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Since Man Went To The Moon, Will He Also Go To Mars?

MILBURN COCKRELL
Dorsey, Mississippi

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years; And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the



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earth; and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon earth. (Continued on page 6, column 1)

An Interesting Letter From Our Missionary To Navajos

ELD. BILL BURKET
(Missionary to Navajos)

I'm sorry that I failed to inform you all about some events in the past; but will try to bring a report on a recent death of one to whom we had been ministering. Also, to describe the Navajo funeral that followed.

On Sunday, October 12, we were awakened at 4 a.m. by a knock on our front door. It turned out to be a station wagon load of our Navajo people. There were six adults and five children or young people in the group.

These people had received the news that their mother, and grandmother, Grandma Begay, who had been in the hospital at Albuquerque with T.B. for two months, was very ill. They came to us requesting that we would take them to see her, a trip of about 183 miles one way. We had taken four of the daughters to visit their mother at the hospital on September 15, and she wasn't too well at that time. At least not that she would have been able to eat all the pieces of baked mutton and roast corn that they had given her on the visit. Grandma at this time asked me to remember her in my prayers. The ladies gave us \$8.00 towards gas and expenses on this trip which was real good as at one time the Navajos expected us to take them every place and to foot the bill ourselves. I let them know one time that if it were necessary for me to take them some where that it would be right for them to help with the gasoline bill. They didn't like the idea, but some have been faithful in helping with the expenses whenever it has been necessary for us to take them to doctors, dentist, hospitals, or to pick up their food commodities, or pick up their children at the schools during or after their vacation times.

It might be inserted at this time that Mr. Simpson also was a patient at the same Indian hospital, with the same disease for about four months. He returned to his family just a week previous to the Sunday on which we received

this early morning visit. Of course, we agreed to the trip to the hospital, but first, every one needed breakfast. Jessie attended to the coffee and eggs and I made the toast.

Two families left after breakfast in the car, to look for some others. As time was passing by, the rest of us decided to go on to the hospital without them. We left our home at 9:15 a.m. and arrived there at just past 11 p.m., having stopped once on the way to change a tire — one of our retreads having thrown some rubber. Entering into the hospital grounds we met another of the daughters, the one who is married to a Christian Reformed preacher. They gave us the sad news that grandma had passed into eternity about 2 hours before our arrival. At least it wasn't too sad as I believe she may be with our Lord. The preacher and his wife and three children had arrived the past night having driven through (Continued on page 8, column 1)

The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

"THE DEITY OF JESUS"

"Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, and is over all, GOD blessed for ever. Amen."—Rom. 9:4,5.

This is one of the most remarkable passages to me, in all the Word of God. Paul literally says that when you see Jesus walking in this world, you are actually seeing God walking in Jewish flesh. He refers to Jesus as "God, blessed for ever," and he says that Jesus came with the flesh of a Jew, and though Jesus had a Jewish body, He was actually God

walking in Jewish flesh.

As I say, I know of no verses in all the Word of God that have ever meant more to me than these two verses, and they come to mean more and more to me as the days pass by, for the simple reason that there are too many people who fail to believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. You would be surprised how many people I hear from, who waver on the question of His deity.

For example, of recent date, one woman wrote to me and said, "Bro. Gilpin, you have brought a new thing into my thinking, in that you say that Jesus had al-

ways been in existence." She said, "I didn't think Jesus even existed until He was born in Bethlehem." She went on in her discussion to tell me what her position had been. She believed that Jesus was just a good man, but she had failed to see that He was actually God, blessed forever.

What this woman very candidly and very frankly said in her letter, I have read from the pen of dozens and dozens of preachers through the years. There are so many who say that Jesus' existence began with His earthly birth; they fail to realize that His earthly existence was only an earthly (Continued on page 2 column 1)

Xmas Celebration Once Was Illegal In America

By WILLARD WILLIS
Middletown, Ohio

Celebration of Christmas — the most widely observed religious holiday of the modern world — was at one time illegal in early American history.

Colonial New England did not celebrate Christmas, according to researchers, because the stern Puritan colonists believed that



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such activities were wholly pagan and forbade them by law. Christmas came to the American colonies while it was the subject of strenuous controversy in England. English Puritans condemned it as "popish" and the secular celebration as a wanton Bacchanalian (Continued on page 7, column 2)

More Report As To Patrol To The Papau-Poguaia Area

FRED T. HALLIMAN
(New Guinea Missionary)

Our last report was closed out with the eleventh day of the patrol completed. We had slept that night with a group of people, 7 in all, most of whom had seen their first white man and had therefore made contact with the outside world for the first time. The people looked harmless but you can never tell what primitive tribesfolk like that are thinking so we try to be cautious. We begin this portion of the report by starting off on the twelfth day.

August 21. (D.Q.) This day has been hard almost from the very outset. Much of the day has been spent chopping our way through jungle bush and vines. About noon we crested a huge mountain, and while we have crossed several ridges we are still descending. Tonight we are sleeping in the bush, no visible signs of

any people living anywhere near by. We have come upon several old abandoned gardens and houses which are indications that perhaps two or three years ago several people lived in the area we have walked through today. Several foot-tracks have been noted today but no contact made. Two services were held today, one with the seven people where we slept, just before we left this morning and another one with just one man that came into camp just a few minutes before we left, and who accompanied us to direct us for a while. One of the young fellows has decided, after an invitation, that he would go back to the Mission Station with us, "end D.Q."

We had been out on patrol nearly 2 weeks by now and had spent 3 days of this in the Poguaia area. We had reached the stage where we had many aches and pains but no longer paid any attention to them. The sore feet and tight sore muscles as well as the shoulders of the carriers that by now had the skin rubbed off in several places, seemed to fall right in line at the first command as if they were parts of a machine that would automatically respond when a button is pushed making an electrical contact. At first you dread these things and you hesitate to start out in the morning knowing that you are going to soon be soaked, if not by the rain you will be wading through the jungle growth. However, after a few days under these conditions you seem to discipline yourself to expect nothing better and so the thought of it is not so bad any more.

Before we left that morning we assembled the folk again and preached to them. Knowing how these people move about and also observing the age of four of them we realized fully that this might be the last time we would ever get to tell these folk about our (Continued on page 5 column 3)

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WE ARE TRUSTING THE LORD, BUT TELLING YOU . . .

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TBE May Be Forced To Publish Monthly Rather Than Weekly,
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IT'S UP TO YOU, OUR READERS!!

In the name of our Blessed Lord, we appeal to you for your support of this paper.

In a recent issue, there appeared an editorial, entitled, "I Want To Live," and in it, I made a very definite appeal to our readers to support THE BAPTIST EXAMINER and all of our mission work. I said it was my desire to live to take care of this work for many years to come. And God willing, and with the help of our readers, I think I shall be able to continue for a long time yet in His service.

We are impressed particularly by the response of some of our readers who have sent worthy offerings within the past few days, in the light of this afore-said editorial.

Brother Marvin Long of Louisville, Kentucky, who has been a strong supporter of TBE for a long time, writes:

"Your editorial entitled, 'I Want To Live,' touched me. I thank God that He has given you strength to keep the paper going. I thank God for Calvary Baptist Church, a great church, I think, and a great church in the eyes of God.

Here is a small offering. Maybe it will help. May God's richest blessings be upon you all."

Brother Ronald Brady of Tyler, Texas has also encouraged us:

"Please use this check for THE BAPTIST EXAMINER. I cannot tell you in words



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what this paper means to me and my wife. Until I read this paper, I did not know how shallow I was in the Bible. I believe that God is using this paper as the means of placing many of His elect in the Bride."

Our Negro friend in Chicago, Brother Spencer Randolph, who has sent hundreds of dollars to THE BAPTIST EXAMINER through the years, having supported it consistently for the past 15 years, says:

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"The Deity Of Jesus"

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existence. They fail to realize that Jesus had always existed, and that Jesus was nothing more or less than God manifested in Jewish flesh.

Let me tell you a little story that I have told you before, in order to illustrate this. Years ago, I was at the lock and dam system at South Portsmouth, fishing. While there, they were locking a boat through the channel and in some manner when they ran the gate back into the hillside, it jumped the track, and it was necessary that they repair it. A man put on a diving suit, and a diver's helmet, and went down into the water for that purpose. I saw this man whom I had seen there during the day while I was fishing, as he stepped into the diver's suit, and they fastened it around him and lowered him down into the water. He worked there with some large jacks for some period of time to get the gate back on the track. When he had finished, they hoisted him back out of the water and he took off the diver's suit and stepped out of it, the same man that had gone down into the water a little while before. To that individual, it was only an experience that came to him quite often. So far as he was concerned, it was just an experience that he passed through from day to day, because that was the way he made his living. But as I saw that man step out of that diver's suit, it dawned on me that this was a marvelous illustration.

