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

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## Baptists And The Doctrine Of Soul Liberty

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Baptists in every age have been the constant asserters of human rights. Soul freedom has always been a belief of the Baptists. We have always contended for a complete separation of church and state. We hold to the entire independence of each local church from state control as to the church's ministry, membership, organization, faith, worship and discipline.

Our belief in soul liberty is a belief which we received from the great Head of our church, Jesus Christ. He said: "My kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). He again declared: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). As Christ's free men we are to stand in liberty wherein Christ has made us free—(Gal. 5:1).

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Baptist doctrine of re-

ligious liberty is built upon three foundations. First, there is to be a voluntary and uncoerced re-



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sponse to Jesus Christ with the aid of the Holy Spirit. This definition rules out a religious ex-

perience imposed by civil law. It rules out the concept of religion as a part of a nationalistic culture. This invalidates the imposition of authoritarian ecclesiastical control over the souls and lives of people.

On the other hand, this definition makes religion a personal matter, not a state concern. It explains how people are "delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God"—(Rom. 8:21). It shows how a man should worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, being "fully persuaded in his own mind"—(Rom. 14:5).

Second, the Baptist doctrine of soul freedom grows out of our belief in the nature of God and man in creation. Creation recognizes God as the supreme power above that of states, nations, churches and all human institu-

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## This Is God's Indictment Against Church Unionists

Sometime ago we clipped the following from the Courier-Journal (Louisville):

Pastors and personal workers of all Louisville churches joining in the pre-Easter Personal Visitation Evangelism Campaign are to meet at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow for instruction and inspiration, under the leadership of Frank H. Gregg, executive secretary of the Louisville Council of Churches, and the Rev. Ralph Couey, pastor of Fourth Avenue Baptist Church.

As everyone knows, the editor is an open foe of all unionism and all unionists. He has said some pretty rough things about them. He makes no apology for this. He expects to say even more in the future. What the editor has

said about unionists is mild to what God calls them.

He calls them "Dumb Dogs, Greedy Dogs." Here are His words: "His watchmen (preachers) are blind, they are ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they can not bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea they are greedy dogs, and they are shepherds, that can not understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." (Isa. 56:10, 11.) That is far worse than anything we have ever said about them. God said that. That is God's indictment of all unionists. It includes many functionaries, as well as unionists. Note what is included in this indictment.

1. "They are blind." All unionists are blind. They do not see the dangers of their unionism and their compromise of the gospel and the truth. They sell out the gospel for pay and popularity. Paul calls them hucksters of the Word.

2. "They are all ignorant." God said so. They claim to be educated. (Continued on page 5, column 4)

### SHE KNEW TOO MUCH BIBLE

On being asked by a priest to attend his religious instruction, a little girl refused, saying it was against her father's wishes. The priest said that she should obey him and not her father.

"Oh, sir, we are taught in the Bible, 'Honour thy father and thy mother.'"

"You have no business to read the Bible," said the priest.

"But, sir, our Saviour said, 'Search the scriptures!'" (John 5:39).

"That was only to the Jews, and not to children, and you don't understand it," said the priest in reply.

"But Paul said to Timothy, 'From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures'" (II Tim. 3:15).

"Oh," said the priest, "Timothy was being trained to be a bishop and was taught by the authority of the Church."

"Oh, no, sir," said the child, "he was taught by his mother and his grandmother."

On this the priest turned away, saying she knew enough of the Bible to poison a parish.

## HOLINESS -- THE TRUE AND THE FALSE

By ROY MASON  
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The basic idea of holiness as taught in the Bible is "set-apartness-unto God" as his property. It is not, as so many seem to think, a mere appearance of piety, nor is it mere identification with some sect that bears the name "holiness." Neither is



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it the continued sounding forth of certain pious phrases, such as "glory! hallelujah!"

Every Christian ought to be holy—ought to be dedicated and set apart to the One who has called us out of darkness into (Continued on page 7, column 1)

## The Place Of Women In Our Lord's Church

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(I Tim. 2:9-12)

A true New Testament Church should not glorify any of its members. A true church glorifies



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Jesus Christ. This is not written to downgrade women but to simply point out their Scriptural

place in the Lord's work. We will not look to common sense, modern opinion, nor present-day theology. We will look to God's word alone.

### I. A PLACE OF SOBRIETY

"That women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array" (I Tim. 2:9). This word, sobriety, refers to the way women are to dress. Women should dress soberly. In this day of lewd fashions and ridiculous makeup, more women should dress to please the Lord.

The Bible does not teach against women dressing nicely, it does not oppose their wearing makeup. What the Bible does speak against, is dressing in such (Continued on page 6, column 2)

### NO SEPARATION FROM GOD

Romans 8:38-39: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

There is nothing in death that can separate us.

There is nothing in life that can.

There is not an angel that can. Good angels would not, bad angels cannot.

Principalities cannot. Satan is head of principalities of darkness.

Powers cannot. Satan is Prince of the powers of the air.

Things present cannot separate. Things to come cannot.

Heights cannot. There is nothing above that can separate us.

Depth cannot. There is nothing below that can separate us.

Nor any other creature. NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "DECEPTION"

"Little children, let no man deceive you."—I John 3:7.

I might say at the very outset that we have a great deal said about deception in the Word of God. I was amazed when I started looking through the Concordance at the number of times that the word "deceive" or "deception" was found. For example, we read:

"Let no man DECEIVE you with vain words."—Eph. 5:6.

This would indicate that there is a possibility that you might be deceived by some preacher who doesn't preach the truth, but

which uses, as Paul says, vain words.

We have another Scripture relative to deception, wherein Paul says:

"Let no man DECEIVE you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."—II Thess. 2:3.

In this passage, the Apostle Paul is talking about the second coming, and he says that there has to be a falling away to precede the second coming. He says, "Don't let anybody deceive you

I think, beloved, that we certainly do have a lot of things going on today that would be deceitful in this respect. We have preachers who are preaching that there will be no millennium—the A-millennial crowd. We have Post-millennial preachers who preach that the world is getting better. We have some other preachers who say that there has to be a revival before Jesus Christ comes, which is definitely contrary to the teachings of the Word of God. Paul said, "Don't (Continued on page 2, column 1)



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## NO CALENDAR THIS YEAR

It was our intention to send out a calendar again this year as we have in the past, but we did not receive pictures from our missionaries that were sufficiently proper to use.

We regret this especially since so many of our readers have requested a calendar. It certainly would have been our desire to send out these calendars again this year as we have previously, and we are trusting that we will be able to do so for 1972.



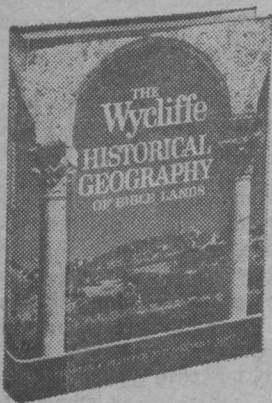
## "Deception"

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you let anybody deceive you, for before the second coming, there has to be a falling away."

The Apostle Paul talks again about deception when he says: "Be not DECEIVED: evil communications corrupt good manners."—I Cor. 15:33.

Paul is saying, "Be not deceived, for evil communications corrupt good manners," as if to say to us, "You may be a good boy or girl, or a good man or woman, but be careful of your associates, because evil communications, evil

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speech, evil things that you hear, evil associates corrupt good manners."

Notice another Scripture relative to deception:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, DECEIVING, and being deceived."—II Tim. 3:13.

Paul is talking again about the second coming, and as Paul writes this second letter to Timothy, he says relative to the second coming, "Instead of things getting better, evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, and they are deceiving and being deceived."

Mark it down, before the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, there will be lots of evil people in this world, and a lot of seducers that shall wax worse and worse, and they shall be practicing a deception so far as this Christian world is concerned.

