River and who sustained David and provided food for him. Now that David is going back, Barzillai comes before David without an apology. He doesn't offer an apology as to why he hasn't befriended David. Rather, he comes out to bid David goodbye. David said, "Wouldn't you like to go up to Jerusalem and live?" Barzillai said, "Oh, no, I'm an old man. My days are about gone. No, I don't want to go with you. If you want to, you can take my servant and give him a chance in life, but as far as I am concerned, I'll stay here." Barzillai didn't come into the presence of David with a lot of excuses and alibis, but rather, he has done what he ought to have done. Now David kisses him. I can see Barzillai with the kiss of the king on his face, as he turns back to his home satisfied, because he has done what he ought to have done in behalf of the king.

Some of these days our King is going to come back. When the Lord Jesus Christ left this world He said:

"In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."—John 14:2,3.

When He gave the Lord's Supper's meaning to the Apostle Paul He said:

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death TILL HE COME."—I Cor. 11:26.

On the day that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended up into the skies, as the disciples stood and looked at Him as He went up little by little into the heavens, the angels came down and said:

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall SO COME in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."—Acts 1:11.

It looks today beloved, like the one Absalom prefigures has pretty much his way in this world. It looked like Absalom had his way for a while. When he drove David from the throne and caused him to flee for his life, it looked pretty much like Absalom was definitely "in the saddle." The one that Absalom was a type of — none other than Satan — seemingly has his way in this world today. But, beloved, as the day came when David came back to his throne, so the day is coming when our greater King David, the Lord Jesus Christ, is coming back to this world again. When He comes, there are going to be individuals who are going to react just exactly like Shimei and

Mephibosheth and Barzillai.

Let's notice these individuals.

I

### SHIMEI.

I can see Shimei now as he falls on his face before David and begs for his worthless life. Oh, it was wonderful one day for him to walk along on the top of the ridge and throw stones and dust at David and curse him, but now things have changed. Now Shimei begs that his worthless life be spared.

I look on Shimei as a good example of the unsaved within this world, who are in definite and positive rebellion against Almighty God, who are one day going to fall on their faces before the Lord to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord of All. Yes, beloved, there are a lot of ungodly people in this world? Isn't it amazing how much ungodliness there is even in your life now, and certainly before you were saved?

I was thinking this past week how ungodly I was before the Lord saved me. Would you believe me if I would tell you of two things I did before I was saved — how ungodly and irreverent I was. I remember once going to work for a man who was a Christian. When we sat down at the table (I knew he always prayed before he ate), he turned to me and said, "John, do you say anything before you eat?" I said, "I usually say, 'Pass the biscuits.'" Now, can you imagine a young fellow fifteen years of age, being that ungodly as to sit in the home of a Christian man and insult him like that.

Then I thought of another time I was invited into another Christian man's home and when he asked me to pray, I said:

"If the Lord will make us able, We'll eat all that's on this table; We can do it,

If we'll all stick to it. Amen."

Now can you imagine a fellow being that ungodly? I am ashamed of it today, but I am persuaded, it is no worse than the balance of Adam's descendants.

Why, beloved, sometime ago an ungodly youngster came to the front of a church building, knocked open one door and rode a mule right up the aisle while the service was in progress, tried to shake hands with the preacher, and rode back down the aisle out of the building. Can you imagine anyone being that ungodly?

Beloved, think of your own life before God saved you. I dare say that there isn't one of us but can recall incidents in our lives that were just as ungodly as these. Some of these days all of the ungodly Shimeis are going to fall down and plead for mercy when our King comes back. I think of some of these Shimeis who occupy pulpits and who deny the doctrines of election and grace, who are Arminians through and through. I say to you, when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back to this world, there are going to be some individuals who have denied the doctrines of grace — unsaved religious hellions, who just like Shimei are going to fall on their faces and plead for their worthless lives.

If I speak to one that is unsaved, may I appeal to you to remember that as Shimei fell before David and pled for his life, when our King and Lord, Jesus Christ, comes back, every unsaved person will fall before the Lord Jesus and plead. Yea, beloved, you'll acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord in that day. It will be too late, but you will do it. Listen:

"That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father—Phil. 2:10,11.

II

### MEPHIBOSHETH.

Mephibosheth reminds me of

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## To Be Associated In An Evangelistic Effort Soon



JOE WILSON



DONALD HACKNEY

Dear Bro. Gilpin:

The New Testament Baptist Church would like for you to announce our revival starting Nov. 2 to Nov. 9 with Bro. Joe Wilson preaching for us.

We consider Bro. Joe one of the best, and would like for anyone that could to come, and hear the Lord's Word.

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Yours in Christ,  
Eld. Don Hackney  
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lots of modern day Christians. When King David came back, Mephibosheth came out to meet him, but he had an alibi. He had an excuse as to why he didn't go along with David in the first place. Now he comes out to make right the wrong of his life.

Beloved, if I'm not mistaken there are going to be a lot of Baptists who are going to have some things to make right at the judgment bar of God. Just as Mephibosheth came to make excuses when he met the king, you and I will have a lot of excuses when we meet our King. There will be a lot of things that will have to be made right. I tell you, beloved, there will be a lot of God's people who will have a lot of things to be made right when they stand in the presence of their King.

How about those Baptists that don't tithe? Listen:

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

Yes, beloved, there are a lot of saved people, Baptist people, who have been taught the truth, and yet do not bring their tithes to God. I just wonder how that a Baptist man can read the Word

of God, knowing that he is going to stand in the presence of his King someday, and yet go out of the church house, and refuse to bring his tithes to God. Brother, sister, you may refuse today to do it, but there is a day coming when you will be making a lot of excuses as to why you did not do so. I can see old Mephibosheth coming down to see King David with his alibi and with his excuses as to why he did not go along with David when he had to flee out of the city. And then, I can see a lot of Baptists coming to meet the Lord Jesus Christ with money in their pockets and in their bank accounts that ought to have been brought into the house of God — that ought to have been dedicated to Baptist mission work. They will come, beloved, with excuses as to why they didn't do it.

I tell you, beloved friends — and I wouldn't be your friend if I didn't tell you, if I were you and had a payday yesterday or today, I'd take ten cents out of every dollar of that money and I'd hurry it tomorrow to a Baptist Church that was standing for the truth. I wouldn't want my King to come back and find me with money in my pocket that belonged to Him — money that should have gone to His church.

Let's notice again. I wonder if any of you are lodge members. Well, if you are, I want to say something to you. I want you to know that I have never known any lodge man who was anything but a dead stick spiritually (Continued on page 3 column 1)

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his church. I don't say that there are not exceptions, but I will say this, in my ministry, I have never known a lodge man who was not a dead stick spiritually to his church. Whenever I go to a funeral and I see that crowd standing around the casket with their "shirt tails" hanging out, I look for the most unspiritual members of Baptist Churches and I find them there.

A few days ago I was reading of a Baptist who had died. In reading the plans for his funeral, I learned they were going to have four or five lodges to conduct graveside rites. Somehow I closed my eyes and floated back through the distance, and I remembered the man in the Old Testament who was buried by his concubines and I couldn't help thinking when I read about the Baptist that was going to be buried by four different lodges that he certainly was being buried by his concubines.