One day, the Lord Jesus Christ left Glory and came down to this world. I think one of the greatest, and grandest, and most stupendous events of all time was our Lord Jesus Christ leaving Glory. I am sure that the angels of God must have stood aghast. They must have stood in wonderment when the Lord Jesus Christ announced His intention of coming to this earth to become a man. I am certain that those angels must have said to themselves, "Will He actually leave Heaven? Will He

actually leave this place, and go to the place called earth? Will He actually leave the glory of Heaven and go to earth to become a man?" I can hear the Lord Jesus Christ in answer to their question, as He said that I do not disdain the womb of a virgin.

The Lord Jesus Christ thus laid aside His golden sandals and His golden crown and came down to this world to be born as a babe of Mary. He took upon Himself the form of a Jewish peasant. I can see the Lord Jesus Christ as He grew to young manhood and walked about here in this world. Jesus Himself was God living in Jewish flesh. After a while the Lord Jesus Christ laid aside that body and arose from the grave, victorious over death, and ascended back to the Father.

I go back and see that man as he stepped out of that diver's suit, after he had been down into the water, and I say that just as this man stepped out of the diver's suit, the same man as he was when he went into the diver's suit to go down into the water, so the Lord Jesus Christ, when He went back to Glory, was the same God that He was when He left Glory to come down to this world.

I tell you, beloved, this thrills my soul when I think about it. Jesus was God. He wasn't a man. He wasn't a human being. His life didn't begin here in this world when He was born of Mary. His earthly existence began then, but Jesus did not begin then. Jesus had always been. He had been God yonder in Glory. He was God when He was here in this world. When He ascended back to the Father, He was the same as He had been before. Beloved, I thank God for the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to read to you a number of Scriptures to show you that Jesus was God in the flesh.

I

"Then said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am." — Luke 22:70.

Here was a question. The Sanhedrin, the enemies of our Lord Jesus Christ, gathered around Him and they asked Him, "Art thou then the Son of God?" His answer was, "I am."

This is just one time that He is called the Son of God. There are 39 other times in the New Testament when Jesus Christ was called the Son of God. How can a preacher read through the Bible and fail to see that Jesus was God? How can a preacher fail to see that the One who walked here within this world in Jewish flesh was nothing more and nothing less than God in the flesh?

II

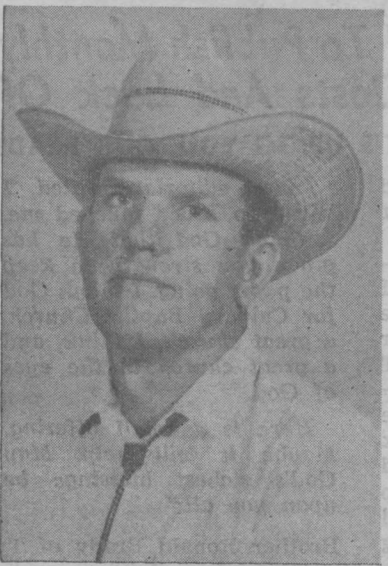
"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him." — John 1:18.

Here Jesus is called "the only begotten Son." This verse would tell us that all the manifestations of God in the Old Testament were not actually God the Father, but it was a pre-incarnation manifestation of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every time that Jesus Christ appeared in the Old Testament — every time we have any reference to God in the Old Testament as to a pre-incarnation experience, it was nothing more nor less than

A Great Preacher Who Should Be Kept Busy Preaching

Elder Gene Hensley, who used to be pastor of the Caddo Baptist Church of Stockdale, Texas, and who has been doing some mission work of recent date in the state of Arkansas, is available for revival meetings, Bible Conference work, or a pastorate.

I consider Brother Gene one of the finest men of my acquaintance. I do not hesitate to



ELDER GENE HENSLEY

recommend him as a preacher and am more than happy to commend him and his wife as two of the finest individuals I know.

He ought to be kept busy and I hope that the brethren will keep him busy with revival work. He may be reached by writing him:

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I am satisfied that any church which contacts him will be blest immeasurably by his ministry, and I would certainly urge some good church to invite him today for a meeting.

Jesus Christ that they saw back there.

It says in this verse that He was "the only begotten Son." Beloved, this isn't the only time that He is called the only begotten Son of God. Four other times — or in all, five times — Jesus is referred to as the only begotten Son. How can a man read five times that Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of God and fail to see that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh?

I remember, years ago, I was in the barber's chair in the YMCA in Russell. A man came in handing out some leaflets and began talking to the men in the barber shop. I soon gathered by the conversation they were having, that he supposedly was an Episcopalian missionary. He is the only one that I ever saw, and if he is characteristic of all the balance of the Episcopalian missionaries, then God help me, I hope I never see another. I heard him as he was talking to Brother Wayne Jordan, the barber who was then working on my hair, and he told Wayne that we were all — everybody in the shop — a son of God, and that Jesus Christ was a son of God. I spoke up and said, "My brother, you are mistaken. Jesus Christ was not a son of God; He was the Son of God. I tried to tell him that Jesus Christ was more than what we were, but nothing would do him but that we were all on the same plane — that Jesus Christ was no more than any of the balance of us, and that we are all born into this world as sons of God. In the first place, we are not born as sons of God, and in the second place, Jesus Christ was not a son of God. Rather, He was THE Son of God, and as this text tells us in John 1:18, and as four other verses tell us, He was

spoken of as the only begotten Son of God.

III

"And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last." — Rev. 1:17.

This is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ, and it was Jesus Christ as God, who said, "I am the first and the last." In order to prove this unto you, I go back to the Old Testament and I read:

"I the Lord, the first, and with the last; I am he." — Isa. 41:4.

Notice again:

"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." — Isa. 44:6.

Beloved, believe me, Jesus Christ was God in the flesh. He wasn't a man. I grant you He had a body of a Jew. I grant you that for about thirty years He bore a Jewish resemblance. I grant you that His physiognomy was that of a Jew, but He was only living in that Jewish body. He was God Himself while He lived here with-in this world.

IV

"But ye denied the Holy One and the Just." — Acts 3:14.

This was from Simon Peter's great sermon — not his sermon that he preached on Pentecost, but the sermon that he preached immediately afterwards when he healed the lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple. He said to the crowd of Jews that had crucified Jesus, "You denied the Holy One and the Just." He referred to Jesus as the Holy One.

I ask, was the Holy One God? Hosea says:

"For I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee." — Hosea 11:9.

I say then that the Holy One who is spoken of in Acts 3:14 is the same one that is spoken of in Hosea 11:9, who said, "I am God."

I cannot understand how any man can deny the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ in the light of this verse, yet I remember that a few years ago at the Northern Baptist Convention meeting they brought up a resolution before the convention whereby they asked that every missionary that went to the foreign field be compelled to sign a statement that he believed in the virgin birth and the deity of Jesus, the blood atonement, the resurrection, and the verbal inspiration of the Bible. When that was presented to the convention whereby they asked every out-going missionary to sign a statement saying he believed those five things, it was voted down by a majority of two to one. That would tell us that the majority of the preachers in the Northern Baptist Convention do not believe that Jesus Christ was the divine Son of God. How can a man read of Him as the Holy One and fail to believe that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh?

V

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2:11.

Notice that it says that the

Saviour was Christ the Lord, who was born in the city of David. This was the message of the angels on the night that Jesus Christ's birth was announced in Bethlehem. You will notice that it says that He was Jesus Christ the Lord.

If you will turn through the Bible, you will find that Jesus was called Lord not once, and not a dozen times, but several hundred times. In the New Testament, they did not recognize Jesus as a man, but they recognized Him as Lord.

When I think of a man that would deny that Jesus was Lord — that He was God in the flesh, the man who does so, the man who fails to recognize the deity of Jesus Christ, that individual is certainly not preaching the message that was preached in the New Testament, for all the New Testament writers recognized His deity, and they recognized Him as Lord in the flesh.

VI

"Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory." — I Cor. 2:8.

Here the Apostle Paul is writing to the church at Corinth, and he says, "If the crowd that crucified Him had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory." Beloved, the Lord of Glory is none other than God Himself.

Notice again:

"Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of Glory. Selah." — Psa. 24:8-10.

Beloved, all of these verses tell us one thing — that Jesus Christ was Lord. He was God. He was deity. He wasn't a man, but He was God here within this world.

VII

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." — Mt. 1:23.