Having read to you these four passages of the Scripture as to deception, may I remind you that the Devil is a big deceiver. I guess I could say that he is the biggest deceiver of all. I am sure that he is an artful master when it comes to the matter of deception, and I might go a step further and say that some of his children are just about like him. So it is not only true that the Devil is a good deceiver, but it is also true that a lot of the Devil's children are just exactly like he is—they are great deceivers too. So I would say to you, in the light of my text, to beware, for my text says, "Little children, let no man deceive you."

There are a few deceptions that are spoken of in the Word of God, that I want to mention to you, to help you to beware so that you will not be deceived in life.

### I

## SATAN'S DECEPTION OF THE NATIONS.

I think I could truthfully say that from the beginning of time down to the present hour the Devil has been in the business of constantly deceiving the nations. As we come to the time finally when Satan is bound and put into the abyss during the kingdom age, the Word of God says concerning him:

"And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."—Rev. 20:3.

The Word of God tells us how the Devil is locked up, he is chained, and he is put into the bottomless pit. In other words, he is treated just exactly like a prisoner who is put into the "pokey," and for a thousand years there is no Devil running loose—there is no Devil deceiving the nations. Then, just as soon as he gets out at the end of the thousand years, we read:

"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."—Rev. 20:10.

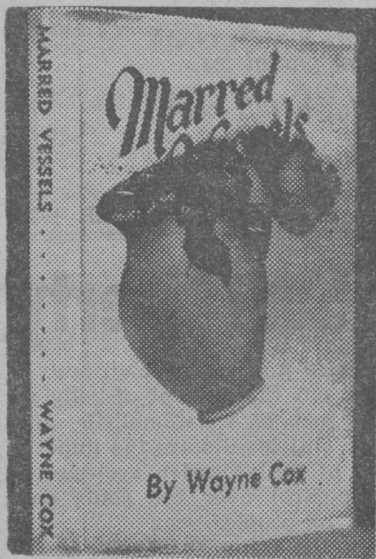
In other words, he is referred to as the deceiver of nations when he is arrested, and he is put into prison for a thousand years, and at the end of the thousand years, he is released from his prison, and he immediately goes out and deceives the nations of the earth. Then he is cast into Hell, and the Word of God refers to him as the Devil that deceived them.

So I say to you, first of all, I would like for us to notice Satan's deception of the nations.

I think the one thing wherein the Devil has deceived the nations particularly is in the matter of war. I think the Devil has kept the nations of the world

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thinking through the years that war is a profitable business. I say to you frankly, the majority of individuals in the business world think of war as a profitable venture, and through the years gone by, there has been war on top of war, and why there has been so many wars is because of the Devil's deception of the nations. He has deceived the nations into thinking that war is a profitable venture.

Just a little while before H. G. Wells, the infidel historian of England, died, which was within the past half century, H. G. Wells said that in six thousand years of earth's history, there had only been 226 years when the nations of the world had been at peace. In other words, out of six thousand years of history, only 226 years of peace, and all the balance had been years of war.

I say to you, the Devil has deceived the nations into thinking that war is a profitable business.

### II

## SATAN'S DECEPTION OF INDIVIDUALS.

As my text says, "Little children, let no man deceive you," we ought to be mighty careful lest the Devil deceives us as individuals.

Eve had rather an interesting experience in this respect in that she was deceived. We read:

"And Adam was not deceived, but THE WOMAN BEING DECEIVED was in the transgression."—I Tim. 2:14.

This is a reference to the time when the Devil assumed the form of a serpent and came into the Garden of Eden, and deceived Eve. Adam wasn't deceived, so this text says. In other words,

Adam sinned with his eyes wide open. He knew that they were going to fall. He knew that it was wrong for them to partake of the forbidden fruit. He knew that when they partook of that forbidden fruit that they were violating God's command. You say, "Why did he do it?" I will tell you what my opinion is, and it is only my opinion. I think Adam loved Eve too much to see her die alone. If Eve had sinned alone, she would have died alone, because she was not the head of the race. Adam was the head of the race, and in Adam all died. If Eve only had sinned she would have been the only one that would have died and all the balance of the race would still be as we were originally—just as Adam was in the Garden of Eden. I think Adam loved his wife enough that he would rather sin and die with her, than to see her die alone.

So Adam wasn't deceived, but the woman being deceived, was in the transgression. In other words, Eve thought she could disobey God and profit from it. The old serpent had spoken to her. Of course it was the Devil speaking through the serpent, and he had told her that if she would partake of the fruit of that particular tree, she would be wise—in fact, just as wise as God. She thought that she could disobey God and she would profit from it.

Beloved, there are a lot of people that are deceived just like the Devil deceived Eve. I am satisfied that just as the Devil deceived Eve, that he has deceived individuals down through the years. People think that you can do things that are wrong, and can do things that are contrary to the Word of God, that they can disobey God and can profit from it.

Let's notice an illustration. Here is a man who says, "I know I have seen lots of people drink. I have seen drink get the better of them. I have seen them lose their jobs. I have seen them go from bad to worse. I have seen them fall from a high position to a low position. But I don't think it will hurt me. I think I can handle it. I think I will be able to control myself." Thus, he begins to drink, with the result that ultimately that individual goes from bad to worse.

I think just now of many and many an individual whom I have known, who thought he could take his social drink. He knew that God said not to do so. He thought he could take his social drink and could handle it. Instead, it handled him. I think of many individuals who have drunk through the years, and who have found ultimately that "at the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder," as the Word of God says.

I tell you, beloved, the Devil deceives people into thinking this just the same as the Devil deceived Eve into thinking that she could profit by disobeying God.

May I say to you that no man ever profited from disobeying God. Eve was deceived and you would be deceived if you think for one moment's time that you can profit in any wise if you disobeyed God.

### III

## DECEPTIONS BY SATAN'S EMISSARIES.

Do you realize that Satan has some emissaries, some ambassadors, here within this world? Some of them even call themselves "Witnesses" for the Lord. Some of them even call themselves servants of the Lord. Some of them even wear their religious garbs not only on Sunday, but all through the week. Beloved, they are nothing but Satan's emissaries. Listen:

"For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist."—II John 1:7.

You will notice that John is saying that doctrine is the final test of reality. If a man doesn't preach the proper doctrine, then he is not giving to you a reality

so far as his preaching is concerned.

So I say to you, Satan has his emissaries. Those emissaries are not the white slave traffickers; they are not the saloon keepers; they are not the individuals who have drunk the dregs of society; but the emissaries of Satan are none other than the preachers and the religious leaders with the world, and John says that many, not a few, deceivers are entered into the world, and the way that you can tell them is what they preach about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me give you a sample of a deceiver of this type. Up in New York State sometime ago there was a Negro who called himself Father Divine. He had a white woman, a young woman, for his wife. He himself was quite aged, up in 80, I think, when he died, and his young wife was less than 30. He read a passage of Scripture in the Bible and as a result of reading that one passage of Scripture, he interpreted it, that he was God, and from one verse of Scripture which he used as a foundation and a premise, he developed the theory that he himself was God in the flesh here within the world and he called himself Father Divine.

You would say, "Certainly nobody would ever believe that. Nobody would ever follow a man that would say that." Do you remember that the Russians say that if you want people to believe you, then tell a big lie; and the bigger the lie, the more people will believe you.

Well, that was certainly true so far as Father Divine was concerned. He told them that he was God in the flesh. If you would see the mansion that he had in New York; if you would see the estate that he had over there on the Hudson River, the next-door neighbor of Franklin Delano Roosevelt when Roosevelt was President of the United States; if you would see the places that he maintained, the lavish way in which he entertained; if you would see the things that he proposed and the things that he did; if you were to notice all the things that he said, you would realize what a deceiver he was. There were thousands upon top of thousands of people who would have sworn by him, both black and white, who kept him going financially, and who in a lavish manner took care of everything that he wanted. Even his very wish was a command so far as (Continued on page 3, column 1)

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## "Deception"

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they were concerned.