I want to tell you, beloved, a saved man ought to be a member of one organization and only one—namely, a Missionary Baptist Church. I don't say you ought to be a member of a church, but I say you ought to be a member of a Missionary Baptist Church and you ought to be mighty certain that it is a good sound one, or not to be a member of it. You haven't any business dividing your time and your talents and your money between lodge organizations and your church. Everything that you have belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ and the only organization that He has in this world to get glory through, is His church.

We read:

**"UNTO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH** by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."—Eph. 3:21.

The Lord Jesus Christ never lets any glory except through His church, and your life ought to count for Him through the church.

I see Mephibosheth falling, offering alibis and making excuses for the fact that he had not been true to David.

I wonder about some of the Baptists that I know today — how they are going to fall down in His presence and make alibis too. I read in the Bible that it says:

**"LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP**

**SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law."**—I Cor. 14:34.

There are a lot of Baptists who think it is perfectly all right to unbridle the women and let them speak and make motions and pray and preach and do anything in this world that they want to in the house of the Lord. Maybe you think I am old fashioned. I met a fellow the other day who had been reading THE BAPTIST EXAMINER for quite a number of years, but he had never seen my picture. He said that he just didn't know how young I was. He said he had always thought I was an old man, who had whiskers hanging half way down my chest. He said, "Brother Gilpin, I read where you said that women ought to be silent in the church and I would have sworn that you were an old grandfather." Well, I am a grandfather, and I want to tell you something: I believe this Bible to the extent that I am not going to deny the Word of God. When the Word of God says to let your women keep silence in the churches, I'm going to say the same thing that I've been saying since I was a boy preacher. A woman's place in a Baptist Church is one of silence. God said it, I believe it, and that settles it. I like to think of that crowd of preachers that's denied it and encouraged women to get out of their place. I like to think of that crowd of preachers the day that they come into the presence of our King David, the Lord Jesus Christ. They will make lots of excuses then. There's going to be a lot of preachers make excuses that day for not living up to what God said as to a woman's place in God's House.

I think also of that crowd that are saved who are church haters. You say, "Brother Gilpin, there's nobody who is saved who hates the church." Yes, there are plenty of them, and I'll call one of them by name, just as a sample. John R. Rice, the editor of "The Sword of the Lord," hates the church that Jesus built.

I'll offer another name, and I'll give you proof for both of them. Do you have a Scofield Bible? I use one, and have, since 1925. I got used to the way in which it is marked and accordingly, I've used it continuously since 1925, but, beloved, C. I. Scofield in this Bible, by his notes, shows that he

hates the church that Jesus built. I need give a Scofield Bible to anyone, or sell one to anyone, but what I tell him this. The notes are good except what Scofield says about the church, and this is poisonous.

Now, beloved, listen. As far as the church of Jesus Christ is concerned, the Son of God never started but one church while he was in this world. All the Protestant churches admit that they are too young to claim to have been started by Jesus. The Catholics can't prove in any wise at all any history prior to 600 A.D., or thereabout. I tell you, beloved, the Lord Jesus Christ just built one church. He said, "I'll build my church." There isn't any doubt in my mind but that this was a Missionary Baptist Church.

I think of John R. Rice, I think of C. I. Scofield, and I think of all these folk like them who say that all the saved of the world make up the church. I think of them when the King comes back and they meet Him and stand in

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the presence of Him who started His church and they give an account for the lies that they have told about His church. Don't tell me, beloved, that they are not going to make some excuses! Don't tell me that they won't act like Mephibosheth! I don't think there's any doubt but what C. I. Scofield was a saved man. I don't think there's any doubt but what John R. Rice is saved. I've known him for years and I don't think there is any doubt about his salvation. But, my brother, he is going to give an account to the Lord Jesus Christ someday for the way in which he has lied about the church that Jesus built.

Then I think about some other folk — the compromisers. Now, beloved, it would be a lot easier to compromise a message, to tone it down, and to unionize with everybody that comes along, than to honestly preach the Bible. It would be a whole lot easier to do that now, but what is it going to be like when you stand in the presence of your King? I tell you, beloved, when I was a boy I'd rather my father would pat me on the back for something I'd done that was right than anything else in all the world. Beloved, when I stand in the presence of my King I'd rather He would give me just one little pat of approval than anything else in this world. I'd rather have it than all the popularity of the world and praise of men.

It is not an easy thing for a

man to keep from compromising. I think of Billy Graham. There's no doubt but that Billy's a saved man, but, beloved, he is a compromiser. As a boy he was pastor in Chicago. They dropped the name Baptist from the church and called it the Village Church. When he went to Minneapolis and became head of Northwestern University after W. B. Riley died, everything he did was a compromise. Beloved, when you see him on your television, you are looking at America's greatest compromiser so far as the truth of God's Word is concerned.

I say that he is America's greatest because of the opportunity that he has. Any man that refuses to hold a meeting unless the heretics and the modernists are invited to come into it, and share in the meeting, and have part in it, and are given positions on the various teams that are at work—any man that takes that position is a unionist and a compromiser. I guess it sounds big to talk about filling the Cow Palace, or preaching to a crowd that overflows Yankee Stadium, or filling Madison Square Garden until the crowds have to be turned away. I guess it sounds big now. But, beloved, can you see Billy when my King, and his King, comes back and he gives an account of himself. The Word of God says:

**"Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK THEM** which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; **AND AVOID THEM."**—Rom. 16:17.

**"Can two walk together except they be agreed?"**—Amos 3:3.

Instead of marking and avoiding these heretics, Billy has walked hand in hand with them. What alibis he'll have to offer when the Lord Jesus comes again.

I think of another group that will have to make excuses and that is the group that knows the truth and departs from it. I've seen it happen so many times in the last few years. It grieves me for a man to know the truth and to turn away from it. I think now of Brother Lassere Bradley. His father and I used to be very close friends. His father was a Catholic before he was saved. Lassere's father and mother are two good, godly people. But, beloved, Lassere has gone from Arminianism to Calvinism to Hardshellism. The only good thing I can say about him is that he is a great leader. But what a day of humiliation and shame it is going to be for Lassere when the King comes back.

Pick up his paper and read where he says today that the

Gospel is not for the lost, but for saved people. In contrast to this Hardshell notion he has concerning the Gospel, God's Word says: **"For I am not ashamed of the GOSPEL of Christ for it is the power of God unto SALVATION to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."**—Rom. 1:16.

How pathetic to see any one turn from the truth. And in this case, it is double pathetic since Bro. Bradley has turned to Hardshellism. I have absolutely no use for the lies of Hardshellism. Jonah acted the part of a Hardshell when he refused to preach to the lost in Nineveh. The miracle of Jonah is not that he remained alive in the belly of the fish: The miracle is that the fish could stomach him or any Hardshell preacher for 72 hours without getting sick.