Here is the prophecy that was given to Joseph before the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the prophecy was that He was to be named Emmanuel, which means "God with us." The angel that told Joseph that Jesus was to be born, and was to be named Emmanuel, believed that Jesus Christ was God, for he said, "You call Him Emmanuel, which means 'God with us.'"

Every once in a while I run into somebody who has a baby born into his home that he names Emmanuel. I suspect sometimes after the baby gets here that they don't think of him as "God with us." I suspect sometimes that they feel like it is anything else but God with them, but when the baby is born, they are so happy and in their ecstasy, they name the child Emmanuel. I do not believe it is right for a child to be thus named. I think you are ascribing to a child a name that belongs to Jesus only. I think you

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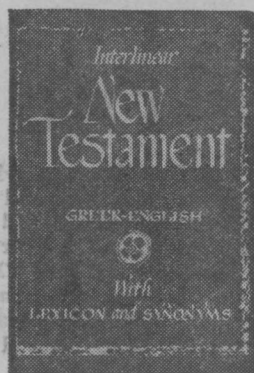
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are giving to that child a name that belongs to God, because the name Emmanuel means "God with us."

When a man says today that my Jesus was not God, that He was only a human being, he is denying the testimony of the angel, for the angel said He was "God with us."

VIII

"I and my Father are one." — John 10:30.

"And believe, that the Father is in me, and I in Him." — John 10:38.

"And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me." — John 12:45.

In every one of these verses Jesus is saying that He was God. He is saying, "I and my Father are one."

I have often said this, that the God of the Old Testament is the Jesus Christ of the New. God in the flesh was the Lord Jesus Christ when He was here within this world. When I come to John 10:30, where He says, "I and my Father are one," I say to you, it was God in the flesh that the crowd saw when Jesus walked in the land of Palestine.

Some years ago when I was conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School, a little boy looked up into my face and said, "Brother Gilpin, what is God like?" Without a moment's hesitation, I said to him, "God is just like Jesus Christ." I say to you, if I were to think about it for a thousand years, or a million years, I couldn't give him any better answer than I gave him that day on the spur of the moment.

I say to you, beloved, God is just exactly like Jesus Christ, because Jesus Christ was God in the flesh.

IX

"And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God." — John 20:28.

The enemies of the deity of Jesus Christ say that Thomas was cursing, and that he was speaking blasphemously when he said, "My Lord and my God." I do not think so. In the light of the exemplary character of Thomas, and in the light of his previous experience that we read of him in the New Testament, and in the light of his experience in that he had lost his grip on God in the previous week's time, I think that he was affirming his belief in Jesus Christ when he saw Jesus standing there in his presence, and he

said, "My Lord and my God." Instead of cursing — instead of speaking blasphemously, I think that Thomas was merely affirming that Jesus Christ was God in the flesh and he was claiming him as his God.

X

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." — Titus 2:13.

We talk about the glorious appearing. We talk about the blessed hope. We talk about the return of Jesus Christ to this world. We talk about the second coming of the Son of God. Who is it that is coming? It says in God's Word, "the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Jesus Christ was spoken of as the great God.

A man said to me not too long ago that he didn't believe that Jesus was God, but rather he thought that Jesus was just a good man. Even though he didn't think that Jesus was God, he thought he was better than the average man. He thought he was a good man. I said to him, "If He were not God, He wasn't a good man. He said that He was God. He claimed to be God. He accepted the devotion of those who said that he was God, and if He were not God, that He wasn't a good man."

I say to you, unless Jesus Christ were God in the flesh, He is not a good man, and we owe Him no worship nor adoration, no praise and no homage today unless Jesus Christ were God in the flesh. This text says that Paul was looking for the glorious appearing of the great God.

Once upon a time, the great God, Jesus Christ, submitted to baptism at the hands of John the Baptist. Once upon a time, the great God, Jesus Christ, walked on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Once upon a time, the great God, Jesus Christ, died upon the Cross at Calvary. One day, the great God ascended into the skies to see Him no more in this world. But thank God, some of these days, He is going to come again. The one who is coming is the great God that is spoken of in Titus 2:13.

XI

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God." — Heb. 1:8.

Notice, the Son is called God. Surely it ought to be a blessing to us to read such verses as these. When I talk to you about Jesus, I am talking to you about the God that we worship when we come

into the house of the Lord. When I talk to you about Jesus, I am lifting up to you the great God of the universe — the God that spoke this world into existence; the God who created us; the God who Himself was creator, fashioner, designer, and architect of all things, yet who became so helpless Himself that He was carried about in the arms of a woman, his mother, here within this world. Beloved, that is the God I am talking to you about — God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of whom it is said, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever."

XII

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." — John 1:1.

Notice, the Word. Why is Jesus called a Word? Beloved, a thought exists before the word is ever formed on the tongue. Jesus Christ existed before He came to us in Bethlehem. Just as the thought exists before the word is

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ever formed on the tongue, so Jesus Christ existed as God before He was ever born in Bethlehem, and as the writer says, "The Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Men today deny this. We have evolutionists and higher critics, and we have individuals who do not claim to be infidels but actually their teaching is of an infidelic nature, who say that Jesus was no more than a man; just a good man; a little bit bigger than a man, but just a man. I say to you, He was God. Either believe He was God, or else take your penknife and cut John 1:1 out of your Bible. Either believe He was God, or cut out a lot of your Bible until you have nothing left, because if you tear out all that refers to Him as God, you would have nothing left but the backs of the book.

XIII

JESUS WAS OMNIPOTENT.

When I say that Jesus was omnipotent, I mean that He could do all things. We read how He raised a young man to life who was dead. This was the widow's son of Nain. The Word of God says that this young man was being carried forth to his burial and that Jesus said unto him:

"Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." — Luke 7:14.

Beloved, when Jesus thus spoke, this young man sat up, and began to speak.

I tell you, Jesus was omnipotent. He could do all things.

Who but God could raise one back from the dead? He raised three dead ones when He was here in this world. There was the little girl, the daughter of Jarius, who was dead. Here was this widow's son who had been dead, to the extent that he was being carried forth to his burial. On another occasion we read of a man by the name of Lazarus who had been dead and was buried. He had been dead for four days. All three of them were dead, but the stages of decomposition were different. The little girl had just died. The widow's son of Nain had been dead long enough that he was being carried forth to his burial. Lazarus had been dead for four days, to the extent that one of his sisters said, "Lord, he is decomposing already, for his body smells badly. Don't disturb his body that is decomposing."

Beloved, it didn't make any difference whether the little girl had been dead for a few hours, or the widow's son had been dead for a day and was being carried to his burial, or whether Lazarus had been dead for four days, God was omnipotent. He could do all things. Death fled at the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. Who but God, I say, could raise the dead?

Beloved, to me He is God. Everything I see about Him would point to the fact that He was God. His omnipotence tells me that He was God.

XIV

GOD WAS OMNISCIENT.

I think about how omniscient Jesus was. He knew all things. When the Pharisees were criticizing Jesus, we read:

"And Jesus knew their thoughts." — Mt. 12:25.

How did He know their thoughts? He was God. He was omniscient. He knows all things. Didn't He talk to a woman of Samaria and say to her:

"For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband." — John 4:18.

How did He know about her husbands? Had He been reading the society news? Had He kept up on all the things that had been going on in that area? No, beloved, He was God. He knew all things, and He can see all things. I say to you, my Jesus that I preach to you is God, so much God, that He can look you through like an X-ray. He is omniscient.

XV

HE WAS OMNIPRESENT.

This means that God is always in every place. Now that is something you have to take by faith. You can't understand how God

can be every place at the same time, but He is. Listen:

"And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down from Heaven, even the Son of man which is IN Heaven." — John 3:13.

Jesus was then talking to Nicodemus in the city of Jerusalem. He said, "The Son of Man came down from Heaven, even the Son of man which is in Heaven. I am here now, and I am also in Heaven." He is omnipresent. He is everywhere.

No man can speak thus. Jesus Christ is omnipotent — He is all powerful; He is omniscient — He can see all things; He is omnipresent — He is everywhere at the same time. None but God is Jesus. He couldn't be anyone but God. No one but God could be omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent.

XVI

HE IS IMMUTABLE.

We read: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." — Heb. 13:8.

You and I change. For example, when you were born into this world as a babe, you were born without much hair on your head. Then after you were here a little while, you began to develop some hair. Then some of us get to the place where we begin to lose it. They say there are three ways that a man can wear his hair: parted, unparted, and departed; and lots of people wear it departed. It is gone. We change, but Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

You were once a babe in weakness and carried about on your mother's breast, to be held in your mother's arms. Then you became a grown man and walked in your own strength. Then as time passes by, the old body becomes frail and feeble, and you get weaker, and weaker, and weaker. The eyes grow dim. The nerves are jaded. The muscles are no longer the same as they were. You change, but the God that I preach to you this morning is an unchangeable God. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Thank God, Jesus is God. He remains unchangeable. He is immutable; He never changes.

