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WILL BANG  
Raleigh, N. C.

"Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not, but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." — II Cor. 4:1, 2.



WILL BANG

Most of what today is called Spiritual, Christian, and God-honoring is in short, the greatest attack and satanic insult waged against the Sovereign irresistible electing grace of God.

It is not uncommon in our cities today to see a group of people calling themselves a church. Neither is it uncommon to see these so-called churches calling themselves Baptist church. (Continued on page 6, column 4)

## Some Questions And Answers About B. F. M.

By MEDFORD CAUDILL  
Hanover, Michigan

Question: Why are you so dead-set against Baptist Faith Missions?

Answer: I am against anything that a church or churches practice which cannot be found in the Holy Scriptures. As Baptists the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice. Mission boards, conventions, associations and such like cannot be found in the Bible,



MEDFORD CAUDILL

therefore Baptists should not support such man-made organizations.

Q: Just how much do you know about Baptist Faith Missions anyway?

A: Before I was saved, I was a member of a church that supported Baptist Faith Missions for a period of two years. During that time I read all their mission re- (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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

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A RESUME . . .

## Easter Idolatry In Western Kentucky

By JOE WILSON  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

I have before me a copy of The Advance Yeoman of Ballard County, Kentucky. This issue is dated March 30th, 1972. In this issue is an announcement of coming Easter sunrise services at Wickliffe and LaCenter. It is enough to make one vomit, to read of the different man-made organizations uniting in this heathen idolatry. The first baptist churches (small letters deliberate) of both communities are participating. Now ordinarily, I make a great distinction between other churches and Baptist churches.

It is my conviction that Jesus Christ organized a Baptist church during His earthly ministry and that He promised it perpetuity until His coming again. I believe that this church He established has continued in the world by link chain succession (Gladwin so-called Baptist Church and its recent heretical vote notwithstanding) until this present day. I believe that the only true churches in the world today are those which have thus descended from that first Baptist Church in Palestine. All other organizations which call themselves churches are nothing more nor less than man-made organizations. Now, since I believe that Baptist churches are true churches and all others are false institutions, why do I link the first baptist churches mentioned above with the other churches participating in this union service, as man-made organizations?

Hear me well in this answer. A so-called baptist church that will join with Catholic and Protestant organizations in a union meeting, has lost the right, if it ever had it, to wear the name "Baptist." That name has a long, glorious, and bloodstained history. That name has been stained in its own blood by the murderous persecutions of Catholics and Protestants. Now for an organization to take that name and link it up with others in a union service, is a sin, of which I am totally unable to state the filth and wickedness. I do not know a much more wicked thing a so-called church could do, than to claim to be Baptist, and join up in a service like this. Therefore, I utterly reject these two churches as being true Baptist churches and just lump them with the other man-made organizations in this union Easter service. And they should not mind this, since they

have identified themselves with these false outfits.

So in these two communities, Wickliffe, and LaCenter, these man-made organizations united together in the worship of the idol god, Ishtar. Now why do I say this? Because Easter is simply another form of the word "ish-tar," which is the name of a pa-



JOE WILSON

gan god worshipped by the heathen many centuries before the time of the birth of Jesus Christ. This idol worship has borne many names in the days gone by. In the Old Testament it was the worship of Ashtoroth. It all goes back to the worship of the moon, and so our Easter time is set by the moon.

The dyed eggs and rabbits have nothing to do with the resurrec-

tion of Jesus Christ, but they have much to do with the heathenism of Easter. The heathen used eggs and rabbits in the worship of their pagan idols. Eggs were to them a symbol of life; rabbits of rapid multiplication. These were used in their annual Spring festival in honor of their idol god, hoping for a good crop in the field. Why will professing Christians use the methods, and copy the rituals of the heathen, and then try to pretend they are worshipping Jesus Christ?

The heathen taught that their god, Tammuz died and was raised from the dead. They made the sign of the cross in worship of this idol god, as being the first letter of his name. They had 40 days of mourning and partial fasting to honor his death. (This is where lent comes from). Then they had their Easter service to celebrate their idol god rising from the dead. How did this heathen idolatry become a part of the services of so-called Christian churches?

When the pagan hordes around the Roman empire overran that empire and brought about its fall, the Roman Catholic Church became afraid it would be likewise destroyed. So Roman Catholicism adopted the heathen ceremonies of pagan idolatry, put a little Christian flavoring in them and palmed them off on the religious world as Christianity. Protestant institutions, in coming out of Roman Catholicism brought many of her heresies, and most of her idolatry out with them. Now, as far as I am concerned, let Rome and her harlot daughters have their heathen idolatry, but let churches that call themselves Baptist be true to the Word of God, and absolutely shun with holy abhorrence, these idolatrous practices. And if they will not, let them drop forever that glorious name "Baptist" which they have lost all right to wear.

Well, maybe I should not make such a fuss about what these man-made organizations do. After all, they are not true churches of Jesus Christ. How could we expect that organizations started by man (or worse), would be concerned about faithfulness to God or interested in the Word of God? Since these organizations were started by man — since they teach for doctrines, the traditions of man — it is no strange thing that they practice the ritual of men. Brethren, I expect something out of Baptist churches. I expect Baptist churches to (Continued on page 8, column 4)

## CHRISTIAN MINISKIRT

I want to make it clear that I am a Christian miniskirt. That is, I go to church every Sunday. What's more, I attend an evangelical church. Of course, I am not the only Christian miniskirt in town. There are many others who go to my church.

Though we represent a variety of colors and pattern, there is one thing we have in common. We all have a way of revealing attractive thighs, especially when the legs are crossed. They tell me that's the most comfortable way to sit.

Unless I am misreading the situation we seem to make our wearers a bit self-conscious. At least the girl who wears me is always tugging at my hem. Though (Continued on page 5, column 3)

## The Baptist Examiner Pulpit

A Sermon by Pastor John R. Gilpin

### "FROM PARADISE VALLEY TO PARADISE"

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth); How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." — II Cor. 12:2-4.

Some of you know that I own

a farm over in Ohio and the name of it is Paradise Valley. It isn't a show place in any sense of the word. It isn't anything particular to see. It is off on a side road and to the average person would not be considered very pretentious, but to me it means a lot. I enjoy going out there. I spend a great deal of my time on this farm.

About five years ago, when my facial paralysis came on, I found that I could not work as I had in the past. I go to the office

now and spend an hour and a half to two hours at the most in the morning. By that time my eyes are worn out and completely exhausted. I get in the car, drive out to the farm, and spend the rest of the day on the farm. I come back to town and my eyes are rested. I don't do any close work with my eyes on the farm.

I look off at a distance, and enjoy the scenery, and consequently when I come back to town, usually my eyes are rest- (Continued on page 2, column 1)

## False Theories As To The Origin Of The Church

MILBURN COCKRELL  
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One of the best ways to get a hot theological discussion started is to ask a group of Christians when the church had its beginning. The birth-date of the church has been a theological battle ground for centuries. The actual beginning point of the church is essential to a proper understanding of Ecclesiology. The correct answer to the question of the



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birth of the church is vitally important in our time with so many heretical teachings abroad in the land.

### No Church In Old Testament

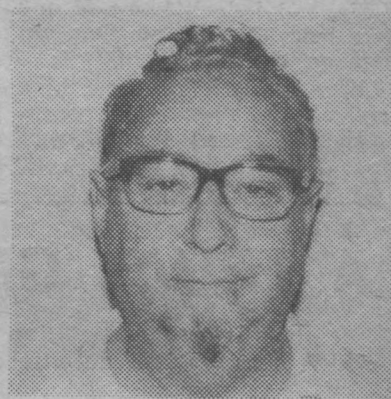
Some loose-thinking religious leaders feel the church began with Abraham or Moses. One extreme group of these people go so far as to say Adam was in the church. Those who hold this theory see no difference between the Old Testament and the New. (Continued on page 5, column 4)

## Billy Graham Is Pleasing God More Than John R. Rice

TIMOTHY PIETSCH  
Missionary To Japan

God's word is very clear that the measure with which we judge is the measure with which we will be judged (Matt. 7:2) and we are commanded to "make righteous judgment" (John 7:24) and not to judge according to appearance.

In the Sept. 3rd, 1971 issue of the Sword of the Lord, the



TIMOTHY PIETSCH

editor John R. Rice, seeking to counter the truth of God's Word, presented in the booklet entitled "Bible Separation" by Charles Woodbridge and in seeking to excuse disobedience on the part of his friends who co-operate in the work of the Lord with modernistic unbelievers and new evangelicals, states in his article entitled "Shall we fight God's people or Satan's?" that it is true, as Woodbridge says, that I think the man who wins the most souls pleases God the best. If the number of decisions that we can count in our ministry is the (Continued on page 7, column 2)



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## "Paradise"

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ed to the extent that I am able to do a good deal of work in the evening. Ordinarily, I try to work from two to three hours every evening. So my farm has been a very pleasant, therapeutic experience from the standpoint of taking care of, and recuperating the muscles of my face and eyes.