Beloved, this is a good example of one of the emissaries of Satan. I might mention others. I might mention the modernist who preaches that Jesus Christ is only a man. I might mention the modernist that denies the resurrection of the Son of God and who says that Jesus was not virgin born. Or I might mention the great host of individuals who deny the truth of the Word of God, and who teach contrary to the Bible. I say to you, when you think about this, you realize that there is lots of deception on the part of Satan's emissaries. Just because a man wears a religious garb, or just because a man stands in the pulpit on Sunday, or just because a man says he represents the Lord is no sign that he is God's preacher. Listen:

"For such are false apostles, DECEITFUL WORKERS, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."—II Cor. 11:13-15.

This tells us that the Devil is a deceiver and that he has his preachers. It says that they are false apostles. It says that they have transformed themselves into the apostles of Christ. They haven't been called of God; they called themselves, and they transformed themselves into apostles of Christ.

I am satisfied that there's many a Protestant—in fact, the

majority of them and I am satisfied that there's many a Catholic—in fact, practically all of them without exception, who have transformed themselves into apostles of Christ, and they are nothing more nor less than the disciples of Satan. As Satan has transformed himself into an angel of light, so his ministers are transformed as ministers of righteousness. They prate a lot about righteousness. They prate a lot about doing good. They head all the marches for civil liberty. They head all the marches that have to do with the ecumenical movement. They head all the marches that have to do with civil rights. They head all the marches in behalf of the Negro situation within the world. They are men who are interested in righteousness, so they say, but they are nothing but ambassadors of the Devil.

I say to you, Satan has deceived the nations through the years, particularly in thinking that war is a profitable business. Satan has deceived individuals just as he deceived Eve into thinking that she could disobey God and profit thereby. Beloved, the Devil has his emissaries who are in the business of deceiving the world today.

### IV

#### SELF-DECEPTIONS.

Do you realize that many a person is self-deceived? He is suffering from what we might say is self-deception. Listen:

"Thus saith the Lord; Deceive not yourselves."—Jer. 37:9.

How do people practice self-deception? First of all, some people are deceived into thinking that they are living without sin,

and that is nothing but self-deception. Listen:

"If we say that we have no sin, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES, and the truth is not in us."—I John 1:8.

Whom do you deceive if you say you have no sin? If you think you are living above sin, if you think you are living a perfect life, whom are you deceiving? Nobody but yourself. You don't deceive your wife; she lives with you. You don't deceive your neighbors; they observe you. You don't deceive the people who work with you. You don't deceive anybody but yourself. Self-deception, first of all, is a part of that individual who is deceived into thinking that he is living above sin.

Then there is a second group that are self-deceived and that is the group that say they are good Christians and are walking with the Lord every day, who have absolutely no control over their tongue. We read:

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but DECEIVETH his own heart, this man's religion is vain."—James 1:26.

Here is a fellow who thinks he is all right, he thinks he is a good Christian, but he has never learned to bridle his tongue, and he thereby deceives his own heart. The Word of God concludes by saying that "this man's religion is vain." That is self-deception—the man who thinks he is a good man, but he has never learned to bridle this tongue.

When I say man, I mean mankind. I mean women as well as men. There are some folk who do nothing but nag, and there are some individuals who use their tongues for cursing, and there are some people who use their tongues for gossiping. There are some individuals who use their tongues for blabbing—blab, blab, blab, blab. God says that unless you learn to control your tongue that you are deceived, for He says that the man who bridleth not his tongue, deceives his own heart, and his religion is in vain.

There is a third self-deception and that is the individual who thinks he is somebody of importance. He is a Christian, we will say, and he thinks he is someone of importance. I am sure that there's many a preacher who would come in that category who thinks he is quite important. I have known preachers whom I think thought that the Lord was totally dependent upon them. I have known some preachers who by their actions thought that if they were to die, the Lord's work would come to an end. They thought themselves to be something of importance. Let's notice what God's Word says:

"For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, HE DECEIVETH HIMSELF."—Gal. 6:3.

The fellow who thinks he is living above sin deceives himself; the fellow who thinks he is a good Christian but hasn't learned to control his tongue deceives himself; and, so the man who thinks he is something when he is nothing, deceives himself. It is self-deception.

Notice again:  
"For I say, through the grace

given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."—Rom. 12:3.

Oh, how egotistic some people become! Most of us, how egotistic we become! We get to thinking that we are a "big shot." It gets to the place that we think we are all important, to the extent that we find fault too readily with everybody else.

I think self-deception is a terrible thing. You may be self-deceived into thinking that you are without sin. You may be self-deceived into thinking that you are a good man or a good woman but you haven't learned to control your tongue. You may be self-deceived into thinking that you are somebody of importance, whereas God says that we are nothing.

### V

#### DECEPTION OF SIN.

Sin is a deceptive thing. You can be so greatly deceived as a result of sin. It appears to be so pleasant, but it can be so deceptive.

As the poet has said:  
"Pleasures are like poppies spread,  
You touch the flower, the bloom is dead;  
Or like a snowflake on the river,  
A moment white, then gone forever."

Beloved, sin is a deceitful thing. God says:

"But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."—Heb. 3:13.

There is a lot of glamour about sin. There is a lot of glamour about sin that blinds the eyes of the individual, until ultimately the bubble bursts and then what an awakening! I tell you, there is a deception in sin. Is it any wonder at all that John says in the words of my text, "Little children, let no man deceive you?"

### VI

#### THE DECEPTION OF RICHES.

The Lord Jesus Christ tells how people are deceived by riches. Listen:

"He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the cares of this world, and the DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful."—Mt. 13:22.

This is the third group of hear-

ers, and Jesus says concerning this group that they become unfruitful. Why? One thing is, the deceitfulness of riches. Riches is a mighty deceitful thing.

If you are rich, or if you are striving to be rich, it is surprising how riches can fall away from you, and also surprising how you can fall away from them. Maybe you have riches, but sooner or later, you are going to die; you are going to fall away from them. Riches are deceitful things.

I have noticed this, how that a Christian who has riches, or a person who has become wealthy after he has become a Christian—I have noticed that many times he gets careless in his service for the Lord as a result of his riches.

Now I am not praying that the Lord will make you poor, and I am not praying that the Lord will make me poor. I would pray that the Lord would help us not to become careless. I would pray that the Lord would help us not to be deceived by riches, for too many times when people get to the place that they begin to have a little of this world's goods, they lose their interest in the cause of Christ. Listen:

"And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?

And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"—Luke 12:16-20.

Many a man has come to the place that he has found himself to be a fool, just like God says that this man found himself to be, because he thought in terms of material things as being superior to spiritual things. Beloved, a man ought to be mighty careful lest he be deceived by riches.

### VII

#### THE DECEPTION THAT ONE CAN FOOL GOD.

Some people actually think that they can fool God. God says:

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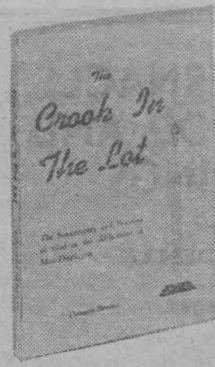
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# The Baptist Examiner FORUM

"Did our Lord turn the water into fermented wine at Cana as recorded in John 2:9? Should it be fermented wine that is used in the Lord's Supper? And also, should it be night and not morning when we observe the Lord's Supper?"

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Yes, our Lord turned the water into fermented wine at Cana. There is no doubt in my mind but what the wine my Lord made was the best wine ever made. To me, it is unthinkable that He would create something that was not perfect, and the words of the governor of the feast substantiates this for he says, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now." — Read verse 10.