XVII

HE IS CREATOR.

None but God could create. Men try, but they can't. God only is creator.

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A. "Is there any difference between one being spirit filled and emotionally filled? I am referring to shouting in the church, the place of women in the church, and even that of telling a person that you love such a one."

B. "What do you think about testimonial services? Is there any Scripture for such? Is our life the only testimonial that is needed?"

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The first part of this question is just about like asking if there is a difference between day and night or between white and black. There is absolutely no resemblance between being filled with the Spirit, and with emotion. The Spirit (Holy Spirit) is God from heaven while emotion is something generated from within the individual. God does the filling with the Spirit while the individual can generate his own emotion, or it can be generated by another individual. A person may hear some preacher tell about the awful scars on some poor mother's hands which she received as a result of saving her precious child from the fire and shed alligator tears. That is emotion in action. That same person may hear that same preacher tell about the open wounds that refuse to be healed in the hands, feet and side of the Lord of glory which He received as a result of saving His precious saints from an everlasting burning hell and not so much as twitch an eyelash. That is pitiful.

In Ex. 31:3 we read, "I have filled him (Bezaleel) with the Spirit of God." In Acts 4:8 we read, "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto him." And in Acts 13:9 we read, "Then Saul (who is also called Paul), filled with the Holy Spirit, set his eyes on him." Then in Eph. 5:18 the Ephesians were told to "be filled with the Spirit." In none of these cases were the individuals told to fill themselves with the Spirit. It is God who does the filling with the Spirit, but it does not hurt the cause any if we plead with Him to fill us.

It is my observation that shouting in the church is usually brought on by a highly emotional state that has been brought on, as a rule, by sob stories about someone other than our Lord. In Isa. 32:17 we are told that "the effect of righteousness (shall be) quietness and assurance." Being filled with the Holy Spirit does not cause one to jump pulpits and benches. That is the result of being filled with emotion.

What I really think about the testimonial services I have witnessed would not look good in print. One of these services (if it can be called a service) affords the women in the church an excellent excuse for doing that which they are definitely told not to do. Many women seem to think that giving their testimony is such a wonderful thing that it makes Scriptures

like I Cor. 14:34 and I Tim. 2:12 null and void.

I would not say that our life is all the testimonial that is needed. Others may see our good works and glorify God, but no lost person will ever be saved by his observing our good life. I am a firm believer in our bearing testimony to our Lord, but not to the preacher in the church. He is supposed to be already a saved person. This is not to say that we should not talk to each other about what our Lord has done for us. Certainly we should do more of that. But in the worship service of the church there is no room for anything other than singing praises unto our Lord, praying to our heavenly Father, teaching and preaching the Word of God.

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There certainly is a tremendous difference between being Spirit filled and emotionally filled. In I Kings 18: we read about the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. I don't think that any person will say that the prophets of Baal were "spirit filled." But they were emotionally filled to the point of bursting. They yelled for their god to help them, and even leaped upon the altar. Not only that, they cut themselves in their emotional frenzy until the blood just flew, but there was no response. Elijah really "rubbed it in," for he said, "Yell a little louder — maybe your god is taking a nap, or maybe he is out hunting somewhere." Emotion on their part brought no fire.

Elijah was certainly Spirit filled, but he had no emotional heebie jeebies. Rather, calmly he prayed and appealed to God in that time of desperate need, and the fire fell from heaven and consumed the sacrifice.

I have heard shouting in a church service that seemed to be Spirit led rather than merely emotionally motivated. Believe it or not, I heard a person shout in the First Baptist Church of New York City. Old Dr. Halde- man was pastor, and was 80 years old, but he preached on the Coming of the Lord until I must confess that I felt like shouting. Somebody else did it for me, for they began to shout the praises of God. The glorious truth of the Word of God induced the shout of praise, but some-

times among emotional groups there is utter confusion with ribald shouting over nothing. Emotion is stirred by someone starting the noise, and others join in until the racket is deafening. The Scriptures prohibit this. I Cor. 14:33 says, "God is not the author of confusion."

Women will not join in shouting in a church service, if led by the Spirit, for the Spirit would not prohibit her from such (See I Cor. 14:34) in the Scriptures, then lead her personally to violate this prohibition.

As to a declaration of love, mentioned by the questioner, yes under emotional stress one might make such a declaration, when there is no genuine love. Young people are, especially prone to that sort of thing. A young boy goes with a girl to a party "Oh, isn't she cute?" That is his emotional feeling, and under the hypnosis of her "cuteness" he declares his love and proposes marriage. When the marriage doesn't last six months, it is evident that real love was not there.

B. "What do you think about testimonial services?" the questioner asks. My own answer is that sometimes they are very fine, but they can be overdone. Years ago I visited in another state, and attended prayer meeting at a nearby church. The pastor always threw the meeting open to testimonials. Many people just love to talk—maybe you have noticed that—and people popped up and testified. But as I attended week after week I found that testimonies grew tiresome as the same persons said the same things time after time.

I was pastor of a church that always had a testimony meeting during the latter part of the service, on the prayer meeting that came on Thanksgiving week. It was a fine orderly service, and seemed very appropriate to that time of year. In I Cor. 14: we read of a number of persons speaking at the same service, (vs. 26-32) However, there was need for such services to be strictly regulated, and that Paul did.

No, I don't think that our lives are all the testimonial that is needed. There are occasions when we need to speak out in defense of our faith, and other occasions when we need to speak to lost people about Christ. However, if our lives are not right, then spoken testimony is worth little. Our lives can speak so loudly, as some one has expressed it, that people can't hear what we say.

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Yes, there is quite a difference in being spirit filled and emotionally filled. One is of the Lord; the other of the flesh. To understand the difference in the two, we must understand the difference between the abiding spirit and the filling spirit. The Scriptures teach us that each believer is indwelt by the spirit. They also teach us that there is a need to be filled with the spirit.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18.

From this verse, we can gather that to be filled with the Spirit is more than His abiding presence. There are many who are indwelt with the Spirit and who have never been filled with Him. To be filled with the Spirit is to be filled with the word of God.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Acts 4:31.

From this verse, it becomes clear that the apostles were filled with the Word of God, and the Scriptures declare they were filled with the Spirit. Therefore, for one to shout in church and to speak in an unintelligible language is no indication of being filled with the Spirit; rather it is a picture of being emotionally filled. Were they filled with the Spirit, the women would remain silent, for He who fills us with the Word of God has commanded that the women be silent in the churches. Read I Cor. 14:34-37.

I will readily agree that there is a spirit which dominates the common testimonial meeting, and it is the same spirit who makes one yell or whoop at a ball game or any other event that arouses the emotions of the flesh. The spirit of the flesh will lead one to applaud the works of the flesh, whereas a filling with the Spirit of God will cause one to sing the praises of His Redeemer. May I also add that his praise is based on knowledge not on wishful thinking. Let us listen to the results of our being filled with the Spirit.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord," Eph. 5:19.

The testimonial meetings are not Scriptural. They are energized by the emotions and not the Spirit. The filling with the Spirit will cause one to obey God's Word, which testifies against following the flesh, and the foundation of the testimonial services follows the flesh.

It should be our (God's children) desire to be filled with the Spirit, yet there is only one place where one can go and be filled with the Word of God, and that is where the Spirit abides. His abode is in the church that Jesus built. Let us listen once more as our Lord promises His church the Comforter (Spirit) which was fulfilled at Pentecost.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things, to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26.

The filling Spirit is the Comforter which the world or worldly organizations cannot receive. He does not reside in any man-made organization; therefore, the only ones who can be filled with the Spirit are members of the church of Jesus Christ. Now I am not referring to regeneration but a filling with the Spirit. If the world cannot receive the Comforter, then it would be impossible for a worldly church (man-made) to have Him who fills us with the knowledge of God's Word. This is the cause of the confusion in religion: no Comforter to lead into all truth.

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"Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them. The LORD hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." Psalms 126:2-3.