I tell you, beloved, when the King comes back as it was with Mephibosheth when King David came back there will be a lot of alibis offered and a lot of excuses made. Beloved, I want to learn what the Word of God says and then stay with it because when my King comes back I don't want to have to offer excuses for my preaching and my ministry.

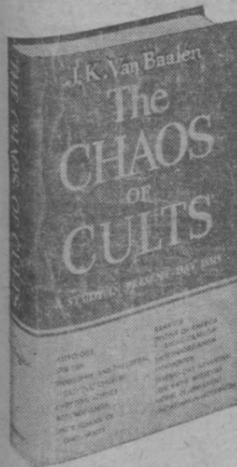
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**BARZILLAI**

It thrills my heart when I think of Barzillai. I see that old man of eighty years come out to meet King David to tell him goodbye. I see David who has been sustained by him and who has lived off his bounty these few weeks that he has been on the east side of the Jordan—I see David reach over and put a kiss on the cheek of Barzillai.

Beloved, some of these days we are going to stand before our King, our Greater David, the Lord Jesus Christ, and when we do, I would rather have just one kiss of approval than to have all the praise that this world could offer today.

Do you realize that He has promised rewards for His own that are faithful to Him for things that they have done through His church? In the Gospel of Matthew He tells us that He will give us a reward for as little as giving out a cup of cold water in His name. Beloved, it is going to be a great day when we stand in the presence of our King. I think about the crowns He is going to give us. I think about the rewards we are going to have. I think, beloved, what it is going to be like to be in His presence. I won't have to fall on my face like (Continued on page 4, column 5)



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"Explain I Corinthians 11:27. None of us are worthy. What does it mean when it says taking it 'unworthily?'"

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Our Lord told us that we partake of the elements of the Lord's supper as a remembrance of Him.

"And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, this is my body which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." (Luke 22:19, 20). Paul said, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." The third part of the commission tells us that we are to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." (Matt. 28:20).

If the Lord tells us that we are to observe the Lord's supper then we must conclude that the word "unworthily" cannot mean "unfit." None of us are worthy of any of God's blessings in that sense of the word. God would not tell us to do something that we could not do. He would not tell us to observe the Lord's supper and then tell us we cannot take it because we are unfit to take it.

In order to learn what He means we must review the purpose of the Lord's supper. We have already seen that it is a reminder of the Lord's death. Let me point out to you that as it reminds us of our Lord's death it also proclaims to the world the fact that He died.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, YE DO SHEW THE LORD'S DEATH till he come." (I Cor. 11:26). At the same time that we are proclaiming His death we are also reminded that He is coming again. (See the above quoted verse "... till he come").

Remember, none of us are worthy, therefore we cannot shew these things because none of us can take the Lord's supper, or can we? I repeat, that God would not give us this ordinance and then tell us we aren't worthy of taking it.

What does He mean? "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." (I Cor. 11:27). The clue to the verse lies in the next verse (vs. 28). "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup." We have certain responsibilities. I think that the tabernacle has a symbol that

helps us to see it. Before the priests were to go into the tabernacle they were to wash their hands and feet at the laver of brass which was located outside the door of the tabernacle. They had received a complete bath at the beginning of their priesthood as a symbol of the cleansing we receive through the blood of Christ. "And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water." (Exodus 40:12). Before they performed the duties of the tabernacle they had to wash their hands and feet to show that they had sinned and needed to wash the wickedness of the world before they did their work.

We too must do the same thing. We wash our hands and feet by confessing our sins to our Father. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9). Hence we have the verse that tells us that we must examine ourselves.

I might add that no one is worthy to take the Lord's supper if he hasn't received the Lord Jesus Christ and followed Him in baptism, because these things come first.

Permit me to give a little personal example in this. I know that I do not deserve to have salvation. I sinned against the Lord. I also know that in spite of my sinfulness He saved me by His grace through His elective mercy, for which I am thankful. After He has been so good to me, I still fail Him and do not deserve to have the privilege of eating and drinking at the Lord's table, but He made me worthy through the blood of Christ. When I approach the time that we observe His supper I spend time searching my life and praying, asking God to forgive me of my sins. This is how I take the Lord's supper. Unworthy as I am I believe that I take "worthily" through Christ who died for me.

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Certainly none of us are worthy. The best person living today is unworthy of partaking of such a wonderful thing as the Lord's Supper. So the worthiness of the individual is not under consideration here in the least. It is true that both words "unworthy" and "unworthily" come from the same Greek word ANAXIOS, but we must determine

which word to use by the way it is used. If the word is used to modify the subject it is an adjective and it would be "unworthy." But if it modifies the verb it is an adverb and, therefore, it would be "unworthily." If I say I am unworthy, the word "unworthy" describes me. But if I say I eat and drink unworthily, the word "unworthily" does not describe me. It describes the manner or way in which I eat and drink.

So it is in the Scripture before us. This verse does not say that if unworthy people partake of the Lord's Supper they are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. It says that if these people eat and drink in an unworthy manner they are guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. And to eat and drink unworthily in this Scripture simply means to partake of the Lord's Supper without stopping to consider that the bread and the wine represents the broken body and shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. So, as we eat the bread and drink the wine let us be deeply conscious of the fact that the bread and the wine represents our dear Lord as He hung upon that cruel tree in our behalf.

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The Lord's Supper is an ordinance given to the church (Baptist) by Jesus Christ. This ordinance is to be observed and regulated by a "thus saith the Lord." It is never to be observed by wishful thinking of man, rather it is to be eaten in Christ's honor. In the verse under consideration, we are warned not to eat the bread and drink the cup unworthily. In order not to eat it unworthily, we are commanded to examine ourselves.

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." Verse 28.

This verse does not mean that we are to examine ourselves to see how good we are. The Lord's supper, like the example prayer of Luke 4, was given to God's sinning saints. In the example prayer, we are exhorted to ask the Father for forgiveness of our sins, but if we had no sins, we could not ask the Father for forgiveness of something for which we are not guilty. The Lord's table is also a place where God invites His sinful people; therefore, we should never go to the table with the idea of showing how good we are—rather our motive should be to show forth our unworthiness and sinfulness, and to confess by partaking of the bread and wine, that all the worthiness that we have is in Him whose body and blood are pictured in the bread and wine. Thus, a perfect person would have no cause to come to the Lord's table because the supper shows forth that we are sinners saved by His grace. If we were to go to the table with an attitude of worthiness in ourselves, we would be as unworthy as one could be. Suppose one was to go to the Lord's table thinking that he was worthy and a little better than anyone else, he would be the greatest hypocrite in the congregation.

We are admonished to examine ourselves; therefore, it is vitally important that an examination be taken. Upon examining himself, many judge themselves unworthy, and because they find

sin in the flesh, they argue that they cannot eat, lest they come under the chastening hand of God. I would remind you who argue that you are not worthy, of what Christ said "Take eat." I do not believe that He meant for the disciples to choose as to whether they would take it, rather it was a command. If you are saved and a member of a New Testament church (Baptist) and refuse to take the supper, you are in danger of being soundly spanked for disobedience.

Now, let us observe how one can take the supper unworthily. I have already explained that we must examine ourselves and determine what we are to look for in the examination. The Holy Spirit tells us what it is to eat and drink unworthily.