I would have you notice that he did not call it grape juice, but good wine. Also, this chapter tells us they ran out of wine and it was wine that Jesus supplied. Grape juice would have been a poor substitute for wine on this joyful occasion. The Psalmist reveals that it is God who caused the grass to grow for cattle, and herbs for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth; and wine that maketh glad the heart of man. Ps. 104:14-15. Therefore at the wedding when they ran out of that which maketh glad the heart, Christ supplied it in a glorious fashion for in the miracle he actually speeded up the process, which required creative powers. He willed the instant change whereby the water became old wine, mellowed with age.

There is much opposition today relative to the use of wine. Many run to God's Word, thinking that within its instructions there is sufficient evidence to condemn its usage for everything, but when they are confronted with John 2, they have no answer because it is a definite fact that Jesus Christ created wine and used it to make glad the hearts of the wedding guests at Cana. Therefore, I do not believe that the usage of wine is wrong, but it is its abuse which constitutes sin. To preach that the use of wine is sin, would be to bring charges against Jesus for He used it.

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thy often infirmities." — I Tim. 5:23.

Here the Holy Spirit reveals

that the use of wine is in accord with the revealed will of God, but may I remind you it is restricted to a little wine.

As to the Lord's supper, wine is the only liquid that can picture the precious blood of Christ; therefore, fermented wine is the only Scriptural liquid which can be used. In fact, I would refuse to participate in this church ordinance if any other liquid were substituted for the fermented fruit of the vine (wine). If I were to partake of it with grape juice or pop (either one of these two would be as good as the other), I would be guilty of drinking damnation to myself, not discerning the Lord's body. Read I Cor. 11:29. To drink damnation is to invite the chastening hand of God by my disobedience in observing the Lord's supper in an unworthily manner.

The time of the day to observe the Lord's supper is not of paramount importance. The Scriptures command that the ordinance (Lord's supper) be observed, but they do not designate a set time of the day such as morning or night for its observance. The Scriptures tell us, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." — I Cor. 11:26.

Regardless of the time of day when observed, Scripturally we show forth the Lord's death and His second coming. Therefore, I would not object to any hour the church would set to observe the supper of our Lord.



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I am confident that our Lord did turn the water into fermented wine. Nothing else is wine. Grape juice is not wine. No company bottles grape juice, and labels it wine. They would get into trouble very soon because of false labeling. And most certainly genuine wine should be used in the observance of the Lord's Supper. To use mere grape juice is to utterly ruin the Lord's Supper, by blasphemously declaring that He had a sinful body. The bread and the wine represent the body and blood of Christ. Grape juice contains leaven, and leaven-

ed bread contains the same. Leaven is the Scriptural symbol of evil, therefore to use these leavened materials is to declare symbolically that Christ was a sinner. If He was a sinner, then He could not be man's Saviour. I believe that the use of leavened bread and grape juice is one of the most wicked perversions that a church can be guilty of. I would not be pastor of a church that insisted on such blasphemy.

Our Baptist forefathers used unleavened bread and wine, and leavened materials were not thought of in connection with the Lord's Supper until recent times, after prohibition began. Some argue that the use of wine may cause some converted drunkard to return to his drunkenness. Let me remark that his conversion is very shallow if a tiny sip of wine sets him off on a drunken binge. There is hardly enough alcohol in such a sip of wine to make a flea drunk.

Personally, I do not, and have never been accustomed to drink any kind of alcoholic beverages, and I do not condone such, but I am not a crank such as to see harm in the taking of a sip of wine at the Lord's Supper.

Yes, it would seem to be more appropriate to observe the Supper in the evening rather than the morning. Supper don't belong at 11 or 12 o'clock in the morning. I doubt if the Lord's Supper should be tied onto a regular church service. It is better to meet specifically for that particular observance, and to give adequate time for it to be as meaningful as possible.

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Frankly, I don't see how there could be any question as to whether He did or not. All you have to do is read the entire event and it would be perfectly obvious that the passage is talking about fermented wine. In verses 9 and 10 the governor of the feast congratulates the bridegroom for not doing as others and saving bad wine to drink after everyone is well drunk.

The word wine is the Greek word "OINON" which comes from a word that means wine, according to Strong's Concordance of the Bible and also according to Thayers Greek Lexicon.

The reason that people object to this being wine is because they do not want to be obedient in the Lord's Supper. Not only must we be particular as to who eats the Lord's Supper (members of the church observing it only), but we must be particular as to the ingredients.

The ingredients of the Lord's Supper must be unleavened bread and fermented wine. Any church that does not use these items or that substitutes something for them is not taking the Lord's Supper.

The wine represents the blood of Jesus Christ. His blood was completely pure. The wine must not have any leaven in it. The only way the juice of the vine can be without leaven is through fermentation.

In I Corinthians, Chapter 11 the Apostle Paul is speaking about the misuse of the Lord's Supper. He points out that some became drunk. He rebukes them for not taking the Lord's Supper properly but not for using wine. The Bible does not teach abstinence but moderation.

I do not permit liquor in my home. However, if the doctor says that someone in my family

should take a little wine as a tonic then I will provide it for that purpose. "... Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." — (I Tim. 5:23).

Yes, the Lord Jesus Christ turned water into wine during the feast of John 2. Are you going to rebuke Him for this. "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God. . ." — (Romans 9:20).

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I am unable to find any reason why we should not say the wine in Jno. 2:9 was actual fermented wine. I have read where some wise fellow said there was not time enough for this wine to ferment. Well, for his information, there was not time enough to make grape juice by any method known to man. The word "wine" here is from OINOS which is the general word for wine. And the word "drunk" in verse 10 is from METHUO which signifies to be drunk with wine. Eric Rust says he denies this miracle on the grounds the guests were already drunk and needed no more wine. Certainly this word does signify to be drunk, but that is no reason to deny God's precious Word. However, it is a good reason for us to say the water was actually turned into fermented wine.

It is true that our Lord spoke of the fruit of the vine when He instituted the Lord's Supper both in Mk. 14:25 and in Lk. 22:18. But it is also true that both wine and grape juice are the fruit of the vine. In fact, one is just as much the fruit of the vine as the other. If our Lord had meant for us to use grape juice why did He not say to the brethren that night, "Now I know you have always used actual wine in the Passover, but for fear of offending some of the dear ladies who will be members of temperance societies some two thousand years from now, we are going to substitute grape juice for the wine in the Lord's Supper?" Beloved, I find no inkling of any change in the drink whatsoever.

Surely no one will deny that the church at Corinth used fermented wine. In I Cor. 11:21 Paul condemns some of them for getting drunk while supposedly taking the Lord's Supper. The word "drunken" here is from METHUO

the same word we see in Jno. 2:10. It is the same identical word as the one in Mt. 24:49. So most certainly we should use fermented wine in the Lord's Supper.

As to the time we should observe this ordinance, the only thing I know about it is what we see in I Cor. 11:25. There we read, "this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me" So whether it be day or night we are to observe this ordinance in remembrance of Him. So far as I am able to see there is absolutely no instruction as to whether we should observe it at any specific time.

## "Deception"

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"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." — Gal. 6:7, 8.

You are not going to fool God. There is the deception wherein a man thinks he can fool God, that he can do as he pleases and can get by with the things of this world. You can't fool God. It is nothing but a deception so far as he is concerned.