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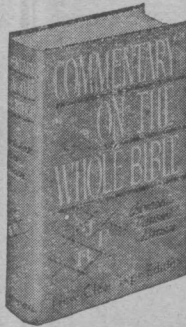
One can be Spirit filled and as a result be emotionally filled, but he may also be emotionally filled and not be Spirit filled. In other words, the two do not walk hand in hand. A person does not have to be both. "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death." (II Cor. 7:10). As you can see, the right kind of sorrow is good. The trouble is that too many preachers try to play on the people's emotions in order to make them think that they are "all right" or that they have "gotten right with God." I recently attended a funeral of a young man who was killed in Vietnam. The man who spoke at the funeral tried to keep the grieving family in a state of sadness by the things that he said. He had no message of salvation. Several times in the message he used such expressions as, "You will never hear his footsteps again." The emotions that were evident had nothing to do with being Spirit filled.

The Bible teaches us that we should be filled with the Holy Spirit. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." (Eph. 5:18). After reading the question to be answered, I became curious to lead into all truth. (Continued on page 5, column 1)

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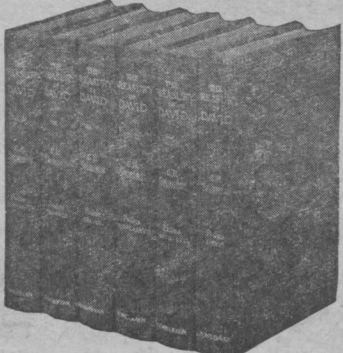
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The Forum

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ous as to the reaction of the Biblical characters when they were filled with the Spirit. Upon looking up a few I found that most of them preached or stood for the truth of God's Word. Zacharias was filled with the Spirit when he named his son John and began prophesying about his work. (See Luke 1:67-79). Christ was filled with the Spirit before He went into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil (Luke 4:1).

We read of the disciples on the day of Pentecost. "And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4). According to this they all went out and began talking to people — not together but individually. When Peter stood up to preach the rest remained silent. "But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice . . ." (Acts 2:14). Acts 4:8 describes how Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, stood in the court room and warned the rulers and elders of their need of a Savior. Verse 31 of the same chapter tells us that the church was not afraid to speak in boldness. "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together and they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." When the Apostle Paul was saved, we are told that he became blind and was led to a certain home in Damascus. Ananias came to him because the Lord sent him to give him sight and that he might be filled with the Holy Spirit. "And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized." (Acts 9:18). Later when Paul was preaching at Paphos a sorcerer tried to hurt the work of God. Paul, being filled with the Spirit, spoke to him in such power that he became blinded. (See Acts 13:8-11).

To be filled with the Spirit in the way given in these passages is different from being sealed with the Spirit. "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." (Eph. 1:13). The filling of the Spirit comes at certain times when the Christian is to be used in a special way to glorify the Lord.

In the question we are asked about shouting in the church. Anyone that says the Lord leads them to jump up and shout and carry on in this way is accusing the Lord of doing something that He does not do. "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (I Cor. 14:33). The church is the place where the word of God is to be taught, the place where God's people are strengthened and comforted.

The preacher cannot teach if several people are causing confusion. I am not referring to some of the brethren saying "Amen" during the course of the message.

Again we are asked about the women's place in the church. The woman's place never changes. They are to remain silent in the church. They are never, under any circumstances, permitted to speak out in the church.

The love that one has for another might be more pure if he has the love of God, but the filling of the Spirit is not for this purpose.

The second part of the question is concerning testimonial services. I find no Scripture that justifies such a service. God's people are to be ready at all times to tell about the Lord. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (I Pet. 3:15). I see nothing wrong with the preacher asking a few men to tell what the Lord has done for them, but I am not in favor of the open testimonial that many churches have. There is always someone who is not obedient to the Lord by being a member of His church or a woman who wants to speak out. Any service of the church should be controlled rigidly by the church as a whole and the pastor who is the overseer.

Certainly our life is to be a testimony of our salvation. As James 2:18 says, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."



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(Continued from page three) looked exactly like the original wheat. They made it exactly from the content that they had taken from the wheat that had been grown. They knew exactly which chemicals should compose this grain of wheat and exactly what amount should be there. But when they planted them, they have rotted in the ground. There was no life.

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Oh, how it ought to thrill our souls to know that He is creator, and as creator He must be God. None but God can create.

CONCLUSION

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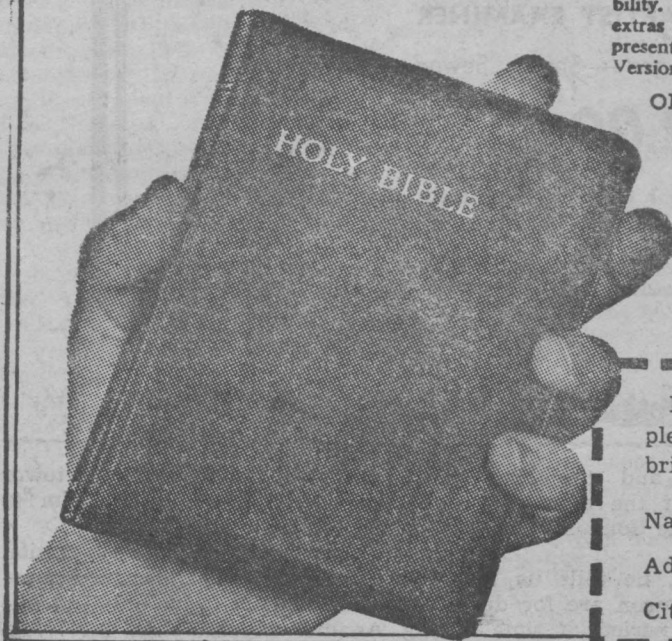
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I have read to you a number of Scriptures to show you that Jesus is God, and as God, He is the only one who can forgive sin. Have you ever been forgiven? Do you realize that Jesus Christ as God died on the cross for your sins? Thanks be unto God, He did die. He didn't die in vain, but He died to save the elect of God. May it please God to help you to see the truth that Jesus Christ, as God, died on the Cross of Calvary, and may you believe that He died for your sins and be saved this morning.

May God bless you!



Fred T. Halliman

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Savior — they had heard of Him for the first time late yesterday and this might be the last time they would ever hear of Him this side of eternity. Therefore, with this in mind we preached with fear and trembling lest we should fail to say something that we ought to have said. We would surely give them the gospel; we would urge them within the bounds of the Scriptures; we would tell them that God's wrath was already upon them because they had not already believed in the Lord Jesus Christ; we would tell them of God's demands for all men every where to repent; we would tell them of the judgment to come and an everlasting suffering existence in the lake of fire for all that died without Christ and of how much sorer their punishment would be now that they had learned of Him who had come into the world to die for sinners if they died without trusting in the blood of Christ. We would tell them all this and more and then leave them in the hands of a sovereign God, hoping that we had made a lasting impression upon them.

Since I have been making my

own pictures I have collected an illustration or two from the process. One is, after the film has been exposed and developed you then have the potential of a finished product; however, it is nothing more than a potential at this stage. If under proper conditions the film is then projected, through an enlarger, to specially CHOSEN paper, there will be a lasting impression made upon the paper. With the aid of proper chemicals you will be able to see on paper what the eye of the camera saw. But you can bring the film and paper in contact with each other without the proper conditions and you will have nothing more than mere film and paper. The paper MUST be exposed under LIGHT before there is any change in it and then there will be no noticeable change until it has passed through the proper chemicals. Likewise a dead sinner can come in contact with the Gospel of Christ every day of his life but unless exposed under the light of the Holy Spirit and therefore, illuminated by Him he will forever remain nothing but a dead sinner. I preached to those folk that morning praying that God would send the Holy Spirit to illuminate them with an everlasting impression of the Lord Jesus Christ.

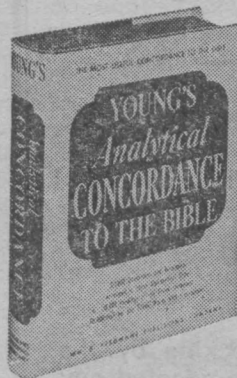
Just before we finished the service a man walked into our midst and when we were soon ready to leave he offered to go with us for a way and help us to find the trail. Walking was hard that day right from the very beginning and much of the time we spent in hacking out

trails through the jungle growth. In some places it was so thick that at about mid-day it appeared as if it was almost dusk dark. We had not gone very far that morning until we came to a couple of houses and upon investigation found no one living there. The man that was leading us said the houses were his but he had not lived there for a few months. We walked on for perhaps another hour and came to a small opening where a garden had been and our guide stopped and said he would go no farther but showed us which way the trail went. Since He had missed both services at the other place I decided to hold another service, primarily for his benefit, so we had our second preaching service that day by about 10 A. M.

