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## A HOLY ROLLER

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Holy Rollers find their beginnings with men, and not Jesus Christ. No denomination can be Scriptural if it was not started by Jesus. Most Holy Roller groups originated in America within the last 75 years.

Holy Rollers say that the church began at Pentecost (which is false according to Matt. 16:18) and yet they can only trace their history as far back as the 1800's.

Holy Rollers have an unscrip-tural form of church government. The local congregation is told what to do and teach. Their belief in a universal invisible church destroys all authority of the local assembly.

Holy Rollers are victims of Satan's handiwork. Over-emotionalism is never from God, yet in Holy Roller church services wild orgy-like actions are seen. The writer was asked to speak in a Holy Roller church (but not invited back). While there, the people danced in the aisles and went through crazy movements and the writer was amazed that the human spine could endure the neck perking and back shaking that they were going through. God made man's emotions, but not so that man would become slave to them. Most Holy Rollers that the writer has known have been dull people in every day life yet in their services these

same people release all their stored emotions. One woman said, "You're never been saved if you have never shouted." Such is of the devil!

Holy Rollers give themselves over to the control of demons. The above mentioned emotional outbursts are much like the ma-



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niac of the Gadarenes. His actions were caused by demons! Also, the "unknown" tongues heard in Holy Roller services can only be from the devil. In the New Testament there are no unknown tongues! Only Pentecost disciples spoke other languages. In the original language the word (Continued on page 8, column 1)

## THE BIBLE, BOARDS, AND BAPTISTS

By MEDFORD CAUDILL  
Hanover, Mich.

A short article, written by me, appeared in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER recently stating why I could not support Baptist Faith Missions, or for that matter any other mission work done by a board. Several friends who both agree and disagree with me have asked that I elaborate on the reasons I feel it is wrong to support a board. That is the purpose of this article. I have no axe to grind with anyone. I have many good friends in churches that support this board and I simply ask that they pray, study the Scriptures, and then consider why they support this type of work.

First then, we feel we cannot support Baptist Faith Missions because it is an agency outside of the local church. Jesus Christ commissioned His church which was then empowered on the day of Pentecost. The Church was

commissioned. The church was empowered. Baptist Faith Missions was not. Paul said "Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?" (Romans 2:21). We might then say to the supporters of Baptist Faith Missions, if you believe in the local church as you say you do, then why don't you PRACTICE IT? Paul and Barnabas were sent out by the church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-4). They didn't make application to a mission board before they went. I remember Bro. Burket saying "The closest Paul ever got to a mission board was when he was shipwrecked and he floated to shore on a board off the ship. You might be able to say that at that time Paul was a missionary being supported by a board."

Secondly, the board controls the amount of funds given to a missionary. Most churches simply send the board a monthly mission offering allowing the board to divide up the money as it sees fit. It does not seem, in my experience with this type of giving, that these churches have a particular burden for the work in Peru, or Brazil, or Korea or a particular missionary but only have a concern for the work of Baptist Faith Missions in general. Thirdly, we might ask ourselves what will this type of work lead to? The Southern Baptist Convention started out as a mission board. You will find that most of the churches which support Baptist Faith Missions will not fellowship with any churches which are outside the fold. Right now all the groundwork for a convention has been laid. There is a foreign mission board in Baptist Faith Missions. There is a so-called "home" mission board in Baptist Continental Missions. There are two schools sponsored by churches which are among the leading Baptist Faith Missions supporters. Some day soon I'm sure someone will get the brilliant idea of combining all these agencies under one superboard for the sake of efficient operation. At that time another co-operative program will be formed.

## The Wonders, Tongues And The Holy Roller Healings

The so-called Pentecostalist and Apostolic movement, divided into different groups, Commonwealth Covenant, etc., all claim that the miraculous gifts—speaking with Tongues, Prophecy, Healing, etc., which characterised the apostolic age, ought still to be found in the Church, that the want of them is an evidence of spiritual death and declension, and the possession of them, evidence and proof of the power and baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I. "LYING WONDERS"  
Do you know?

1. That such movements claim-

ing to wait for and to receive these apostolic and pentecostal gifts have repeatedly appeared in the history of the Church. In the 2nd Century one Montanus claimed to be a divinely inspired prophet. He and his followers spoke with Tongues, and professed that the prophecy of Joel, quoted by the apostle Paul on the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled. When speaking under the power of a spirit, Montanus would blasphemously assert, "I am the Lord God Omnipotent who has descended into a man." This Pentecostal movement known as Montanism, which spread into Asia Minor, North Africa, Italy and France, was condemned by the Council of Constantinople in 381. In due course it died out.

2. That during the Reformation period between 1517 and 1548 there sprang up a sect in Germany in which speaking with Tongues and miraculous healing were claimed. The outbreak was marked by the wildest excesses of immorality. Fanatics roamed through the woods in complete nudity. Polygamy was freely practised.

3. That about 1650 there arose the "French Prophets" in the Forest of Cevennes. They claimed (Continued on page 5, column 4)

We could go on, and on but there would be no use as even this board's supporters don't claim too much Scriptural basis for it. They maintain the reason it is needed is because it makes things a lot more convenient and gets the job done a lot better.

Brethren, there is no organization in this world, no matter how much money or how many missionaries it has, that can do as good a job of mission work as the local church. Show me a mission board that Jesus commissioned, that Jesus taught, that Jesus died for, and that the Holy Spirit empowered. Show me a mission board like that and I'll support it. Until then I'll support the Lord's church and its work because I know that it is impossible for it to fail.

Ben Franklin said that "As we (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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## Halliman's First Report As To The Bougainville Trip

Dear friends:

It is a pleasure to be able to report to you once again of the work that the Lord has called me to do, and many of you to have a part in financially. This report will come as a result of a recent trip that I have made to the island of Bougainville.



FRED T. HALLIMAN

For some time it had been my desire to make this trip but due mainly to the lack of finances, I was unable to do so. From the heart of New Guinea, where I live, to the southern tip of Bougainville, where our work is lo-

cated, it is just about 1200 miles.

Some few months ago I answered a question in THE BAPTIST EXAMINER in regard to the amount it would cost to make this trip and I estimated that it would take \$300.00. However, I had failed to take into account the fact that an American dollar is only worth eighty-seven cents Australian, also I had failed to take into account a couple of other things.

I am thankful that God overruled my ignorance in that He raised up two different church groups to take care of the entire cost which came to exactly \$396.48. To those of you that sent these special offerings for this trip I am sure that it was a real sacrifice on your part. However, this is the kind of giving that God will honor above all others and I am most certain that you will be blessed in a special way.

This is why I love you dear folk, who support this work, so much. It is a work of faith and a labour of love on my part and I never have to beg and plead to (Continued on page 3, column 3)

## TO BE ORDAINED OCTOBER 3

Bro. Jim Washer of Hollywood, Florida is to be ordained to the ministry by the Missionary Faith Baptist Church of that city on October 3.



JIM WASHER

Bro. Washer, though a businessman for years, has been a member of the church that will ordain him, since its founding. The Missionary Faith Baptist Church has called him as pastor and he is selling his business and real estate, to give himself full time in the Lord's service as pastor of the church of which he is a member.

May the blessings of God be upon both Bro. Washer and the church. We trust that many of our friends who live near Hollywood will attend this ordination.

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "WHAT HAPPENED THE MOMENT I TRUSTED JESUS"

"And they talked together of all these things which had happened."—Luke 24:14.

This is a reference to the ministry of the risen Christ. Two of the disciples had met with Jesus after His resurrection, and had walked with Him that day toward the city of Emmaus. As they communed together and reasoned in the things of the Lord, it says that "they talked together of all these things which had happened."

These two disciples, I imagine,

were very much concerned about the things that had taken place, especially the recent event of Christ's resurrection. Now, they talk together as they journey, communing about the things which had happened.

Lots of people are confused about what happened. In fact, there are so many things that took place when they trusted Jesus Christ, that many individuals are very much confused about what actually happened.

I noted of recent date twenty things that actually happened when I was saved — the very moment that I trusted Jesus Christ. I haven't time to mention all twenty, but there are several of them that I do want to mention to you.

I WAS ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.

We read: "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath MADE (Continued on page 2, column 1)

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## "What Happened?"

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US ACCEPTED in the beloved."  
—Eph. 1:6.

The "beloved" is the Lord Jesus Christ, and it says that we are accepted in Him.

Some Arminian preachers talk much about accepting Christ as Saviour, but I would remind you that there is not a word in the Bible that indicates the sinner is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, the Scripture talks in terms of you, as a sinner, being accepted in the Beloved, or accepted in Jesus Christ.

Actually, if you are a child of God, you hate yourself because of your sins, and God would hate you too, except for the fact that God sees you in Jesus Christ, and you are accepted in the Beloved. God has never accepted you in yourself. God has never accepted you in your sin. Rather, God has accepted you in the Beloved, in Jesus Christ.

An old Scotch preacher lay dying. One of his friends who had worked with him in the ministry said to him, "Jame, how long is it since you accepted Jesus?"

He looked up and said, "Never accepted Him." The family said, "Oh, his mind is wandering. He'll probably never know us again. He doesn't realize what he is saying."

The man said, "Yes, it is true; I never accepted Him, but I have been accepted by God, in Jesus Christ."