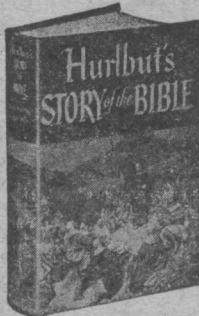
## CONCLUSION

Coming to my text, may I say that a Christian's life should be one long watch against deception. I have mentioned seven of these, and I will repeat them: There is Satan's deception of the nations; there is Satan's deception of the individual; there is the deception by Satan's emissaries—the religious leaders of the world; there is self-deception whereby you and I deceive ourselves; there is deception that comes by way of sin; there is a deception that comes by way of riches; and certainly there is a gross deception when a man thinks that he can fool God. I say to you, the Christian's life should be one long watch against deception for fear we are deceived in life.

To that individual who is unsaved, may I remind you that the Devil is deceiving you. He is making you think that you can live your life now, yet sometime before you die, you can be saved. That is the Devil deceiving you. There's many a man that walks out of the church building on Sunday and says, "I know I ought to be a Christian. I realize that I ought to be saved. Before I die I guess I will settle the matter with God." He goes on out, deceived. What is the result? Out here on the highway he

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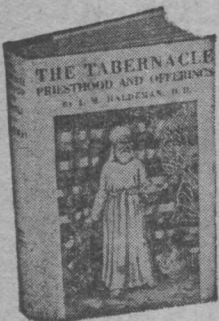
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## Here Are Some Hard Nuts For The Romanists To Crack

Bro. A. J. Terry was a Baptist missionary in the state of Piahy, Brazil. He had some discussion a while back with the Catholic bishop in that state. In that discussion he got out in tract form the following questions, which the bishop has never even tried to answer. Hand them to the nearest Catholic priest or neighbor and ask him to answer them. Bro. Terry translated it from Portuguese into English for us.

"Baptists do not follow any man, but Christ and He alone is their Leader and Head. They do not accept any authority except the Holy Scriptures as authoritative over men's consciences and lives. They do not follow Luther, Calvin or any other Reformer. They are older than the Reformation and for that reason are not Protestants. Therefore we request that from the Bible, which is the only authority upon Spiritual questions, that any of our Catholic friends cite us their authority for the following:

1. A Bible text that proves that we should pray to the Virgin Mary.
2. A Bible text that proves that Mary was conceived without sin.
3. A Bible text that proves that the apostle Peter did not have a wife.
4. A Bible text that proves that ministers ought not to marry.
5. A Bible text that proves that Peter was bishop in Rome.
6. A Bible text that proves that the Pope is vicar of Christ and successor of Peter.
7. A Bible text that proves that the priests can forgive sin.
8. A Bible text that proves that the wine in the Lord's Supper ought to be taken only by the priests.
9. A Bible text that proves the existence of the Roman mass.
10. A Bible text that proves that the priests have the power to change the bread and wine into the body, blood, soul and deity of Jesus Christ.
11. A Bible text that proves that there are seven sacraments.
12. A Bible text that proves that the use of images was recommended by Christ or His apostles.
13. A Bible text that proves

the existence of purgatory.

14. A Bible text that proves that there is more than one Mediator.

15. A Bible text that proves that we should pray for the dead.

16. A Bible text that proves that we should fast on Fridays.

17. A Bible text that proves the infallibility of the Pope.

18. A Bible text that proves that baptism washes away original sin and transforms one into a Christian, son of God and heir of the Kingdom of Heaven.

19. A Bible text that proves that children who die without baptism go to a place called "Limbo," and that proves that such a place exists.

20. A Bible text that proves that Jesus or His apostles baptized children or that approves the baptism of children.

21. A Bible text that proves that the Roman church has the right to change the act of baptism from immersion to sprinkling, or to change any command or teaching of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

22. A Bible text that proves that a man ought to be persecuted and cursed because he has conscientiously abandoned the religion in which he was born and has accepted the religion of Jesus Christ.

—News and Truths

**Fred T. Halliman**

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 lief in part of the school subjects. We do not understand the meaning of this as yet but take it as a definite sign from the Lord that we are to further wait upon Him for a full and complete solution to all our problems. This we are going to do. I believe that all of you that have known us for any length of time will confirm that we do not make any hasty decisions and while waiting, whether it be on the Lord or some individual, is one of the hardest things most people are called upon to do (I am definitely included in this group), we have learned long ago that while waiting on the Lord produces much anxiety; running ahead of the Lord can

cause some real heartaches and sorrows.

The Lord continues to bless the work here and with the passing of each year we can see tremendous strides made. A couple of weeks ago one of the churches a few miles away from the Mission Station assembled here with the Tangi Baptist Church for Sunday morning services and then after the preaching service at the church building we assembled at the river that borders the Mission Station and administered baptism to 10 individuals from the visiting church group. This was a most impressive service. A few Sundays before that we baptized several into another church.

Our tape recorder ministry is being blessed of the Lord. We have three recorders. One is kept here at the Mission to prepare new tapes with and the other two are constantly on the field. I expect that we will have the third one full time on the field in a short time.

One of our young Christian men visited the Mission Station this past week that has been out with a tape recorder for 7 months without returning. His ministry in this area is so demanding that for well over a year he has held two services a day, every day. I make tapes and send to him along with a fresh supply of batteries. A little over two years ago I preached to 6 people for the first time in this area. I did not have a regular missionary to station in the area but various ones went as time would permit and the work began to grow. About six months later I made another patrol into the area and 40 people were attending. Last July when the family went with me on the 14 day patrol we spent a few days in this area and there were over 100 people attending services there at that time, several professions of faith were made at this last visit with them.

The tape recorder missionary told me last week that there had been several people saved since I was there and that the attendance had increased to the extent that they were going to build a new and larger building to meet in. In addition to this another group down the valley has put up a building and asked him to come and minister to them. Also another group further yet has said that they want to put up a building and start Baptist services in their area. All this has come about in a little over two years after holding our first service with only six people and most of the preaching has been done via tape recorder. Several have requested to be baptized upon my next visit with them.

Many changes are taking place here in New Guinea now. There is much talk of Self-government and Independence on every side now. There is quite a bit of apprehension on the part of some as to the outcome when complete independence does come. Will it be another Africa many ask. There is considerable political and social unrest among the native folk but at this point I could not see any repetition of what happened in many of the African states when they got independence. Of course the potential is here and with the proper amount of racial strife it could develop into quite a serious situation.

Due to our geographical location in relation to the island (we are located very nearly in the center of the island) and the fact that our only access to the coastal areas is by aircraft it could become quite unpleasant for us should any major trouble develop. However, we are not anticipating any problems that will be too big for the Lord to work out and since it is to Him we look and not to man our worries are nil. May the Lord bless each of you.

—Fred T. Halliman

## Why True Baptists Do Not Accept Alien Immersion

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We are often asked why Baptists do not accept baptism from other denominations. The answer is not hard to find if we take a look at the history of the Baptists.

Baptists contend without fear of successful contradiction:

First: The church now known as Baptists was established by our Lord with the apostles at Jerusalem, Acts 16:4.

Second: The church was commissioned to preach to all the world, baptize and build up believers in the faith. Matt. 28:19-20.

Third: The church was charged with the responsibility of disciplining its members and maintaining a holy walk before God.

Fourth: That every precept

necessary to accomplish such a walk was given to the apostles. Matt. 28:20. Such precepts are contained in the Word and are sufficient for all times.

Fifth: Baptists are commanded to contend for these precepts against the assaults of the enemy. Jude 3.

Now that the Baptist position on the whole church question is set forth, let us examine the question of Baptism. If Christ built a church and commanded it to baptize, surely any other institution assuming that responsibility does so in rebellion against Him and cannot be considered anything other than a Satanic inspired imitation or counterfeit. When Baptists accept such baptism, they have no right to expect their work to endure the fire.

### Unionists

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cated and many of them have college, university, and seminary degrees, but they are ignorant all the same. Take the Easter crowd. Their ignorance is the most stupendous ignorance in the world. "Being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own, they have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God; for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." (Rom. 10:3, 4). That is damning ignorance. It substitutes man's righteousness, filthy and ragged and rotten and hypocritical, for the perfect righteousness of the Lord Jesus which alone can save any man.