About noon that day, after climbing steadily for several hours, we crested a large mountain and after descending for a while we came to a place where we could see right across the valley that was below which was filled with ridges ranging up to 1500 feet. I wish that I could share them with you but I have often tried and it just does not appear in the pictures like what you actually see. You can stand on top of one of these huge mountains and look down in the valley below and across for miles and see small mountains and miniature valleys, number without end. We looked across at one fairly large peak which seemed to be almost on a level with where we were standing. I noted what appeared to be a few clearings and some gardens along the

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And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good." (Gen. 1:14-18).

In these words of Moses there is an account of the creation of the lights of heaven by the Father of lights. These lamps of the sky have as their special office the distribution of light on earth that we may walk and work. These do not shine for themselves, nor for the world of spirits who need them not, but for man's pleasure and advantage. Jeremiah tells us that God gave "the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night . . ." (Jer. 31:35).

These luminaries were not originally built for man's habitation. They were made "for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years."

The sun and moon were intended for signs. They are for signs of the change of weather that the farmer may order his affairs, foreseeing by the face of the sky whether it will be fair or foul (Matt. 16:2-3). This expression also points to signs which these lights shall give concerning Christ's second coming. I will call attention to this later.

The sun and moon are for seasons. Changes of seasons are caused by the movement of the earth around the sun. The earth makes one complete revolution around the sun in the course of a year. The earth is always tipped at an angle of about 23½ degrees from a line perpendicular to its path around the sun. Therefore the northern half of the earth receives more sunlight when the axis is tipped toward the sun, and less when the axis is tipped away from it. This accounts for the changes of tem-

perature and the changes in lengths of the days and nights during the four seasons of the year.

Thirdly, he tells us that the sun and moon are for days. We call that period of time during which we see the sun on earth a day. Then he says that they are for years. A new moon marked the beginning of the Jewish religious year. It takes the earth one year to make a revolution around the sun as already stated.

Ever since the early days of civilization men have dreamed of going to the moon and stars. This long dream had a measure of fruition in July of this year. Two American astronauts for the first time in the history of man went and walked upon the moon. The Apollo 11 mission — the actual lunar landing and moonwalk — the collecting of lunar samples — is an almost completely unbelievable achievement of man. This monumental accomplishment has caused a great stir around the world. It has even stirred the religious world. Everywhere people are asking what does it all mean.

I feel impressed of the Lord to try to answer at least a few of the many questions recently asked me, relative to this breath-taking accomplishment. To begin with I must point out that the Bible contains all things pertaining to life and godliness (II Pet. 1:3). It is not a book on astronomy or science. It was not written to gratify our curiosity or to make us astronomers. It was not written to make us scientists, but saints. Its fragmentary statements about astronomy are according to the facts, for the Bible is a book of truth.

In this message it is my purpose to deal with some of these fragmentary passages which give some light on our subject.

Question No. 1. Why did God

stop man from building a tower to Heaven, yet permit him to go to the moon?

I could answer this question by asking many other such questions such as, why did God kill Ananias and Sapphira for lying, while letting millions by with this sin today? The people of Shinar wanted to build a tower to heaven. The astronauts only went to the moon. God stopped the building of a tower to Heaven in Genesis 11 for a reason known only to Himself. He permitted the American astronauts to make the moon walk for a reason known only to Himself. God nowhere said in the Bible that men would not go to the moon. We can be assured that the eternal purpose of an all-wise God comprehended even the mission of Apollo 11 from the morning of time.

Question No. 2. Will man be allowed to go to Mars? Can he venture outside his immediate solar system?

I cannot answer this. But I can tell you that God will permit man to go as far as He planned for him to go from the days of eternity and no farther. Man will never pass the bounds of God's decree. I would not say that man will go on to the galaxies, nor would I affirm that he will not. I will say that unless God intervenes he doubtless will explore the stars. The Bible teaches that man can do what he imagines he can do, unless restrained by God. Listen to Genesis 11:5-8: "And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the city."

Question No. 3. Is there life on other planets?

I would not try to confine God in His creative work just to our planet or solar system. God is timeless and spaceless. A brief study of astronomy will help to convince one of the greatness of God and the glory and wonder of His creative work.

There are nine planets revolving the sun: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. These along with the planetoids, satellites, comets and meteorites make up our solar system.

The sun is just an ordinary star, similar to other stars. Our sun with the hundred billion other stars make up our galaxy,

the Milky Way Galaxy. Beyond our galaxy there are other galaxies. The distance between them are from ten to twenty million miles. These galaxies make up the universe. Now I say that there are a hundred billion stars in our galaxy. Just how many are 100 billion? If you were to count 250 a minute, day and night, it would take you just about a 1,000 years to count to 100 billion. Multiply this by a few trillion, the probable number of galaxies, and perhaps you will begin to have a concept of the power which God exerted in the creation of the universe.

God in making all of the different galaxies and solar systems may have put beings on other planets. He could have done so with great ease. The objection that some raise concerning the atmospheric conditions on other planets not supporting human life poses no problem. On earth some creatures breathe water, others air. On earth there are spirit beings and physical beings. If there is such a great variety in beings here adapted to live under different conditions, why could God not make beings on other planets capable of living under whatever conditions may exist there? To say that he could not is to question His power. Let us never try to limit the Omnipotent, Omnipresent God of the Bible. To attempt to do so is futile!

Now I want to turn our attention to what prophecy reveals concerning the sun, moon and stars. In this we shall have pre-written history. While I am unable to tell men all they want to know about the moonwalk, I am able by the authority of the prophetic Word to tell men some things about the moon that scientists on earth do not know.

God made the moon and sun for signs, as the text declared. God used the lamps of heaven in the days of Joshua. In Jos. 10:12-14 I read:

"Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies."

Critics for years have made all manner of fun of this passage. But before they laugh too loudly, I wish to call attention to (Continued on page 7, column 1)



Fred T. Halliman

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sides of the slope of the mountain. One of the young men that was traveling with us said there were people that lived on that mountain, that they ate other people. I got out my field glasses and had a better look and could see some houses scattered about with clearings for gardens. I estimated that it would take us most of two days to walk from where we were to where the

houses were. I tried in vain to locate some people through the field glasses.

We continued on going down for several hours. Several times we came upon old abandoned gardens and some houses. It appeared that as late as a year or perhaps two, several people had lived in this area. I could not keep from wondering, what had happened to them. Perhaps some epidemic had hit them and the majority of them had died, the rest moving off. A tribal war might be the answer with cannibalism connected with it. Whatever the reason it appeared that several people had lived there not long ago and indications were that some of them at least had left in a hurry.

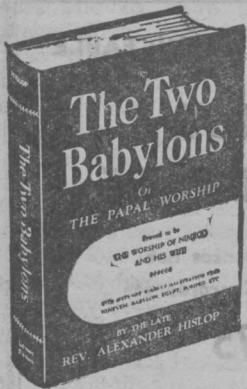
We crossed several small to fairly high ridges that afternoon, seeing no one although occasionally we would see a fresh foot print in the mud, and about 4 P. M. we finally came to a place, in a thickly timbered area, that was suitable for a campsite so we decided to make camp for the night. One of the young fellows from the last place where we had slept had decided to go with us. There were three young fellows there and I offered to take any of them that wanted to go, back to the Mission Station with me. After a lengthy discussion about this, one of them said he would go and the other two would stay there and look after the old people. Some of the young men that I have brought back from these isolated areas stay for a while and then want to go back. Some of them have been saved and some have gone back to their people to preach the gospel.

While I had been able to take baths along in the rivers and keep my body clean, just about all of my clothing was wet and muddy. The next morning I would change into my last dry and clean clothes. I went to bed that night praying that the next day we would come to some place where we could camp and wash our clothes and have time for them to dry. It was late that night when I finally closed my eyes in sleep after having listened, to what seemed to me several hours, to the songs of the jungle night birds that evidently were aware of our presence.

New Guinea has very little to offer by way of animals, but there is quite a variety of birds, having some forty different species of the Bird of Paradise alone. Some of these birds seem to stay awake all night and sing while they keep sentinel over the jungle and the creatures that occupy it.

For the past couple of days we had dug heavy into our supplies as we had not been able to buy anything except a small pig by way of food. We were also hoping that soon we would find some people that would be friendly to us and sell us some food.

With this we will close out the twelfth day of the patrol and also close this letter and our report up to this time.



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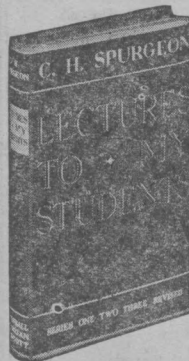
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some astronomical facts. The sun does move. It is speeding along at about 43,000 miles among the billions of other stars that make up the Milky Way. It carries with it the earth and all the rest of the solar system. The sun's powerful gravitational pull is what causes the earth to move in a great oval path around the sun. Without the sun the earth would stop circling. Thus Joshua's long day was a time when everything in our solar system stopped.