As I say, my farm doesn't mean much to the average person, especially in view of the fact that it is off on a side road, and because we don't have a hundred thousand dollar hacienda on the farm in which to live. My two-room cabin, I suppose, would be very unpretentious to the average person. However, as I say, it means a lot to me, and I get a blessing from it, and I enjoy it tremendously.

One morning recently, as I was getting ready to leave the printing shop to go to the farm, one of the lads who works for us said, "You go out to the farm and I am afraid you work too hard." He was noticing the muscles in my arms, and I confess they are pretty good size, and I am rather strong as far as my arms and back are concerned. I tell you, if you pitch a few bales of hay around every day and a few sacks of feed for cattle and hogs, your arms are naturally going to be fairly strong. This fellow said, "I am afraid you work too hard out there. Some of these days, they will find you dead out there. You are going to die with a heart attack." I said, "Well, I don't know of any better place to die, because after all is said and done, if the Lord Jesus doesn't come, we are all going to die, and I don't know of any place better to find me than out there on the farm."

I have been told the same thing previously relative to the printing shop. Many times in the years gone by when I used to work

hard in the printing shop, I have gotten up at 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the morning and worked the rest of the night and all the next day. I have been told a lot of times, "They will find you dead one of these days when the boys come to work."

Well, that wouldn't be too bad. I think a fellow ought to keep busy until he dies anyway, so I don't think it would be any disgrace to be found dead at your place of work.

Sometime ago, a person said, "Brother Gilpin, they are going to find you out there at your house on Gilpin Hill some morning and you will have breathed your last. You will have gone on to Glory. You work too hard."

Well, that is all right. It would be a good place to die from. So I don't care whether I die from Gilpin Hill or whether I die in the printing shop or whether I die in Paradise Valley. It doesn't make any difference to me. The fact of the matter is, unless Jesus comes, we are all going to die sooner or later, and the place that I die doesn't concern me one particle. But I will say this, the place that I am going, does concern me very, very greatly.

As I left the printing shop the other morning after my conversation with the fellow who works for me, I drove over to the farm and by the time I got there the message that I am preaching to you had already evolved itself in my mind; so I am preaching to you on the subject, "From Paradise Valley to Paradise."

Paul had had a rather unusual experience. He said, I don't know whether I was in the body or out of the body." In other words, he said, "I don't know whether I was dead or just partially dead. I may have been alive and I may have been dead — I can not tell. One thing I know was, I was caught up to the third heaven."

The first heaven is the heaven of the clouds and where the birds fly. The second heaven is where the sun, the moon, the stars and the constellations are. The third heaven, which is beyond, is God's abode. Paul said, "I was caught up to the third heaven, to God's abode. I don't know whether I was in the body or out of the body. All I know is, it was a true experience that I was caught up into Paradise — the Heaven of heavens, the abode of the Father, and I heard unspeakable words." Those words were words which he might have been able to frame and words which he might have been able to pronounce, but we wouldn't be able to understand them. They were unspeakable from the standpoint that we couldn't understand them. Paul said, "This was my experience. I was caught up there."

Then Paul came back to this world to live. In all probability, this was at the time that Paul was stoned. You remember he was dragged outside the city and was stoned and left for dead. In all probability, this was the time that he was caught up into Paradise. But regardless of that, and irrespective of when it might have been, the fact is, he was caught up into Paradise, and he heard unspeakable words which

was not lawful for man to utter.

Paul went to Paradise and came back. Beloved, I am going to Paradise some of these days, but I am not coming back. I have a ticket, and that ticket is a one-way ticket. There is no allowance for baggage on it. There is no coupon on the back saying anything about a return trip. I am going to Paradise one of these days, and I would like to tell you some of the advantages as far as Paradise is concerned.

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### ADVANTAGES OF PARADISE.

In Paradise, we are going to have 100 per cent pure water free.

Listen:

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." —Rev. 22:1.

Notice, he says a pure river of water that is free.

Beloved, we don't have anything like that in Ashland, in fact, we don't have pure water. Sometimes the chemicals that are put into it in order to kill the impurities almost kill you. We don't have pure water, and God knows that bill comes every three months, and it is far from free. But one of the advantages of Paradise is we are going to have 100% pure water on a free basis.

I think we all like things that are free. I think there is enough "Scotch" in all of us that we enjoy things that are free. Thank God, beloved, for that river of pure water. No mud, no dirt, no debris, no contamination — just pure water and 100% pure and 100% free.

Another advantage is we are going to have perpetual lighting, with no light bills. We read:

"And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." —Rev. 22:5.

Notice, perpetual light, no night, and you don't need a candle. You have no need of the sun. Paradise will be a place with perpetual lighting, with no light bills.

Once a month, somehow the electric company never forgets to send you a statement as to how much you owe. I have never known them to forget one single month getting a statement around to you. But, beloved, we are going to live one day in a place where there will be perpetual light, with absolutely no darkness to ever settle down upon us, and no light bill to be paid at the end of the month.

When I lived in Cincinnati years ago, there was talk at that time of building a new airport near the suburbs. The airport they were considering building was to be primarily for Government planes, and it would be lighted so profusely that when the planes came in, you could read a newspaper at night two miles away from the light of the airport. I don't think it was completely developed. I don't think anything ever came of it. I think it was just a dream that died in the making, but I have often thought about the fact that they said it would be so profusely lighted that you could read a newspaper from the glare of the lights two miles away.

Beloved, I don't know how well lighted Heaven is going to be, but I know one thing, there will be no darkness there. There will be no night there. It will be perpetually lighted. We will have no need of a candle. We will have no need of the sun. In fact, there will never be a light bill presented to you in Heaven. That is an advantage Paradise has over this earth.

Another advantage of Paradise is we are going to have a permanent pavement. Listen:

"And the street of the city was pure gold." —Rev. 21:21.

There isn't anything as permanent and as enduring as all (Continued on page 3, column 1)

## New Church Organized In Gladwin, Michigan

Growing out of the fact that the Gladwin Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan has withdrawn their support from TBE and Brother Halliman because of our position of Landmarkism as to the church that Jesus built, some twenty-one members of the church who agree with us as to our doctrine have withdrawn from the church and have been organized as a new church known as the Grace Baptist Church in Gladwin, Michigan.

the authority to, not only Baptize said group, but also to organize them into a sound Independent Baptist Church. Be it further resolved that the Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 6205 Elmore Rd., Memphis, Tenn., authorize their Pastor, Wayne Cox, to do whatever is necessary in carrying out the Spirit and letter of this resolution.

MRS. AUBREY DUNN  
Church Clerk



WAYNE COX

This group invited Brother Wayne Cox and the Grace Missionary Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee of which he is pastor to assist them. The church in Memphis passed the following resolution on March 22, 1972:

### "THE RESOLUTION"

Whereas there is a group of Christians residing in Gladwin, Mich., who have not had Scriptural Baptism, and whereas they desire to be submissive to the Lord in this matter, and whereas they have requested the Grace Memorial Baptist Church located at 6205 Elmore Rd., Memphis, Tenn., to administer Baptism to them, be it therefore resolved that the Grace Memorial Baptist Church send greetings to said group, and commend them for their desire to have Scriptural Baptism; be it further resolved that the Grace Memorial Baptist Church authorize and send their pastor, Wayne Cox, to Gladwin, Mich., for the purpose of administering Baptism to the above named group. Be it further resolved that the Grace Memorial Baptist Church 6205 Elmore Rd., Memphis, Tenn., authorize and invest the Pastor with

Brother Cox went to Gladwin, preached for the folk, baptized all that came out of the old church and then organized them into a new church. He tells the story in the following words after his trip to Gladwin.

In carrying out a resolution presented to, and adopted by, the Grace Memorial Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., I journeyed to Gladwin, Mich. April the 3rd, 1972.

On arriving at the Airport in Saginaw, Mich. I was met by four brethren who were there to drive me to Gladwin where I spent four nights. I preached every night to the entire group who were to be baptized, and also to some visitors the first three nights. There were some friends of mine who came all the way from Jackson, Mich. to be in the services for which I was profoundly grateful.