"For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, NOT DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY." Verse 29.

Not discerning the Lord's body is that for which we must examine ourselves. It is not our body, but the Lord's body. To treat the Lord's supper as a common meal, and the bread and wine to mean nothing more than bread and wine, is to take it unworthily, or in an unworthy manner. The principal object of the supper is to show forth the fact that Jesus died for our sins. If the ingredients of the supper and our motive in partaking of it does not show forth the Lord's body in its sinlessness and its death, we would be eating and drinking damnation to our souls (life). The sin at Corinth was not discerning the Lord's body, thus God visited them with weakness, sickness, and death. To use grape juice, pop, crackers or any other ingredient with leavening in it would not be discerning the Lord's body for leaven is a picture of sin, whereas our Lord's body and blood was without sin. Therefore, to take it unworthily simply means to observe it in such a fashion as to not discern the body of our Lord, which the unleavened bread and wine symbolizes.

Also, to partake it with heresies (salvation by works among the church) would be in an unworthy manner.

Read verses 19-20.

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People have their difficulty here in confusing the two terms "unworthy" and "unworthily." There is an immense difference between the two terms. The questioner correctly says, "None of us are worthy." Really it all goes back to our unworthiness.

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We are unworthy of any approach or contact with God, and because of this our Saviour came and shed His blood for us, that we might be cleansed of our sins and might have the right of approach unto God. The Lord's Supper is the memorial of His sacrificial death, and should always be a reminder to us of the taking away of our unworthiness and our access to God through the shed blood of Christ.

But the term "unworthily" does not relate to one's personal worthiness or unworthiness. IT RELATES TO MANNER. Reference is to partaking in an unworthy manner, "not discerning the Lord's Body." (verse 29).

When the Corinthians — some of them — got tipsy by guzzling the wine in quantity, they drank unworthily. They drank to satisfy the craving for alcohol — not discerning the Lord's body. I remember seeing a young man make some sort of a joke as he took the Lord's Supper. He had no thought of what it meant — no discernment that it was a remembrance of the Lord's death. He was partaking in an "unworthily manner." All lightness and irreverence indulged in during the observance of the Lord's Supper comes under the heading "partaking unworthily."

Some church groups have the observance of the Lord's Supper every Sunday morning. Of course this is not the Lord's SUPPER. Rather it is DINNER. But what I started to say is this: There is danger that in such frequent observance it will get to be a matter of routine, and without serious meaning. To partake thoughtlessly, routinely, or irreverently, is to partake "unworthily" or in an unworthy manner.

## "Meet Your King"

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Shimei. I'm not going to have to make excuses for the way I've handled His Word. I tell you, brother, sister, it is going to be great to stand in the presence of our King when He comes back.

### CONCLUSION

Now let's look at these three men. Shimei represents the unsaved, whether they are inside or on the outside of the church. Mephibosheth represents saved people who haven't lived as they ought to have lived, who have to make excuses when He comes. Barzillai represents the man who has seen the truth and stands for it and can't be moved. Shimei represents the unsaved. Mephibosheth represents the guests at the wedding and Barzillai represents the bride. I believe that every (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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## "Meet Your King"

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man who sees the truth and stands for it the rest of his life is going to be a member of the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ. My brother, a man who has seen the truth, any truth, in this Bible, and compromises and fails to stand for it is going to be among the guests at the wedding.

God help you to take this in its simplicity and apply it to your own soul. If you are lost, when Jesus comes you will fall in His presence and confess that He is Lord, only to be cast into Hell. If you are saved but not living truly as a saved man should, compromising His Word, you will make excuses. Beloved, I can't think of anything that would be more embarrassing than for a saved man to stand in the presence of Jesus Christ and make excuses when He comes. If you are saved and living in the light of the Book when He comes, as there was a kiss for Barzillai, there will be more than a kiss for you. God help you to be true to the Book, and true to my King until He comes for us again.

May God bless you!



## Dancing

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put your knee between his limbs and dance man with man or woman with woman? Why, it would not be long before one of you would say, "There is no kick in this." If you are normal at all, that would be terribly disgusting to you, and silly to say the least. The truth is people dance because they are deliberately seeking the excitement of the fleshly lust of sex.

This can be proven all over America, yea, all over the whole wide world. The reason people dance is that it is a deliberate encouraging of sex passion which no man or woman has any right in the world to feel toward anybody except his own wife or husband. Notice MARK 7:20-23: "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man: For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." II COR. 12:21: "And lest when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed." GAL. 5:19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." EPH. 4:19,20: "Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ." I PET. 4:3-5: "For the time past of our life

may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead." II PET. 2:2,7,18: "And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked." "For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error." JUDE verse 4: "For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the Grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." ROM. 13:13: "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying."

You will notice the word **LASCIVIOUSNESS**. It means: **shameless immorality, a characteristic sin of ancient society (PICTORAL BIBLE DICTIONARY).** WEBSTER gives this definition: **1. Tending to excite lustful desires, characterized by or expressing lust or lewdness: In fact to dress or act in any manner to excite the opposite sexes to lustful desire. A by-product of the DANCE.**

The definition of **WANTONNESS**: (Originally undisciplined, as: Wanton boys: Frisky, playful, unrestrained in play). A wanton person or thing, especially an immoral or unchaste woman: to indulge in playful, indiscriminate, or excessive love-making, to waste carelessly or in luxurious pleasures. Which the dance between the opposite sexes produces, the same as wearing of shorts, swimming shorts, mini-skirts, long tight pants, or any other ungodly dress which will draw attention to cause another person to think a lustful thought.

Now notice in your Bible, **ROMANS 7:8**: "But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead." **COL. 3:5**: "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." **I THESS. 4:3-5**: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God."

Notice the word **CONCUPISCENCE**, which WEBSTER defines as: Strong or abnormal desire or appetite: especially, sexual desire; lust. The Bible dictionary gives this meaning: A word meaning intense longing or yearning for what GOD would not have us to have, or be, a sensual desire.

Now someone will say, "As far as I'm concerned, there is not a

thing wrong with the dance. It does not hurt me. I do not have any bad thoughts. I do not have any temptations. I just dance with my arm around another (man or woman) with (his or her) hand in mine. I dance with (his or her) body against mine with (his or her) breath close to mine, perhaps with (his or her) cheek against my cheek, or head on my shoulder. We dance with my knee between (his or her) limbs. In a little while somebody of the opposite sex cuts in and I change partners. I go on hour after hour like that. All I think about are birds singing, the flowers smelling, and nice things like that; about GOD and HIS purity, holiness, and chastity; about JESUS CHRIST who died for me on the CROSS of CALVARY." **MY FRIEND, YOU ARE AN ORDINARY GARDEN-VARIETY COMMON LIAR! OR ELSE YOU ARE ALREADY PHYSICALLY DEAD AND DON'T KNOW IT.** Everybody knows what is wrong with the dance. Every married man or woman knows what is wrong with the dance, and does not wish to inflame passion towards any other woman or man except his or her own wife or husband. GOD knows you ought not. I do not say that every man or woman who dances is an adulterer or adulteress. I don't believe that. But he or she is headed in that direction if they dance. The modern dance is as rotten as HELL. There is not any good defense that any intelligent person can make for it.