3. "They are dumb dogs." They are watchmen. The business of a watchman is to warn of danger. Easter is a common danger. Men and women are led to depend upon the church and the ritualism of Easter and other hypocritical forms for salvation and all such go to hell. That is why God calls them dumb dogs. They are as silent as death when it comes to warning the people as to the perils of ritualism and error. God calls them dumb dogs.

4. They love ease. "Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber."

5. "Greedy dogs." They never have enough. Their one aim is money. The Septuagint says "they are insatiable dogs."

6. "They are wicked, having no understanding." That is quoted from the Septuagint version. It needs no further explanation. Anybody can understand that. Their eyes are blinded to the dangers and perils of their unionism. They do not understand how they are hurting themselves, their families, their churches, the Lord's cause thru their greed for gain.

7. "All have followed their own ways, each according to his own will." This too, is from the

Septuagint version. Self is supreme master of their lives.

Two outstanding sins are condemned in this passage — extravagance and unionism. They are the two most common sins of the Baptist ministry. They sell the truth for big salaries and popularity. They keep silent concerning heresy and extravagance in official places, so their own salaries will be continued.

Extravagance and unionism are our worst enemies. God is working on both. Remember God called them "greedy dogs," I didn't. All unionists are greedy dogs. Our schools are filled with unionists. All union evangelists are greedy dogs. A hundred years ago Missionary Baptists sloughed off the Campbellites and the Hardshells. We are due another big sloughing. The mourner's bench crowd are all unionists, and they ought to be sloughed off. They are the worst of Arminians. Baptists ought to get rid of the unionists and the modernists. They are twin sisters. They both sell out the truth for pay. Fundamentalists are all unionists. Fundamentalists and modernists are agreed (Continued on page 8, column 5)

### "Deception"

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 meets his death. What is wrong? Just one thing. He has been deceived by the Devil.

Might it please God to help you to see that there is only one way to be saved. Don't let the Devil deceive you by thinking that you can be saved by water baptism, or by church membership, or by works on your part. May you realize that there is only one way to be saved and that is through Jesus Christ who died for your sins on the cross. Receive Jesus, be saved, and come out on God's side and confess your faith in Him.

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About what day do Christians tell the greatest number of lies? Rev. 21:8.

Why will a religious flavor make a lie so palatable to the taste?

For what day do people spend the greatest number of dollars for worthless and positively injurious junk?

On what day does the whole world give itself most completely to frivolity?

On what day do Christians and their homes act and look most like heathen?

The approach of what day causes the postponement of revival meetings and all spiritual services?

On what day does the church and the world most lock arms in one common cause?

On what day do Christians yoke themselves with the mother of harlots most completely?

On what day are fewest people saved of any day in the year?

On what day does pride and desire for show and glitter receive its greatest boost?

On what day do gifts have least value because they are expected and their value lost in the very formality of the thing?

Of what day can it be most truly said: "The whole world wondered after the beast"?

What day witnesses the greatest caricature of the simplicity of Christ, of any day in the year?

What day highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God? Luke 16:15.

What mighty prince alone could have instituted and carried out such a gigantic day of wickedness?

Why do some of those who profess to love the Lord still insist on linking His blessed name with the most wicked day in the year? John 14:23.

On what day do religious people commit abomination under every green (evergreen) tree? I Kings 14:22, 24.

On what day is a mythical man exalted above Christ?

Totally false are the most stupendous claims made for what day?

What day, supposedly Christian, was unknown to saints until the third century A. D.?

"If ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world are ye subject to ordinances, after the commandments and doctrines of men? which do not honor God, but satisfy the flesh. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." Col. 2:20.

"Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." Gal. 4:10, 11.

### Appreciated Letter

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Thank you so much for printing The Baptist Examiner and its truths.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Higgins  
Indiana

### Women

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a way to take attention away from the worship of God. Miniskirts, wild hairdos, weird eye makeup, and other such foolishness should never be seen in the Lord's church. Many women will disobey God simply to stay in style with the world. Thank God, for many women who would rather obey the Bible, than be popular.

#### II. A PLACE OF SERVICE

Many in this day claim that a woman's place is equal to that of men. But God does not call women preachers; He does not approve of women deacons. So, in all ways women are not equal

but they are just as important as men in serving God.

Women are to live in "good works" (I Tim. 2:10). In the book of Acts, women had a great place in winning lost souls, also in praying for God's men. Many instances in the Bible prove women can work for the Lord without being preachers or deacons.

Also, verse fifteen of this chapter indicates a woman's place in raising children. The greatest way to serve the Lord is to bring up children according to the Bible. Instead of working in a factory or an office, women should stay home with their children. No wonder so many youngsters are growing up as hippies instead of Baptists. If more women would be mothers, more children would be Christians.

#### III. A PLACE OF SUBJECTION AND SILENCE

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."—I Tim. 2:11-12.

"Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but



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they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."—I Cor. 14:34-35.

These words should be enough for anyone who believes the Bible. In a mixed assembly women should not lead in public prayer and testimony. "Why not?" God's book forbids it! Some "pastors" call on women to lead in prayer or give testimony without even thinking. It's time for them to do some thinking and obey the Bible.

Many say the above quoted passage was written for "that time only." How foolish, the Bible was written for every age and can be applied today the same as when it was written. May the Lord help our men and women obey his marvelous word.

### Soul Liberty

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tions. Since man was made in the image of God, he must be free to have fellowship with his Maker. God did not create the state. He created man, showing that all human institutions are subservient to man. Jesus expressed this when He said: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath"—(Mark 2:27).

Third, there is the basic principle of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. This is the great and cherished foundation upon which all else is built. II Corinthians 8:6 says: "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all

## God's Men Are To Speak Boldly And Scripturally

By VANCE HAVNER

The popular technique of tactful and diplomatic preaching fails to get results. This art of almost saying something is in vogue these days. It is popular in our capitals and legislative halls where statesmen have become adept at "shading 'yes' to 'no' and burnishing up 'no' until it might pass for a 'yes'." No man can make progress who deals in generalities.

Finney had a sermon on "How to Preach so as to Convert Nobody." One rule was: Preach about sin in general, but never mention any of the sins of your present congregation.

The woman at Jacob's well did not come under conviction while Jesus talked about the water of life and where was the best place to worship; but when He said, "Go, call thy husband," things began to happen. She told her townspeople, "Come, see a man which told me all things that ever I did." Jesus did not generalize; He particularized.

This art shows up in prayer meeting, when some dear brother gets no farther than, "We have done many things which we should not have done, and we have left undone many things which we should have done."

When you hear men and women confess gossiping, covetousness, backbiting, temper, worldliness, and evil habits, naming them unmistakably—that is revival. When God's Spirit convicts and men confess sin, nothing is done half-way; we come clean with it.

#### What saith the Lord?

The art of almost saying something is clever; it sounds smart, and it will not offend anyone. It will help the speaker to get ahead in this world; but this world is not the right world in which to get ahead. At the end of the road, stands God, and God always says something. His Book does not almost state the case.

things, and we from him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things."

Because Jesus is Lord, there can be no other authority over the souls of men. Because Jesus is Lord, the Bible is our rule of faith and practice, for the Scriptures testify of Him. Because Jesus is Lord, the church is a spiritual democracy in which all the members are brethren and in which there is no ecclesiastical authorities. Because Jesus is Lord, the state is incompetent in the realm of religion. Because Jesus is Lord, there must be absolute separation of church and state.

#### FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE

The person who enjoys freedom of conscience must be free to decide whether or not to worship God. He must be free to join the church of his choice and to change his church allegiance without interference from the state. He must be free to determine the causes and amounts of his religious stewardship.