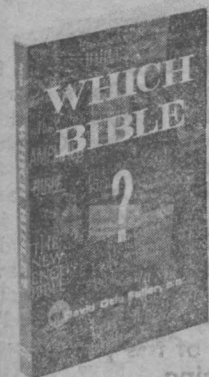
On Thursday afternoon we journeyed to Coleman, Mich. where I administered baptism to 21 candidates, baptizing them into the fellowship of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn. Then on Thursday night they were lettered out of the Grace Memorial Baptist Church for the express purpose of organizing a sound Independent Baptist Church. After the church was organized I preached a brief sermon after which I declared the group to have been Scripturally and duly constituted a sound New Testament Baptist Church, and gave them the right hand of fellowship.

The church was named the "Grace Baptist Church." I predict that this church will go a long way in carrying out the Divine Commission of the Lord Jesus Christ. To know those people is to love and respect them. This would be a good work for some energetic mission-minded minister.

On Friday morning the brethren drove me to the airport in Saginaw, and there bade me farewell. All in all, it was a most rewarding trip and enjoyable experience. Blessings on the Grace Baptist Church in Gladwin, Mich.

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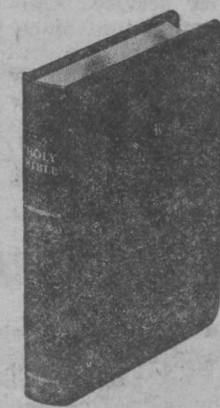
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## "Paradise"

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the minerals as is gold, and the street of the city is described as being made of pure gold. It is a permanent pavement.

In all of our towns the streets have to be paved and re-paved and repaired from year to year because they wear out. In Paradise, we will have a permanent pavement.

Incidentally, when I read about this street of pure gold, I am reminded of the fact that a lot of people wouldn't be happy there. A man would have to be saved to live in a place where the streets were made of pure gold. He would have to have gotten rid of all the carnal nature he had, because the average man, if he got to the place where the streets were made of pure gold, would have the streets dug up in a few days time to get that gold. That is proof enough to me that nobody but a saved person — nobody but a person that is completely redeemed, would ever be able to go to Heaven; because if an unsaved man got there with his unredeemed nature, he would start digging up the streets as soon as he could. Well, that is one of the advantages — a permanent pavement.

Another advantage is that everything there is going to be new. Listen:

"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new."—Rev. 21:5.

Everything about Heaven is going to be new so far as we are concerned. Did you ever walk on streets of gold? No, that will be a new experience. Did you ever drink pure water? No, that will be a new experience. Did you ever have plenty of light without having to pay for it? No, that will be a new experience. Everything about Heaven is going to be new. There is not going to be anything old that you and I carry in other than the nature that we have had from the Lord Jesus Christ. How I thank God for the fact that everything about Heaven is going to be new!

Don't you like to have things new once in a while? Sometime ago, I knew a couple that had reared their family. Their family was grown and married and these two people decided they were going to throw away all their old furniture and get new furniture. You never saw two people any happier than they were when they got their new furniture.

Would you like to buy a new dress, you ladies? And how about a new hat? The average woman's

weakness, above everything else, is a new hat or a new dress, or new shoes or a new pocket-book. Well, everything in Heaven is going to be new. Paradise, I say, offers this advantage in that everything about it will be completely new. Nothing old, nothing used, nothing second-handed — all new.

Another advantage of Paradise is there will be nothing undesirable there. We read:

"And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie."—Rev. 21:27.

Notice, there will be nothing undesirable about Paradise. To what extent? There shall be nothing that enters it to defile it. That means there will never be a saloon or beer joint there. There will never be a place where you can buy intoxicants. There will never be a house of immorality there. There will never be anything about Heaven that will defile it. There will never be a lie told in Heaven.

Oh, what a contrast to this earth in which we live! I say, beloved, here is an advantage that Paradise has over any earthly town — that is, there will be nothing undesirable about Paradise.

Notice another Scripture in that respect:

"And there shall be no more curse."—Rev. 22:3.

God cursed this earth once with thorns and thistles because of sin. When sin became a reality in this world, God placed a curse upon it, and He had this earth to bring forth, from that time on, thorns and thistles. Beloved, there will be no curse in Paradise because there is no sin there — nothing undesirable.

Another advantage of Paradise is that it will be a place of perfect health conditions. Listen:

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."—Rev. 21:4.

We are all subject to pain here in this world. We all suffer from various diseases and ailments here within this life. You are well, healthy and strong today, but maybe before this service comes to a close a little bug about the size of a pin point, or smaller, will get into your system, and will upset you, and maybe you will have to go to the hospital for an operation or a treatment.

I tell you, beloved, these old bodies are so susceptible to sickness, and these old bodies are so given over to poor health. Thank God, in Paradise, one of the advantages is that it will be a place

of perfect health conditions. You will never have to go to the hospital. You will never have to go to a doctor. You will never have to go to a health resort. You will never have to go to a health clinic. You will never have to go any place in hopes of regaining your lost health, because you will never lose your health.

I might go further in that respect and say there will be no disease at all there. People talk about trying to find a cure for cancer, and a cure for heart disease, and a cure for muscular dystrophy, and all kinds of diseases that we suffer with here in this world, and that is well and good. We should all be people who are concerned about conquering these diseases. But whether they are conquered or

not, there is a day coming when you and I who are saved, are going to be in Paradise, and one of the advantages of Paradise over this world is there will be a place of perfect health conditions, with no disease at all.

The fact of the matter is, there won't even be an accident. You will never get accidentally killed in Paradise. There will never be an accident to the extent that you will cut your hand. There will never be an accident to the extent that you will break a bone. I tell you, Paradise is going to be a place of perfect health conditions.

One thing in particular, we will never grow old. Down here in this world we just naturally grow old. We slowly grow up in life to the age of 21, and it looks like we will never reach that age. But when we get 21, it looks like there is no stopping. We just grow older and older and older. When I was a boy in my teens, I thought I never would be 21, but when I got 21, those years started slipping by mighty, mighty fast. Now I am facing old age, getting old.

One lady said to me several years ago, "Brother Gilpin, old age is cruel" — and it is. It is cruel when you stop to think about it. You can't see. You can't walk. You can't run. You have to be careful lest you even sit down too hard for fear you will break a bone. Old age is cruel. But thank God, in Heaven or in Paradise, we will have perfect health conditions, without any diseases, no pain, no accidents, and there will be no growing old. What a wonderful place Paradise is!

Another advantage of Paradise is that the best of society will be there. We read:

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."—Rev. 7:9.

Notice, there will be people from all nations, kindreds, and tongues stand before the throne. It is going to be the best of so-

ciety out of all the nations of the world.

Notice again:  
"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."—Rev. 21:3.

Beloved, there is not going to be anybody in Heaven except those that are God's people.

I say to you, if you are unsaved, you are not going to Heaven. Just make up your mind now, if you are not saved, you are not going to Heaven. Only God's people are going to be there. Thank God, one of the advantages of Paradise is that the best of society will be there.

I don't mean the "upper four

before the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth."—Rev. 14:2,3.

Notice, music — the most beautiful music you have ever heard. I don't suppose it will be champagne music. I don't imagine it will be the type that Lawrence Welk plays. I know it won't be any of the type that is sung and played today by modern musicians. But one thing about Heaven is, it will be a place of beautiful music, with harpers harping.

Certainly, there is nothing more beautiful than a beautiful harp that is played by one who knows how to play it. Certainly it is going to be beautiful music for the Bible speaks about it being like the voice of many waters. I have stood beside a waterfall where it fell maybe fifty or a hundred or several hundred feet, and as I looked at it and heard it, there is a voice of music about it. Beloved, it is nothing to compare with the music we are going to enjoy in Paradise. What a wonderful advantage we will have!

Another advantage is that I have a home there. I have had a piece of property over there for over fifty years. That is a long time to hold a piece of property. The majority of people would never own property that long. They buy and they sell. They move and they transfer from one place to another. But I have a bit of property over there in Paradise that I have owned for fifty years.

Now I didn't buy it. It was given to me. But the donor Himself purchased it for me at a tremendous price — the price of His blood. The Lord Jesus Christ purchased that property for me, and I am not holding that little bit of property for speculation. Other property that I have owned I would speculate concerning it. I have often said, "I don't own anything that I wouldn't sell at the right price." Beloved, if the price is right, I would sell anything that I own in this world. But I am not holding this property for speculation. I have been sending materials for fifty years to build with over there. That is a long time to be building a piece of property, isn't it? But for fifty years I have been sending materials over there for building. Some of the materials I have sent are not materials that I was glad to send, but I sent them anyway — wood, hay, stubble — with maybe a little gold, silver, and precious stones. Paul says these are the materials we are building out of, and for over fifty years, since I have been holding that piece of property, I have been sending materials there to build with.