I tell you, beloved, that actually happened the day that you were saved. You were accepted in the Beloved. God couldn't accept you any other way. God couldn't accept you with all your sins. God couldn't accept you with your sins on exhibition. God couldn't accept you in any other way except in Jesus Christ.

So I say that the first thing that actually happened when I was saved was that I was accepted in the Beloved.

### II

#### I RECEIVED THE HOLY

### SPIRIT.

We read:

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the HOLY SPIRIT which is in you, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, and ye are not your own."—I Cor. 6:19.

Notice, it says that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit is in you. If you are a saved person, you have the Holy Spirit inside you.

One day, years ago, I was preaching and I said that whenever we sin, we force the Holy Spirit to be a part of that action. A woman came to me at the close of the service and said, "That isn't true at all. I went to a movie a few Sundays ago. I know I shouldn't have done it, but I did. When I went to that movie, don't you tell me that Jesus Christ sat through that movie with me. It is not so. He waited outside until I came out." I said, "Sister, I don't think if I had been walking along by that theater that I would run into Him. I don't think I would have seen Him."

Beloved, the Holy Spirit is forever and eternally inside a believer. He takes up His residence there the moment that you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. The moment that you trust the Son of God as your Saviour, you receive the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is in you.

I tell you, beloved, that encourages me. It certainly is a blessing to me to know that the Holy Spirit is inside each of us, as believers in Christ Jesus.

### III

#### I BECAME A CHILD OF GOD.

We read:

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to BECOME THE SONS OF GOD." — John 1:12.

When did you become a child of God? The moment that you trusted Jesus Christ as your Saviour. That was the time that you became God's child. Up to that time you weren't God's child. Every one of us that has been born into this world was born a child of the Devil. Listen:

"Ye are of your father the devil."—John 8:44.

The Lord Jesus Christ is talking here to religious hypocrites who are unsaved, and He says to these unsaved people, "Ye are of your father the devil."

One day, several years ago, I was riding on a street car in Cincinnati, and I passed by a so-called church building. On the bulletin board it said: "We believe unquestionably in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man." I thought to myself, God is not the spiritual Father of us all.

The day following, a man who was strong for the Masonic Lodge, came to see me and wanted to know why it was that I wasn't a Mason. I told him there were a lot of things about the Masonic Lodge that was contrary to the Bible. He said, "Name one of them." I said, "The first one of them is that you teach the Fatherhood of God."

He said, "That is the first principle of Masonry — the Fatherhood of God." I said, "I know that you teach it, but it is not in the Word of God. The Word

of God teaches that you are of Jesus Christ died for my sins. your father, the Devil."

The day that I trusted Jesus Christ as my Saviour, God took spiritual Father of us all. God put it over on me, so that He got the righteousness of His Son, and is only the Father of the saved. When you trusted Christ, then my sins and I got His righteousness and there you became a child of God. At Calvary, God saw Jesus God. Up to that time, you were clothed in my sins, and now, to a child of Satan. Up to that time, day, God sees me clothed in the righteousness of His Son, Jesus the moment you trusted Jesus, Christ, you were not only accepted in the Beloved, you not only received the Holy Spirit, but, thank God, you became a child of God.

### IV

#### I BECAME A PARTAKER OF DIVINE NATURE.

We read:

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE."—I Pet. 1:4.

When you are saved, something of God comes inside you. You become a partaker of the divine nature — the nature of God. Up to that time, you had only a live carnal nature, but you had a dead spiritual nature. But the very moment you trust in Christ, that dead spiritual nature becomes alive, so that we can say that you become a partaker of divine nature. There is something of God inside every believing child of God.

That is why I am so sure that when God saves a man, He saves him forever, because we have something of God inside us. Beloved friends, if I could lose my salvation and go to Hell, there is something of God that would have to go to Hell too. Perish the thought!

I say to you, I became a partaker of divine nature. The divine nature didn't come to visit me, but divine nature came to be a part of me. I partook of divine nature the moment I trusted Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

### V

#### I WAS ACCOUNTED RIGHT-EOUS BEFORE GOD.

We read:

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall MANY BE MADE RIGHTEOUS." —Rom. 5:19.

Thank God for this truth! God sees you now, not as a dirty, filthy, repulsive sinner, which you actually are in the flesh, but God sees you righteous in Jesus Christ. As it says, "By the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous."

The day that the Lord Jesus Christ went to the cross, God took all of my sins — every one of them — past sins, the sins of yesterday; present sins, the sins of today; future sins, the sins of tomorrow; and God laid all that filthy mess over on His Son, and

## THE DIFFERENCE IN A NUTSHELL

### BAPTIST CHURCH

FOUNDATION: Christ the Rock.

HEAD: Jesus Christ.

MEDIATOR: Jesus only.

MEANS OF GRACE: Spiritual. Free.

MODE OF WORSHIP: Spiritual.

ITS GUIDE: The Bible.

ITS AIM: Salvation of Souls.

OBJECT OF WORSHIP: God.

GOVERNING FACTOR: Love.

HISTORY: Light, Liberty.

SECRECY: None.

MINISTERS: Merely Teachers.

DOCTRINE: Simple Gospel of Christ.

RESULTS: Peace, Prosperity.

THE END: To be with Christ.

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOUNDATION: Peter (Cephas) — a stone.

HEAD: The Pope.

MEDIATORS: Priests, Saints, Mary.

MEANS OF GRACE: Material, Cash.

MODE OF WORSHIP: Sensual, Material.

ITS GUIDE: The Romanist Church.

ITS AIM: Wealth, power, political.

OBJECTS OF WORSHIP: Images, Saints, Virgin Mary, Wafer God, etc.

GOVERNING FACTOR: Fear, Superstition.

HISTORY: Darkness, Slavery.

SECRECY: Confessional, Convents, Jesuits.

MINISTERS: Indispensable Priests.

DOCTRINE: Mysterious, Pagan.

RESULTS: Strife, Poverty.

THE END: Purgatory—until released.

### ONE OF THESE IS FALSE — WHICH?

ing it as a fact.

The next Sunday morning, everybody wondered what this Baptist preacher would preach. I wondered myself. I wondered what I would preach, under the same circumstances. He was scheduled to baptize his Negro janitor that Sunday morning, but they pushed that to one side — they held it over until a later date.

As I say, everybody wondered what this Baptist preacher would preach. A tremendous throng was gathered in the church, wondering what he was going to say. When he stood up to preach, he read for his text: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus."

Beloved, he was right. If he were in Christ Jesus, there was no condemnation.

I tell you, beloved, it is a wonderful blessing to me, and I am sure it is a wonderful blessing to you, just to know that when you are in Christ Jesus, the moment that you trust Christ, there is no condemnation from that moment on.

### VII

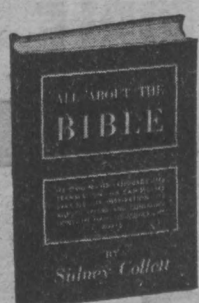
#### I BECAME A SAINT IN CHRIST.

A few years ago, one of the brethren of our church, in my presence, said, "Well, I am not a saint." But he was. He was mistaken. What he meant was, he wasn't living as perfectly as he would like to live, and that would have been true of him or me, or anybody else. He used the wrong expression when he said, "I am not a saint," for the moment you trust Jesus Christ, you become a saint. Listen:

"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints." —Rom. 1:7.

If you are called of God, you are called to be a saint.

The Holy Rollers have a different conception of sainthood. (Continued on page 3, column 1)



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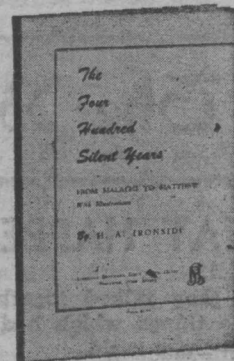
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## "What Happened?"

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They say that you come to an altar of prayer, pray through, and God saves you. You come back at some subsequent date and pray through again, and God makes a saint out of you. In other words, they say that it is a distinct separate act, whereby you become a saint — separate from your conversion. That is not so, because this text says that we are called to be saints.

If you will read through the entire list of books that were written by the Apostle Paul, you will find that Paul uses the word "saint" or "saints" eighty times in those fourteen books. In every instance, it has a universal meaning. That meaning is, the day you were called of the Lord Jesus Christ and saved in Him, that day you became a saint.

The Catholics have a different idea as to sainthood. They say if a man lives an exemplary life here within this world, and three or four hundred years passes by and everybody forgets about his meanness and all the devilishness of his life, then somebody says, "Let's canonize him, and make a saint out of him." So they take that poor fellow who has been dead for four or five hundred years and the church confers sainthood upon him, and they call him a saint.

The sad thing about it is this: the church can't confer sainthood. Sainthood comes the moment you trust Jesus Christ. As Paul says, "We are called to be saints."

The most pathetic thing I know is that some of those saints that the Catholic church makes, they find out later that they never existed. For years and years, the Catholics revered and worshipped St. Christopher as one of their saints. Everyone that was a good loyal Catholic would have a statue of St. Christopher on the dashboard of his automobile. St. Christopher was the patron saint of the traveler, and they said if you have this saint, this little statue of St. Christopher, on the dashboard of your car, he would protect you as you travel along the way.

The strange thing was, the insurance companies never did recognize him. The Catholic paid just as much for his insurance as I did for mine. They never did recognize St. Christopher at all.

The strangest thing of all is, within the last ten years, the Catholics themselves found out that poor St. Christopher never did exist, and he joins the ranks of the unemployed. No longer is St. Christopher recognized.