#### FREEDOM OF THE CHURCH

If the churches are not entirely free, then the people are not religiously free. For a church to function with adequate independence, she must be free to make her own order of worship. She must be free to set her standards and qualifications for church membership. She must have equal status with other religious groups before the law of the land.

#### SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

Separation of church and state is a political devise to help preserve religious liberty. The legal meaning of the separation of (Continued on page 7, column 3)

The man who says something is, of course, dogmatic, and dogmatism is anathema to some of us. Strangely enough, we want dogmatism elsewhere. When we are sick, we want a dogmatic doctor who knows what ails us. When we take medicine, we want the kind that has been put up by a dogmatic pharmacist and not by one who ignored the formula. When we ride on the train, we want a dogmatic engineer, not one who throws the timetable away and goes by guess. And yet, in the greatest of all fields, the ministry of the Word of God, it has been fashionable to disobey orders from heavenly headquarters and substitute the opinions of men.

We need to be saying something these days about sin, judgment, salvation, godly living, and the future. It is tragic the way some approach such subjects as worldliness, the Lordship of Christ, or the return of our Lord. In our reaction against dogma we dodge the real issue.

Our nation suffers today for lack of leaders who believe something and say it. Political expediency has shut many a mouth and given us sycophants instead of statesmen. The pressure is terrific, and it is far easier to be a time-server than a God-pleaser.

God give us men in the pulpit who will remember they are not diplomats arranging a truce but prophets declaring an ultimatum!

Civilization has gone to pieces on tact, diplomacy, and appeasement. It is no time to almost say something. Let us hear from men with a double resolve: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak" (Ps. 85:8); "What the Lord saith unto me that will I speak" (I Kings 22:14).

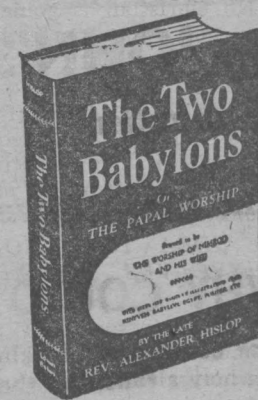
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## Holiness

(Continued from page one) light. The ideal of every Christian ought to be godliness or god-like-ness. Yet, it is a great sin for any person to get an exaggerated sense of his own holiness. This is the sin of so many of the "holiness" sects.

Let us note some Scriptures that relate to holiness:

- 1—Christians to "follow after" holiness. (Heb. 12:14).
- 2—Christians called to holiness. (I Thess. 4:7; 2 Tim. 1:9).
- 3—Should have their fruit unto holiness. (Rom. 6:22).
- 4—Should yield their bodies as instruments of holiness. (Rom. 6:13, 19).

These Scriptures can be multiplied. No Christian is going to live too holy—too perfectly—too much in accord with the will of God. The trouble comes when people set up a false standard of holiness, and become self righteous in their attitude. Let us note some of these false conceptions of holiness:

### 1. THE IDEA THAT HOLINESS INVOLVES PECULIAR DRESS.

We think of a sect that put their women in black stockings. Anything holy about black stockings? Not a thing. Some put their women in long dresses that almost drag the ground—a sort of (Continued on page 8, column 4)

## Some Scriptures That Are Forgotten Or Else Ignored

The Son of God said: *The Scripture cannot be broken.* That is just as true of the Scriptures we do not believe and obey as of the Scriptures we do obey. One of the Scriptures most commonly despised and disregarded is this one about pastors: *"One that ruleth his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity, for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?"* That means that if a pastor has children, who are common thieves or gamblers (bridge players) or harlots or drunkards or liars or any other kind of offenders against the good name of the church, the preacher ought to give up his church, if he does not stand for the discipline of his own children. No man is fit to be a pastor of any church, whose children are notoriously immoral. The preacher, who has immoral children in the church, is always a defender of immoral members and a bitter opponent of church discipline. He ought to give up his church, for he is not taking care of God's church, as he should.

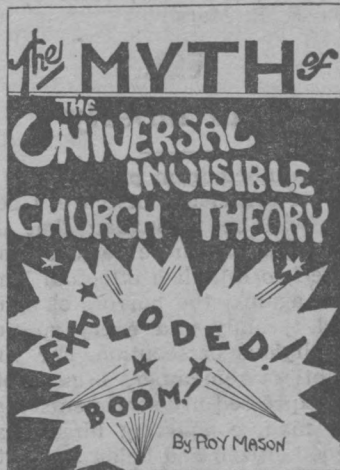
Here is another Scripture, that is palpably perverted or ignored in our day. *"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs; neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet and turn again and rend you."* That means God's preacher is under no obligation to waste his time visiting those, who openly oppose and fight the truth. Dogs represent the worldly and unclean; hogs represent the hypocrites and unconverted church-members. The reason assigned by the Master for not going to see them and trying to win them is because, if you tell them the truth, before you get your back turned, they will rend you and tear you to pieces. Elijah and Elisha practiced that Scripture before it was spoken.

Here is another Scripture as little heeded and regarded as the other two. *"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."*

You will find plenty of discussion about what anointing with oil means. But you will not find much said about "calling for the elders of the church" for the specific purpose of praying for the sick. All Scripture is profitable and all of it will work. Why do not God's people call for the elders to come and pray for them? Because worldly preachers can not pray and get any answers may be one good reason. That may be the main one. Because most preachers are joking preachers today, putting the emphasis on the social, instead of the spiritual, may be and no doubt is another reason. But those are not the main reasons. Why call for the physicians first? Why, if the preacher is called for at all, call for him as a last resort, instead

of a first remedy? Asa died because he sought for the physicians and left the Lord out. The Bible says so. Many others have died for the same reason. God sent word through Isaiah to Hezekiah to set his house in order, for he must die and not live. Hezekiah prayed and God sent Isaiah back before he got home to tell Hezekiah that his life was lengthened for 15 years. Sending for the physicians first is the surest and most convincing evidence possible, that the dependence of the sick person and his family, is in men, not in God. Send for the elders first: you may not need the doctor. If you do need him, God might change your

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doctor and have you send for one who has faith in God. If God directs you to send for your family physician, He will direct to the remedies you need. He did so in Hezekiah's case and told him to use a poultice of figs. If God has any voice in it, He will probably cut out all "shots" and dope. If God is put first He might cure without remedies. But He wants the credit for the cure. He can and often does cure impossible cases by prayer.

## Soul Liberty

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church and state is spelled out in the state constitutions, in the United States Constitution, and in a large number of court cases.

The church has her reasons for existing and these reasons are distinct from those of the state. While those born in a nation automatically become citizens, you become a church member by profession of faith and baptism. The state derives its revenue from taxation; the church is supported by voluntary tithes and offerings. The church cannot be a department of the ecclesiastical affairs of the state. The state is concerned with material matters; the other the Spiritual. When each confines itself to its sphere of action, there will be no conflict.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY A CIVIL RIGHT

The alliance of church and state in professedly Christian nations has always been productive of corruption and persecution. Worldly-minded religionists have ever sought to increase their number, influence, wealth, power and patronage by the power of the state. Ever since the Roman Emperor Constantine in 313 A.D. established Christianity by law, national establishments of religion have existed in Europe. Such establishments are nearly

always guilty of discrimination among religious beliefs and of a denial of religious liberty. The Roman Catholic Church for centuries denounced the doctrine of soul liberty as one of the greatest heresies. She murdered fifty million Baptists with every imaginable device of diabolical cruelty—thus shedding enough martyr blood to fill a stream ten feet wide, ten feet deep and twenty-five miles long. She did all this in order to enforce conformity to her religious creed and ceremonies.