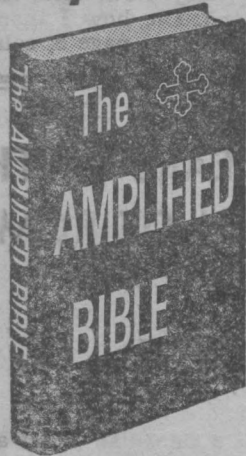
The interesting thing about it is, the greatest architect in the universe has been building me a mansion over there. He is building a mansion that is being built on a good foundation. It is being built on the Rock of Ages. It will never need repairs. The termites will never eat in to it, and it will suit me perfectly when I get there. Fire can't destroy it. Floods can't wash it away. It is there (Continued on page 4, column 5)

## C. H. Spurgeon said:



"Long ago I ceased to count heads. Truth is usually in the minority in this evil world. I have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for myself, a faith burned into me as with a hot iron. I thank God, what I believe I shall believe, even if I believe it alone."

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# The Baptist Examiner

## FORUM

"I have a friend who has been a member of a Baptist church for about five years. Now he is doubting salvation. I know that being a member of a church will not save. This person has a great desire to be saved, likes to associate with God's people, and also wants to attend the church services, yet isn't positive. What can you say to be of help to him that he might know whether or not he is saved?"

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To help this one, I would first of all want to know what he thinks one must do in order to be saved (regenerated). Perhaps this one is looking at the fruit of regeneration rather than the cause. This is an error of many of God's children. When one looks at himself (fleshly man) for the causes of spiritual life, it is then that doubt and fear assail. Brethren, there is absolutely nothing within the natural man to merit salvation. The Apostle Paul after many years of preaching reveals this fact when he says:

"For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing; for to will is present with me, But how to perform that which is good I find not." Rom. 7:18.

From this verse we can gather that Paul did not look to the flesh for assurance of his salvation.

Brother, when you look to the flesh for assurance, all one can see is corruption, a deceitful heart, imagination which is continuously evil, turmoil and fears. When looking at yourself (fleshly man) as the basis of regeneration, the mind will become disturbed leading us to doubts concerning our soul's welfare. The querist referred to this one as desiring to be saved, loved to go to church and associated with the Lord's people. The Lord said:

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." — Matt. 5:6.

Therefore, if this one desires (thirsts and hungers) after righteousness, he should consider himself blessed for these desires are the evidences (fruits) of an inward work of grace. I would hasten to tell this one, that these fruits are not to be mistaken as the cause of spiritual life. Regeneration (implanting of divine nature) is the work of the Spirit, and this work enables one to hear the gospel which makes them wise unto salvation. The Scriptures do not make us alive, they are used to make us wise as to what the Spirit has done within us.

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Tim. 3:15.

I would also advise this one that belief in the Son of God as his Redeemer is also a fruit of the

work of God. I am aware that many teach that one must believe in the Son in order to obtain eternal life, but we learn from the Scriptures that belief is the work of God and not ours (election).

"Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:29.

If one believes in Christ, it is evidence of God's work, for from this verse it is very evident that belief is the work of God and not our own. If this one is a believer in Christ, and Christ alone to be his Saviour, I would assure him that he was born of God and that the Good Shepherd has given to him eternal life and he shall never perish.

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him." I John 5:1.

"And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10:28.

If this one has these characteristics of God's sheep (regenerated person), I would make it known to him that it is the will of the Good Shepherd to present him faultless before the presence of His glory, and that He will do it with exceeding joy. The Shepherd (Jesus Christ) is the saviour of His sheep, and they are His responsibility, thus they are never left alone. Rather they are placed upon the Shepherd's shoulder (place of strength) and carried all the way home. This view, people, makes salvation from quickening (resurrection) unto glorification a work of the Lord. This should give him assurance not in himself, but in Jesus Christ.



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There are many people who get mixed up and are troubled because they haven't had the experience that someone else claims to have had. They hear an experience talked about, and they say to themselves, "I didn't see a great blinding light, and hear strange voices, and feel like shouting all over the place. I must not be saved." One needs to realize that salvation, from the human standpoint, depends upon having received Christ and His atonement for sin. The Scriptures say, "He that hath the Son hath life," and "To as many as

receive Him, to them gave he power (or privilege) to become the sons of God, even to as many as believe on his name." Paul told the Philippian jailor, in answer to his question, "What must I do to be saved? to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Yes, I can say something that should be of help to the one in doubt. I can tell him exactly how to settle the matter. Let him take out his watch. We will suppose it is ten o'clock. Then say to the Lord, "Lord, if there is any doubt about my salvation, I am settling that doubt right now. This morning, at ten o'clock, I am receiving Christ as my Saviour. I am from this minute depending upon the sacrificial death that He died for me, for cleansing from all sin."

From ten o'clock on that particular day, when any doubt comes, just stop and say, "I need not doubt. I remember that on such and such a day, at ten o'clock in the morning, I trusted Christ and his atoning death."

Why should any person go on in doubt? If you are in any doubt about having trusted Christ for salvation, STOP DOUBTING AND TRUST HIM NOW THIS MINUTE IN SUCH A DEFINITE WAY that you will always know from that date on that you have actually, certainly, surely received him as your Saviour.



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It is not uncommon for God's people to experience doubts at times during their Christian life. When a person begins to wonder why he sins he will question his salvation. I think that this is a good sign that the person is saved. An unsaved person doesn't think that he sins. Only God's people worry about the sin that they commit.

"Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit." (I John 4:13).

"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).

We have new values, new concepts, new ideals, and a new nature. The problem is that all of this is in the old creature. This brings a conflict.

"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not, for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." (Rom. 7:14-17).

Paul was speaking of this inward turmoil that we have.

The first thing that I would do, would be to ask the person if he believes that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Then I would begin talking to him about his belief in the Bible. If he says that he believes this then show him I John 5:13. "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Then show them John 20:31, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name." Remind him that no man believes that Christ is the Son of God

except God reveals it to him.

"He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 16:15-17).

I would then remind them that even men in Biblical days had periods of doubting. "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked." (Ps. 73:2, 3). He then went on to say that God held on to him. "Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory." (Vs. 23,24) I would also show him Philippians 1:6. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

If after such passages as these the person still doubts, I would start preaching to him about salvation.

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There are people who deny that there are carnal Christians, but Paul was certainly not one of them. In I Cor. 3 he tells the saints at Corinth that they are still carnal, and that as a result of their still being carnal they have to be fed on baby food. It is a pitiful sight indeed to see a person who has been saved for many years, maybe half a century, who must still be fed like a young baby.

All the blame for this cannot be laid at the individual Christian's feet. In all too many Baptist Churches no strong meat is ever served, and woe unto that pastor who must answer for it. Many Baptist churches have sorely neglected the last part of their commission which is just as important as the first part of it. And the church that is guilty of this awful sin will, as a rule, open the door of the church too wide. Before she realizes what she is doing the pasture is full of goats. And these goats backed up by the babes in Christ who should have been mature Christians long ago will make a former pastor out of anyone who starts feeding them on strong Bible doctrines. And, believe it or not, somebody will answer for this deplorable condition in the Lord's churches in the coming day.

It is hard for an insignificant little Bible teacher like me to properly diagnose this friend's trouble. The fact that he has a desire to be saved, and enjoys the fellowship with the Lord's people, but is still not sure of his salvation would indicate to me

that he may have been quickened but not yet justified. I have a very dear friend in Hawaii who tells me that she was quickened six long years before she was justified. It is hard indeed for me to conceive of a person who is dead in trespasses and sins, having the symptoms we see in this case.

So my advice to this man would be that he read, reread and reread again the great Book of John. In John 20:30 John tells us that Jesus performed many signs, or miracles that are not written in this Book. Then in verse 31 he says, "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God: and that believing ye might have life through His name."

### "Paradise"

(Continued from page three) permanently for me.

I tell you, beloved, there are a lot of advantages about Paradise. I like my farm — called Paradise Valley. I enjoy going out to my farm every day. I like to be with my cattle and my hogs. You know, the more I see of my cattle and hogs, and the more I see of human beings, the better I like my cattle and my hogs. I enjoy it. I get a lot of pleasure from it. But Paradise Valley can't begin to compare with the Paradise to which I am going someday. I have a home there.

Another advantage is that there is free transportation all the way. If I fall dead out there someday, doing some work and I go from Paradise Valley to Paradise, it will be free transportation on my part. Listen:

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

Beloved, He is going to come back for me. He is going to receive me unto Himself. There is free transportation all the way from Paradise Valley to Paradise. Notice again:

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." — I Thess. 4:16, 17.

Between here and there, there is a valley—a valley of a deep shadow that lies between me and Paradise. I turn to the Word of God and I read that the Psalmist said:

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me." — Psa. 23:4.