Isn't that a strange way to treat a fellow? Make a saint out of him, sell statues by the thousands to the unsuspecting public to protect them as they drive along the highways, and then all of a sudden find out that he never did exist?

Beloved, that never happens to the child of God. From the moment that you trusted Jesus Christ, you became a saint of God. If you are saved, you are a saint right now.

### VIII

#### I BECAME FREE FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH.

If you have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ, the fear of death is gone. Listen:

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."—Rom. 8:2.

What made you free from death? What made you free from the fear of death? Just one thing: Jesus Christ in your life. The moment you trust Him, you lose the fear of death.

I don't think there is a person alive but what in his right mind has a fear of death. Before you are saved, you just somehow have a fear as far as death is concerned. For example, I have known people, when an electrical storm would take place, would run and crawl under the bed, or in the bed, and cover over their heads entirely, because they were

afraid they might die.

People can get very religious when they are sick. A fellow with an ice cap on his head and a hot water bottle at his feet can get a lot of religion. He is afraid he is going to die. He has a fear of death. But when a man is saved, the moment he trusts Jesus Christ, that fear of death is gone.

After being down in Mexico and seeing individuals that were buried alive, that they dug up later, and could tell that they had come back to life in the grave, and had died of fright — after seeing that, if you come around and they say, "Gilpin is dead," I would ask you to be certain of it before you bury me. But if you are quite sure I am dead, you needn't worry, because right now, I am free from the fear of death. There is no fear of death in my life.

There are a lot of things I do fear. I am scared to death of a doctor's knife. I am afraid he'll start cutting on me before he gets me thoroughly to sleep. I'd be scared to death to go to a hospital. Thirty-five years ago, a doctor told me that I had to have an operation. I haven't had it yet. I don't think I am going to. There is one thing certain: I am afraid of a doctor's knife.

There are a lot of things I am afraid of, but beloved, I am not afraid to die. That fear left me the day that Jesus Christ became my Saviour.

If you are unsaved, you can't say that. A man said to me some time ago, "Brother Gilpin, I never lie down at night but what there is a fear comes over me that I might not awaken tomorrow morning." That is a terrible thing to think that a man would go to bed at night with the fear resting upon his soul: "I might not wake up tomorrow morning, and if I don't, I'll be in Hell."

Beloved, the day you are saved, the fear of death is gone.

### IX

#### I WAS DELIVERED FROM THE LAW.

The law hasn't anything more to do with me. Listen:

"But now we are DELIVERED FROM THE LAW, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."—Rom. 7:6.

Thank God, if you are saved, you have been delivered from the law.

Were you able to keep the law? Not a one of us has ever kept it. You read down through those ten commandments, and every one you come to, you can mark as failed: "I'm guilty."

Years ago, when I was a boy, before God saved me, I saw a preacher take ten table glasses and set them down on the pulpit, and say, "These represent the ten commandments."

He read the first one: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," and he said, "We have not kept this one; we have all violated it." He took a little hammer and broke the glass. He went down those ten glasses, and broke every one of them.

Beloved, there isn't a saved person here but what would have to admit that that was your experience. You have violated every one of those commandments, but Paul says, "Now we are delivered from the law."

Thank God, I am delivered from the law! Yes, I have broken all ten of them. You have broken all ten of them, but in Christ Jesus, we are delivered from the law. We don't have to worry about the law again.

### X

#### I BECAME A SPIRITUAL PRIEST.

We read:

"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father."—Rev. 1:6.

Beloved, I became a priest the moment I trusted Him. I don't have to go to a priest, who has just as many, or maybe more, sins than I have, and confess to him my sins. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is our High Priest,

and that each saved person is a believer-priest under Christ. The moment that you trust Jesus Christ, you become a believer-priest in Christ, and the only one who stands between you and God is the Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest.

I became a spiritual priest that day.

Isn't it wonderful to know that you don't have to go to an earthly being and confess your sins to him? I can't understand how a person could expect to get any relief by confessing his or her sins to an earthly priest. I thank my God that I don't have to go to a man who has just as many sins as I do, or maybe even more, to tell him the sins of my life. Instead, I am my own spiritual priest under God, with Jesus Christ as my High Priest. Therefore, as far as I am concerned, I come to God through Jesus Christ, knowing that I am a spiritual priest from the moment that I trusted Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

### CONCLUSION

Let me recapitulate these things. The moment I trusted in Christ, what happened? I was accepted in the Beloved, I received the Holy Spirit, I became a child of God, I became a partaker of divine nature, I was accounted righteous before God, I became free from condemnation, I became free from the fear of death, I was delivered from the law, and I became a spiritual priest under the Lord Jesus Christ.

Isn't it wonderful that, in the twinkling of an eye, the moment I trusted the Lord Jesus Christ, all that happened? How I thank God for these ten things that actually happened the moment I trusted Jesus!

May God bless you, and if you are unsaved, may this become your experience too!



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have the money to carry this work on. Neither do you folk wait for me to come around and "make a report" before you send an offering, even special offerings for special things such as this Bougainville trip, but rather you pray about this work, and then give out of the love of your hearts for the salvation of the lost here in this heathen land. Now let us get to the main point and tell you something of this trip and what we learned as a result of it.

With all things having been set in order I was at the Koroba airstrip on the morning of August 7 before 8 a.m. waiting for the plane that would come out from Mt. Hagen to pick me up. This being on a Saturday, and knowing that all the stores would close at noon, I was anxious to get to Hagen as early as possible in order to get several items of business attended to. However, when 9 o'clock came and the plane had not arrived my hopes were just about shot insofar as getting to Hagen in time to do very much that day. This was an unusually clear day for this part of New Guinea — there was not a cloud in sight. About 9:45, the sound of the Cessna-206 could be heard in the distance and it was not long until it came into sight high above the mountain ranges that separated the Southern and Western Highlands.

The little single engine Cessna came in high over the airstrip and after a wide circle came to rest on the Koroba airstrip and taxied up to the cargo shed and we began unloading the supplies that I had ordered. We simply set the supplies out, leaving the airstrip attendant to store them, in order to get on our way.

Other than Mendi, the headquarters of the Southern Highlands, Koroba now has the best airstrip in this entire District. With a minimum of effort, after taxiing out to the runway, we were airborne and on our way to Hagen. We soon climbed to an altitude of 11,000 feet, and from

### A QUESTION . . .

## How To Enter The Kingdom

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On the surface this question may sound facetious, but as I listen to preachers who call themselves Missionary Baptist, there is considerable variation in their teachings concerning this most important subject. Beloved, I wish to enjoin the Word of God in an effort to answer this question. Many times, in our efforts to get



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a "new revelation" from the Word, we lift Scriptures from their context in order to maintain a particular doctrinal position.

Let us consider some of these Scriptures taken out of context.

1. **Lazarus** (John 11:39-43).

This Scripture relates the story of Jesus giving life to one that not only was dead, but had been dead four days. There are some Hardshells, calling themselves Missionary Baptists, who use this Scripture as a prototype of the way one enters into the kingdom of God. Upon investigation I can find no reference made by the Lord or His disciples that He is teaching the way of salvation in this event. In John 11:40 Jesus proclaims to Martha: "Said I not unto thee; that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?"

Then in verse 42 of the same chapter He proclaims in his prayer to the Father: "And I know that thou hearest me always: BUT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHICH STAND BY I SAID IT, THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT THOU HAST SENT ME." We see in these two verses the lesson that the Lord desired to teach. Lazarus was raised from the dead to cause the people (saved) to believe that the Father had sent him. He desired to strengthen their faith, and was not given as an example of the entrance into the kingdom of heaven. Was not Lazarus raised from the dead with the same mental and physical faculties as he had before death? Did he possess a new spirituality because of this experience? The only analogy that can be made between the resurrection of Lazarus and the new birth is that he was dead (separated from this life) and then was brought back to life. This was not a new life that would be everlasting for he would be again required to die. This analogy is not sufficient to explain the character and nature of events of the entrance into the kingdom of God.

2. **The blind man.**

The impartation of sight to the blind man by our Lord is recorded in John 9:1-7. This Scripture is often used to show and describe the way into the kingdom of God. Just because there is an analogy between the giving of physical sight by the Lord in this event, and the fact that He imparts Spiritual sight in the new birth, does not mean that He is teaching how one obtains citizenship into His kingdom. In verse 6 of this passage the Lord anoints the

eyes with clay, then tells him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. When he did so, he gained his sight. If this is teaching the method of entrance into the kingdom of God, then we must agree with the Campbellites that we must do something for our salvation to be made complete. We know that this isn't true and verse 5 tells us the reason for this miracle, and that is to manifest himself as the light of the world. Christ is the light to those who are saved, but is a savior to those that are His lost sheep.

Jesus proclaims in John 12:35: "Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you . . ." Only those that have been made a partaker of eternal life can walk in the light.

3. **The impotent man.**

In John 5 Jesus cures one who had an infirmity for 38 years. Here again He is manifesting Himself to the people that they should honor him as the Son. In John 5:22,23 Jesus said: "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him." Jesus proclaimed again: "I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world . . ." John 17:6. Even though Christ Jesus did something for this man that he could not do for himself, as in salvation, He is not teaching the way whereby one enters into the kingdom of God.

Let us now investigate the plan of the Trinity whereby one may enter the kingdom of God.