I do not say that young people always intend to do wrong. They just want to have a good time. I do not think people intend to do wrong when they get drunk, but that does not change the fact that it is wrong. The dance is a wicked, wicked, sin, and the poison of HELL is in it. John the Baptist was beheaded by Herod, king of Judea, because of the **DANCE** and the **ADULTERY** of the king. See **MATT. 14:1-12**. John condemned the sin of Herod for having his brother's wife. Salome danced before a drunken, debauched, lusting Herod; he became so excited he promised her any wish up to half of his kingdom. The young dancer did not know what to ask, so turning to her adulterous mother for advice. She asked the head of John the Baptist and received it on a platter. The BIBLE teaches us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (I THESS. 5:22). **ROMANS 12:9**: "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good." **I COR. 10:6-8**: "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neith-

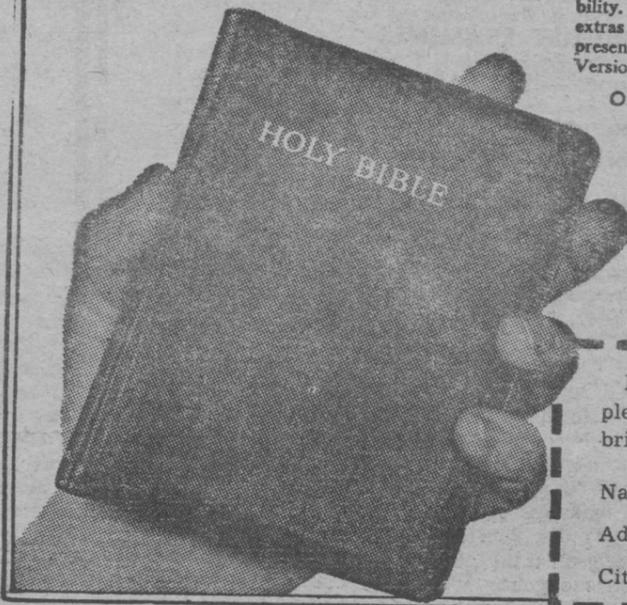
er be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

The very fact that people seek a dark, secluded, nice and private if possible, place to dance is enough to teach us who are saved, **born-again, converted** or which ever term you choose to mean a child of God, to stay away from all such unGODLY practice. Notice, if you will, that dancing and drinking of intoxicating beverages always go together. This is designed to loosen or weaken self-restraint. Then adultery or fornication most always naturally follows. Millions of men and women have become the victims of a ruined life and the daddies and the mothers of bastard children because of the dance. Broken homes and destitute children cry out against the dance. Venereal diseases have certainly been a by-product of the DANCE.

I'm reminded we are to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (COL. 3:17). Can you DANCE in HIS name? If you could, you would be committing such sacrilege, I'd be amazed if the LORD did NOT strike you down for it. The modern dance is certainly not in keeping with the teachings and the examples of the dear Lord Jesus Christ. I dare anyone to try to win another to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ while dancing with them. You know they would think you an imposter, a false professor and entirely out of place. If Jesus Christ were here in the flesh, would you dance (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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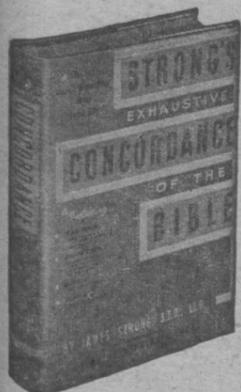
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## Dancing

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with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing Godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety." Webster's definition of SOBRIETY: (The state or quality of being sober, especially temperance or moderation, specifically in the use of drink, seriousness, solemnity, gravity, or sedateness of manner or appearance). II TIM. 3:1-8: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith." Notice the word INCONTINENT: (Webster): "Without self-restraint, especially in regard to sexual activity; incapable of containing, etc."

In closing, notice TITUS 2:1-5: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity,

in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

These are reasons, based on the Holy Scriptures, which are the written, inspired words of God (II TIM. 3:16) why we should not take part in the dance or any other acts of unGODliness, such as PETTING, NECKING, KISSING, OR EMBRACING THE OPPOSITE SEX. I trust this will be a help and a guide to you, not because I say so or because I have written it down for you, but because "THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD."

Respectfully,  
Charles R. Salmon, Pastor  
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## Fred T. Halliman

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was finished we started out again and the walk was not so bad as the day before in that we were traveling in low country, not too far from the river, and through heavy jungle growth which provided protection from the hot sun. I was determined not to get caught today as yesterday without a camping place before so late. About 2:30 p. m. we came to an opening in the jungle and soon discovered that we were approaching another hamlet. We were now in an area that we had never been in before and therefore was being extremely cautious in our approach to these places. Some tribes, when they are suddenly surprised by the approach of strangers think of only one thing and that is that enemies have come and they must attack to protect themselves. I suppose

this would only be natural for folk living in these jungle areas.

We paused for a short period and could see no one then we came out into the open and still could see no one. There were two houses at this place also and these were built like the others were at the place we had seen early that morning, one sitting on the ground and one a few feet off the ground. Something soon attracted our attention though that we had not expected to find. We noted a terrible smell coming from somewhere close by. This was quite different from the smell of pig urine and excreta mixed with mud that we had noted at the last place. This smell was literally sickening. We soon discovered that only a few yards away in back of one of the houses the body of a woman had been placed about 10 feet above the ground in an open crude coffin and the sickening smell was coming from her rotting body. We could tell that it was a woman only because the relatives had hung her grass skirt up on one of the poles that helped to support the platform where her body had been placed. Nearly all the flesh had dropped off the bones and was laying in a quagmire below—a pig was rooting around and nibbling away at the remains that had fallen to the ground. Soon a little girl was discovered in one of the houses, a girl of about nine years old and the daughter of the woman who had been placed there to rot away—she was still mourning the death of her mother. From a description of her illness she must have died from malaria, a common killer in these jungles.

We had been at this place about 15 minutes when I decided that I could not stay any longer as I was having difficulty then keeping from vomiting. I noted my watch and the time was nearly 3 p. m. and I decided that we had better try to find a camping spot. We left the hamlet and noted that the jungle soon gave way to a fairly high ridge so we decided to climb the ridge and make camp at the first decent place. About two-thirds of the way to the top we found a good camping place and before long we had our tent pitched and the carriers were busy making their lean-tos. While we were not too far from the hamlet, we were high enough to escape the smell from the decaying body.