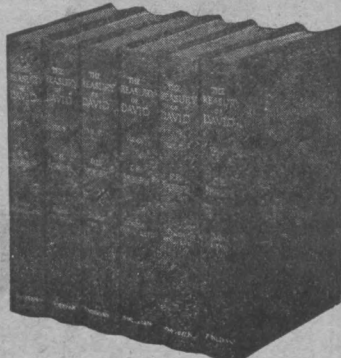
Beloved, I am not afraid of that valley of the shadow of death, for my best friend, the Lord Jesus Christ, went through this same valley. Now, then, He holds my hand. Oh, how I thank God (Continued on page 5, column 2)

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## "MISUNDERSTOOD"

It is easy to misunderstand folk. Perhaps it is because we are prone to be critical and judge others by ourselves. Sometimes jealousy and pride are the root of misunderstanding. It aches way down deep and sometimes leaves permanent scars when folk misunderstand us. If you have been misunderstood, you are not alone. Mary of Bethany was misunderstood, too. She was misunderstood by her family, the disciples, and her friends.

She was misunderstood by her family in that her sister, Martha, did not understand her sitting at the FEET of Jesus. Luke 10:39,40:

"And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' FEET and heard His word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to Him, and said, Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me."

There was work to be done and Martha misunderstood Mary. Perhaps, jealousy was the sin here. It must have been evident to Martha that Mary was more interested in spiritual things than she. Remember, both of these women were saved, but they had not the same measure of faith. Martha thought Mary was lazy and slothful in sitting at the FEET of Jesus when there was work to be done. But you know, Jesus understood Mary. Now if she had been lazy, He would have understood that also. But she wasn't. In verse 41 and 42 Jesus answered and said, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." How this reminds us of Isaiah 60:13: "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my FEET glorious."

Mary was misunderstood by one of the disciples. John 12:2-5:

"There they made Him a supper; and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with Him. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the FEET of Jesus, and wiped His FEET with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. Then saith one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray Him, Why was not this ointment sold for 300 pence, and given to the poor?"

Yes, Judas misunderstood Mary. Perhaps pride enters here. Judas was robbing God and here this woman had washed His feet with the equivalent of a year's wages. Judas thought it wasteful to give

so generously to Jesus. But Jesus understood! In verse 7 He says, "Let her alone; against the day of My burying hath she kept this."

Mary was also misunderstood by her friends. John 11:28-31:

"And when she (Martha) had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard that, she arose quickly, and came unto Him. Now Jesus was not yet come into town, but was in that place where Martha met Him. The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She goeth unto the grave to weep there."

Mary's Jewish friends judged her by themselves. It would have been natural for them to go to the cemetery and weep in anguish over their dead, therefore, they understood Mary to do this also. But not so. She was not seeking the dead. She sought the Life. In verse 32 we read,

"Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His FEET, saying unto Him, Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

Jesus understood. Vs. 35, 36, 40: "Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him! Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

How marvelous to have a Saviour that understands. Let us be like Mary and stay at the feet of Jesus. For the place of His FEET is glorious.

## "Paradise"

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for this truth! He holds my hand every step of the way. He said:

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."—Heb. 13:5.

To me, that is a precious promise. I know that He who went through the valley of the shadow of death before me, is going to lead me through. He is going to hold my hand, and I have the assurance that as I go through with my best friend, that He will keep holding on to my hand, leading me safely over to Paradise.

Yes, I say, we have free transportation. It is a one-way journey that we are going to make. There is no return coupon on your ticket. There is no permit for baggage. You are not going to carry any baggage from this world. It is a one-way journey to Paradise. Thank God for the advantage of it all!

## CONCLUSION

I ask you, would you like to have a title to a home in Heaven? I have one. I have had that title for fifty years. I have known ever since I was a lad that I was going to spend my eternity beyond the river. Oh, what a blessing it has been as I look back across the years from the time that I was a boy in my teens and received Jesus Christ as my Saviour—what a blessing it has been for me from that time down to

this. I remember the day when I leaned on a hoe handle, in a tobacco patch, on a hillside in Boone County, Kentucky, and received Jesus Christ into my heart as my personal Saviour. I remember how a little while later I made a profession of faith in a Baptist Church, and I can recall that as I walked home that night—oh, what a night it was! The most beautiful moon that I ever saw. The most wonderful experience in this world! I tell you, it has been a wonderful experience as I look back across the last fifty years. It has been a wonderful experience to walk with Him.

I ask you, would you like to have a title to a home in Heaven? You can obtain it only through the Lord Jesus Christ. I can't give it to you. Your parents can't

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give it to you. Your friends and loved ones can't give it to you. Those who are nearest and dearest, and those who would do the most for you, can't give it to you. That title has to come through the Lord Jesus Christ. Listen:

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

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

Beloved, would you like to have a title to a home in Heaven? You can get it only through Jesus Christ. He said:

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life."—John 5:24.

May God bless you and may God save you, and may you and I walk together in Paradise some of these days!

## Christian Miniskirt

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I am not an expert on human nature, this appears to indicate some kind of complex.

I have also noted that we miniskirts have the ability to attract a good deal of masculine attention even at church. At first I took pride in the fact that men were fascinated by my pattern and color design. However, just this morning, I heard the preacher say that this was not really what the young men (some not so young) were looking at. Though I was all ears when he started to preach, "The Appeal Of A Miniskirt." I was embarrassed before he was through.

He claimed that the miniskirt does not appeal to the aesthetic. According to him, there are dozens of other dresses more beautiful than I am. His blanket statement that miniskirts do not make an aesthetic, academic, economic, moral, or spiritual contribution to their wearers left me with a feeling that I wasn't such a great Christian after all.

He said the only appealing thing about me was my appeal to the flesh. Then he spoke for ten minutes on the carnality of human nature. He publicly accused me of contributing to the lust of the flesh. I felt a hard tug on my hem when he said that!

You could have heard a pin drop in the sanctuary when he quoted the following statement from Kerry Elliott:

"To flaunt sexuality in public

is a betrayal of your femininity. Not an endorsement. It is like playing the tuba on the subway to prove that you are a musician.

"It isn't honest to expose a man to the aroma of steak and apple pie . . . and then accuse him of being a glutton because he licks his lips." I think everyone got the point.

I really blushed when he began asking questions about what we miniskirts did when we were out in the work-a-day world. He wondered what we thought our testimony amounted to in the presence of men who couldn't care less about feminine purity. He said it doesn't take much to trigger a man's thought in the direction of sex. That's why Jesus said, "He that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath already committed adultery in his heart."

The preacher claimed that there is nothing about a miniskirt that would suggest to the man on the street that the wearer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. He said that the Spirit-indwelt body should be adorned in modest apparel (I Tim. 2:9-10). Furthermore, he had secured some statistics from somewhere that prove that there is a vital relationship between miniskirts and the increase of rape in America. I began to feel as though I was abetting the crime wave.

I suppose it is the truth that hurts. That's why I hurried out of church this morning. I saw several other miniskirts slinking out, too.

I guess what we really need is to be converted into something more modest.—Tract.

## False Theories

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They believe baptism took the place of circumcision. This theory denies that Jesus Christ established a church. Christ could not have founded a church, if it already existed from the days of Israel's beginning. This dogma is completely without any Scriptural warrant. The church was not built by Moses or Abraham, but by Jesus Christ. Our Lord declared: "I will build my church."

While there is an analogy between the congregation in the wilderness and Christ's church, it does not follow that the two are one and the same. The Israelites who were delivered from Egypt were saved by sprinkling the blood of the lamb on their houses; we are saved by the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. (Heb. 12:24). They were led to a baptism in the Red Sea (I Cor. 10:1-2) by the pillar of cloud and fire, a type of the Holy Spirit leading us to receive baptism. The Israelites were baptized "unto Moses" as they crossed the sea. The water was on either side, the cloud above us, a type of our baptism unto Jesus Christ our Saviour. These Israelites were a free people, a called out people, but they were not the body of Christ.

Moses did not establish the church of Moses. He was a type of Christ in person and ministry. He led the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. He was

their mediator and lawgiver. The congregation in the wilderness was an assembly of free people. In a sense they constituted a church, for the English word comes from the Greek word "ecclesia" which means "a called out congregation." This is why Stephen said: "This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel. A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall we hear. This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers; who received the lively oracles to give unto us." (Acts 7:37-38).

## Not In Matthew 4:19-22

Some of my brethren whom I esteem very highly for their work's sake believe the church commenced in Matthew 4 when Christ called Peter, Andrew, James and John. But I must reject this view also. Christ in Matthew 4 called these men to full-time Christian service, to the work of men-catching. It is hard for me to believe Christ would call these men to such service if they were not already church members. While these men were called out and while the word church does mean the called out, it does not follow that these men were called out to church membership.