Isaiah 13:10; Ezekiel 22:7; Joel 2:10 and Matthew 24:29 speak of a time during the tribulation period before the coming of Christ to earth when the sun and moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. How God will do this and whether man will have a part in this we are not told. But this event will come to pass.

On May 19, 1780, there was in New England what is called in history the dark day. It was not an eclipse of the sun, and yet it was dark enough to make the stars visible and the chick-

ens go to roost. This case of darkness has never been explained. In the light of this I do not find it hard to believe that a more severe thing is going to happen at the time appointed by Almighty God.

Joel 2:31 and Revelation 6:12 speak of a time when the moon shall be turned into blood. How this will happen the Scriptures do not tell us. But it will most certainly happen.

In Luke 21:25 Christ said of the last days of this age: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." Notice Christ connects signs in the sun and moon with the sea and the waves roaring. This is not a coincidence. The ocean tides are caused primarily by the moon's gravitational pull, an effect to which the sun contributes.

The worst storm ever to hit America hit the gulf coast of our grand state of Mississippi recently. The increase in frequency and magnitude of hurricanes and typhoons, floods and tidal waves, indicate Christ's second coming is near. We can expect more and greater storms in the future. After mentioning the seas and the waves roaring, Christ said: "And then shall they see the son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Prophecy also discloses that during the millennial reign of Christ on earth there is to be a seven-fold increase in the light. "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven-fold, as the light of seven days." (Isa. 30:26).

I for one am not looking forward to going to the moon in a rocket with a space suit on. I dream of the day when Christ shall return and give me a resurrection body that is equal with the angels of God, a body that will enable me to go anywhere on earth or among the galaxies faster than the speed of light. I am not waiting for the election of a new president, or a welfare check, or a new world order created by man. I am waiting for the coming of Jesus Christ for His elect.



Xmas

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feast.

Opposition of the English Puritans to festivals culminated in an act of Parliament in 1647 which abolished the observance of Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide. This was echoed in the American colonies in 1599 when Puritans enacted a law in the general court of Massachusetts to punish those who kept Christmas.

The law read "whosoever shall be found observing any such day as Christmas, or the like, either by forebearing of labor, feasting, or in any other way . . . shall be subject to a fine of five shillings."

The law was repealed in 1681 but many of the Puritans were not reconciled to this action. Secular reveling at Christmas had often interfered with religious de-

votions and offended the Puritans' moral sense. This intensified their sectarian hostility to the religious observance of Christmas—an attitude they maintained for the better part of two centuries in parts of New England.

The fun-loving Dutch colonists of New Amsterdam, however, celebrated Christmas as their chief holiday. They brought the old customs from their homeland, especially the Christmas stocking and observance of the feast day of St. Nicholas.

In the Southern colonies, the planters celebrated the yuletide with feasting, singing, and dancing. On many plantations slaves were given a holiday as long as the great yule log burned.

The latter half of the 18th century saw a swing of attention to the realm of economics and politics, and religious controversies became of less importance. The fact that English and Hessian troops celebrated Christmas during the Revolutionary War may have added a patriotic note to the denominational controversy.

General Washington crossed the Delaware on the night of Dec. 25, 1776, to surprise and defeat the Hessian troops stationed at Trenton, N.J. In the opinion of one writer, Washington's bold venture succeeded because the Hessians were enjoying their customary Christmas revels, and failed to maintain the usual watch and patrols.

Denominational opposition to the ecclesiastical observance of Christmas, however, continued into the second half of the nineteenth century. An account in the New York Daily Times for Dec. 26, 1855, read:

"The churches of the Presbyterians, Baptists and Methodists were not open on Dec. 25 except where some Mission Schools had a celebration. THEY DO NOT ACCEPT THE DAY AS A HOLY ONE, but the Episcopalians, Catholics and German churches were all open. Inside they were decked with evergreens." (The Middletown Journal).

Why was Christmas outlawed in early America? Was it because of a lack of love for the Lord Jesus? A close study of that which follows will show that the action taken by our fathers was based on knowledge and love.

In this article I shall point out many of the reasons which our father's used as a basis for outlawing Christmas.

The first reason we shall cite is the fact that our Lord was not born on December 25. A study of Luke 2:8 will show that our Lord was not born in the winter time. This verse reads as follows:

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

We learn from Adam Clark's commentary (Vol. 5, page 386):

"It was an ancient custom among the Jews of those days to send out their sheep to the fields and deserts about the passover (early spring) and bring them home at commencement of the first rain."

An article appearing in the Middletown Journal read in part:

"True date of Christ's birth a Mystery . . . the exact date of Jesus' birth has even been disputed by scholars for centuries. In fact, about all they agree on is that it is not December the 25th . . . Most scholars estimate that the true date falls in late August or early September. It is not even certain why December 25 was chosen, though there is one generally accepted reason. Saturnalia was the great Roman Holiday and it came the third week of December. Christian leaders hoped that celebrating Christmas at this time would lessen the impact of the pagan festival."

The Catholic encyclopedia, published by the Catholic church says:

"Christmas was not among

the early festivals of the church . . . the first evidence of the feast is from Egypt. Pagan customs centering around the January calendars gravitated to Christmas . . . in the scriptures, sinners alone, not saints, celebrated their birthday."

The Schaff-Herzog encyclopedia says concerning Christmas:

"How much the date depended upon the pagan Brumalia (Dec. 25) following the Saturnalia (Dec. 17-24), and celebrating the shortest day of the year and the new sun . . . cannot be accurately determined. The pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia were too deeply entrenched in popular custom to be set aside by Christian influence . . . the pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit and in manner. Christian preachers of the West and Near East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which Christ's birthday was celebrated, while the Christians of Mesopotamia accused their western brethren of idolatry and sun worship for adapting as Christian this pagan festival."

History tells us that the first Christmas tree in Ohio was set up and decorated in 1847 by August Imgard, who had recently arrived in Wooster from Germany.

The first Christmas tree in Cleveland, Ohio nearly split a Lutheran church. A few years later, two retail clerks were fired because they attended a party at which there was a decorated tree.

The name Christmas (Christ-mass) should tell us of its origin. The word comes from two words, Christ plus Mass. The meaning of the word mass is an abomination to the God of heaven and earth. The reason for my saying this is because the mass which is observed by the Catholic Church denies the all sufficiency of the atonement which our Lord made at Calvary. Their teaching is that the mass is not a mere representation of the sacrifice of Christ, but that it is a continuation of the same offering. The Priest even commands the Lord to come down from glory and become a piece of bread. Besides all of this, the Roman priest teaches that this same mass adds to, and improves upon, the atonement which our blessed Lord made at Calvary.

The Holy Scriptures inform us that the Lord hates lying, yet more lies are told on his so-called birthday than any other time of the year.

"These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him; a proud look, a LYING TONGUE, and hands that shed innocent blood."

This passage says the Lord hates lying, yet this is what He receives on His assumed birthday. Let us note some of the Christmas lies: It is a lie that Dec. 25 is our Lord's birthday. Santa Claus is a lie. The story that Santa comes down the chimney is a lie. The tale that Santa fills stockings with good things and places toys under trees is a lie. It is a lie that Santa sees, hears and knows the thoughts and actions of every boy and girl in the world. It is a lie that Santa visits and eats at the house of every boy and girl in the world.

"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor; for we are members one of another." (Eph. 4:25).

Santa Claus, in the minds of children, has assumed equal status with God, even though the Holy Scriptures condemn such.

"And God spake all these sayings, I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, and out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me."

The Devil in Ezekiel 14:12-14, declared that he would be like God, and he, in the form of Santa,

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is fulfilling his declaration.

Santa is like God in that he sees and knows the thoughts and actions of all boys and girls through out the entire year. He is like God in that he can visit the house of every boy and girl in the world in one night. He is like God in that he can climb down a chimney into a raging fire and not be burned. He is like God in that boys and girls pray to him. They present their petitions to him by way of letters. Some think he will know what they want if they speak the same into the air or think real hard about their desires.

It becomes obvious to me that Santa is a false God.

Boys and girls love Santa more than they love God. This could be proven if one could stand Christ and Santa side by side and ask a group of children to hug the one they loved the most.

Most boys and girls not only love Santa more than Christ, but they also fear him more. This is proven by the fact that most boys and girls try to be good all year, not because they fear God, but because they fear that Santa will bring them switches if they are not good.