1. **He is a product of a birth.**

Jesus in his only example of the process of gaining citizenship into His kingdom said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3.

Then in verse 5 He said:

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5.

Here we have an example of the process whereby we understand and enter into the kingdom of God. Why is it that we must lift Scriptures out of context to make the process of salvation a Sovereign process? Does the fact that the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to initiate and bring about the new birth take one iota away from the sovereign grace of God? No, a thousand times no! The Word of God is incorruptible. We may pervert it, lie about, and misuse it, but finally it stands incorruptible. Peter proclaims this when he said:

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the WORD OF GOD, WHICH LIVETH AND ABIDETH FOREVER." I Peter 1:23.

Many of our Hardshell friends (and not a few Missionary Baptist) maintain that the Word as used here is the personage of Christ. Now I ask you, is Christ's personage on this earth? My understanding is that His personage is at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19). It is that part of God that resides upon this earth literally that God's agent, the Holy Spirit, uses to beget a new creature.

Titus declared that this process is a washing. He said:

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the WASHING OF REGENERATION, AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY GHOST." Titus 3:5. (Continued on page 8, column 2)



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"Explain I Tim. 5:9."



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In this passage Paul is giving instructions as to how provide for the widows. The early church provided for the widows because many of them had no way of caring for themselves.

This, in fact, was the reason why the first deacons were chosen. It seems that the Apostles were doing the job and it became increasingly more and more time consuming. "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, who we may appoint over this business." (Acts 6:1-3).

In I Timothy Paul is giving further instructions. He reminds them that widows having children should be cared for by their own. (See verse 4). He also says that widows under 60 should be able to care for themselves. He warns them that if they are able to care for themselves and are cared for they will become idle and fall into the snare of the devil. ((See verse 13).

In other words, verse 9 says not to include widows under 60 in the number of those that are taken care of by the church.

This passage must not be taken as refusal to admit widows into church membership. The only qualification for church membership is salvation and baptism.

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This verse of Scripture has nothing to do with church membership. It most certainly does not mean that a widow under 60 years of age is to be denied church membership. The subject here is relief for needy widows. It seems to imply that a widow under the age of 60 is able to work and provide for herself. Verse 5 tells us that this widow who is to be put on the relief roll must be the right kind of person, and that she must be desolate, that is, not have relatives who can take care of her.

Our verse before us seems to be saying that this widow must not have ever been married but one time in order for her to qualify for this relief from the church. But, beloved, it is sheer inconsistency for us to hold to such a view. In Rom. 7: 2-3 God's Word says that if a woman's husband died she is free to marry

again. Now if a woman's husband dies and leaves her desolate and old enough to be eligible for relief from her church, do you believe God is saying here for the church to just let her starve?

If God says it is all right for this woman to marry the second time, it is all right. And He would never tell His church to let her starve because she took Him at His word and married the second time. What I see in this verse is that this widow must have been true to her husband. She must not have been a woman of loose character, a woman of the street, so to speak. If she has been that kind of woman she is not to be put on the relief roll of the church.

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In this chapter, the Holy Spirit was writing to Timothy through the Apostle Paul, instructing him as to the responsibility of the church toward the elders and widows. From these instructions, we became aware that the true church (Baptist) was given certain responsibilities to see that these (elders and widows) were provided with the necessities of life. Brethren, I do not believe that the Lord ordered His church to provide for these outside her own body; in fact, we find that He gave His church guide-lines to follow in supporting her own membership, for as we read this chapter we are made to know that a widow indeed must be a member of the body (church).

"If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed."—I Tim. 5:16.

It is, therefore, not the responsibility of the church to relieve those who are not widows indeed. This leads me to write that it is definitely not the responsibility of a true Baptist Church to support those outside the truth. She is to support her own, and brethren, it is my belief that the church's responsibility as to widows does not go beyond her membership. Even among the church membership, the widows must meet certain qualifications ere they are to be supported.

"Honour widows that are widows indeed." I Tim. 5:3.

From this verse, we understand that only the widows who are widows indeed are to be maintained. A widow who has relatives, who are able to support her, is not a widow indeed. She is the responsibility of her family and should not be maintained by the church as to her physical needs.

"But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God." I Tim. 5:4.

The Spirit, having established the responsibility of the church toward the widow, then differentiates between the widow and the widow indeed. The "widow indeed" is one who is desolate, having no one to maintain her. She is one who trusteth in the Lord to provide the necessities of life; she is a praying woman; and she is one who is a firm believer in the Scriptures and very diligent in good works. Read verses 5 and 10. The other widows live in pleasure, following after the

things of Satan, casting off their first faith in favor of false doctrine. Thus, they fight against the doctrine of Christ, and the spirit says, "They will marry," which I believe that he is referring to uniting themselves with the synagogues of Satan, becoming tattlers, busy bodies speaking things which they ought not. Read I Tim. 5:11-15. These are not the responsibility of a Baptist Church.

Since there could be "widows" and "widows indeed" in the membership of the church, she needed assistance in determining which ones should be maintained. The Spirit gave the guide lines in verse 9 even as to age, which he says is 60 years. A widow who has reached the age of 60, and has been a member for many years of the church, and who meets qualifications mentioned in this chapter is not apt to marry false doctrine, and thus depart from the faith.

Neither is she to have been married to more than one man at a time. This does not mean that they (widows indeed) were to be married only one time; this would be to condemn the apostles, who gave Scriptural grounds for remarriage, such as when their husband dies.

Therefore I contend it means to have been the wife of one man at a time. She must have a good report within the church, hospitable, washed saint's feet as taught by our Lord, or in other words a forgiving spirit. These are guide-lines for the church in maintaining widows who are widows indeed.

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The subject dealt with here relates to widows, and help and financial assistance afforded them by their church. This is made plain in verse 16 which says, "If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed."

Summing up, the chapter says:  
1. A widow is not to be admitted to the relief roll of a church unless she is 60 years of age. (v. 9).

2. She must have been the wife of one man. This probably signifies one man at a time, for it is made plain elsewhere that if a husband or wife dies, the mate remaining is free to marry. Reference is probably unscriptural divorce and remarriage, or polygamy.

3. She must have a good reputation, and must have been a doer of Christian works. (v. 10).

4. Her needs must be met by her close relatives — if she has

such. (v. 8). In other words, it is not right for a church to be burdened with the help of one whose close relatives are well able to render the required help.

Note something in this connection as suggested in verse 8. It says that one who is able but refuses to aid those of his own family is worse than an infidel. The word "infidel" here is not used in the modern sense. We think of an infidel as one who does not believe at all in God. The correct translation here is **unbeliever**. That is, the writer is saying that the one who ignores the support of his own family, is worse than the heathen unbelievers for they recognize their duty along this line.

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that altitude on such a clear day, we could see almost right into Hagen, and while the town was hid due to surrounding mountains, we could pick out peaks on the mountain tops that lie near Hagen.

Having traveled as much over the Territory as I have, and most of that by aircraft, one soon gets to know these pilots by name, and not unlike when I used to work at public works, and take the bus to work, some of the bus drivers would become my favorites. This is so with these New Guinea pilots. On this particular day one of my favorites was at the controls. We were cruising along at 11,000 feet and at about 120 knots talking without a break from one subject to another, when the pilot asked me if I had ever had control of a plane while flying. I said, "No, not while flying, nor at any other time." Before I had finished saying that he switched the controls over to me and said take over for a while.

Before it came time to land the plane the pilot had taken over again and we landed at Hagen just about 11 a.m. By the time I got a ride from the airport, which is seven miles away, into Hagen, I had 30 minutes left to get some things attended to, and needless to say that was very few.

My stay in Hagen before I left for the next leg of my journey on to Bougainville was to be a short one, but as it turned out, it was one of the most pleasant stops that I had anywhere. About a year ago I met a man in Hagen whom I consider to be one of the finest men of my acquaintance. He is a Baptist, and is a believer in the doctrines of grace. Therefore we had wonderful fellowship on Saturday afternoon and Sunday until I left for Lae. This is the third time we have met at Hagen and each time we get together we have Bible study and prayer together. I have introduced THE BAPTIST EXAMINER to him and he is rejoicing in the truths that it carries.

On Sunday afternoon I left for Lae and arrived there about 4

p.m. I had Monday and Tuesday in Lae, and had planned it this way in order to try to get some dental work done, and if possible a medical check-up by a doctor. I had visited with an American missionary who lives at Lae on Sunday night and he was to pick me up on Monday morning about 8 o'clock to take me to a dentist who was doing this type of work as a missionary. I waited until 10 a.m. on Monday for the missionary to come, but he never did turn up, and although he knew that I was going to be in town until Wednesday, I never saw nor heard from him again after Sunday night.

I finally located another dentist and made an appointment to get some dental work done; however, I never did get to see the medical doctor. It is almost impossible to get anything done along that line here in the Territory without an appointment several weeks in advance. Anyway the check with the M.D. was not anything of any urgency as I have not had a sick day since my operation in January.

On Wednesday afternoon I left Lae on the third leg of the trip and late that afternoon I arrived in Rabaul. I was to leave Rabaul the next day about 2 p.m. I had several things to attend to in Rabaul including a hair cut, my first since Mrs. Halliman has been gone, other than what I give myself. I stayed busy on Thursday until almost plane time, and then rushed down to the airport only to wait another hour before the plane left. Schedules here in New Guinea seem to mean very little. You can usually take them to mean — this is about the time we will depart.