## Not On A Mountain

Other distinguished brethren believe the church was established on a mountain while Christ was on earth. But I am unable to see the mountain scene as the beginning date of the church for a number of reasons. The proponents of this theory cite Luke 6:12-13 which reads: "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples; and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles."

They then try to connect this passage with a prophecy in Isaiah 2:1-4 which says: "The Word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

The New Testament nowhere indicates that Luke 6:12-13 is the fulfillment of Isaiah 2:1-4. Practically none of the events of Isaiah 2 have never yet occurred. Isaiah 2 awaits a future fulfillment in the Millennial Age. Isaiah's prophecy says the Lord's house will be established in the top of the "mountains," plural. (Continued on page 6, column 1)



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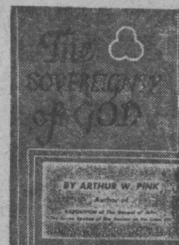
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## False Theories

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Jesus in Luke 6 was only on one mountain.

Another proof text offered by those who believe this is I Corinthians 12:28: "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." The context of this verse reveals the subject here is spiritual gifts. It was spiritual gifts which were placed in the church on the mountain. The first of these spiritual gifts to the church were the apostles. The apostles were not the first church members. You cannot set officials in a non-existing organization. After the apostolic gift was given the church, others were added. I Corinthians 12:23 goes on to say: "Secondarily, prophets, thirdly teachers, etc."

The church existed before the apostles were set in it. You cannot set officials in something which does not have existence. Peter, John, Philip and Andrew had followed the Lord before this time; they were already baptized disciples. They became members of the church in John, chapter 1. In Luke 6 they were elevated to the apostolic office. I do not believe Christ placed twelve men in His church on the mountain when many other baptized disciples were present there also. A church is a company of baptized believers, and Christ had such a company from the baptism of John — one year before the mountain scene.

### Further Considerations

The origin of the church could not have been in Matthew 4 or Luke 6 as anyone knows by a study of the events in the gospels and the order in which they took place. Scholars who harmonize the events in the four gospels in their chronological order concede that the events of John, chapters 1-4 happened before those in either Luke 6 or Matthew 4. John 3:29 reveals that Christ had His bride, His New Testament church, before Matthew 4 or Luke 6: "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom." This group of baptized disciples, who accompanied with Christ from the baptism of John, administered baptism according to John 4:1-2. This happened before Matthew 4 or Luke 6. It appears one must either say that baptism was administered without church authority in John 4 or that the church existed before Matthew 4 or Luke 6. A Landmark Baptist has no choice but to accept the

latter view stated here.

### Not On Pentecost

The majority of professed Christians hold the church began on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ. The invisible church theorists lean heavily upon this doctrine. They say the church was formed on the day of Pentecost by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. They further hold that every believer becomes a member of the universal invisible church by being baptized by the Holy Spirit.

There is no baptism of the Spirit in this age. Water baptism is the only baptism which is to be administered to the end of the age (Eph. 4:5; Matt. 28:19-20). There are only two instances of Holy Spirit baptism in the New Testament. First, upon the Jewish church in Acts 2, and then, secondly, upon the Gentiles in Acts 10.

The invisible church theorist perverts I Corinthians 12:13: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." Paul is not referring to the church being formed on the day of Pentecost, for neither he nor the Corinthians were present in Acts 2. Nor is Paul relating how the baptism of the Spirit puts one in the invisible church. He is saying that under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Corinthians and he received water baptism by which they became members of a local church. The body here is the local church at Corinth. Verse 27 of this chapter says: "Ye are the body of Christ."

Still another group of Pentecostal assumers contend the church began on Pentecost in an attempt to escape the doctrine of Baptist church perpetuity. These try to make the church and the kingdom synonymous terms and infer the establishment of the church and kingdom synchronize. This theory is untenable.

The absurdity of such a dogma is seen when you stop to consider that not one single passage of Scripture says the church was set up on the day of Pentecost. They attempt to prove their theory by three sets of Scriptures: First, passages that say nothing about either the church or Pentecost. Second, passages which speak of the church but say nothing about Pentecost. Third, Scriptures which say nothing about either the church or Jerusalem. To call attention to these facts is enough to upset the whole Pentecostal theory.

They quote Daniel 2:44 where Daniel says a kingdom will be established, but Daniel did not say a kingdom would be established

on the day of Pentecost. This idea must be read into the text. Daniel is actually speaking of the establishment of Christ's Millennial Kingdom in the days of the ten kings of the revived Roman Empire of the end time.

They quote Isaiah 2:2 about the establishment of the Lord's house in the top of the mountains, but Isaiah did not say this would occur on the day of Pentecost. This idea must be read into this passage. They cite the Model Prayer which says: "Thy kingdom come," but this prayer says nothing about the kingdom coming on the day of Pentecost.

They call attention to Mark 9:1 which reads: "There be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." They fail to read verses 2 to 10 of this chapter which records the fulfillment of Christ's words. On the mount of transfiguration Peter, James and John saw how conditions would be when Almighty power established the kingdom of Heaven on earth. Peter, James and John were a type of the saints in literal bodies in the Kingdom Age, while Christ, Moses and Elijah were a type of the glorified saints.

What is still more amazing about their quotation of Mark 9

nection with the true church which is believed to have begun on the day of Pentecost.

### Church And Kingdom Not Synonymous

The kingdom includes all the saved on earth at any given time. John 3:3-5, Matthew 11:11, 16:19; Luke 16:16; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13 and John 18:36 puts all the born again on earth in the spiritual kingdom. In Matthew 18:16 and Mark 10:13-15 Christ shows that the kingdom consists only of such as receive Him as Saviour. In Matthew 13 the term kingdom is used to include even false professors.

While all the saved on earth are in the kingdom, they are not all in the church. Church membership is a subsequent blessing after salvation: "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:47). A man can be saved and never a church member. Revelation 22:17 speaks of a saved man not in the bride. A person can be saved though excluded from the church. The incestuous man in the Corinthian church was excluded, yet his spirit was still saved (I Cor. 5:5,13).

## Gimmicks

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es. After examination, however, we find that in origin, belief and practice they are neither Baptist nor a church — and you cannot possibly be one without being the other.

Let us examine these so-called Baptist churches. One thing they all seem to have in common is our title — Goal Setters, Glory Grabbers, Gimmicks and Games. They spend much of their time involved in vigorous number campaigns, Sunday School drives, races between two or more of these renegade churches to see which can reach the largest number within a given time. They also have these attractive give-away programs such as chewing gum, soft drinks, donuts, and candy. So what they really have is a house full of runny nose kids with sticky fingers.

And brethren, do they have special days! Some of these rare titles are: Round-Up Sunday, Lasso the Lost, Old Fashion Day, Your Best for Christ, and no doubt their most worthy for praise would have to be Fruit Sunday. You see after they have filled up their fruit basket, they can blow their horn aplenty.

All this not being enough, there must be added still more — Special guest speakers, regardless of doctrinal beliefs, a celebrity if possible, a political figure, or some hero who just left the Southern Baptist Convention. The speaker, however, if he is effectual is designed to draw a large crowd. This speaker most usually will be accompanied by a special singing group about as sound in the Truth as is the special day and guest speaker. Now all this is to be expected from man-made organizations

such as the Odd Fellows, The Elks Club, the Jaycees, or the neighborhood Garden Club. Man-made churches do the same, but you expect this from the Lutherans, Methodists, and other denominations. It is when these groups have the unmitigated gall to add the name Baptist that it becomes an insult to Almighty God. Such that follow practices as these can only be called what they truly are — goal setters, God robbers, fakes and phonies. Brethren, real Baptists just do not do things like this.

I personally would have little to say concerning such as this if they would not insult the Lord's Church, but when they add that wonderful name Baptist, it is highly dishonoring to the Sovereign King of Kings. So if they refuse to call themselves what they in fact are, real Baptists must say it for them, and we must say it in view of what saith the Word of God.

"Therefore, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not, but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." — 2 Cor. 4:1, 2.

Surely no one would say that these special Sundays, give-away programs and the like are consistent with the Scriptures. Jesus in the sixth chapter of John said that the flesh profiteth nothing. Paul, when writing to the Thessalonian Church said:

"Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the tradition which he received of us." — II Thess. 3:6.

The goal setter with his gimmicks and games denies unconditional election, he denies limited atonement, and what of irresistible grace? Yes, this he most openly denies. Now they will tell you that all their gimmicks and games are just a way to get the lost under the sound of the Gospel. Let's remind them that it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, not just foolishness.