By about 4 p. m. we had camp set up and the folk from the hamlet below started coming in with sweet potato and taro. (Taro is a tubular food heavy in starch grown throughout the Pacific islands). The food was unexpected but welcomed as the natives much prefer this type of food for hard work than rice. There was enough brought in then and what they brought again in the morning for two days. There were 12 people in this group, all of whom were hearing

the gospel for the first time as we preached to them that afternoon. This made about 20 people that I had preached to on this day that had never heard the gospel before. We had preached to 22 all together. Just after 8 p. m. the rain began to gently fall. It sounded like tiny miniature drums as tiny droplets mixed occasionally with a volley of large ones falling from the tree leaves, when they landed on our tent that was taut. With nothing more to do I decided to go to bed. Soon thereafter I had crawled into my sleeping bag and as I lay there listening to the rain fall for what seemed to be hours, I kept thinking about the folk that live in these mountainous regions and jungles. Also I could not keep from thinking of that woman that had died only a short time (less than a month) before I got there. Why had God let her die before she heard the gospel, surely He knew all about my coming.

"The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us . . ." Deut. 29:29.

AUGUST 20. "D.Q. Today has been quite a hard day, one extremely high mountain to climb and several small ridges. About 2 p. m. we suddenly came to an opening in the jungle where three young men were making a garden. They immediately reached for their bows and arrows but the word "hamaka" which means friend in their language brought relief to them as they saw they were outnumbered. They soon came over to where we were and after extending our greetings further by shaking hands with them, they led us through a bush trail to their home. A few more folk were there, eight in all, and all of them with the pigs shared one house. We held a preaching service after getting camp set up and all eight of these folk were hearing the gospel for the first time, end D.Q."

Before we set out on this day the folk that lived down at the foot of the mountain were back for another service and brought some more food. They were there about 7 a. m. so shortly thereafter we had preaching and as our gear was already packed we were on our way shortly after the service was over. It was sad to leave these folk, they being so isolated from the outside world and without any medical aid or opportunity to hear the gospel except the occasional visit that I make in these far away places. I seriously doubt if there has ever been any more primitive people that have lived upon the earth than these folk that live in this area just east of the Strickland River. I am thankful that God has allowed me the privilege to preach to them.

The day's walk was hard and truthfully I don't know how the carriers got up one mountain that we had to climb. From bottom to the summit it would have been no less than 5,000 feet and probably more. Some of this was so straight up that without some sort of help it would have been impossible to climb but there was usually a limb from a tree, a root or something that you could get hold of to pull yourself

up for several feet. When we came to the clearing in the jungle about 2 p. m. we had no signs or warning that we were approaching such and we were just about as surprised as the three young men that we found making a garden, however, I don't think we were quite as frightened. I can remember reading books about the pioneering days in America when every man always carried his gun with him even to church. Well, it is no different here in the isolated areas, such as the Poguauia, here in Papua-New Guinea. The one difference is that these folk carry their bows and arrows instead of a gun. These three fellows were caught completely off guard and had we been enemies it is doubtful that any of them would have escaped. They immediately reached for their weapons when they saw us and started backing up at the same time stringing their arrows. The one friendly word, hamaka, made all the difference that was needed and while they came towards us with caution they no longer had their arrows strung. Eventually we shook hands with them and asked them if there were any more people close by. They seemed reluctant to tell us at first but eventually said they would lead us to their home. Where they lived was quite a long way from where we found them. They had a house on top of a large hill completely surrounded by thick woods. We had a hard time finding a spot good enough to put our camp.

We finally wound up clearing a spot to set our tent and the carriers got a little distance off in the bush and made their shelters. After camp was set up we had a preaching service and this was the first time that any of these folk had ever heard the gospel. Besides the three young men there were two women and two elderly men that were there that night and one more man came in the next morning. We tried to buy food from them but they said they only had a small amount for themselves and had none to sell. One of the young men later came over to my tent and said he was sorry for us and offered to sell a small pig, perhaps about 25 pounds mud and all. I had already rationed out canned fish and rice for the carriers but bought the pig anyway for the next day. Again I was glad, in the providence of God, that I had been led this way.

With this we close out the 11th day of the patrol. We trust that God is giving you a small insight, at least, of what we so abundantly saw while on this patrol.

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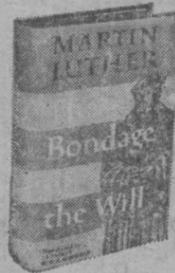
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get anywhere at that sort of thing. Yes, and students don't get anywhere in the study of the Bible at that sort of thing either. Those who have been in Sunday Schools all their lives, with rare exceptions, know practically nothing about the Bible.

A small boy invited a playmate to Sunday School, and the playmate said, "What kind of a school is Sunday School?" The boy answered, "It's a school where you don't have to learn nothin'." Is not Satan the author of a system that results in ignorance of the Word of God?

3. The Use of the Scriptures as denominational propaganda. Denominations use the Scriptures largely to support various denominational causes — such as hospitals, schools, etc. The Lord meant that the Scriptures should be studied for their own sake — not as propaganda. The meaning that the Holy Spirit designed to impart is the only meaning, and Scriptures should be permitted

There is only one thing you cannot do for missions. That is to get rid of your responsibility.

**75% Of Romanism's Rites  
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Human Inventions Adopted and Perpetuated by the Roman Catholic Church in the Course of 1600 Years. —310.

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These dates are in many instances approximate. Many of these heresies had been current years before, but only when they were officially adopted by a church council and proclaimed by the pope as dogma of faith, did they become binding on Roman Catholics.

Any doctrine to be true must conform to the Word of God. "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.

1. Of all the human inventions taught and practiced by the Roman Catholic Church, which are contrary to the Bible, the most ancient are the prayers for the dead and the sign of the Cross. Both began 300 years after Christ

to say what they do say. We have seen lessons on "Christian Education" and hospitals presented in the "Quarterlies," when the Scriptures had to be twisted in order to make them support those things. The only "Christian Education" taught in the Bible is teaching of the Scriptures — not history, geology, etc. (See Matt. 28:18-20).

4. Writings of Men Gives Supremacy Over the Word of the Living God. A Baptist church is castigated and defamed today if it doesn't "use the literature." Often it is said, "That's not a Baptist church, because it doesn't use Baptist literature." Since when did the Bible cease to be good Baptist literature? When students study the Quarterlies they get a little Bible diluted with a lot of the opinions of men.

Much of the New Testament is in the form of letters written to churches (see I Cor. 1:1-2). Those letters were to be read and understood by the common people. Do we have less intelligence today than those people had back there, that we have to have the meaning explained to us? The Roman Catholic theory is that laymen should not read the Scriptures save with the help afforded by the "notes" appended by the Roman church. Other denominations have come to approximate that attitude.

5. The Widespread Use of Uncalled and Unprepared Teachers. The modern, elaborate Sunday School system calls for a multitude of teachers. People who know practically nothing about the Bible are grabbed up and run through a Sunday School "manual" and turned loose to teach — or rather to mutilate and pervert the Word of God. God's plan calls for called teachers. Note Acts 13:1-2, and the warning in James 3:1.

2. Wax Candles introduced about 320.

3. Veneration of angels and dead saints—about 375.

4. The Mass, as a daily celebration, adopted 394.

5. The worship of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the use of the term, "Mother of God," as applied to her, originated in the Council of Ephesus in 431.

6. Priests began to dress differently from the laity in 500.

7. The doctrine of Purgatory was first established by Gregory the Great about the year 503.

8. The Latin language, as the language of prayer and worship in churches, was also imposed by Gregory six hundred years after Christ—600.