Some will admit that Christmas has come to us from the heathen, but they still contend that it has its merits, seeing that it has been a means of drawing the heathen to Christianity. The fact of the matter is that men and women have not been drawn to Christ, but to the bright lights and feasting of Christmas.

There were many who followed the Lord Jesus during his earthly ministry because he gave them a free meal.

"Jesus answered them and said, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did EAT of the loaves, and were filled." (John 6:26).

The drunkard, the atheist, the liar, the thief and scores of other Christ-rejectors are all drawn to embrace Christmas, not because of the Lord Jesus, but because of the feasting and gaiety.

The Holy Scriptures forbid us to use worldly means in trying to draw men to Christ. The only way men are truly drawn to (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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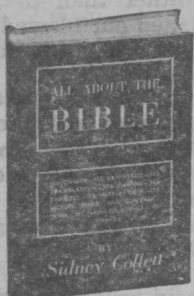
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Instead of letting their light shine, some people spend their time trying to put out the lights of others.

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The snow storm which we missed. The C. R. preacher asked us to wait around for a while, as he wanted a missionary to see the family. This C. R. Missionary showed up and made a few remarks which were meant to comfort the bereaved. The C. R. preacher interpreted into Navajo and seemed to do a good job. I was surprised as I didn't know this man understood English or spoke it so well. The remarks of the C. R. missionary had the sound of modernism and his prayer was of the same brand.

The C. R. preacher asked me to help drive his car back to Farmington due to the fact that he had not had any sleep the previous night. Therefore, we came back together, Jessie driving our car. I turned the car back to its owner about 30 or 40 miles from our destination with the remark that I didn't care to drive after dark, particularly a strange car. Being somewhat of a mechanic, I always try to keep my car in tip top, or safe running condition. It seems that almost every time that I have driven someone else's car out here, the brakes and steering are faulty and the tires might be smooth.

When we arrived home we were greeted by the two families who had returned with the missing husband and father. We managed

to lodge, this night, all the Navajos in our home except the preacher and his family consisting of 5, who found lodging elsewhere. There were 12 Indians that spent the night in our house. There were people sleeping in every room in the house including the garage and excluding the kitchen and bathroom.

October 13. Fed everyone breakfast. Two of the men worked on their station wagon in front of our house for over a half day. They had discovered a leaking gas line. In the afternoon everyone suddenly took off claiming that they were ashamed to accept any more of our hospitality. Later it came out that the devil had one of the women tell one of his lies. I was supposed to have said that I didn't want so many people around.

October 14. I went out to the reservation this morning to bring a man in for his appointment with the eye doctor. This man's eyes went bad so that he can't see to drive his pick-up; therefore, it has fallen to my lot to pick him up to bring him in to see his doctor and then to return him to his hogan. The first time I received a big thank you for my services and I kindly reminded him that if he were able to help buy gasoline it would be appreciated. This time he did give me \$5.00.

Before I had picked up my passenger, I was hailed to come over to a pickup and car. The Navajo with the pickup was trying to get

the car started with booster cables. The car was to be used to transport the medicine man to the hospital. His woman and others were crying and buzzing around, giving me the impression at first that the medicine man was dying. As it developed, the medicine man and his woman and her brother became three more passengers to Farmington.

After leaving the rest in town, I took the medicine man and one other Indian, 30 miles to the Indian hospital in Shiprock. The doctor at the hospital after touching the flesh of the medicine man allowed him to go home, after he received some large pills. The sick man seemed to have some pain and difficulty in walking so it became my duty until after the funeral to sort of assist him about with an arm under his shoulder. After hearing all the facts, it seems that demon alcohol has caught up with my medicine man friend.

My two passengers seemed to enjoy their trip to Shiprock and back except when ever we passed by the bars or taverns. This would have given me great pain at one time also. But thanks to His unspeakable gift my thirst is completely satisfied.

As this has become lengthy, I better conclude with the Navajo funeral the next time.



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would like to express our appreciation to you for your faithful work in proclaiming the Word through this paper. May the Lord see fit to continue this ministry for many years."

Mrs. John W. Read of West Monroe, Louisiana, has likewise given us cause of rejoicing when she wrote, saying:

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However, not all of our readers have been as faithful to us nor as encouraging as have these few that we have quoted. We have truly been blessed by the many who have written us, and have sent offerings. Yet, there are truly hundreds, maybe thousands, of our readers who have never sent us an offering for the paper. There are others whom we have heard from in the past, but have not heard from of recent date. It is to these who have not assisted us that we make this appeal today.

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We are begging, thinking of the young preachers who are desperately in need of being grounded in the great truths of God's Word and led away from Modernism and Arminianism.

We are begging, thinking of the future generation that will need the message of this paper.

As we beg you to open your purse, we think of the many who say they have been encouraged to stand firm because TBE is standing firm. We beg you to be extraordinarily generous in view of the many Baptist preachers and Baptist churches that would have no printed beacon-light for a witness if it were not for TBE. Yes, we are beggars, not for self but for the Truth and those who love it and need it. If we were only thinking of self, we wouldn't take the beating we do, we would not carry the burden we carry, we wouldn't put up with what we have to; we would quit standing for the Faith and "get along" with the world. Self and the World get along fine, but we have no desire to "draw back."

Send \$10,000, if God leads to do so; send us a penny, if God leads. But whatever you do, do for the ongoing of the paper. As we soon end this year, send us an offering for the Truth's sake.

We are right now passing through the hardest season financially that we have known for years. I repeat, that it is the hardest season that we have known for years. Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor should not be expected to continually put money into the paper, while other churches and pastors loudly applaud the work which we do, but do nothing to assist us. Therefore, I am coming to you frankly today to say that your help is not only urgently needed, but is expected, and without it, it is impossible for us to bring this paper to you weekly, in the light of the rising costs of today.

Frankly, we have been thinking of recent date that we might be compelled to bring the paper out only once a month. We don't want to do this, but if some of these weeks your paper fails to arrive, and you don't get it but once a month, you'll know that the reason may be found with you. It isn't that we'll fail you — the fact is that you have already failed us.

When you get to Glory, you will never be ashamed of the fact that you supported the paper and the Truth for which it stands. You'll be happy then to know that you had a part in the work of a New Testament church that stood for the Word of God.

As I say, I am writing this frankly. I want to ask you to seriously consider THE BAPTIST EXAMINER with its needs. May we hear from you and receive from you a worthy offering by return mail.

While this is fresh in your mind, get the envelope you'll find in this paper, fill out and mail, praying that many thousands of others will do likewise. "Let him that is taught in the

to be the "pack horse" for these word communicate (share with) unto him that teacheth in all good things."—Galatians 6:6.

WE'VE DONE OUR BEST . . . IT'S UP TO GOD TO DO THE REST!



Xmas

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Christ is by the Power of God, the Spirit.

"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).

There are many who believe that we are to conform to this world in order to draw men to the Lord, but Romans 12:2 speaks otherwise:

"And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12:2).

It is thought by some that Christmas is justified because the multitudes in the world observe it; however, we learn from the Scriptures that we are not to follow a multitude to do evil:

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil." (Exodus 23:2).

There will be a few in the world this Christmas who will not have a Christmas tree, yet the Christmas tree is condemned in no uncertain terms in Jer. 10:1-5.

Most people believe that three wise men visited our Lord on that glorious night when he was born. However, the Bible teaches otherwise. First of all, the Bible does not say how many wise men there were, and, secondly, the Bible does not say that a star guided these wise men to Bethlehem. The wise men knew that

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our Lord would be born in Bethlehem, seeing that they were wise men; that is, they were wise regarding the Old Testament prophecies having to do with the birth of our Lord.

Actually, it was some time after he was born before the wise men came to visit him. This fact is clearly declared in the second chapter of Matthew.

We learn from Matthew 2:11 that our Lord was living in a house and not lying in a manger when the wise men came to visit him. We learn from Matthew 2:14 that Mary was able to travel, thus the visit by the wise men could not have occurred on the night in which our Lord was born.

Our Lord was living in Nazareth and not Bethlehem when the wise men visited him. Joseph and Mary had already returned from taking him up to Jerusalem so as to fulfill that which was required in Leviticus 12:1-4; therefore, the wise men did not see him until he returned to Jerusalem (Luke 2:39. Compare Lev. 12:1-4).

We learned from the second chapter of Luke that it was the shepherds rather than the wise men who visited our blessed Lord on that glorious night when he was born (Vs. 8, 15-16). The shepherds did not follow a star as they did not even see the one which the wise men saw. The angel informed the shepherds of his birth (Luke 2:10).

Let us sum up our message by quoting Matthew 15:8 and Luke 16:15.

"And he said unto them, ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."

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