The churches of the Reformation all held that the state ought to support and regulate the church. This is the teaching in many countries in our generation, except in the United States. Baptists have always advocated religious liberty, not just for themselves, but for all men. This fundamental principle of ours has been more or less recognized in our country since its birth as a nation. How our country came to this position is some history which both Baptists and Pedobaptists need to know.

### HISTORY SPEAKS

Two months before the Declaration of Independence, and thirty-two days before Virginia renounced allegiance to the Crown, the little Baptist colony of Rhode Island repudiated all allegiance to George III, May 4, 1776.

Scarcely was the first shot fired at Lexington, when every Baptist on the continent sprang to his feet and hailed its echo as the pledge of deliverance from foreign oppressors. The American Revolution was largely due to the fact that Baptist suffering, preaching and democratic practice had educated the American people for the issue. History records that such great Americans as Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and James Madison—though not Baptists—were greatly influenced by the Baptist position of soul liberty.

Baptists are responsible for the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. A group of Baptists in Virginia were disturbed because there was no clear cut statement in the Constitution about religious liberty. So they had John Leland, with the aid of the famous James Madison, to draw up a formal and well-digested presentation of the case and send it to General Washington by a special delegation. This paper was entitled an "Address of the Committee of the United Baptist Church of Virginia, assembled in the City of Richmond, 8th August, 1789, to the President of the United States of America."

After a full review of the terrible conflicts and sacrifices of the Revolution, and the acknowledgment of the debt on the part of the country to his great skill and leadership, they said: "When the Constitution first made its appearance in Virginia, we, as a society, feared that the liberty of conscience, dearer to us than property or life, was not sufficiently secured. . . . They again

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After gracefully expressing their gratitude for his "great and unparalleled service," and confiding him in prayer to the "Divine Being," the paper is signed: "By order of the Committee, Samuel Harris, Chairman, and Reuben Ford, Clerk."

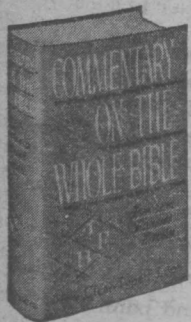
General Washington's reply was addressed: "To the General Committee representing the United Baptist Church in Virginia." After thanking them for their congratulations, and expressing his own gratitude to "Divine Providence" for blessing his public services, he proceeded to write: "If I could have entertained the slightest apprehension that the Constitution framed by the Convention where I had the honor to preside might possible endanger the religious rights of any ecclesiastical society, certainly I would never have placed my signature to it; and if I could now conceive that the general government might ever be so administered as to render the lib-

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1. **God-ward.** That we should obey Him (Deut. 5:15; 88:1, 2; 15:15; 24:18, 22; John 14:21).
2. **Christ-ward.** That we should have fellowship with Him (I Cor. 1:9; I John 1:3).
3. **Spirit-ward.** That we should be occupied by Him (I Cor. 6:19; Eph. 1:13, 14; 4:30).
4. **World-ward.** That we should be separate from it (John 17:16; I John 2:15-17).
5. **Satan-ward.** That we should overcome him (I John 2:14; 5:18; Eph. 6:11).
6. **Self-ward.** That we should deny it (Luke 9:23; John 12:25, 26).—F. E. Marsh.

### Soul Liberty

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erty of conscience insecure, I beg you will be persuaded that no one would be more zealous than myself to establish effectual barriers against the horrors of spiritual tyranny and every species of religious persecution. For you doubtless remember, I have often expressed my sentiments that any man, conducting himself as a good citizen and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience. While I recollect with satisfaction that the religious society of which you are members have been, throughout America, uniformly and almost unanimously the firm friends of civil liberty, and the persevering promoters of our glorious revolution, I cannot hesitate to believe that they will be the faithful supporters of a free yet efficient general government. Under this pleasing expectation, I rejoice to assure them that they may rely upon my best wishes and endeavors to advance their prosperity, I am, gentlemen, your most obedient servant, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

#### THE FIRST AMENDMENT

A month after this correspondence James Madison, with the approval of Washington, brought several Constitutional amendments before the House of Representatives. Madison moved the adoption of this: "Article I. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

This proposition met with great opposition in Congress, but it passed that body September 23, 1789. Then it was submitted to the several states for ratification. Eleven of the thirteen states adopted it between November 20, 1789 and December 15, 1791. New Jersey voting on the first of these dates and Virginia on the last. Thus the condemned, spurned and hated old Baptist doctrine of soul liberty was not only engrafted into the organic law of the United States, but for the first time in the formation of a great nation, it was made its chief cornerstone!

Even the very idea of the local independence of the state governments was derived by Thomas Jefferson from a small Baptist church whose monthly meetings he attended for several months about ten years before the Amer-

ican Revolution. Mr. Jefferson declared that our form of church government was the only true democracy then existing in the world.

Do you know why you can assemble in your respective churches on the Lord's day without interference from the state? It is because of Baptist influence in this great country of ours. It is because Baptists have always been and still are the friends of just and true, equal and impartial liberty. Let us rejoice in this great doctrine of soul liberty, for Bible prophecy points to a time in the future when this privilege will again be denied—(Dan. 7:25; II Thess. 2:1-12; Rev. 11:7-13; 13:11-18).

### Holiness

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shapeless "Mother Hubbard" looking thing at that. Anything holy about ugly clothing? Not a thing. Some men of certain groups wear long whiskers. Anything about whiskers that is holy? No—not even the "germs."

#### 2. THE IDEA THAT HOLINESS IS ASSOCIATED WITH UGLINESS.

We think of the man who refused to wear a necktie. It was identified with worldliness to his thinking. Some of the holiness people seem to think that a place of worship should be cheap and drab looking, and that women should be just as ugly as possible in order for them to be holy. Hence they rule out any sort of "make-up" for the face, and anything colorful as to dress. A piece of jewelry, even of the most inexpensive sort is taboo among them. Of course we all know that adornment can be carried to extreme—that faces can be painted until they suggest those of underworld characters. But we also know that God likes color and God likes beauty. No woman is to be blamed for looking as attractive as she can, provided she does not put all attention on the outside and none as to what she has on the inside. Jesus did not dress or look freakish. He lived and acted and dressed like a normal human being. We should do the same. To go to extreme either in the matter of adornment or lack of adornment is to become conspicuous, and this is the very thing that is to be avoided.

#### 3. THE IDEA THAT HOLINESS INVOLVES QUEERNESS OF SPEECH.

You can distinguish most so-called holiness people by their constant exclamations as they say, "Hallaleujah!" "Glory to John 1:10, 11).

God!" "Amen!" We heard one holiness preacher who introduced "amen" into his speaking innumerable times. Many times such exclamations just fill in space. It is a species of "vain repetition" which Jesus specifically warned against.

#### Every Saved Person Holy In The Biggest Sense

When one is born again, that person is set apart as God's property forever. This is taught in Heb. 10:10.

Following that, every Christian should seek to live a holy, separated, dedicated life, in which he tries to properly represent the Lord before the world. He is to live daily in the light of the thought, "What would Christ have me to do?" Never is he to get the self-righteous notion that he has reached perfection. To do so, means to be caught in the snares of a false pride. That in itself is sin. And remember—the closer we live to the Light, the more clearly we shall see the spots and stains of sin on our own lives.

### Unionists

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in one thing. They are both unionists.

As a parting word, let all unionists ponder the words of God's Book: "Shouldst thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord." (II Chron. 19:2).

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

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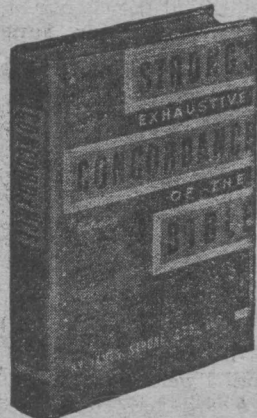
trine which ye have learned; and avoid them." (Rom. 16:17).

"And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." (2 Thess. 3:14).

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