We were due to go from Rabaul to Buin which is the stop where I get off, on Bougainville. However, getting away from Rabaul an hour late put us down on the south end of Bougainville just in time for the afternoon tropical down pour. The last stop before Buin is Kieta, and before we arrived at Kieta, the Captain came through the plane and informed us that the strip had been closed at Buin due to the heavy rain, and therefore we would have to stay overnight in Kieta. Kieta, these days, is one of the busiest places in the Territory due to the multi-million dollar copper project going there now. Every available room is booked solid all the time. There are over 10,000 working there at present. However, since this was not a scheduled stop on our part, it was up to the airlines to find a place for us to stay. After calling the two places in town that has accommodations for travelers with no result, the airline agent told us that we would have to stay at their mess (this is a place where the male employees of the airlines live). We managed to get a feed that night, part of us slept on the floor, and we were sent off before breakfast the next morning.

There were tropical downpours all through the night and the (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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## EVE... BEFORE AND AFTER

"And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from the man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh. Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee."

When the LORD God made man He declared immediately that it was not good for man to be alone. He needed a help meet. The word *meet* is an old English word that means "fit," "suitable," or "proper." Certainly none of the animals would be "fit," "suitable," or "proper" for Adam. They were of another nature. So the LORD God said that He would make a proper helper for Adam. Thus we have an account of the first operation ever performed.

Let's visit the Lord's hospital. Put on a sterile gown and mask and we'll enter right into the operating room. We will be eye-witnesses as we watch the Great Physician, who is also a surgeon, in action. We notice that the Great Physician administers the anesthesia, and the patient falls into a deep sleep. Then swiftly, with the greatest precision, the Surgeon opens the side and removes a rib with the flesh thereof. Watch closely now as He closes the opening so skillfully, that not a hint of a scar will remain. Then the Physician, Surgeon, Creator takes the rib and makes woman. "Is anything too

hard for the Lord?"

The patient wakes up clear-headed and recognizes immediately that the woman was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. The operation a success, the patient doing fine. It was love at first sight.

Someone once made the observation that Eve was not taken from the head of Adam that she might rule over him, nor from the feet that he might trample on her. But from the side that she might walk beside him, from under his arm that she might be protected by him, and near his heart that she might be loved by him. And truly this was her position — before the fall.

We are all familiar with the details of the fall and Eve's part in it. In Gen. 3:16 we see Eve in a different position than she had enjoyed before. We know that this was different because it was given as chastisement for her sin. Even as Adam was to work by the sweat of his brow, she now is to have multiplied sorrow. Her conception is to be multiplied. Her desire is to be to her husband. He is to rule over her.

Sisters, man did not put us in this position. Jehovah-Elohim put us here, and He doeth all things well. So let's pause long enough to take a closer look and perhaps we'll see that our position is not so bad after all. First, we are going to have multiplied sorrows. We have a tendency to shy away from sorrow. But we wouldn't really want a life free from troubles and sorrow. How could we appreciate the glory of the rainbow if there were no rain? Then we are going to have multiplied conception. Contrary to popular belief, children are not a handicap but an heritage of the Lord. When our children rise up and call us blessed, my how that will thrill our hearts. Our desire is to be to our husband and he will rule over us.

Eve, no doubt, desired to please Adam before the fall. But now it is contrary to her nature and so he must rule over her. If we are really honest, we will admit that we need this. Eve proved that we are not able to discern properly. We are easily deceived. The physiology of salesmanship puts the major emphasis on getting the woman alone to sign on the dotted line.

Let us not despair of the position the Lord has given us. Let us lift up our hearts and rejoice. For are we not told in Eph. 5 that this relationship is a picture of the church to Christ? So let us submit willingly, humbly, lovingly to our husbands lest we mar the picture of Christ and His bride.

Herein lies all the joy, peace, and fulfillment of womanhood—to be what the Lord meant for us to be, to occupy the place He has put us. The highest position a woman can have is to be what the Lord wants her to be. This, and only this, will praise, honor, and bring glory to Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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ocean, which was only a few yards away, seemed to never stop beating against the shore. The next morning we were up and waiting when the bus came by to pick us up to carry us to the airport which is about 10 miles away.

We arrived in Buin on Friday morning about 8 a.m. and as soon as we stepped off the plane, we felt as though we were in the midst of a hot steaming jungle. One of the fellows that I had spent the night with in Kieta was the Assistant Ministerial Member for Transport. We had become good pals by that time and there was a vehicle waiting for him at the airport to take him home which just so happened to be out in the Siwai area where I wanted to go. It is about 30 miles from Buin to where I go out in the Siwai area and had we come direct to Buin the previous

day I would, no doubt, have never met this man who eventually took me right to the village I wanted to go to. After getting some supplies to last me while in this village, we set out for the Siwai area and all the way out there Romans 8:28 kept coming to my mind. In previous times it has cost me up to \$18.00 one way to get to this village from Buin, and now as I traveled along this road with one of the members of the House of Assembly in a chauffeur-driven vehicle, my mind began to go back to a place where I could definitely start thanking the Lord for this free ride.

My thoughts finally carried me back to Rabaul and now I could thank the Lord that the plane was an hour late in taking off from Rabaul. Then I could thank the Lord for the heavy tropical down pour that had caused the airstrip at Buin to be closed on Thursday afternoon. Then I had reason to thank the Lord that there were no public accommodations in the town of Kieta, but that I had been cast into the same house with this Ministerial Member, and we had become good friends. There had been a chain of events, unknown to me, set to working by the Lord, and all of these while they had caused me some considerable concern at the time, had been working for my good.

When we pulled up to Nukui Village it was about 11 a.m. on Friday morning, August 13. I had left home on the 7th. On August

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6 I had sent a telegram from Koroba to Brother Isaac Uming letting him know well in advance that I would be arriving in Buin on the 12th. When I arrived at the village on the morning of the 13th, he was not there, and upon inquiry as to his whereabouts, I was told that he had just received my telegram, and had gone in to Buin to meet me. Had I known I could have delivered it to him myself and saved sixty cents.

There were several of the women folk around the village, when I arrived, and some of them showed me to my quarters which was a nice little house that had recently been built with me in mind. It was a most comfortable house, small, but quite adequate, with lots of big airy windows, and complete with a concrete floor. There were a couple of tables and two quite comfortable chairs, and a bed, complete with a lovely mattress. One of the chairs and the mattress he had bought from Brother Doty when he left there.

Like Red Riding Hood after her long walk in the woods and upon finding a good bed she soon fell asleep, so likewise after a long hard trip, I decided to lay down and rest for a while, and soon fell asleep. It was some two hours or more later before I awakened.

In the meantime Brother Uming had returned from Buin and shortly after I got up from my sleep, he came over to my house. This was the first time I had

seen him in two and a half years. This is the longest time by far that we have gone without seeing each other in the past 11 years. It was a happy meeting for us both, and we just sat and talked for a long time.

I prepared my evening meal about 5 p.m. and just after 6 we had our first service with the New Canaan Baptist Church. It was a joy once again to be able to preach to, and fellowship with,

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these saints of the Lord in the Siwai area of the island of Bougainville. This was the first of a number of services to be held here and with the Jordan Baptist Church in the next few days. It has taken us quite some time to get you through the first service here on Bougainville, so I feel that I must close this article and give you the details of the rest of the trip in another article. See you next week, the Lord willing.

## Holy Roller

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ed apostolic gifts and spoke with Tongues. Scenes of the wildest confusion were witnessed. They would roll on the floor, foam at the mouth, go into fits of "holy" laughter of long continuance. They professed that babes of fifteen months were filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied. This movement was marked by gross immorality, and their places of assembly were designated as "public places of prostitution" (Modern Pentecostalism, by A. J. Pollock).

4. That in the first-half of the 19th century, Edward Irving, minister of Regent Square, Church of Scotland, London, became interested in the so-called "tongues movement" in the west of Scotland. He and many of his congregation began to hold prolonged prayer meetings, in which the burden of their cry was for a renewal of pentecostal gifts. Before long they were endowed with supernatural power. They spoke in tongues and prophesied. Even godly persons were taken aside for a time fully believing that what they were witnessing was a pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit. One of Mr. Irving's best known associates was Mr. Robert Baxter. The late Sir Robert Anderson tells in his excellent exposure, "Spirit Manifestations and the Gifts of Tongues," that he was personally acquainted with Mr. Baxter, and describes him as a "typical English Parliamentary lawyer, reserved, slow of speech, and noted for his soundness of judgment." Mr. Baxter was completely taken in by this movement, but in the mercy of God he was delivered. In his "Narrative of Facts" published in 1832, Mr. Baxter "vividly describes how he and others, men and women of culture, were

drawn into the movement, how it seemed as if they were, indeed, under the mighty power of God when they spoke in Tongues. He testifies that the spirit of praise to the Lord was strong within them, of their ecstasy of soul, of the mighty uplifting of spirit that occurred. It seemed as if there could be no mistake. This must be the 'latter rain,' this must be 'that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel.' Mr. Baxter tells that when the power would come upon him he was made to speak for two hours or upwards, giving forth what all present regarded as prophecies concerning the Church and the nation.