The Word of God forbids praying and teaching in an unknown tongue (I Cor. 14:9).

9. The Bible teaches that we are to pray to God alone. In the primitive church never were prayers directed to Mary, or to dead saints. This practice began in the Roman Church about 600. (Matt 11:28; Luke 1:46; Acts 10:25-26; 14:14-18).

10. The Papacy is of pagan origin. The title of pope or universal bishop of Rome by the wicked emperor Phocas, in the year 610.

This he did to spite Bishop Ciriacs of Constantinople, who had justly excommunicated him for his having caused the assassination of his predecessor, Emperor Mauritius. Gregory I, then bishop of Rome, refused the title, but his successor, Boniface III, first assumed the title, "pope."

Jesus did not appoint Peter to the headship of the apostles and forbade any such notion. (Luke 22:24-26; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; I Cor 3:11). Nor is there any mention in Scripture, nor in history, that Peter ever was in Rome, much less that he was pope there for 25 years; Clement, third bishop of Rome, remarks that "there is no real first century evidence that Peter ever was in Rome."

11. The kissing of the Pope's feet began in 709.

It had been a pagan custom to kiss the feet of emperors. The Word of God forbids such practices. (Read Act. 10:25-26; Rev. 19:10; 2:9).

12. The temporal power of the popes began 750.

When Pepin, the usurper of the throne of France, descended into Italy, called by Pope Stephen II, to war against the Italian Longobards, he defeated them and gave the city of Rome and surrounding territory to the pope. Jesus expressly forbade such a thing, and He himself refused worldly kingship. (Read Matt. 4:8-9; 20:25-26; John 18:38).

13. Worship of the cross, of images and relics was authorized in 788.

This was by order of Dowager Empress Irene of Constantinople, who first caused to pluck the eyes of her own Constantine VI, and then called a church council of the request of Hadrian I, pope of Rome at that time.

Such practice is called IDOLATRY in the Bible, and is severely condemned. (Read Exodus 20:4; 3:17; Deut. 27:15; Psalm 11:5).

14. Holy Water, mixed with a pinch of salt and blessed by the priest, was authorized in 850.

15. The veneration of "Saint Joseph" began in 890.

16. The baptism of bells was instituted by Pope John XIV in the year 965.

17. Canonization of dead saints, first by Pope John XV in 995.

Every believer and follower of Christ is called "saint" in the Bible. (Read Rom. 1:7; 1 Cor. 1:2).

18. Fasting on Fridays and during Lent were imposed in the year 998.

Popes are said to be interested in the commerce of fish. The Papal bull, or permit to eat meat,

some authorities say, began in the year 700. This is against the plain teaching of the Gospel. (Read Matt. 15:10; 1 Cor. 10:25; I Tim. 4:1-3).

19. The Mass was developed gradually as a sacrifice; attendance made obligatory in the eleventh century.

The Gospel teaches that the sacrifice of Christ was offered once and for all, and is not to be repeated, but only commemorated in the Lord's Supper. (Read Heb. 7:27; 9:27-28; 10:10-14).

20. The celibacy of the priesthood was decreed by Pope Hildebrand, Boniface VII, in the year 1079.

Jesus imposed no such rule, nor did any of the apostles. On the contrary, Peter was a married man, and Paul refers to a bishop as having a wife and children. (Read I Tim. 3:2-5 and 12; Matt. 8:14-15).

21. The Rosary or prayer beads was introduced by Peter the Hermit. Copied from Hindus and Mohammedans—1090.

The counting of prayers is a pagan practice and is expressly condemned by Christ. (Matt. 6:5-13).

22. The Inquisition of heretics was instituted by the Council of Verona in the year 1184. Jesus never taught the use of force to spread His religion—1184.

23. The sale of indulgences, commonly regarded as a purchase of forgiveness and a permit to indulge in sin, began in the year 1190.

Christianity, as taught in the Gospel, condemns such a traffic, and it was the protest against this traffic that brought on the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century.

24. The dogma of transubstantiation was decreed by Pope Innocent III, in the year 1215.

By this doctrine the priest pretends to perform a daily miracle by changing a wafer into the body of Christ, and then he pretends to eat Him alive in the presence of his people during Mass. The Gospel condemns such absurdities; for the Holy Communion is simply a memorial of the sacrifice of Christ. The spiritual presence of Christ is implied in the Supper. (Read Luke 22:19-20; John 6:35; I Cor. 11:26).

25. Confessions of sins to the priest at least once a year was instituted by Pope Innocent III in the Lateran Council in the year 1215.

The Bible teaches us to confess our sins directly to God. (Read Psalm 51:1-10; Luke 7:48; 15:21; I John 1:8-9).

26. The adoration of the wafer (Host) was decreed by Pope Honorius in the year 1220.

So the Roman Church worships a God made by human hands. This is plain idolatry and absolutely contrary to the spirit of the Gospel. (Read 4:24).

27. The Bible forbidden to laymen and placed in the Index of forbidden books by the Council of Valencia in 1229.

Jesus commanded that the Scriptures should be read by all. (John 5:39; I Tim. 3:15-17).

28. The scalpular was invented

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29. The Roman Church forbade the cup to the laity, by instituting the communion of one kind in the Council of Constance in 1414.

The Gospel commands us to celebrate the Lord's Supper with bread and wine. (Read Matt. 26:27; I Cor. 1:26-29).

30. The doctrine of purgatory was proclaimed as a dogma of faith by Council of Florence in 1439.

There is not one word in the Bible that would teach the purgatory taught by Roman priests. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sins. (Read I John 1:7-9; 2:1-2; John 5:4; Rom. 8:1).

31. The doctrine of 7 sacraments affirmed in 1439.

The Gospel says that Christ instituted only two ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (Read Matt. 28:19, 20; 26:26-28).

32. The Ave Maria, part of the last half in 1508.

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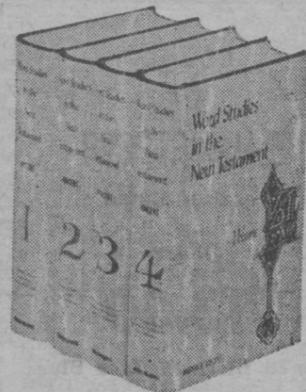
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On his dining room wall Augustine had written these words, "He who speaks evil of an absent man or woman is not welcome at this table!"

## Of Xmas, Let It Be Said, "My Lord Has Not Told Me To Do It."

We have nothing to say in this message to the world, nor to anyone who does not belong to the Lord Jesus Christ. Our appeal is to those who love Him and desire to please Him in all things. To such devoted persons we would like to point out some important facts about the holiday known in the world as "Christmas," keeping in mind that the Word of God is the only true and sufficient guide for the child of God. (Read 2 Tim. 3:16-17).

The fact that God has not commanded the celebration of the birth of His Son is sufficient reason for any child of God NOT to have any part in such practice. There are many other reasons that may be stated for the true believer having no part in such unfruitful works of darkness, but this is enough "MY LORD HAS NOT TOLD ME TO DO IT!"