It is true that gimmicks may add a number to the church roll. But, there will be no new names in Heaven. All the games and gimmicks in the world will not add one name to God's elect. For that cause and that reason, only Paul might well say: "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." — II Thess. 2:13.

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, (and I am persuaded not by any fleshly gimmicks, give-away programs or special days). But according to his own purpose and grace (Continued on page 7, column 1)

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is the fact that they never quote Matthew's account of this. It reads: "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." (Matt. 16:28). This verse makes it plain that Peter, James, and John were to see a type of conditions when Christ comes the second time and sets up His universal kingdom on earth. Christ did not come on the day of Pentecost, nor was the kingdom set up. Neither Mark 9:1 or Matthew 16:28 say the kingdom will be set up on the day of Pentecost. This idea must be read into both passages.

The Pentecostal contenders ignore the fact that Peter himself says he saw a type of Christ's second coming when he was on the mount with Christ during the transfiguration (II Pet. 1:16-18).

### More Heresy About The Church

Those who hold to the Pentecostal assumption take the position that all references to the church and kingdom are future in the four gospels. Such a position can only be held by those who have not properly considered the Scriptures, or by those who do not understand the tenses of verbs.

Matthew 18:17 and John 3:29 speak of the church in the present tense before the day of Pentecost. Luke 16:16, Matthew 11:12, and Matthew 23:13 speak of the kingdom in the present tense before Pentecost. So those who confuse the church and the kingdom and say the church began on the day of Pentecost fail to consider all the Scriptures bearing upon this subject.

If the Pentecostal theorists are correct in the beginning of the church, they still have a problem since most of them are in man-made churches of modern origin. Just because a man has the correct understanding of the origin of something does not put him into that institution. A religious society which goes back only a few years cannot claim any con-

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## Gimmicks

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which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." — II Tim. 1:9.

In view of the Scriptures we can gather that salvation is purely of God's Sovereign electing grace. Brethren, we are commanded by God to preach the truth — "Thy word oh Lord is truth."

"And if any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, of which cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmising, perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness; from such withdraw thyself." — I Tim. 6:3-5.

What those so-called churches have is a form of godliness, but by their practice, they deny the power of it. Jesus said in Mat-

thew 16:18 that He would build His Church, but these glory-grabbers do not believe Him. So, they are going to build it for Him.

The Lord has commanded that we preach, and that not ourselves but Christ the Lord. The number that God will quicken is already settled in Heaven, and that from eternity. Praise God that salvation is based on Him, and what He has done, and what He will do!

All the Baptist preachers that God ever separated unto the Gospel of Christ must admit: "That we are not sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves but our sufficiency is of God, who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament." — II Cor. 3:4, 5.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." — II Cor. 4:7.

Therefore, brethren let us preach the Word, nothing less or nothing more. To add fleshly gimmicks, foolish games, and worldly goals is blasphemy of the Truth. It is not the Gospel of God, but a fleshly worldly gospel. Real Baptists know that their sufficiency is of God, and only in Him can our trust be placed. Those who do otherwise have their own gospel, and it reads as follows: "Not that we think that God is sufficient in Himself, that we should think anything of Him, but our sufficiency is of our own." — I Flesh 1:1.

Deny it if you will, call it or me what you may, but in view of the Scriptures, it is a flat denial of the Sovereignty of God, and it testifies that those who follow these practices have no confidence in God's Word or in God Himself. To practice such as this, or be a member of such an organization that pursues games and gimmicks, is an outrage. It is for this reason that real Baptists must renounce these hidden things of dishonesty (gimmicks and games) — not walking in craftiness, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience, and that brethren in the sight of God.

May the Lord richly bless you all.

## Graham... Rice

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criteria upon which pleasing God the most is based, then Jonah, who was the greatest mass evangelist of all history, pleased God more than Isaiah, who couldn't count any body. (Isa. 53:1 and John 12:38). Jonah, with his despicable, God dishonoring attitudes and disobedience, so in

contrast to Isaiah, who cried, "Here am I send me" (Isa. 6:9) pleased God the most. Jonah ran in the opposite direction to the command of God (Jonah 1:3). Finally compelled of the Lord, he goes to Nineveh. I wonder if he made any attempt to preach in the language of the people of Nineveh when he gave his one sentence message "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4).

Does Jonah rejoice when the people repent? No! He is angry at God and chides Him for His mercy and seeks to justify his disobedience because he knew God is a gracious God (Jonah 4:2). Jonah had grief for the gourd, but no love or concern for the people of Nineveh. Yet Jonah is the most successful preacher of all time. Did he really please God the most? There is one thing however that Jonah did that is exceedingly admirable and very rare. He wrote an honest account of his despicable attitudes and he shows clearly that "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9) and that the repentance of the people of Nineveh was not because of any virtue in himself. It is only God that grants repentance for He is the Sovereign in the exercise of His mercy (Rom. 9:16). The Scripture is very clear, "So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; BUT GOD THAT GIVETH THE INCREASE" (I Cor. 3:7). Paul states that he is compelled to preach the Gospel but has a reward only if he does so willingly (I Cor. 9:16).

If John R. Rice is correct in his premise, that the standard by which God is pleased the most is the number of "decisions" that there are in one's ministry, then isn't Billy Graham, with all his deliberate spiritual adultery of pretending that agents of Satan are fellow servants of Christ, and his adding more numbers than any other man to the fast growing world church of the anti-Christ, more pleasing to God than John R. Rice? Billy Graham can make bigger statistics and count more "decisions" in his ministry than John R. Rice. I wonder how long it will be before Rice is again lauding and defending Billy Graham? Already he lauds and defends Criswell, who is Billy Graham's pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, in spite of the fact that Criswell led four hundred of his members to the Vatican for an audience with the pope and secured from him an ecumenical greeting to Southern Baptists.

An Israelite under the judgment of God for disobedience could have written abuse of Jeremiah under the title "Shall we fight God's people or Satan's?" Jeremiah at the command of God

told the people of Jerusalem that the city would be delivered into the hands of the King of Babylon and "he that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword... but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live." The princes charged Jeremiah with treason and claimed that he weakened the hands of the people, for were not the people of Jerusalem the people of God. (Jer. 38:1-4). Rice seems to think that Woodbridge is weakening the hands of God's children when he pleads for honest obedience to the clear commands of Scripture. Isn't it rather Rice's untenable, inconsistent position that gives aid and comfort to the disobedient course of the new evangelicals in their compromise with the enemies of the Gospel? Let us earnestly pray that God will change Rice before his ministry on earth is finished, and that he will repent of his present course.

Though some have known for years of Dr. Rice's inconsistent position it is amazing how many have been willing to look the other direction or excuse it. One close friend of mine who is a college president inviting me to speak at his college wrote "You will have to promise me not to say anything about John R. Rice." I replied that I could not give such a promise but would consider it my responsibility to answer honestly any question, but I would do so in his presence so that if he wanted to defend Dr. Rice he could. I promised to speak the truth in love. I officially in writing requested the church where I was a member to arrange a meeting with Rice, seeking in prayer to come to a solution, since the new pastor of the church asked me not to say anything in my home church about Rice. The new pastor was very close to Rice and had promised me in writing when he became the pastor of the church that he would arrange such a meeting, but he and the deacons rejected my request. It was evident that they had "men's persons in admiration for advantage" (Jude 16). This led to my having to leave the church where I had been a member for almost thirty eight years and which had commissioned me as a missionary in 1936.

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There are many others who have long known of Rice's defection from the position of Biblical separation but refused to deal with him about it. If instead of primarily trying to protect his reputation they had withstood him to the face as Paul did Peter when Paul saw that he walked not uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel (Gal. 2:14) it is possible and even likely that Rice might have changed his course. Surely these men, that at all cost sought to protect Rice's reputation have great responsibility for the present tragic situation that obtains.

The BJU official that notified me that I was not allowed on the BJU campus in 1970 at the order of Bob Jones III has now resigned from BJU charging the leadership with compromise on this issue of John R. Rice.