Then he gives the painful account of how little by little he began to see the true character of the movement. Prophecies uttered under the influence of the Spirit of God as they supposed, when the time came for them to be fulfilled, nothing happened. Other things also aroused his suspicion. 'Indeed,' wrote Mr. Baxter after his deliverance, 'the whole work is a mimicry of the gifts of the Spirit — the utterance of tongues, a mimicry of the gifts of tongues, and so of the prophesying, and all the other works of power. It is Satan as an angel of light imitating, as far as permitted, the Holy Spirit of God.' (Narrative of Facts, p. 45).

Irving, the leader of the movement, began to promulgate blasphemous views of the Person of Christ. "Such heretical views," writes Pollock, "clearly shows the cloven foot, and reveals in a very distinct way whence the movement emanated." In 1830 Irving was solemnly excommunicated by the Presbytery of London.

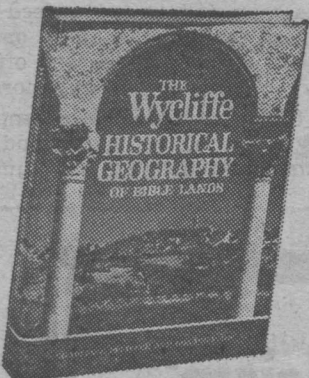
## II. HEATHEN HEALING AND SPEAKING WITH TONGUES

Do you know?

1. That miraculous healing and speaking with tongues are practised at the present time in absolutely heathen circles. The late J. L. Nevins, for forty years a missionary in China, went out to that country a firm disbeliever in present-day demon-possession. Little by little as he was brought into touch with heathendom, he was reluctantly compelled to the belief that demon possession of human bodies was a reality. Bro. Nevins gave years to the patient study of this subject, and produced a monumental book, "Demon-Possession and Allied Themes." Nevins describes case after case where demon-possessed persons made large incomes in the practice of miraculous healing, and how on conversion their power to cure ceased, and consequently their ability to make money, clearly indicating the Satanic source of their power. It reminds us of the celebrated case in Acts XVI, where the damsel possessed of "a spirit of divination" was healed, and how at once "her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone" (v. 19).

Nevins is not alone in this testimony, for many missionaries have given similar witness (Mod- and women of culture, were (Continued on page 6, column 1)

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ern Pentecostalism, pp. 7,8).

2. "That the old pagan Greek shrines of Aesculapius had their discarded crutches, and pagan gods were thanked for the miracles. Mohammedan and other non-Christian religions have their healers and healings and their explanations determined by their Theology. Primitive medicine men and witch doctors are not without successes and their explanations." (The Theology of the Major Sects by Gerstner, p. 111).

### III. SPIRITUALIST HEALING MIRACLES

Do you know?

1. That miraculous healing is practised in spiritualist circles. Spiritualists are spoken of in the Scriptures as 'sorcerers' and their end, as shall be the end of all who follow the delusions of Satan, is solemnly mentioned. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Rev. 21:8).

2. That the Healings in the Albert Hall, London, made headlines in the Press about September 26-28th, 1954, "A man named Harry Edwards professed to have the power to continue the miracle works of healing wrought by Jesus." A number of hopeless arthritis cases were wheeled out to the stage, and the large audience and a group of Church of England leaders saw him 'heal' them. The results appeared to be amazing.

On the 28th September the following letter was printed in the Press and the Satanic source of the power by which Edwards wrought his miracles was revealed:

"Spiritual Healing. — Sir: The Albert Hall healing demonstration of Mr. Harry Edwards was under the auspices of the Spiritualist Movement . . . Spiritualist healers are mediums knowingly co-operating with persons who have passed from this life into the next—persons who have learned more about the laws of life, and how to apply them. Healing treatment has become a prominent and permanent feature in Spiritualist churches over the years, given to believers and non-believers with equal readiness and help. Yours, etc., J. S. Mander, President S.C.N.Z. (Spiritualist Church of New Zealand), Sept. 28th, 1954." ("The Pentecostalist Spirit — Baptism," by E. Coppin, p. 35).

### IV. "LYING SPIRITS"

Do you know?

That in a booklet, "Is the Gift of Tongues for Today?" recently issued in New Zealand, the following incident is given by one of the authors. "Some years ago a man came to my office to ask me to help him publish the whole of the New Testament which he had written in verse, and very creditable verse it was. I asked him, 'How did you do this?' He replied, 'Under the power of the spirit, in nine days and nights, without eating or sleeping and drinking only water.' I said, 'You have notes at the side here that seem to be in Greek. Do you know Greek?' 'No,' he answered, 'but the spirit can speak through me in many languages.' I immediately asked him to say John 3:16 in French and German, which he did. Later I asked him to do it in the presence of Mr. Harold St. John, who spoke both French and German fluently, and he repeated it in French and German, Czechoslovakian, Polish and English, and Mr. St. John said the French and German were perfect. I asked him, 'Was Jesus Christ the Son of God?' 'No,' he said,

'but He was a very, very good man.' I said, 'Mr. A——, that spirit which was speaking through you just now is an evil spirit!' He replied, 'How could an evil spirit be able to quote the Scriptures in so many languages (tongues)? But we know that every spirit that denies the Deity of Christ is an evil spirit no matter though it masquerades as an angel of light.' pp. 14,15).

### V. "UNCLEAN SPIRITS"

Do you know?

That there are cases of persons speaking "with tongues" who rolled out floods of **obsenity**, which they would never have dreamed of uttering in their sober senses. In that case the tongue is clearly Satanic, for the Scriptures repeatedly speak of **unclean spirits**. (Modern Pentecostalism, p. 60).

### VI. A SOUND CONCLUSION

Do you know?

That Bro. P. Wiseman, of Canada, who made a very exact examination of the Pentecostal movements in America, wrote, "If people without grace or power can speak in tongues, if a Mohammedan in his religious frenzy can speak in tongues, as is reputed he does; if people can change their doctrines at will, and believe as they like and still speak in tongues; then speaking in tongues is no evidence that one has sacred experience received by the apostles and disciples on the Day of Pentecost."

### VII. A MOCKERY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Do you know?

That modern Pentecostalism in one form or another has spread throughout the world. Whatever the differences which divide the groups, basically Pentecostalism claims as its driving force the power of the Holy Spirit manifested in the apostolic gifts of healing, prophesying, speaking with tongues, etc. But Pentecostalism as it was in the past, so it is now, not of divine origin and growth. The "power" experienced in hysteria, swoonings, ecstasies, tongues, prophetic messages, contortions of the body, crawling on the floor, etc., is emphatically **not** the power of the Holy Ghost but as the Scriptures declare: "the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thessalonians 2:9). Its miracles, its lying wonders, its tongues are a cunning imitation and a mockery of the Holy Spirit. They are from Satan as an angel of light. "For such are false prophets, 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" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15). "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24).

### VIII. WERE APOSTOLIC GIFTS TO CONTINUE IN THE CHURCH?

Do you know?

1. That the apostolic office did

not continue in the Church. The apostles had no successors as such. The apostle Paul in some of his epistles mentions the names of others with his own, but does not include them in the title apostle. He gives no intimation that Timothy or Titus or any other would succeed him as an apostle. The apostolic office was an extraordinary office confirmed by extraordinary gifts bestowed by the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit upon His chosen Apostles for the **establishing** of the New Testament Church. With the passing of the office, and the completion of the canon of the New Testament, these extraordinary gifts "ceased."

2. That the following Scriptures are proofs that these extraordinary gifts were not to continue:

(a) In 1 Corinthians, Chapter XIII, we are explicitly told that Prophecies, Tongues and Knowledge are to 'cease' and vanish away. "Whether there be prophecies they shall fail," i.e., be done away with. The gift shall cease to be necessary and therefore shall not be continued. "Be it tongues, etc.," i.e., the gift of tongues shall cease. "Be it knowledge, it shall vanish away," i.e., cease to exist. It is the same word as that used above in reference to prophecies. It is not knowledge in the comprehensive sense of the term that is to cease, but knowledge as a gift: as one of the extraordinary endowments mentioned in Ch. 12:8-11. (Commentary on I Corinthians by Dr. Charles Hodge, p. 271).

(b) W. E. Vine in his Commentary on I Corinthians, Chapter 12 and 13, says, "It is necessary to distinguish **between gifts that were temporary and those that were permanent**. Some were designed for the special purposes of the first period of Apostolic testimony. Certain supernatural gifts, such as healing, prophesying and tongues, were granted as a testimony especially while yet the God-breathed Scriptures, which provide 'the faith once for all delivered to the saints' (Jude 3) were not completed. The temporary character of the gifts of healing as sign-gifts (see on 'tongues' v. 10) is shown by the fact that later on Timothy, Trophimus, Gaius and others were not healed of physical infirmities. Yet these were spirit-filled men.

In the early period, too, power was imparted to raise the dead. (Acts 9:40; 20:9,10). Undeniably God does heal the sick in answer to prayer . . . but the distinction between that and the supernatural gifts here referred to, is clear from Scripture. See, too, the principles in Chapter 13:10, a principle which holds good wherever it applies. **After the Scriptures were completed, those supernatural signs ceased. Attempts to renew them have been deceptive.** The professed possession of them is attractive, and imparts a glamour to the so-called 'Movement' which claims these powers. Those who are led by the Holy Spirit will ever test things by the teaching of Scripture; they will prove the spirits whether they are of God, 'because many false prophets are gone out into the world,' and Satan even 'fashioneth himself into an angel of light.'