As for the word "Christ-mass," we prefer not even to take it on our lips. Think of associating the title of our blessed Lord with the abominable, Romanized, heathen mass! The modification with the Greek initial (Xmas) is preferable to us, for it at least leaves the precious name of our

Savior out of the shameful affair.

Some will ask: "Do not Christians the world over observe this holiday?" To which we would say: "It is more generally practiced by the world and by nominal professors than by true Christians. And whatever the world practices ought to be held in suspicion by the believer in Christ, for 'all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.'" And "we know that we are of God, and the world lieth in wickedness." (I John 2:16 and 5:19).

We regretfully admit that many Christians, whose salvation we could not doubt, are too badly misled by men's traditions and too blind to the importance of taking guidance solely from God's Word, to take any godly stand against this Xmas monstrosity. But all who acknowledge the supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures to direct in such matters, will most certainly have no more to do with this unholy holiday after their attention has been called to it.

As to its origin Xmas was

originally a Roman heathen celebration of the birthday of the sun god. It was taken over by the Catholics, with such changes as suited their abominable idolatry. And then the Protestant daughters followed the "Mother of Harlots" (Rev. 17:5), and modified it a little more till they think they are now honoring the Lord by its observance.

The Xmas tree, the mistletoe, the holly wreaths, candles, and the child-deceiving tradition of Santa Claus, are all of heathen origin. There is not one word in Holy Writ in favor of any of them. But listen to what the Word of God does say about it: "Thus saith the Lord, learn not the way of the heathen . . . for the customs of the people are vain; for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers that it move not." (Jer. 10:2-4).

God has not told us to observe any special days. Instead, He has warned us about getting entangled with them. To the Galatians, who had been led off by such traditions, he said: "Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years; I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." (Gal. 4:10). To the Christian there should be no special holy days; every day should be alike holy unto the Lord, though it is the believer's blessed privilege by divine order and precedent to meet together on the first day of the week for fellowship and remembrance of the Lord's death on the cross.

The fact that the world joins in the celebration of Xmas is a proof that it is not according to the will of God, "For the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." (Romans 8:7).

If they would not link the name of our blessed Lord with their heathen ceremonies, then we would hold our peace. If it were like the 4th of July celebration we would have nothing

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to say. We see pictures of elaborate mangers on bill boards and magazines, and the whole world glories in its shame — that the eternal Son of God came into the world and the best it would give Him was a cow barn to be born in! But for the believer, not one possible argument has any weight, since "MY LORD HAS NOT TOLD ME TO DO IT."

God has not allowed us to know the time of the birth of His Son. It is not His birth that we are asked to remember. It is His death on the cross, His precious blood that paid for our sins, that we are told to remember. And that is what the world tries to soft pedal. "The preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that perish." (I Cor. 1:18).

What may be said of Xmas may also be said of Easter, just another religious heathen celebration, in which religious professors have joined the rest of this Christ-rejecting world in putting our Lord to an open shame, associating eggs and bunnies and fancy hats with the solemn spectacle of the cross, the empty tomb, and His resurrection! Let every genuine believer in Christ hang his head for any part he ever had in such unholy business. Also think of a child of God stealing one of the Lord's

days and calling it "Mother's Day," or "Father's Day," or "Children's Day!"

The most notable birthday celebrations in the Bible are Pharaoh's and Herod's, both accompanied by murder. The most outstanding merrymaking and gift-sending part in the Bible is in Revelation 11:10, where God's two faithful witnesses are finally slain and people rejoice and send gifts to each other because they will not have to listen to God's message any longer! Let every true Christian take his stand openly on the Lord's side, by having nothing to do with these festivities which are the inventions of modern Babylon.

"For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." (Rev. 18:5). "Earnestly contend for the faith." "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them." (Jude 3; Eph. 5:11).

—Arthur Unknown

## Romanism

(Continued from page seven) in the year 1545, declared that tradition is of equal authority with the Bible—1545.

By tradition is meant human teachings. The Pharisees believed the same way and Jesus strongly condemned them, for by teaching human tradition, they nullified the commandments of God. (Read Mark 7:7-13; Col. 2:8; Rev. 22:18).

34. The apocryphal books were added to the Bible also by the Council of Trent in 1546.

These books were not recognized as canonical by the Jewish Church. (See Rev. 2:28-9).

35. The Creed of Pope Pius IV was imposed as the official creed 1560 years after Christ and the apostles in 1560.

True Christians retain the Holy Scriptures as their creed. Hence their creed is 1500 years older than the creed of Roman Catholics. (Read Gal. 1:8).

36. The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary was proclaimed by Pope Pius IX in the year 1854.

The Gospel states that all men, with the sole exception of Christ, are sinners. Mary herself had need of a Saviour. (Read Rom. 3:23; 5:12; Psalm 51:5; Luke 1:30, 46-47).

37. In the year 1870 after Christ, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of Papal Infallibility—1870.

This is blasphemy and the sign of the apostasy and of the anti-christ predicted by Paul. (Read 2 Thess. 2:2-12; Rev. 17:1-9; 13:5-8., 18).

38. In the year 1930 Pius XI condemned the public schools.

39. In the year 1931 the same pope, Pius XI, reaffirmed the doctrine that Mary was "the Mother of God."

This doctrine was first invented

by the Council of Ephesus in the year 431. This is a heresy contrary to Mary's own words. (Read Luke 1:46-49; John 2:1-5).

40. In the year 1950 the last dogma was proclaimed by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

## CONCLUSION

What will be the next invention? The Roman Church says it never changes; yet, it has done nothing else but invent new doctrines which are contrary to the Bible, and has practiced rites and ceremonies taken bodily from paganism. Some scholar has found that 75 per cent of the rites and ceremonies of the Roman Church are of pagan origin.

Cardinal Newman, in his book, "The Development of the Christian Religion," admits that . . . "Temples, incense, oil lamps, votive offerings, holy water, holidays and seasons of devotions, processions, blessings of fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure (of priests and monks and nuns), images . . . are all of pagan origin . . ." (Page 359).

The above chronological list of human inventions disprove the claim of the priests of the Roman Church that their religion was taught by Christ, and that the popes have been the faithful custodians of that religion.

The real heretics, therefore, are the Roman Catholics and the truly orthodox are Bible-believing Christians.

Brothers! The Word of God commands us to get out of Babylon, saying: "Come out of her, my people, that you may not take part in her sins, nor receive a share in her plagues . . ." (Rev. 4:18).

All true Christians will remain faithful to the religion of Christ as taught in the Bible, and heed the warning of the Apostle Paul, who said: "But, though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other Gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." (Gal. 1:8).

## Impressions

(Continued from page one) the younger men preach since they are the ones who will carry on after we're gone. Already we are planning to be here again next year, if at all possible.

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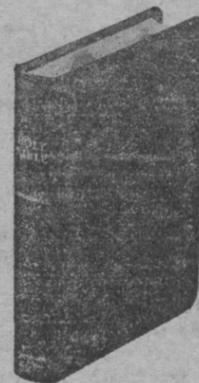
R. Moore

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