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Some pastors and churches demand that missionaries give a report of how many are saved in their ministry. This is dangerous and leads to abuses. I know of missionaries who went out on the streets and held meetings for children and strongly urged them to raise their hands and then counted them as "decisions" and sent reports to the Sword of the Lord. Since Rice delights in numbers they gave him numbers. Unlike the day of Pentecost when those that were counted were those who had been baptized and added to the local church, these who count decisions mostly count those they claim were added to the "invisible church" so no one can verify it or not. If the numbers given in missionary reports since the end of World War II were all added up, I doubt not that the sum would be greater than the population of Japan. Whereas, the fact is that less than one percent of the population of this country claims to have any connection with Christendom in any manner. A church with a regular attendance of fifty is still considered a large church. No faithful missionary could agree to making a promise to send reports of how many are saved for we just don't know for certain. "The Lord knoweth them that are His" (II Tim. 2:19) and He keeps good books. Why not leave the counting to Him? The most we can do is count those who "depart from iniquity" but such wouldn't make much of a report to receive honor of men (John 5:44). Counting "decisions" makes salesmen out of pastors and missionaries. The Lord commands every Christian to be a witness, but no one is commanded to be a salesman of the Gospel. A salesman has something to gain but the faithful witness tells the truth for the truth's sake alone (Continued on page 8, column 3)

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## No Justification For "Alien Immersion" In Word Of God

Those who believe in accepting alien immersion as being valid baptism must shut their eyes to the examples and commands of the Bible as to who is to do the baptizing. An examination of baptisms administered in Bible times and a careful study of every verse where someone is commanded to administer baptism will bring us to only one conclusion: Since the origin of Christ's church, no one but a baptized church member, appointed to his work by the church, has ever (1) baptized or (2) been commanded to baptize.

When Christ commissioned that the gospel be preached in all the world and that the saved were to be baptized (Matthew 28:19,20), those to whom the Son of God spoke were baptized members of the church.

The first baptism administered

after the death and resurrection of Christ was on Pentecost. Who did the baptizing? Why, the same group that had been commissioned to baptize. This was the church, for those baptized were added to the church (Acts 2:41, 47).

You can read through the book of Acts and every time you find a reference to Scriptural baptism, you'll find that the administrator was a baptized church member, appointed to his work by the church or under some special leadership by the Lord. For instance, Peter was an apostle and elder of the church; Philip was an evangelist of the church; Paul was an apostle and a church-sent missionary; Ananias was a "disciple," possibly a pastor, under special leadership from the Lord. And so all through the divine record we see that the adminis-

tration of baptism was according to the commission of Christ—administered by His church.

It would be impossible for advocates of alien immersion to find any positive Scriptural support whatsoever in behalf of the reception of alien baptism. The only argument I have ever heard any of them make is, "But the Bible does not say . . ." Then they fill in certain words which they know are not used in the Bible.

Well, we are not concerned so much with what the Bible "does not say," but with what it does say. It DOES reveal that the commission to baptize was given to baptized disciples (the church) and it DOES reveal that the only Scriptural baptism administered in New Testament times was by a baptized church member. Not a single alien immersionist can deny these facts.

Therefore, Baptists should receive no baptism but the same kind. Unless baptism has been administered by a baptized church member, appointed to his work by the church (or under supernatural direction from the Lord—a thing we do not believe the Lord gives in this day), then we ought not to recognize that baptism as Scriptural.

Remember these four characteristics of the Scriptural administrator of baptism:

1. He is a professing Christian.
2. He has been baptized.
3. He is a church member.
4. He has been appointed to his work by the church.



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—even at the cost of his life. A witness before a court of law that gives the air of a salesman is soon discredited. Let us be faithful witnesses of our Lord. "IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL." (I Cor. 4:2).



### B. F. M.

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ports, attended their conferences in Detroit, Mich. and Dayton, Ohio, and became well acquainted with many of the preachers who support them. Since writing three articles for "The Baptist Examiner" on the subject, I have had numerous conversations and correspondence with preachers and church members who either now, or in the past have supported them.

Q: When my church sends money to Baptist Faith Missions, who decides what it's spent for?

A: The Board of Directors has exclusive control over all money given to B.F.M. Churches may designate individual missionaries to receive their offerings, but few do. In a recent month out of 197 offerings received only 48 were designated by the donating church for a specific purpose. The rest were sent in as a lump sum for the Board to divide at its discretion.

Q: Do not the contributing churches choose the members of the Board and in that way control it?

A: Absolutely not! When a vacancy occurs on the Board, the members of the Board choose the successor. The individual churches have no say in the matter whatsoever.

Q: How was B.F.M. started?

A: It was started as the missionary organization of the Detroit River Association of Missionary Baptist Churches.

Q: Are there any associations that support B.F.M. now?

A: There are two, The Big Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association of Alabama, and the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association of W. Virginia.

Q: Didn't Bro. Gilpin at one time support them?

A: From 1946 to 1955, Bro. Gilpin printed the news sheets of

B.F.M. in The Examiner and supported them in good faith for one reason. In 1946 Bro. H. H. Overbey and missionary Joe Brandon met with Bro. Gilpin in Ritter Park in Huntington. Bro. Overbey at that time said that mission boards were unscriptural and if Bro. Gilpin lent his support to B.F.M. no more board members would be elected. The board would be allowed to die out, with the mission work eventually being placed under the authority of Bro. Overbey's church. When in 1955 Bro. Overbey informed Bro. Gilpin that he had lied to him and that he had no intentions to discontinue the board as he had promised, Bro. Gilpin immediately withdrew his support and has not supported a mission board since then.

Q: Isn't it true that if the board were discontinued, Bro. Halliman and Bro. Burket would receive more support and this is the real reason the Examiner is against B.F.M.?

A: Bro. Halliman and Bro. Burket are two strong sovereign grace missionaries working under the authority of Calvary Baptist Church. Would they get more money if B.F.M. were discontinued? Probably not as most of the B.F.M. churches are very weak doctrinally (several are out and out Arminians) and more than likely would not support two missionaries of the caliber of Bro. Halliman and Bro. Burket.

Q: Just what do you want me to do about the board?

A: Don't support them. If you are a member of a church that does support the board, at your next business meeting, stand against it, and make a motion that your church discontinue its support. If they don't, then join a church which supports Scriptural missionaries. You do not have to answer for what others do, but you are responsible for your own actions. Pray about it and seek the Lord's guidance.



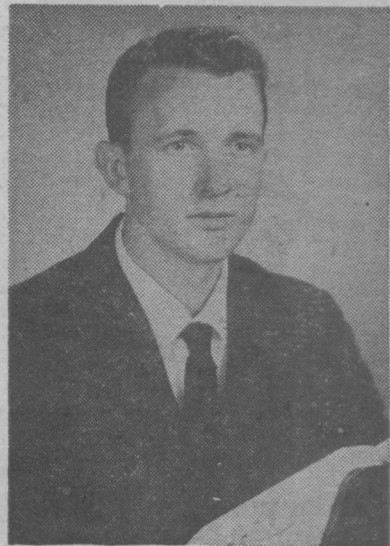
### Easter

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worship the true God of the Bible. I expect them to honor the Word of God in all they do. I expect them to teach for doctrines the pure truth of God's Word. I expect them to order their practices according to the Word of God. I expect this. God expects it, and true Baptist churches will endeavor, and to a large extent will succeed, in meeting these expectations.

The churches of men were not started by God and have no promise of perpetuity or of blessing from God. The churches of men are not indwelt by the Holy Spirit as the true churches of Christ

## Gordon Buchanan To Be In Revival At Rye Patch Church

Brother Gordon Buchanan of Griffin, Georgia is to assist the Rye Patch Baptist Church of Ludowici, Georgia in a revival meeting from June 11-16. Brother David West is the able pastor



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of this old historic church which is noted for its stand for the truth.

We are glad to know that Brother West and Brother Buchanan are to be thus associated together. They are both the highest type of men and very splendid preachers. May the Lord bless this meeting to His honor and glory.

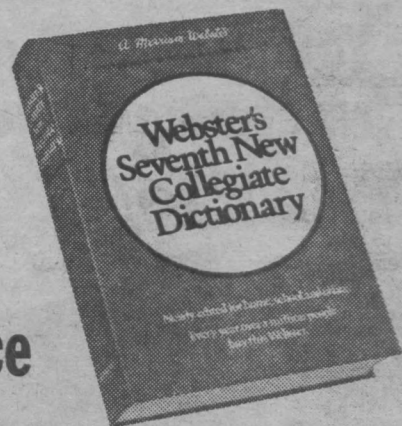
We call on our readers who live in that area to attend the revival, and those that are unable to attend, we ask that you remember the meeting in prayer.

are. Therefore, the churches of men do not have that within them which will keep them true to God and His Word. Being destitute of the Holy Spirit, and being guided by the spirit of Satan, it is no wonder that they unite together in heathen idolatry. After all the devil who leads in the organization of false so-called churches, is the same devil who led in the establishment of heathen idolatry. Then it is not a strange thing, if the devil's heathen, and the devil's churches unite in the same heathen idolatry.

May God preserve us from ever joining with the churches of men in any kind of unionizing. May He enable us to ever stand true, strong, and without apology against the churches of men and against their idolatrous practices. God bless you all.

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