(c) Further proof of the passing away of these sign-gifts is in Hebrews 2:3-4. "And how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost according to his own will." "Now the words 'at the first,'" observes E. Coppin, "gives the time element which governs all of these signs and miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost. These are interestingly touched upon in Acts 11:15 where Peter described the pouring out of the gifts of the Holy Ghost upon the Gentiles in the house of Cornelius. Instead of referring to it as another such happening as might have been seen time after time since Pentecost, he says, 'And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning.' So, this also corroborates the perhaps otherwise plain enough fact that the signs that were to 'follow' (not accompany) them who believed, (Mark 16:17-18) related to a brief period, not longer than that covered by the Acts of the Apostles and described in such a way in verses 19 and 20, 'So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God. And they went (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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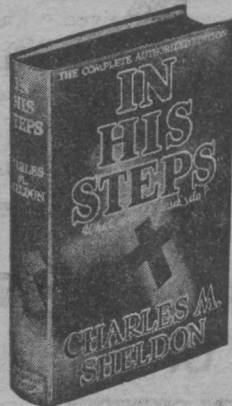
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forth, and preached everywhere the Lord working with them and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. There is a note of finality about this two-verse description of that period." (The Pentecostalist Spirit-Baptism, p. 20).

(d) "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover" (Mark 16:18). "Many of the elders of the Church," comments Matthew Henry, "had this power, as appears from James 5:14, where as an instituted sign of this miraculous healing, they are said to anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord." This anointing the sick with oil and the miraculous healings which always followed belongs to the apostolic period. "Expositors generally confine this anointing with oil to such as had the power of working miracles; and when miracles ceased, this institution ceased also." (Matthew Henry on James 5:14). "They shall take up serpents" (Mark 16:18). Was this sign to continue in the Church? It is mentioned along with "healing" and "speaking with new tongues." Some sects in America believe that it is to continue. Poisonous snakes are taken out of boxes and handled by 'believers.' Participants are sometimes bitten and die. No doubt the leaders would say that these unfortunate people did not have

enough faith.

## IX. PENTECOSTAL HEALINGS UNDER TEST

Do you know?

"That after Price's four-square campaign in Vancouver there were 350 cases of healing claimed. Christian forces amalgamated to investigate the reality of the work. The findings were: 39 cases died within six months of the diseases they were supposed to be cured of; five of the cases went insane; 301 cases were found at the end of six months to have received no benefit; many frankly admitted it was so; five were reported to be actually cured but they suffered from functional ailments that responded to mental treatment."

"At least in some cases, Pentecostalist 'healers' ask for testimonials from those supposedly healed, before any doubts arise as to the permanence of the work. These are used for publicity and they state the name and Church as well as the complaint. Though the supposed cure fails, the case is still quoted as if genuine. Surely this is warning enough to any godly souls to shun like poison the modern Tongues and Healing Movement" (The Pentecostalist Spirit-Baptism, p. 39).

## X. BIBLICAL MIRACLES AND MODERN WONDERS

Do you know?

That in 'The Theology of the Major Sects,' the author, John H. Gerstner, points out the startling differences between bona fide Biblical miracles and current 'miracles.' He lists in tabular form some of these differences between Biblical miracles and modern wonders.

### Biblical Miracles

Always successful.

No known relapses.

Always immediate or almost immediate.

Raisings of dead.

All varieties of diseases.

No noticeable dependence on psychological build-up.

### Modern Wonders

Usually unsuccessful.

Admitted relapses.

Usually not immediate; often very gradual.

No raisings of the dead.

Usually functional diseases.

Conspicuous dependence on psychological build-up.

## XI. "THIS GIGANTIC DECEPTION."

A. S. Hill concludes his excellent book, "Modern New Tongues—Mental and Spiritual Lavery," as follows: "If you have any doubts about the arguments advanced in this booklet, then you would be well advised to study Pentecostalism and Revivalism, and compare them with self-hypnosis, hypnotism, psychology and brain-washing and witchcraft techniques... Let Christians everywhere be prepared to defend their precious faith—also against this movement of mass manipulation and mockery. So many have already been deceived. There have been too many heartaches suffered as a result of innocent people becoming involved with these sects, too many minds have been affected, some of them permanently, too many homes have

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The Gospel is the line of demarcation between devils and saints, whether in the church or out. The foundation of all Gospel truth is that Christ died "the Godly for the ungodly" and demands exactly this same thing of all who would be disciples. It is true that many are in the Church today with the same wrong opinion about death that Peter expressed to Christ at Caesarea Philippi. "Lord you certainly don't have to take this thing this far. You can be all you claim without giving up your life for the sake of this opinion. After all, is this whole idea you project worth dying for?" This is the wisdom of the world and they are all cast into the same category Christ relegated Peter to at this point: "Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offense to me." The Gospel demands the death unto self and the undivided submission of the new life wholly unto God for service. Satan's gospel would lead you in the path of no-blood-sacrifice, no-warfare, no submission, no-humility, and consequently NO GOD but himself. The wisdom of God in the designing of the Gospel Scheme has so ordered the manipulation of Gospel salvation that all who believe are dead, dying daily, and yet are alive unto God.

He who would reconcile us unto God must be the subduer of Satan. Christ was sent to restore the rights of God, spiritually, over His fallen creation, and in so doing He must send the sword of deliverance to effect it. As the God of truth and wisdom He will perfect the plan and design He has made, as it cannot be thwarted or forever defeated. This

been wrecked as a result of this gigantic deception. Above all, and it is this which concerns one most, so many have made shipwreck of their precious Christian faith as a result of their being caught up in this movement which is most certainly not of God and cannot lead to God" (p. 68).

## XII. "SEDUCING SPIRITS AND DOCTRINES OF DEVILS"

Do you know?

1. We live in a day when false sects abound. Most of them are of American origin, and appeared in the course of the last century. Other cults had their day and are now buried in the dust of oblivion. Those of the present day are: Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, Seventh Day Adventists, Theosophists, Christadelphians, Swendenborgians, Buchmanites (Moral Re-Armament), Cooneyites, Modernists, etc.—all of them of Satanic origin, evil spirits appearing as angels of light.

2. That such should arise in the latter days the Word of God clearly teaches. "For there shall arise false Christs and false prophets and shall shew great signs and wonder inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matthew 24:24). "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter times some shall depart from THE FAITH, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" (I Timothy 4:1).

## XIII. OUR SCRIPTURAL DUTY

1. If you have been ensnared in this Pentecostalist delusion, act now on the exhortation given by God in His Word, "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters saith the Lord Almighty (2 Cor. (Continued on page 8, column 5)

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prevents error of turning" and this we do not see. We are to wait upon God, wait wherever He chooses for us to, and the blessing will come. It did for Elijah at Cherith and Zarephath and will for the church today that believes the promises of the Gospel. Peter in Acts 2:39 declares that the promises, regarding the Gospel, "Is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." He was positing faith upon an age-old promise of God. My friend, the very first promise ever recorded in God's Word was in respect to the Gospel; will you not take faith in that? It is the wisdom of God displayed.

It is through the Gospel as manifesting the wisdom of God that we are accorded the opportunity and right of coming to KNOW GOD. The Gospel for us today is the ordained presence of Christ in the Word. It shows us the only way to come to know God, to become a Son of God, to find a hope of Heaven and Immortal Glory, to know the will of God for our lives and service, to know when we are well-pleasing and when we are falling short of that. It is our foundation for hope and security. All of the promises upon which we hope and find assurance in, are imbedded within the Word of God and dug out for display by the Gospel ministry. We love to talk about the Security of the Believer, a patented Baptist doctrine, but it is not found except where you find the Gospel. Listen to Paul in I Cor. 15:1-22:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I

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would nullify the wisdom of the Designer. He will, through the means designed, bruise the head of every Serpent, free one by one the captives, until an army is formed that will forever silence the corrupter of the hearts and lives of men. Divine truth, evangelical truth, must and shall be victorious. No weapon formed can forever prosper against the cause of God in the Gospel. The greatest blow the Devil ever got since the beginning of time was the blow dealt him and his legions by the preached Gospel; he went wild in rage as he saw the Gospel decimate his ranks and the Divine wisdom of God that had been hid through all the ages suddenly reveal itself in the Church lifting up her life in Gospel ministry. Is it not true that we have begun to want to involve more of ourselves than God will tolerate? Where is the faith that man is supposed to have in God's promises concerning the Gospel?

If the Gospel appears losing its efficacy today, and I did herein say "THE GOSPEL," it is no laxity on the part of God. It comes back to the deploring remark of the Saviour, "Oh ye of little faith." Faith must look back to the foundation promise: Who made it, who was it made to, and is there power to effect it. Paul in Romans 16:20, wherein he promised that God would shortly bruise the serpent's head, was certainly looking back to Gen. 3:15 in which the Almighty God promised to avenge Himself against Satan, and would do this through the "IT," meaning the only person born of a woman only: Jesus Christ, and this same promise of God has for us today enough nourishment remaining to supply the church throughout all age with faith in the Gospel. It is from out of the womb of the promises of God that we continually may draw life, fresh life, new life. Every promise, I suppose, in the Old Testament had at least a partial fulfillment under Grace that our strength of faith might be forever renewed. The list of the faithful in Heb. 11 shows that God systematically has been keeping His promise in every age, and even so now. There is one verse especially in this Heb. 11 I will call your attention to in order to launch into my next thought. Look at Heb. 11:13, "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, AND WERE PERSUADED OF THEM, and embraced them, etc." Did you get that thought?

We tend to lose patience with God, slacken our faith, and commitments, because we do not see materialize before our eyes even before rising from our knees the answer to our desires. We are to trust in the promises of God in respect to the Gospel even though in this life we never see them happen. We are to accept the truth of God, the promises of God, and leave the accomplishment unto Him, who in all wisdom cannot, and shall not, make a mistake. He sees all ends from their beginnings and has ordained a "path for the just that

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"unknown" is not found concerning tongues! So if the "tongues" of the Holy Roller are not from God, they must be from the author of confusion himself!

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Holy Rollers talk Bible but emphasize literature. In Holy Roller services everyone speaks of loving the Bible, but only the preacher carries one. Literature and tracts are the Holy Roller's Bible. All their talk of believing and loving the Bible is merely talk!

Holy Rollers blame their foolishness and demon possession on the "Holy Ghost." How shameful to allow ourselves to fall in Satan's hands. But then to blame God for those sinful acts is abominable!

Holy Rollers fall easy victims to the worst of heresies. Many testify of seeing visions of angels, and of special messages from God. If this be so, then the Bible is not God's final revelation.

I Cor. 13:8 says prophecies, tongues, and knowledge shall cease, but Isa. 40:8 says God's word shall stand forever. "Faith" healers also find ready audiences in the Holy Roller assembly. Faith healers are not from God. If they can heal, it is by Satan's power — not God's. The disciples of Jesus were given power to heal the sick and raise the dead (Matt. 10). No faith healer ever has or ever will raise anyone from the dead because this is beyond Satan's power!

## How To Enter

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Beloved, this washing is not through the baptismal waters as the Campbellites believe, but by the Word of God. When we have been regenerated (birthed) by the Word of God, we are clean in the sight of God. We have been made fit for His kingdom.

2. **He is babe.**  
It is evident from the preaching of Paul that the nature of the newly saved is that they are babes as far as their knowledge of things Spiritual. Writing to the church at Corinth he said:

"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal even as unto babes in Christ." I Cor. 3:1.

Even though these brethren had been saved for some time, they were still babes as far as Spiritual knowledge and practice were concerned.

Paul describes the newly born again when he said:

"For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the Word of

Righteousness: for he is a babe." Heb. 5:13.

Beloved, when you were newly born into the kingdom of God, how much did you know about the righteousness of God? How much did you know about how it was obtained, how big it is and where it came from? It is through the teaching and preaching of the Word of God that we become skilled in righteousness. Our maturity in Grace is directly proportional to our skill in righteousness. The admonition of Peter to the new born babes is:

"As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." I Peter 2:2.

It is evident that the reason many who have been born into the kingdom do not perform the first work of righteousness (baptism by a New Testament Church) is that as babes they are not taught the Word, so they remain babes.

3. **He is a new creature.**

One of the greatest attributes of one who is newly born into the kingdom of God is that he is a new creature. The importance of this is evidenced when Paul said:

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, BUT A NEW CREATURE." Gal. 6:15.

The physical circumstances that one is in prior to this birth means nothing. Paul declared again:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17.

Beloved, no matter what your life was before you were placed in Christ in the new birth, it has passed away. You are a new creation and there is no reason for you to wallow in the mire of sin any longer. The power of the Almighty has acted, the Word of God has been implanted, the gestation period has been completed, you have been regenerated, you have been born of the Spirit and of the water. O, the wonder of it all, and how we ought to love Him with all that is within us.

There is life in the Word. When the Holy Spirit places that seed of life, it grows and the flesh begins to groan because its normal routine is disrupted by that life placed there. That new life desires to act differently than the old life. Finally, the gestation period is over, it is time to be born. This birth is difficult for we read in I Peter 4:18:

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

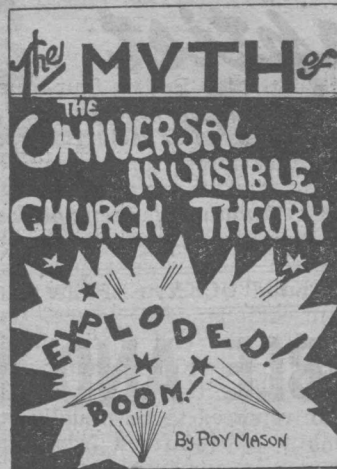
Yet, the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word is exerted to change the will of the old nature. Even though the distress of this birth is great mentally and physically, ultimately repentance and faith toward God and His Son take place. The birth has then become complete and there is joy all around for there has been a child born into the kingdom of God. The Word of God proclaims.

"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:13.

For the birth to take place, for a babe to be born, first the Father must will it to be so.

**Conclusion**  
The example that Christ gave for entrance into the kingdom of God is by a Spiritual birth. If this Spiritual birth has any analogy to the physical birth, we must conclude that this entrance involves a process. The Holy Spirit plants the seed (Word) which is followed by a period of gestation, which is followed by a birth in its time. When we are birthed, we possess a new knowledge. We are a new creation and can begin to enjoy this new life and are able to expand upon it through the Word of God which is milk and meat. We can lay

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hold of the great promise:

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." I John 5:19.

When one is born of Water and of the Spirit he is a babe, he is a new creation, he has been regenerated and he has been made alive unto the Father and His Son.

"Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3.

## The Gospel

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preached unto you, which also ye RECEIVED, and WHEREIN YE STAND, BY WHICH ALSO YE ARE SAVED."

Listen again to the same Apostle in I Thess. 1:4-10 where Paul sets forth the entire ramification of ELECTION to consummated SALVATION. Look at the verse 5 and note the prominence, presence, and power given there to the Gospel. Can you not see how that we have no hope apart from the Gospel, no assurance apart from the Gospel, and no power apart from the Gospel. Paul said in II Tim. 2:10 that he endured all things for the ELECT'S SAKE that they might obtain the SALVATION which is in Christ Jesus and you will take special note here that EVEN THE ELECT OF GOD WAS INTRICABLY CONNECTED TO THE GOSPEL IN THEIR SALVATION. Now where do we find hope, assurance, a foundation stone for faith? In the Wisdom of God and His design for the Gospel. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is as old as the promises and prophets of God. It is still a thing of overwhelming curiosity for the heavenly angels. Even they have not fully understood the Wisdom of God in the Mystery of the Gospel. Why did God choose this manner to reach, empower, save, and seal men to Himself? Look at verse 21 again in the text "It pleased God." It was His Divine Will, His determination, and His wisdom. It is the Gospel, not the Law, that levels all men before God that declares that all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God, that all men out of Christ are lost, and all in Christ are forever saved. Finite man could not compose such a thing as the Gospel. It is the Gospel, not the Law, that humbles all men alike, tells them what they are by nature, the despicability of their personage, the meaninglessness of their endeavors, and makes them wretched in their sins. The Gospel, and not the Law, is the only accuser of the sinner that holds out any form of mercy, pardon, or hope. The Law could accuse, could kill, could consign to death but from there on hold out no hope. Who could devise such a plan, a scheme that would denounce sin equally with the Law, bring the condemnation of God justly on sin, but yet in the killing of sin and sinner, still give life? None other than God. The Law came by Mos-

es, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. The truth kills; grace enlivens. Paul, multitudes of times, refers to the "quickening" of God. Sure it is by, and of, the Holy Spirit, but it is that Divine Spirit of God ARMED WITH THE GOSPEL. Paul again reminds us that the PURPOSE and GRACE of God was "Made manifest by the appearance of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought LIFE AND IMMORTALITY to light THROUGH THE GOSPEL." The Apostle wraps up the most important things in heaven, earth, time and eternity in that verse of Scripture. Get again what He had to say reflecting on the wisdom of our God in respect to the Gospel: Life and immortality, purpose and grace, erasure of death and the giving of a hope, depended upon the declaration of the Gospel. Is this wisdom personified?

I almost rise in holy indignation when I hear some of our Baptist brethren decrying the power, purpose, and plan of the Gospel. They deny it has any word for a lost man. This is terribly incriminating before God

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and in the face of what we have herein set forth for your consideration. Some of you may not be saying this but are denying it systematically because you refuse to help spread it even in your own homes and communities. It is bad to say such blasphemy but it appears even worse to practice it.

I close with this last remark. I have heard the 9th chapter of Romans preached by perverted men until it is sickening. Have they never turned the page? Romans 10 is just on the other page. Look at Paul's inverted order of Salvation there? Where does the Gospel, the preached Word, fit into God's scheme? That should cure our sin of unbelief in God's promise and purpose of the Gospel. May God help you to see that the Gospel of YOUR salvation in Jesus Christ is the MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD DISPLAYED that men may find life in Him. Will you trust the promises of God according to the Gospel?

## Bible, Boards

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must account for every idle word, so we must for every idle silence." You may think that this is a little thing and you can keep silent on the matter, but the preaching of the gospel is no little thing, nor is the authority of the local church. When you stand before the Lord and He asks you why you supported a board instead of His church, what will you have to say?

## Holy Roller

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6:17,18).

2. Not to receive Pentecostals or the teachers of the false sects mentioned into your house. "If any come unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him Godspeed. For he that biddeth him Godspeed is a partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 10,11).

3. "And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? 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 8:19,20). "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matthew 6:23).—Tract

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